



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

MAY 2025 FULL MEETING AGENDA OF ANC 6B

AGENDA

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Adoption of Agenda
- 3) Consent Agenda
 - a) April Minutes
 - b) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Consent Items
 - 1) **ABRA-060614**, La Plaza Inc. t/a **La Plaza Mexican Restaurant**, 629 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: June 2, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee recommend ANC 6B approve renewal and place on consent (10-0-0)**
 - 2) **ABRA-122081**, Jae In Leet/a **Congress Market**, 421 East Capitol Street SE; Renewal of Class B Retail-Grocery; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee recommend ANC 6B approve renewal and place on consent (10-0-0)**
 - 3) **ABRA-072017**, Dunmore, LLC t/a **Sonoma**, 233 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
 - 4) **ABRA-060779**, Eurochef, LLC t/a **Belga Cafe**, 514 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B04] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
 - 5) **ABRA-119670**, Han Palace 8 Street, LLC t/a **Han Palace**, 522 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B04] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
 - 6) **ABRA-086926**, The Old Naval Hospital Foundation t/a **Hill Center**, 921 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; Renewal of Class C Multipurpose; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B04] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
 - 7) **ABRA-124172**, Akeno Sushi Bar and Thai at Capitol Hill, LLC t/a **Akeno Sushi Bar and Thai at Capitol Hill**, 524 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B04] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
 - 8) **ABRA-000793**, National Democratic Club Inc. t/a **National Democratic Club**, 30 Ivy Street SE; Renewal of Class C Club; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B01] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
 - 9) **ABRA-016129**, Talay Thai Inc t/a **Talay Thai Restaurant**, 406 1st Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B01] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
 - 10) **ABRA-117744**, APQ Capitol Hill DC, LLC t/a **Le Pain Quotidien**, 666 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; Renewal of Class D Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
 - 11) **ABRA-125021**, E & C Inc t/a **Los Caballeros Restaurant**, 308 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**

- 12) **ABRA-000259**, Mr. Henry's Inc t/a **Mr. Henry's**, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 13) **ABRA-124503**, Ukrainian Restaurant Concept Group, LLC t/a **Ruta Ukrainian Restaurant**, 327 7th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 14) **ABRA-001792**, Trustees of Amherst College t/a **Folger Shakespeare Library**, 201 East Capitol Street SE; Renewal of Class C Multipurpose; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 15) **ABRA-118360**, La Casina 1978, LLC t/a **La Casina DC**, 325 7th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 16) **ABRA-016357**, La Lomita, Inc t/a **La Lomita Restaurant**, 1330 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B07] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 17) **ABRA-000626**, National Republican Club of Capitol Hill Inc. t/a **Capitol Hill Club**, 300 1st Street SE; Renewal of Class C Club; Protest Hearing Deadline: June 2, 2025 [6B01] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 18) **ABRA-128433**, Butterworth Hospitality, LLC. t/a **Butterworth's**, 319 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: June 2, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 19) **ABRA-092791**, District Taco, LLC. t/a **District Taco**, 656 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: June 2, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 20) **ABRA-117891**, Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional t/a **Historic Congressional Cemetery**, 1801 E Street SE; Renewal of Class C Multipurpose; Protest Hearing Deadline: June 2, 2025 [6B09] **ABC Committee voted via slate to recommend approval of this renewal and place on consent (9-1-0)**
- 21) Written Report for ABC Committee
- c) Transportation Consent Items
 - 1) Written Report for the Transportation Committee
- d) Planning & Zoning Consent Items
 - 1) **HPA 25-241** 734 7th Street, SE [6B03] Project: Rear 2nd Floor addition with a loft consisting of office space and two residential units in the front half of the building. Applicant: Eric Teran eteran@eustilus.com **Planning & Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval of this application and place on consent while urging the applicant to provide letters of support from neighbors prior to the full ANC meeting on May 13th. (unanimous)**
 - 2) Written Report for the Planning & Zoning Committee
- e) Public Safety Consent Items
 - 1) Written Report for the Public Safety Committee
- f) SE Library Taskforce Consent Items
 - 1) Written Report for the SE Library Task Force
- g) Parks & Public Spaces Consent Items
 - 1) Written Report for the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force
- h) Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee Consent Items
 - 1) Written Report for EMCAC
- i) Administrative Consent Items
 - 1) Appointment of New 6B02 Resident Member for the Transportation Committee
 - 2) Bylaw Amendment Addressing Committee and Taskforce Vice Chairs
- 4) **Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out**
 - a) Office of the Mayor (MOCR)

- b) Councilmember Charles Allen's Office
- c) Metropolitan Police Department
- d) [LATE BREAKING] PRIDE Programming at Congressional Cemetery
- e) Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates

5) Presentations

- a) Saint Peter School Renovations

6) ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns

- a) Resolution Regarding RFK Site Football Stadium
- b) Resolution Regarding Councilmember Allen's Fair Swipe Act (B26-0138)
- c) Resolution Regarding Councilmember Allen's Restricting Egregious Scalping Against Live Entertainment (RESALE) Act (B26-0224)
- d) Resolution Regarding Councilmember Allen's petition to demand a second floor at the redesigned Rumsey Aquatic Center
- e) [LATE BREAKING] Resolution Against Military Parade on President Trump's Birthday
- f) [LATE BREAKING] Resolution to Replace the Mailbox at 5th & D Streets SE

7) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee

a) ABC Renewals

- i. **ABRA-082062**, Kookoovaya, Inc t/a **We, The Pizza**, 305 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee Noted Complaints. Recommend ANC 6B Approve Renewal NOT on Consent (10-0-0)**
- ii. **ABRA-117582**, Mendelsohn,301, LLC t/a **Santa Rosa Taqueria**, 301 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee noted complaints and took no action.**
- iii. **ABRA-078027**, Sunnyside Group, LLC t/a **Good Stuff Eatery**, 303 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Renewal of Class D Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee noted complaints and took no action.**
- iv. **ABRA-108110**, TB Capitol Hill, LLC t/a **Ted's Bulletin**, 505 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B03] **ABC Committee recommended ANC 6B protest renewal to address settlement agreement violations and other complaints (10-0-0).**
- v. **ABRA-090240**, Balkan Concepts, LLC t/a **Ambar**, 523 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B03] **ABC Committee recommended the ANC take no position on renewal (8-1-1).**
- vi. **ABRA-105743**, Sushi Hachi, Inc t/a **Sushi Hachi**, 735 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B03] **ABC Committee recommended the ANC take no position on renewal (8-1-1).**
- vii. **ABRA-077797**, Café Bistro MED, LLC t/a **Café 8**, 424 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B04] **ABC Committee recommend ANC 6B not support application and reach out to applicant to hear from them at the Full ANC meeting (10-0-0).**
- viii. **ABRA-107131**, 514 Partners, LLC t/a **Playa Ocho Cantina**, 514 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B04] **ABC Committee recommended that ANC 6B seek hearing extension and urge applicant to meet with ANC (10-0-0).**
- ix. **ABRA-117767**, Matchbox 8th Street LLC t/a **Matchbox Capitol Hill**, 521 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B03] **ABC Committee recommended the ANC take no position on renewal (8-1-1).**
- x. **ABRA-071793**, Partners at 723 8th Street SE, LLC t/a **The Ugly Mug Dining Saloon/Valor Brew Pub**, 723 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B03] **ABC Committee recommended the ANC take no position on renewal (8-1-1).**
- xi. **ABRA-128099**, APRA Three Corp. t/a **Jabwemet Indian Kitchen**, 515 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 27, 2025 [6B03] **ABC Committee recommended the ANC take no position on renewal (8-1-1).**

b) **New Applications**

- i. **ABRA-129546**, Emiliias Enterprise LLC. t/a **Taste Budz**, 317 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; New Application of Medical Cannabis Retailers License; Protest Hearing Deadline: May 19, 2025 [6B02] **ABC Committee recommended that ANC 6B deny license and seek hearing extension and urge applicant to meet with ANC and approve stipulated license in the interim (8-2-0).**

8) **Transportation Committee**

- a) Request for DDOT to Prioritize Gessford Ct Safety Improvements

9) **Planning and Zoning Committee**

10) **Public Safety Committee**

11) **Southeast Library Taskforce**

- a) Resolution Regarding Closure of Arthur Capper Tech Express Due to Excessive Heat
b) Resolution Calling on CVS to Change Delivery Times

12) **Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce**

13) **Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee**

14) **Financial**

- a) Monthly Financials
b) FY2025 Q2 Quarterly Financial Report

15) **ANC 6B Administrative Matters**

- a) [LATE BREAKING] ANC 6B Participation in Barracks Row 4th of July Parade
b) [LATE BREAKING] ANC 6B Table at Open Street Event

16) **Adjournment**

PLEASE NOTE: At regular Commission meetings, any item may be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda at the request of a single Commissioner. All ABC, BZA, Zoning, and Historic Preservation cases may be added to this agenda. For additional information, email 6b@anc.dc.gov, or visit ANC 6B's website: www.anc6b.org.

The ANC 6B Executive Committee will meet next on May 27th at 7:00 PM to set the June 2025 agenda. This meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting. Meeting link TBA.



Capitol Hill / Southeast

Regular Monthly Meeting April 8, 2025

Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and over Zoom

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

PROPOSED MINUTES

to be submitted at ANC 6B meeting May 13, 2025

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 8, 2025

Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and over Zoom

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

Participating: Commissioners Gorman, Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, Pastore, Ryder, Sobelsohn, Sroufe, and Wolanin.

Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda. At the request of Commissioner Sobelsohn, the proposed agenda was amended to:

a. Add, under ANC 6B Input on Other Items, referral to the ANC 6B Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee and Planning and Zoning Committee of consideration of ways to maintain commercial diversity on Barracks Row, including but not limited to the possibility of calling for a moratorium on new fast-food and cannabis outlets on Barracks Row.

b. Move, from the Consent Agenda, to Report of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee, Torai Grill & Sushi, Inc. (ABCA-108986), Chiko Capitol Hill (ABCA-106496), RRG Catering, LLC (ABCA-119954), Elaine's One, LLC (ABCA-098700), and Rose's 1, LLC (ABCA-090884).

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 9-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 9-0. The Consent Agenda included:

a. Adoption of the proposed March 11 meeting minutes. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/03-2025-March2025-ANC-6B-Minutes.pdf>

b. Written reports and minutes since March 11 of meetings of ANC 6B committees and taskforces and of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC). Those reports and minutes can

c. Committee recommendations: from committees on--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis.

a) Support for alcoholic-beverage license renewal applications of--

- 1-- BSF Franchise, LLC, trading as Bombay Street Food 2 (ABCA-113664).
- 2-- Al-Hamd, Inc., trading as Aatish On The Hill (ABCA-025153).
- 3-- Best Food International, Inc., trading as Young Chow Asian Restaurant (ABCA-088491).
- 4-- Hine Restaurants, LLC, trading as The Duck & The Peach/The Wells/La Collina (ABCA-113525).
- 5-- Danny Boy, LLC, trading as Little Pearl (ABCA-107792).
- 6-- Emilie's, LLC, trading as Paraiso (ABCA-111597).
- 7-- Bullfeather's, LLC (ABCA-085100).
- 8-- Chontong, LLC, trading as Sanpan Thai Cuisine (ABCA-080550).
- 9-- Kenneth H Nash Post 8 American Legion (ABCA-000643).
- 10-- Trattoria Alberto, Inc. (ABCA-008946).

b) Letter opposing medical-cannabis application of TK 539, LLC, Tobacco King DC, trading as Aloha (ABCA-129362). For the text of that letter, go to [HERE](#).

2) Transportation: letters to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

a) Supporting Watkins Alley residents request for bollards or other pedestrian-safety measures in Watkins and Jordan Alleys.

b) Urging priority to safety measures on the 500-800 blocks of 17th St., SE.

To view these letters, go to <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ANC6B-April-2025-Agenda-FINAL.pdf>.

3) Public Safety: Letter to members of the DC Council and DDOT urging installation in the Eastern Market Special Use Area (EMSUA) of stationary sidewalk bollards by summer 2025, followed by retractable street bollards on 7th St., SE, North Carolina Ave., SE, and connecting streets used to access EMSUA, no later than early 2026. The ANC letter will support a similar letter from the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC), which can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ANC6B-April-2025-Agenda-FINAL.pdf>.

3. Announcements: by--

a. ANC 6B commissioners: Commissioner--

1) Pastore announced that Mott's Market, 233 12th St., SE--

a) Hopes to reopen fulltime in May.

b) On Thursdays, already sells food for takeout.

2) Hughes announced that activities related to World Pride 2025 will take place in ANC 6B, including--

- a) Events at the Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E St, SE.
 - 1-- Lecture, *The Pink Triangle and the Fight for LGBTQ+ Rights in the U.S.*, Thursday, May 22, 6 p.m.
 - 2-- Pride LGBTQ+ Tours.
 - a-- Wednesday, May 28, 4 p.m.
 - b-- Monday, June 2, 4 p.m.
 - c-- Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m.
 - 3-- Pride Run 5K, Sunday, June 1, 9 a.m.
 - 4-- *Gays and Graves: A Big Gay Festival*, Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m.
- b) Lavender Con, June 14-15 at Little District Books, 737 8th St., SE.
- 3) Ryder announced upcoming meetings of the--
 - a) Full ANC, Tuesday, May 13, 7 p.m., in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom.
 - b) ANC 6B committees and taskforces.
 - 1-- Committees: of the--
 - a-- Executive Committee, Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m., via Zoom only.
 - b-- Committee on--
 - (1) Public Safety, Monday, April 28, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom only.
 - (2) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis, Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m., in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom.
 - (3) Transportation, Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m., via Zoom only.
 - (4) Planning and Zoning, Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m., via Zoom only.
 - 2-- Taskforces on--
 - a-- Public Parks and Recreation Spaces, Monday, April 14, 7 p.m. in person only at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.
 - b-- Southeast Library, May 12, 6:30 p.m., in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom.

For meetings livestreamed over Zoom, anc6b.org will have the links.

b. Non-ANC 6B commissioners.

- 1) Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, made the following announcements.
 - a) The Ward Six Roll-Off Day, at which residents can dispose of bulk trash and electronic waste, will take place Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Northwest Library, 155 L St., NW. For more information go to cleancity.dc.gov. Glasgow did not know if DC planned to recycle the trash brought to the library April 12.
 - b) Emancipation Day will be celebrated Sunday, April 13, from 2-9 p.m. at Freedom Plaza. On April 16, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act, which ended slavery in DC. The celebration will include a parade, a concert, and fireworks.
 - c) The Mayor's Spring Clean-Up will take place Saturday, April 19, starting 10 a.m. at the corner of 8th & H Streets, NE.
 - d) Budget cuts: Unless the US House of Representatives restores DC's access to DC's own tax

dollars by then, on April 10 DC will have to cut up to \$1 billion from its Fiscal Year 2025 budget. Fiscal Year 2025 is more than half over.

e) Military parade: Regarding President Trump's plans to celebrate his birthday June 14 with a military parade, Glasgow warned that running tanks on DC streets would damage and require at least \$21 million to repair those streets.

2) Captain Adam Crist, of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), reported that--

a) Overall in our ANC--

1-- Crime is down over 2024, including--

a-- 44% reduction in violent crime, and--

b-- Reduction in carjackings, but--

2-- Burglaries are up (11%) as well as thefts from motor vehicles, especially from delivery drivers who leave their vehicles unattended.

b) Substation at 5th and E Streets, SE: MPD will transfer two sergeants, but plans no other changes.

c) Police Service Area 106 will meet virtually at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23.

Anyone with specific questions, including about crime alerts, should email adam.crist@dc.gov.

4. Presentations: by--

a. DDOT's Paige Leddy and Christian Pineiro about DDOT's Open Streets Capitol Hill, the first Open Streets primarily in Ward Six. From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 28, as part of Open Streets Capitol Hill, DDOT will close, to motor vehicles, North Carolina Ave., SE, from 6th St., SE, to Lincoln Park, and Massachusetts Ave., SE, from Lincoln Park to 17th St., SE. DDOT has posted details and a route map at <https://openstreets.dc.gov/pages/spring-2025>. Open Streets will highlight restaurants along or near the route and Ward Six businesses that focus on transportation and health. It will include entertainment, fitness classes, bicycle-maintenance stations and bike giveaways, information tents and activities tables. Organizations that email openstreets@dc.gov--including ANC 6B--can have tables information tables along the route.

b. Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen spoke about several issues.

1) DC Budget.

a) 2025 budget. Halfway through Fiscal Year 2025--after DC had spent half its 2025 budget -- Congress froze DC's FY 2025 spending at 2024 levels. This spending consists of money DC raised by taxing its own residents, and has already half spent for the current fiscal year. Until Congress opens the lockbox, the resulting \$1 billion shortfall may cause police-officer and firefighter hiring freezes, public-schoolteacher layoffs, and Metrorail and Metrobus service reductions. DC might even have to reduce the public-school week, postpone school maintenance, and cancel capital projects. Any attempt to avoid cutbacks may cause DC's Chief Financial Officer to stop approving DC's expenditures. The Senate has passed a fix, which the president claims to support. But members of the House of Representatives appear not to appreciate the urgency. Councilmember Allen recommends DC residents work with Free DC <<https://freedcproject.org/>> to lobby members of Congress.

b) 2026 budget. Meanwhile, because of massive federal layoffs, DC's CFO predicts DC's tax revenues will drop by \$1 billion over the next three years. And, because of the uncertainty, Mayor

Bowser has delayed submitting her Fiscal Year 2026 budget to the DC Council. Council budget hearings won't take place until May at the earliest.

2) Other Council legislation.

a) Already enacted.

1-- The STEER Act. The Strengthening Traffic Enforcement, Education, and Responsibility Act, sponsored by Councilmember Allen, took effect in October 2024. Under the STEER Act, the DC Attorney General has already sued out-of-DC traffic scofflaws for ignoring repeated DC traffic citations. Allen called on the ANC to pressure the DC Department of Public Works to look for and tow cars licensed to these scofflaws.

2-- The PLAZA Act. The Public Life and Activity Zones Amendment Act of 2023, also sponsored by Councilmember Allen, directs DDOT to designate one corridor, at least ¼ mile long, to be closed to personal vehicle traffic for at least 24 daytime hours per week starting in October 2026, with DDOT to designate two more corridors by 2027. Allen indicated that DDOT is considering designating F St., NW, between 6th and 7th St., NW.

b) Pending bills introduced by Councilmember Allen.

1-- RESALE Amendment Act. Councilmember Allen has introduced the Restricting Egregious Scalping Against Live Entertainment Amendment Act of 2025. The bill would limit the price of a resold ticket to the total price of the initial ticket plus 10%. The bill would also require anyone who annually resells 50 or more tickets to register with DC's Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection.

2-- Fair Swipe Act. Banks and credit-card companies charge retailers a fee each time a customer swipes a credit card for a purchase. Councilmember Allen has introduced the Fair Swipe Act, which would prohibit banks and large credit-card companies from including sales tax and tips when collecting swipe fees. Allen estimates that the bill would save restaurants an average of \$7,500-10,000 per year, and claims that one restaurant pays \$75,000 on swipe fees each year just on taxes and tips.

3) Other matters.

a) 7th Street, SE, outside Eastern Market. Councilmember Allen reported that DDOT is studying how to make 7th St. outside Eastern Market safer, especially during events like the holiday market.

b) Open Streets. Councilmember Allen also reported that the police and fire departments vetoed his proposal that DDOT designate Pennsylvania Avenue for the first all-Ward-Six Open Streets. He called for residential outreach for the Open Streets June 28.

5. ANC Input on Other Concerns: Commercial Diversity on Barracks Row.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to instruct the ANC 6B committees on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis and on Planning and Zoning to propose, by the ANC's July 2025 meeting, measures to preserve commercial diversity on the part of 8th St., SE, known as "Barracks Row," including the possibility of a moratorium on licensing new medical-cannabis retailers and "fast food restaurants" as defined in Title 11, Chapter 1 of the DC Code. The motion passed 9-0.

6. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.

1) ANC 6B03 Alcoholic-Beverage License Renewals. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to register ANC support for the alcoholic-beverage license-renewal

application of Rose's 1, LLC (ABCA-090884), and to take no position on the alcoholic-beverage license-renewal applications of Torai Grill & Sushi, Inc. (ABCA-108986), Chiko Capitol Hill (ABCA-106496), RRG Catering, LLC (ABCA-119954), and Elaine's One, LLC (ABCA-098700). The motion failed, with Commissioners Wolanin, Sobelsohn, and Mareino voting in favor; Commissioner Pastore abstaining; and the other commissioners opposed. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to register ANC support for the alcoholic-beverage license-renewal applications of all five applicants. The motion passed 8-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed.

2) ANC 6B03 Medical-Cannabis License Application. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to designate Commissioners Sobelsohn and Krebs and ABC Committee chair Ellen Oppenheimer to represent ANC 6B at the April 14 Roll Call hearing of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration on the medical-cannabis license application of Tobacco King, trading as Aloha (ABRA-129362). The motion passed 9-0.

b. Southeast Library Taskforce.

1) Washington Gas. Commissioner Sobelsohn, taskforce chair, moved, and Commissioner Mareino seconded, to pass a resolution regarding relocation of Washington Gas pipes near the library renovation site. The pipes need replacement. But the new library won't use them. Washington Gas initially represented that their location wouldn't interfere with other pipes the new library will need. But that representation was false. Washington Gas now demands that DC pay to relocate the pipes. But the budget was prepared without including a line for this work. DC can't afford to do it without cutting back on renovation plans, and any further delay in pipe relocation will delay the renovation. As presented, the resolution called on Washington Gas itself to pay to relocate and replace its old gas pipes, and urged Mayor Bowser and DC councilmembers to work with the library system (DCPL), our ANC, and Washington Gas to arrange for Washington Gas to fund relocation and replacement of its own pipes, and to begin that relocation work by early May 2025. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to amend the motion to add the DC Public Service Commission as another agency with which Mayor Bowser and the DC Council should work to secure pipe relocation at no expense to DC or DCPL. The motion to amend passed 9-0. The underlying motion also passed 9-0. The final resolution is posted at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ANC-6B-Resolution-to-Washington-Gas.pdf>.

2) Upcoming budget hearing. Eventually, the DC Council's Committee on Human Services will review the DCPL Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to appoint Commissioner Sobelsohn and any other member he designates from the Southeast Library Taskforce to represent ANC 6B at that hearing. The motion passed 9-0.

c. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce. Commissioner Sroufe, taskforce chair, moved, and Commissioner Mareino seconded, to send a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of General Services, and Councilmember Allen, requesting a restart for the Rumsey Aquatic Center rebuilding. The motion passed 9-0. The letter is posted [HERE](#).

d. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Commissioners Sroufe and Pastore reported on work of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC). EMCAC is forming committees with EMCAC nonmembers. A form to volunteer for one of these committees

is posted at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ANC6B-April-2025-Agenda-FINAL.pdf>. EMCAC also seeks volunteers for Market Days. To volunteer, email Commissioner Pastore at <mailto:6b05@anc.dc.gov>.

7. Financial Matters. Commissioner Krebs, ANC treasurer, reported that ANC 6B has over \$79,000 in its bank account. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to establish a working group to recommend whether ANC 6B should resume awarding community grants, the report to be submitted at the ANC's July meeting. The motion passed 9-0.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Ward Six ANC event. Commissioner Hughes reported that we have a handful of RSVPs from other Ward Six ANCs for our April 23 get-together.

b. Working Group on standing rules. At the ANC's March meeting, the ANC established a working group to propose changes in the ANC's standing rules. The original motion included a deadline of May 13. The working-group chair, Commissioner Wolanin, moved, and Commissioner Hughes seconded, to extend the deadline to the ANC's September meeting. The motion passed 8-1, with Commissioner Mareino opposed.

9. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Current bylaw: Under article VII, section 2A, "The Chair of each committee or taskforce . . . shall appoint a committee vice-chair."

Proposed amendment: "The Chair of each committee or taskforce . . . may appoint a committee vice-chair."

Reason for amendment: It's better for us not to have bylaws that we routinely ignore. Currently, at least according to our website, two of our four committees & one of our two taskforces have no vice-chair, even though we elected committee & taskforce chairs at our February meeting, nearly three months ago. Apparently, for ANC 6B, this failure to appoint a committee or taskforce vice-chair is not unusual. According to Edward, who's served on our ANC longer than most of us, this "bylaw has been ignored for some time." ANC 6B has "often not had vice chairs for committees and taskforces." Edward & I agree that, for obvious reasons, committees & taskforces should have vice-chairs. But better than having vice-chairs is not to have bylaws we routinely ignore. Therefore, at our May 13 meeting, I will propose amending this bylaw so that we are no longer violating it.



At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support the following resolution:

To Use the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium Site for Housing, Neighborhood Retail, and Open Green Spaces, not an NFL Football Stadium

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia's Chief Financial Officer estimates that federal government personnel layoffs will cost DC, in lost tax revenues, \$1 billion over three years, and

WHEREAS, the federal government is currently stopping the District of Columbia from spending \$1 billion of its own tax dollars already appropriated for the second half of Fiscal Year 2025, and

WHEREAS, this total \$2 billion shortfall may mean freezing police and firefighter hiring, teacher layoffs, postponed maintenance, and deferred maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the DC mayor has proposed spending \$1 billion to help build a new home for the Washington National Football League team at the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium site, and

WHEREAS, the average ticket price of a National Football League game is \$151, out of reach for most DC residents, and

WHEREAS, the experience of watching a sporting event on television is not appreciably affected by the exact location of the event, so bringing the Commanders back to DC will not improve the experience nearly all DC residents will have when watching an NFL game, and

WHEREAS, nearly all economists have concluded that municipal funds spent on sports stadia do not return, in development, anything close to the municipality's investment, and

WHEREAS, an NFL football stadium would be used at most 30 days in a 365-day year, or less than 10% of the time, and

WHEREAS, multiple areas in the District of Columbia--including the Wharf and NOMA--have seen spectacular development without needing a new sports arena, and

WHEREAS, \$1 billion spent on housing, neighborhood-serving retail, and open green spaces on the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium site will return far more to city coffers than would a new NFL stadium,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B URGES THE DC COUNCIL TO--

1. Reject the DC mayor's agreement with the Washington Commanders to contribute \$1 billion to a new stadium in Washington, DC, and
2. Spend that \$1 billion instead on housing, neighborhood-serving retail, and open green spaces on the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium site.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder
Chair, ANC 6B



At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support the following resolution:

To Save DC Retailers and Restaurants \$7,500-14,500 Annually by Limiting the Surcharge Credit-Card Companies and Banks Can Impose for Use of their Credit & Debit Cards

WHEREAS, banks and credit-card companies charge retailers, including restaurants, a fee each time a customer uses a credit or debit card for a purchase, a fee based on a percentage of the total bill, commonly called a “swipe fee” or “interchange fee,” and

WHEREAS, the percentage is usually 2-4% of the total bill, and

WHEREAS, at restaurants the total bill includes both tax and tip, meaning that the swipe-fee amount depends on something unrelated to the retail price of the product or service, and varies depending on the jurisdiction’s sales tax, and

WHEREAS, restaurants keep neither the tax nor the tip portion of the bill, but must send the tax portion to the District of Columbia and the tip portion to waitstaff, making it unfair to require restaurants to bear that portion of the swipe fee, and

WHEREAS, DC restaurants pay an average of \$7,500-14,500 per year on swipe fees just on taxes and tips, with at least one restaurant paying an annual swipe fee of \$75,000 just on taxes and tips, and

WHEREAS, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and seven other councilmembers have introduced the Fair Swipe Act of 2025, B26-138, which would eliminate the portion of swipe fees that covers taxes and tips, and

WHEREAS, supporting local retailers helps keep communities vibrant, and

WHEREAS, swipe fees benefit national and international banks and credit-card companies, at the expense of local retailers and consumers,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B URGES THE DC COUNCIL TO ENACT THE FAIR SWIPE ACT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder
Chair, ANC 6B

Dear ANC6B Commissioners,

Thank you for taking up a proposed resolution in support of B26-138, the Fair SWIPE Act of 2025 introduced by Councilmember Allen and co-introduced by Councilmembers Frumin, Lewis George, Pinto, Felder, Henderson, Nadeau, and R. White. This legislation would prohibit the charging of interchange fees - also known as swipe fees - on the sales tax and gratuity portions of credit and debit card transactions.

So called "swipe fees" average a charge to the retailer of 2-4% per transaction. Those costs are borne by the retailer and cut into proceeds of every purchase made and simply drive up the costs of goods for consumers. But this swipe fee is also charged on the tax and tip portion of the sale to local retailers and restaurants, even though the business never keeps any of that money and instead passes the entirety of the taxes and tips portion on to the District government or the employee, respectively. A swipe fee on the sales tax portion of a receipt unfairly eats into the hard-earned profits of our local business retailers because the only source to pay that swipe fee is from the business' bottom line. Over time, these swipe fees on taxes and tips represent tens of thousands of dollars of additional costs to the average local business. Those are funds that could be used to create new jobs, reinvest into a business, or improve a storefront.

I support this legislation and the proposed ANC resolution because it represents support for main street over wall street, and places value and priority on our local businesses that make the community vibrant and special places to call home.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support,
Leah Daniels
Owner, Hill's Kitchen

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Hill's Kitchen  
713 D Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
202-543-1997

Greetings ANC6B,

My name is Tony Tomelden, I own the Pug on H Street North East, and I am the executive director of CHAMPS, The Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals. We have around 300 members. I was glad to hear that the Fair Swipe Act of 2025 (B26-138) was under consideration for a resolution of support by 6B. If passed, the Fair Swipe Act would exempt sales taxes and gratuities from being covered by interchange fees or swipe fees as they are more commonly known as.

As a business owner, I understand the need for interchange fees, we are paying for a service, and I am ok with that. Unfortunately, businesses are covering more than just money processing costs with the swipe fees. We have become a pass through for taxes and gratuities. The businesses never see that money, but we pay between two and four percent to process. As folks move further and further from using cash, the money that adds up to thousands of dollars that can't be spent on business improvements, goods, and payroll.

People constantly refer to small businesses as the backbone of America. We are your community members, friends, neighbors and we are getting nickel and dimed to death. We are increasingly lumped in with big business even though we have very little in common with them. Any help we can get to stay afloat in an increasingly tough environment is greatly needed and truly appreciated. The Fair Swipe Act is exactly the kind of help we need. Again, I am grateful the ANC is considering supporting this legislation.

Thank you for your time,

Tony Tomelden  
The Pug  
Union Trust  
CHAMPS



At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support the following resolution:

To Protect DC Theatergoers and Concertgoers from Predatory Pricing by Resellers

WHEREAS, entertainment resellers, such as StubHub, make a fortune reselling tickets to entertainment events for many times the face value of the tickets, and

WHEREAS, entertainment-ticket prices already exceed the budget of many DC residents, and

WHEREAS, these resellers often advertise tickets they haven't yet purchased, putting added upward pressure on ticket prices, and

WHEREAS, resellers often purchase tickets in bulk, making those seats unavailable for ordinary theatergoers and concertgoers, and even sometimes causing those seats to be left unoccupied, and

WHEREAS, the additional amount charged by a reseller, over the ticket's face value, does not benefit the performer or the venue, but only leaves theatergoers and concertgoers with less money to spend on restaurants and other entertainment, and

WHEREAS, that additional amount often escapes taxation by the District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, with the support of a majority of the DC Council, has introduced the Restricting Egregious Scalping Against Live Entertainment (RESALE) Amendment Act of 2025, B26-0224, which would limit a reseller's markup to the ticket's face value plus 10%; would require that only people who already have a ticket can resell it; and would require anyone who annually resells 50 or more tickets to register with DC's Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection, and

WHEREAS, the DC Attorney General, 30 local venues, Live Nation Entertainment, and the National Independent Venues Association, have all declared their support for the RESALE Amendment Act,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B URGES THE DC COUNCIL TO ENACT THE RESALE AMENDMENT ACT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B

Dear Commissioners,

I learned recently that there will be two separate resolutions in front of you at the 6B meeting in support of two key bills to support our local businesses:

B26-138, the Fair SWIPE Act of 2025, and

B26-224, the Restricting Egregious Scalping Against Live Entertainment (RESALE) Amendment Act of 2025

Both of these bills are about supporting local businesses and DC residents. They were drafted in direct consultation with our local retail businesses, restaurants, and entertainment venues and they strongly support them as a way to protect small businesses and consumers in DC. But I've been told that lobbyists for the national corporations that stand to lose with both of these bills may be reaching out or planning to speak at your meeting in opposition. I trust that the Commissioners will see through those efforts and talking points, but I wanted to share some information about the bills and am available if you have any questions.

### **B26-138, Fair SWIPE Act of 2025**

This legislation would prohibit the charging of interchange fees - also known as swipe fees - on the sales tax and gratuity portions of credit and debit card transactions. So called "swipe fees" average a charge to the retailer of 2-4% per transaction for every purchase made in their business. Those costs are borne by the retailer and cut into proceeds of every purchase made and simply drive up the costs of goods for consumers. Credit card companies also refer to these as "convenience fees" for the use of the bank's credit in making the purchase. This is of course separate from the interest charges that banks assess consumers on their purchases, which is used to cover the risk if a purchase isn't made in full and on time. But this "swipe fee" is also charged on the sales tax and tip portion of the sale to local retailers and restaurants, even though the business never keeps any of that money and instead passes the entirety of the sales taxes and tips portion on to the District government or the employee, respectively. A swipe fee on the sales tax portion



of a receipt unfairly eats into the hard-earned profits of our local business retailers because the only source to pay that swipe fee is from the business'

bottom line. Over time, these swipe fees on taxes and tips represent tens of thousands of dollars of additional costs to the average local business. The DC restaurant association has worked with their members and estimates the cost of these swipe fees on sales tax and tips to average \$14,500 per year for the average DC restaurant. Those are funds that could be used to create new jobs, reinvest into a business, improve a storefront, or lower costs to consumers.

The national banks and credit card companies have fought efforts like this in other states because they earn millions of dollars in profit based on these swipe fees. Their standard line of attack is that it will create confusion for small businesses and consumers alike. They trot out ridiculous examples suggesting that consumers would have to use their credit/debit card for a purchase but then pay taxes and tips in cash or check. Or they suggest small businesses won't be able to figure out how to do this. I've met with companies that write the code for credit card processing and they have debunked these criticisms and say that it would be very easy to update the credit transaction fee processing code to account for this. Again, this legislation was requested by and written in consultation with the very local businesses that the lobbyists claim will suffer. I trust that Commissioners will see through this, but please let me know if you have any questions.

More info here:

[https://www.charlesallenward6.com/legislation\\_credit\\_card\\_sales\\_tax\\_gratuities\\_swipe\\_fees](https://www.charlesallenward6.com/legislation_credit_card_sales_tax_gratuities_swipe_fees)

### **B26-224, the Restricting Egregious Scalping Against Live Entertainment (RESALE) Amendment Act of 2025**

This legislation caps resale prices on live performance tickets and ends speculative ticketing in which ticket resellers are selling tickets that they don't actually have in their possession. Currently, people who want to go to a live show in DC are competing against companies and scalpers who make a lot of money by immediately scooping up as many tickets as possible and re-selling them at a much higher cost than the venue or performer is asking. You've probably seen stories of how a \$40 ticket could end up reselling for over

\$1,000. The result is fewer fans can afford to see their favorite artist at one of the amazing venues DC has to offer. These middlemen are making millions by driving up prices, with the profit exclusively going to the scalper and never to the artists or venue. The people making money off the inflated ticket prices aren't performing on stage and they're not running a venue – they're just making it all more expensive for someone trying to see their favorite artist, band, or performer. This legislation was drafted in partnership with many of DC's live entertainment venues such as the Anthem, the 9:30 Club, the Black Cat, Pie Shop, Capital Turnaround, and dozens more. We also worked collaboratively with venues like Nationals Ballpark and Capital One Arena so that the bill focuses on live entertainment at those sites, rather than sporting events, and they have indicated support for the bill. DC's Attorney General, Brian Schwalb, also said of the legislation: "District consumers deserve fairness and transparency when deciding how to spend their hard-earned money. As the District's independent Attorney General, my office has taken action against companies across a range of industries — including hotels, food delivery apps, and live event ticketing companies — that deceive customers by advertising low prices and only revealing hidden junk fees later on in the purchasing process. I applaud Councilmember Allen for introducing this bill, which not only makes it crystal clear that drip pricing and junk fees are illegal under District law, but also introduces additional important and practical protections for ticket buyers."

National secondary ticketing platforms, like StubHub, Vivid Seats, TicketNetwork, Ticket Center, and SeatGeek, have built their entire business model around these inflated prices and currently profit off the DC artists, venues, and concert goers. They have hired lobbyists to oppose this bill (interestingly, the same firm that represents the banks and credit cards mentioned above). Their standard line of attack is that once a ticket is purchased, the owner has a right to sell it for whatever they'd like and that legislation like this intrudes into someone's choice about selling an item they possess. The reality however is that due to these secondary markets and speculative purchases, the overwhelming majority of tickets "resold" on these platforms are being resold by a small minority of individuals or businesses. The percentage of tickets being resold by individuals is very low and new protections like these have been shown to reduce the secondary ticket platforms incentive to buy tickets for resale purposes, ensuring that tickets are more readily available at face value and support the artists and local venues. In addition, the legislation does not restrict someone that does need to resell individual tickets for a show or performance because their plans change. Only individuals or businesses reselling 50 tickets per year would have to register, which means that requirement would essentially only impact these national secondary ticket platforms, not individual residents and concert-goers.

More info here: <https://www.charlesallenward6.com/ticket-scalping-bill>

Again, if I can provide any additional information or answer any questions, please let me and my team know.

Thanks,

Charles Allen



At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Rumsey Aquatic Center, 635 North Carolina Ave., SE, sorely needs modernization, and

WHEREAS, current Rumsey users expected the modernization to include a second floor, and

WHEREAS, only with a second floor can modernization provide the amenities demanded by current Rumsey users, specifically those in the Request for Proposals: a senior center with tech lounge, a large multipurpose/recreation room, and multiple small-to-medium multipurpose/recreation rooms, and

WHEREAS, a second floor will ensure Rumsey has enough pool space to protect and expand its water offerings, especially water aerobics, lap swimming, and swim teams, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 DC budget specifically includes \$15 million for a second floor for the Rumsey modernization,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B--

1. Urges the DC Department of Parks and Recreation to include a second floor in its plans for renovating the Rumsey Aquatic Center, and
2. Urges all Ward 6 residents, and all Rumsey users, to sign the petition circulated by Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen calling for a second floor in Rumsey modernization.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B



At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support the following resolution:

To Save \$66 Million of Tax Dollars Slated for a Military Parade on DC Streets Not Built for Military Vehicles

WHEREAS, the United States Army has declared its intention to hold a military parade, from Arlington, Virginia, to the National Mall, on June 14, 2025, to celebrate the Army's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and the 79<sup>th</sup> birthday of Donald J. Trump, and

WHEREAS, the Army expects its parade to include 6,600 soldiers, 150 vehicles, and 50 helicopters, and

WHEREAS, Department of Defense officials estimate individual Army units will spend up to \$45 million to hold this parade, and

WHEREAS, District of Columbia officials estimate it will cost \$21 million to repair roads used for this parade, roads not built for military vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia's Chief Financial Officer estimates that federal government personnel layoffs will already cost DC, in lost tax revenues, \$1 billion over three years, and

WHEREAS, military parades on the leader's birthday are more typical of authoritarian governments than of democracies, and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has created an entire federal agency ostensibly to root out "waste" from the federal government,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B URGES--

1. The United States Army to cancel its planned June 14 military parade, and not to waste \$45 million on the parade, or, in the alternative to relocate the parade outside the District of Columbia, and avoid damaging DC's streets, or

2. If the parade takes place in DC, the United States Congress to appropriate sufficient funds for the District of Columbia to repair streets damaged by military vehicles in the parade.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B





At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS, for years the US Postal Service (USPS) has had a mailbox at the northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and D Streets, SE, and

WHEREAS, that mailbox has been the most convenient for hundreds of residents south of Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and

WHEREAS, in mid-March 2025, that mailbox disappeared, and

WHEREAS, when contacted by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, the USPS claimed that it removed the mailbox “because the e-lock battery on the box died,” and that a “replacement lock has been ordered” and will be installed when it arrives, and

WHEREAS, it’s now been two months since USPS removed the mailbox,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B URGES--

1. The US Postal Service to expedite acquisition of a new e-lock and replacement of the mailbox, and
2. Delegate Norton, Shadow Senators Paul Strauss and Ankit Jain, and Shadow Representative [Oye Owolewa](#) to exert their influence to pressure USPS to expedite replacement of the mailbox.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) ABC Committee  
Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 6, 2025

**Location:** 700 Pennsylvania Ave second floor and via Zoom

**Chair:** Ellen Oppen-Weiner - Present

**Attendees:** Committee Members Present –Gerald “Jerry” Sroufe Commissioner 6B02, David Sobelsohn Commissioner 6B03, Samuel Pastore Commissioner 6B05, Edward Ryder ANC Chair 6B08, Margare “Maggie” Strouse Resident Member 6B09, Katherine a member of the public, Jonathan Levy Resident Member 6B07, Michael McMullan Resident Member 6B04 Alternate voting, Chander Jayaraman Resident Member 6B06 (late arrival)

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## **1. Aqua al 2 Protest Update**

- Hearing will be extended. May 20<sup>th</sup> or May 21<sup>st</sup>
- ANC 6B05 will provide five witnesses: Andrew Petro, David Escobar, Girard Brown (rat control expert), and Marian Connolly, Susan Sedgewick.
- Public participation in the protest was discussed. Maggie inquired about how community members can join.
- A YouTube link to view proceedings was shared in the meeting chat.
- Outstanding issues noted by David: rats, noise, hours of operation, cleanliness, and use of the ten-foot alley.
- Jerry asked about neighbors’ ability to protest; Ellen clarified that five neighbors have already filed a protest.

## **2. Tobacco King Update (500 Block of 8th Street)**

- Case dismissed on April 14 after applicant failed to appear at the roll call hearing.
  - Ellen and David raised the issue of over-concentration on 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE of similar business.
  - **Action:** Question of over- concentration referred to committee for further study. Will be added to the next meeting agenda.
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## **3. License Renewals**

### **a. La Plaza (License #30)**

- Carlos Ventura (manager) in attendance. Jerry noted no issues.
- **Motion:** Recommend approval for consent agenda.  
**Vote:** 10-0-0 (Unanimous)

### **b. 1 Congress Market**

- No representative present.
- **Motion:** Recommend approval for consent agenda.  
**Vote:** 10-0-0 (Unanimous)

#### c. We The Pizza

- Ongoing complaints noted by Sam and Ellen, but no complainants present.
- **Motion:** Recommend approval.  
**Vote:** 10-0-0 (Unanimous)

#### d. Santa Rosa Taqueria

- Neighbor complaints and health department involvement noted. (trash)
- Discussion on whether to invite them to a future meeting.
- **Motion:** Take no action at this time.  
**Vote:** No formal vote taken; consensus to delay action and gather more information.

#### e. Café 8

- Nearby neighbor, Karen, provided detailed concerns about public safety and parking.
- Katherine recommended pushing back the hearing to improve the agreement.
- **Motion 1 (David):** Recommend ANC oppose renewal and work with applicant to fix issues.  
**Vote:** 5-3-0
- **Motion 2 (David - amended):** Recommend not to support application and reach out to applicant.  
**Vote:** 10-0-0 (Unanimous)

#### f. Good Stuff Eatery

- David proposed no action and to monitor complaint resolution. (trash)
- **Motion:** Take no position.  
**Vote:** 10-0-0 (Unanimous)

#### g. Ted's Bulletin

- Katherine raised several violations including failure to clean, alley blockage, and generator use.
- **Motion (Katherine):** Recommend ANC protest renewal.  
**Vote:** 10-0-0 (Unanimous)

#### h. Playa Ocho

- Concerns about rooftop entertainment and noise.
- Katherine asked to oppose just the entertainment endorsement.

- **Motion (David, amended by Sam):** Oppose renewal based on noise; urge applicant to meet with ANC; request hearing extension.

**Vote on Amendment:** 10-0-0

**Vote on Motion:** 10-0-0

**i. Remaining 6B03 Licenses (Ambar, Sushi Hachi, Matchbox, Ugly Mug, Jab We Wet Indian)**

- David moved to take no position on the remaining renewals.
- **Chander noted that Ambar (a bar) is not complying with its settlement agreement,** and that **ABCA is not enforcing the terms.** Chander to write to invite them to the ANC meeting/ description of the problem.
- The other establishments — **Sushi Hachi** (a restaurant), **Matchbox**, **Ugly Mug**, and **Jab We Wet Indian** — were not individually discussed but were included in the group motion.
- Katherine stated she needs to step back from this portion of the discussion. Chander offered to help with outreach emails and confirmed that a contact list already exists.
- **Motion (David):** Take no position.  
**Vote:** 8-1-1 (Maggie opposed, 1 abstention)

**j. Mass Consent Renewals**

- Remaining items moved to consent via slate:
    - Sonoma
    - Belga Café
    - Han Palace
    - Hill Center
    - Akeno Sushi Bar and Thai at Capitol Hill
    - National Democratic Club
    - Talay Thai Restaurant
    - Le Pain Quotidien
    - Los Caballeros Restaurant
    - Mr. Henry's
    - Ruta Ukrainian Restaurant
    - Fogler Shakespeare Library
    - La Casina DC
    - La Lomita Restaurant
    - Capitol Hill Club
    - Butterworth's
    - District Taco
    - Historic Congressional Cemetery
  - Maggie moved to recommend all eligible renewals to consent agenda.
  - **Motion (Maggie):** Recommend mass consent renewal.  
**Vote:** 9-1-0
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#### 4. Taste Budz (Cannabis Establishment)

- Concerns about compliance and community impact.
  - **Motion (Maggie):** Recommend denial of license until hearing deadline extended and applicant appears before ANC.
  - **Amendment (Edward):** Approve stipulated license in the interim.
  - **Vote on Amendment:** 10-0-0
  - **Vote on Full Motion with Amendment:** 8-2-0
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#### 5. Other Business

- Discussion on ABCA lists and standardization issues. Ellen to request updated license lists.
- Katherine suggested form letter templates for outreach.
- Chander noted the existence of a contact list and offered to assist with communications.

**Adjournment:**

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, May 7, 2025  
Report

Present: Commissioners Tyle Wolanin (6B01), Gerald Sroufe (6B02), Samuel Pastore (6B05), Edward Ryder (6B08); Resident Members Kirsten Oldenburg (6B04), Mike Litt (6B05), Jeffrey Menzer (6B08, Vice Chair)

**1) DDOT Presentation: Final 17th St Plans for North of Potomac Avenue, SE**

- Emma Blondin, DDOT, presented the 100% (final plans) for the southeast portion of 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE safety improvements. Construction of this SE portion will be done in FY26. Only the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Potomac Avenue, SE is in ANC 6B.
- When completed, the project will run from Benning Road, NE to Potomac Avenue, SE and include a cycle track and other safety improvements.

**2) Request for DDOT to Prioritize Gessford Ct Safety Improvements**

- Commissioner Pastore presented a draft letter to Director Kershbaum in support of Councilmember Allen's letter to DDOT addressing safety concerns in several alleys in 6B: Watkins Court, Gessford Court, and between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets on the 700 block. The draft letter highlighted the need for these improvements specifically in Gessford Court.
- The Committee discussed the draft letter and made revisions to focus the letter solely on Gessford Court and requested specific improvements to be made by DDOT.
- Since Councilmember Allen's letter also addressed areas that have been previously addressed by the Committee, it was felt that the letter did not need to specifically include these additional areas.
- The Committee unanimously approved the draft letter to be sent by the ANC (motion made by Commissioner Pastore and seconded by Commissioner Wolanin): Vote: 7-Yes; 0-No; 0-Abstain.

**3) Updates from DDOT on previous Committee actions**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Street - Regarding Urgent prioritization of safety measures on the 500-800 blocks of 17th St SE:
  - i. Director Kerschbaum acknowledged the letter and indicated that adjustments could be made to improve safety and would be sent to agency staff to address
  - ii. Ms. Blondin in her presentation indicated that DDOT staff had been to the site within the past month and identified problems and improvements that could be made (signs not properly installed, installation of reflective pieces, etc). Utility work is currently being

conducted in the area, which would also result in repaving and restriping of the area, which could also improve safety.

- Traffic Safety on Watkins and Jordan Alley complex- Request for parking enforcement and pedestrian protections:
  - i. Director Kerschbaum acknowledged the letter and mentioned that that the Department wishes to fully move the DDOT facility from this area, and that one team has been moved; however, funding is not currently available to construct a new facility.
  - ii. The Committee discussed that response did not address the Committee and residents' other concerns expressed in the letter, but that Councilmember Allen's letter to the Director also highlighted these concerns and did not feel that additional Committee action was needed at this time and would continue to monitor this issue.

#### **4) Discussion of Potomac Avenue Metro shooting**

- The MPD reported that there was no camera at the street level at the Metro station that could have possibly provided video of the recent shooting in this area. The Committee discussed the presence, or lack of, cameras at other Metro stations, including at the Eastern Market plaza. No further Committee action was taken.

#### **5) Discussion of CVS unloading at 7<sup>th</sup>/D Street SE**

- John Schwab, a neighbor residing near the CVS at 7<sup>th</sup>/D Street, SE was invited to inform the Committee of the work that was being done with Commissioner Sobelsohn (Chair of the Southeast Library Task Force) to address concerns relating to the CVS unloading their trucks in the early morning hours and their not using the designated commercial parking spaces/loading zone located adjacent to the CVS property. Attempts to engage with the store's CVS management have not been successful.
- Commissioner Sroufe (Chair, Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force) suggested that this was an issue that they could work on collaboratively with the Library Task Force to address the neighbor's concerns.



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Ms. Sharon Kershbaum  
Director  
Department of Transportation  
250 M Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

VIA EMAIL: [sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov](mailto:sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov):

Dear Director Kershbaum:

*At a regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to send this letter. This was based on a recommendation from ANC 6B's Transportation Committee that ANC 6B call on DDOT to implement urgent safety improvements in Gessford Court SE and other Neighborhood alleys.*

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B, we write in strong support of Councilmember Charles Allen's April 9, 2025 letter calling for urgent safety improvements in Gessford Court SE and other Neighborhood alleys.

Gessford Court is a narrow, one-block alley in Capitol Hill that serves as a critical pedestrian pathway and community space for residents, including families with young children and seniors. Its proximity to nearby schools and transit corridors increases foot traffic throughout the day. Residents and commissioners have raised serious concerns regarding unsafe conditions—including speeding vehicles, poor signage, and insufficient protection for pedestrians.

We specifically support Councilmember Allen's recommendations as they relate to Gessford Court, including:

- Installation of speed humps to reduce vehicle speeds and discourage cut-through traffic.
- Improved signage at both entrances to clearly mark Gessford as a shared space with pedestrian priority.
- Evaluation of bollard placement or similar infrastructure to protect the narrow pedestrian right-of-way.
- Coordination with DPW to ensure enforcement of existing parking and traffic regulations in the alley.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. In alignment with Councilmember Allen's request, we ask for a written response and a projected implementation timeline by April 25, 2025. We look forward to working collaboratively with DDOT to improve safety and livability for Gessford Court residents and the broader community.

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B



**ANC 6B Southeast Library Task Force**  
**May 12, 2025**  
Minutes Draft

The meeting started at 6:35 PM at 700 Penn Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room and over zoom.

**Attending**

ANC 6B commissioners: David Sobelsohn, Anna Krebs, Edward Ryder

Task Force members: Claire August, Ana Unruh Cohen, John Schwab, Jayme Johnson

DC Public Library (DCPL) representatives: Jaspreet Pahwa, Sam Dure

Whiting-Turner (W-T) representative: Terri Bosnick

Washington Gas & contractor representatives: Frank Frost, John Gregory

General public: Sundari Baru, Jamie Quinn, Avery Kleinman, Marc Mayerson

Press: Larry Janezich

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approval of**

- a. May 12 agenda: adopted unanimously
- b. April 7 minutes: adopted unanimously

**3. Renovation Update**

- a. DCPL representative Jaspreet Pahwa provided an update on construction at the Southeast Library by going through the DCPL April 4, 2025 Southeast Library Modernization Construction Updates document. (Available at <https://www.dclibrary.org/news/southeast-library-modernization-project> and specifically <https://www.dclibrary.org/sites/default/files/files/2025-04/DCPL%204.4.25%20Update.pptx.pdf>). DCPL and W-T representatives reviewed the construction progress since the prior Task Force meeting and previewed the upcoming work. As part of the monthly review, there was discussion of the skylight features, prep of the electrical room and water management plans. The Task Force was updated by Ms. Pahwa about the resolution of the gas main problem and heard from Frank Frost of Washington Gas and John Gregory from the contracting company that will perform the work. DCPL will pay to move the gas line from separate federal funds that they have access to, allowing the Southeast Library modernization to proceed without altering any of the planned scope of the project. DCPL is working with Washington Gas and DDOT on the permit and traffic control plan so that the work can commence soon. Mr. Frost explained that a new main will connect to the 7th St SE line and run under the street at South Carolina Ave from the library until approximately 648 South Carolina Ave where it will be rejoined to the line running underneath the sidewalk of South Carolina. Once this is completed the existing natural gas line by the library will be abandoned so the library construction can go forward as planned. Once the DDOT permit is available, the work will take approximately 2-3 weeks of work. The gas line replacement crew

will be authorized to work from 7am to 7pm in line with the library construction hours. Bike, car and pedestrian traffic on South Carolina will be impacted during parts of the work but they will have flaggers in place to help with pedestrian and traffic flow. There may be some temporary loss of parking on South Carolina as well. Washington Gas has protocols in place to avoid outages to customers but they will identify for the Task Force the approximately 20 services that could be impacted. Commissioner Sobelsohn expressed his disappointment that Washington Gas was not covering the cost of the replacement. In response to his questions, Ms. Pahwa confirmed that unless there was a surprise with the work the library modernization schedule should not be impacted and that completion of the gas line work by the end of June works with the library construction plans. Mr. Frost confirmed that there would be no impact on D St due to this gas line work and offered to help with the restoration in the area from prior gas line work.

#### **4. D Street Issues**

- a. Traffic flow & parking enforcement:** There was discussion of the ongoing parking problems on D St SE across from the library on the evening and weekends. Ms. Dure will put the Task Force in touch with Johnny Gaither at DPW parking enforcement to help with the situation.
- b. CVS middle-of-the-night deliveries:** John Schwab updated the Task Force that CVS is using the library construction as an excuse for their deliveries outside of the allowed times.

#### **5. Interim Library Facility**

- a. Flyer Distribution:**
  - i. Flyer distribution plans are available here:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xuD9CNoxjIKgs30hiWlqavM4VsChKR1KCmfe9Kbzz8w/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xuD9CNoxjIKgs30hiWlqavM4VsChKR1KCmfe9Kbzz8w/edit?usp=drive_link)).
- b. Heat Closures:** There have already been sporadic heat closures at the Tech Express. The Task Force discussed requesting portable AC units and fans to help address the temperature issues and that this would be good to mention in budget testimony.
- c. Budget hearing:** Commissioner Sobelsohn noted that the hearing has not been scheduled yet but he would testify once it is. He encouraged other Task Force members and neighbors to consider testifying as well.

#### **6. Next meeting**

- a. June 9, 6:30 PM at 700 Penn Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room and over zoom:  
adopted unanimously

#### **7. Adjournment**

- a. Adopted unanimously at 8:00 PM.



At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 2023, the DC Council appropriated hundreds of thousands of dollars for the DC Public Library system (DCPL) to have an interim library facility at the Arthur Capper Community Center, 1000 5<sup>th</sup> St., SE, during the months that DCPL closes its Southeast branch for renovations, and

WHEREAS, those months include May, June, July, August, and September, and

WHEREAS, DCPL closes library facilities when library staff would otherwise have to work in temperatures of 80° Fahrenheit or above, and

WHEREAS, as of May 13, 2025, blaming excessive heat, DCPL has already closed its Arthur Capper Interim Library for three days this spring, and

WHEREAS, when DCPL closes the Arthur Capper Interim Library, the building itself always remains open to the public for other purposes, and

WHEREAS, DCPL gives the public scant notice of its intent to close its Interim Library on any given day, discouraging library patrons from relying on the Interim Library, and

WHEREAS, Washington, DC's average high temperature in June, July, August, and September is 80° Fahrenheit or above, and

WHEREAS, in 2024, blaming excessive heat, DCPL closed its Arthur Capper Interim Library for most of the summer, and

WHEREAS, portable air-conditioners cost under \$200 each, and

WHEREAS, portable fans cost under \$50 each,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B URGES DCPL TO--

1. Stop closing the Arthur Capper Interim Library using excess heat as the excuse, and
2. Place portable air-conditioners in the Arthur Capper Interim Library sufficient to keep the temperature below 80° Fahrenheit, and
3. Place portable fans in the Arthur Capper Interim Library, fans staff can turn on when needed for their comfort and health.

ANC 6B also urges the DC Council to enact legislation compelling DCPL to do what is necessary to keep its Arthur Capper Interim Library open throughout the summer.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B



At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS, good health requires a good night's sleep, and

WHEREAS, commercial deliveries between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. should suffice for most businesses, and

WHEREAS, the CVS pharmacy at 661 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, regularly has noisy commercial deliveries at 3 or 4 a.m. on D St., SE, and

WHEREAS, these noisy deliveries disturb, for no good reason, the sleep of DC residents who live on D St., SE, and

WHEREAS, despite repeated promises by CVS, CVS continues to accept deliveries at 3 or 4 a.m. on D St., SE,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B URGES--

1. CVS to stop accepting deliveries between 6:30 p.m. and 7 a.m.
2. The DC Council to enact legislation prohibiting commercial deliveries, between 6:30 p.m. and 7 a.m., within 500 feet of a residence, with such exceptions as the Council deems advisable.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B

## ANC 6B Quarterly Financial Report FY25 Q2

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**Balance Forward (Checking)**\$79,912.95

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**Receipt**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Allotment             | \$6,055.16 |
| Interest              | \$10.11    |
| Deposit Other         | \$2.03     |
| Transfer from Savings | \$0.00     |

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**Total Receipts**\$6,067.30

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**Total Funds Available During Quarter**\$85,980.25

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**Disbursement**

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. Personnel             | \$900.00 |
| 2. Direct Office         | \$0.00   |
| 3. Communications        | \$4.06   |
| 4. Office Supply         | \$18.90  |
| 5. Grants                | \$0.00   |
| 6. Local Transportation  | \$0.00   |
| 7. POServ                | \$0.00   |
| 8. Bank Fees             | \$0.00   |
| 9. Other                 | \$0.00   |
| T-O. Transfer to Savings | \$0.00   |

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**Total Disbursements**\$922.96

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**Ending Balance: Checking**\$85,057.29

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Approval Date by Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify that the above noted quarterly financial report has been approved by a majority of Commissioners during a public meeting when there existed a quorum.*

ANC 6B Monthly Treasurer's Report

April 2025

Opening Report Balance:\$85,057.29

Closing Report Balance:\$85,057.29

Change:\$0.00

Transactions

| Check/Dep ↑↓           | Date ↑↓ | Payee/Payor | Cat ↑↓ | Income | Expense |
|------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|
| No transactions found. |         |             |        |        |         |