



**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Approved at ANC 6B meeting June 10, 2025**

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**May 13, 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 the following commissioners, the proposed agenda was amended to make the following changes:**

**a. Commissioner Hughes: to move to the Consent Agenda, from the Transportation Committee report, a letter to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding safety improvements in Gessford Court, SE.**

**b. Commissioner Sobelsohn: to--**

**1) Remove, from the Consent Agenda, a proposed bylaws amendment regarding committee and taskforce vice-chairs.**

**2) Move, to the Consent Agenda, authorization for Commissioner Ryder to apply, on the ANC's behalf, for a--**

**a) Table or booth at Open Streets Capitol Hill on June 28, 2025.**

**b) Space in the Barracks Row July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.**

**Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioners Gorman and Mareino did not vote.**

**2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner Gorman did not vote. Items on the Consent Agenda included:**

**a. Adoption of the proposed April 8 meeting minutes. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/04-2025-April-ANC-6B-Minutes.pdf>.**

**b. Written reports and minutes since April 8 of meetings of ANC 6B committees and taskforces and of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC). Those reports and minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/ANC6B-May-2025-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf>.**

**c. Committee recommendations: from committees on--**

**1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis: to support license-renewal applications of--**

**a) La Plaza Mexican Restaurant, 629 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-060614).**

**b) Jae In Lee, trading as Congress Market, 421 East Capitol St., SE (ABRA-122081).**

**c) Dunmore, LLC, trading as Sonoma, 233 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-072017).**

**d) Eurochef, LLC, trading as Belga Cafe, 514 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-060779).**

**e) Han Palace 8 Street, LLC, 522 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-119670).**

**f) The Old Naval Hospital Foundation, trading as Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-086926).**

**g) Akeno Sushi Bar and Thai at Capitol Hill, 524 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-124172).**

**h) National Democratic Club, Inc., 30 Ivy St., SE (ABRA-000793).**

**i) Talay Thai, Inc., 406 1<sup>st</sup> St., SE (ABRA-016129).**

**j) APQ Capitol Hill DC, LLC, trading as Le Pain Quotidian, 666 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-117744).**

**k) E & C, Inc., trading as Los Caballeros Restaurant, 308 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-125021).**

**l) Mr. Henry's, Inc., 601 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-000259).**

**m) Ukrainian Restaurant Concept Group, LLC, trading as Ruta Ukrainian Restaurant, 327 7<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-124503).**

**n) Trustees of Amherst College, trading as Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St., SE (ABRA-001792).**

**o) La Casina 1978, LLC, trading as La Casina DC, 325 7<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-118360).**

- p) La Lomita Restaurant, 1330 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-016357).
- q) National Republican Club of Capitol Hill, Inc., trading as Capitol Hill Club, 300 1<sup>st</sup> St., SE (ABRA-000626).
- r) Butterworth's, 319 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-128433).
- s) District Taco, 656 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-092791).
- t) Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional, trading as Historic Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E St., SE (ABRA-117891).

2) Planning and Zoning: to support Eric Teran's application, before the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPA 25-241), to add, to 734 7<sup>th</sup> St., SE, a second floor on the building rear, with a loft for office space, plus two residential units in the building's front half.

3) Transportation: to send DDOT a letter supporting an April 9, 2025 letter from Councilmember Charles Allen calling for safety improvements in Gessford Court, SE, including a) installing speed humps, b) improving signage at both entrances to Gessford Court to mark it as a shared space with pedestrian priority, c) evaluating bollard placement or similar infrastructure to protect the pedestrian right-of-way, and d) coordinating with DPW to ensure enforcement of existing parking and traffic regulations in the alley. For the full letter go to

<https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/ANC6B-May-2025-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf>.

d. Appointment: by Commissioner Sroufe, of Matt Clausen to the Transportation Committee as Resident Member from ANC 6B02.

e. Event: to authorize Commissioner Ryder, on the ANC's behalf, to apply to DDOT for a table or booth at Open Streets Capitol Hill on June 28, 2025.

### 3. Announcements: from--

a. Commissioner Ryder: of upcoming meetings of the--

1) Full ANC, Tuesday, June 10, 7 p.m., in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom.

2) ANC 6B committees and taskforces.

a) Committees: of the--

1-- Executive Committee Tuesday, May 27, 7 p.m.,  
via Zoom only.

2-- Committees on--

a-- Public Safety, Monday, May 19, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom only.

b-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis, Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m., in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom.

c-- Transportation, Wednesday, June 4, 7 p.m., via Zoom only.

d-- Planning and Zoning, Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m., via Zoom only.

3-- Taskforce on Southeast Library Monday, June 9, 6:30 p.m., in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom.

For meetings fully or partly 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. Glasgow--

a) Made the following announcements: Mayor Bowser--

1-- Has called on Congress to preserve the current 70% Federal Matching Annual Percentage for Medicaid instead of cutting it from 70% to 50%.

2-- Will "soon" release her proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget. It will include--

a-- \$100 million for the Housing Trust Fund.

b-- Full funding for the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion program.

c-- \$1.5 million for a master plan for Southwest DC.

d-- \$171 million for a Capital One Arena improvement.

e-- \$850 million to accommodate the NFL's Washington Commander's return to the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium site.

b) Gave reasons to support the mayor's agreement with the Washington Commanders for a new professional football stadium on the Robert F. Kennedy stadium site, including that--

1-- The Commanders' return to DC will help replace lost federal jobs; in the future, Glasgow predicted, spectator sports will be "a huge driver of DC's economy."

2-- The deal includes transportation improvements.

a-- Three new parking garages, with revenue going to DC.

b-- Improved mass transit.

(1) Metrorail.

(a) Redevelopment of the Stadium-Armory station.

(b) A new station on Oklahoma Ave., NE.

(2) H Street streetcar: expansion to Minnesota Ave., NE.

3-- The Commanders themselves, not DC, will pay for the new stadium's actual construction.

c) Regarding the plan to build a new NFL stadium on the Robert Kennedy Stadium site, promised to--  
1-- Provide details at a later date about the environmental impact of building a new stadium on that site.  
2-- Learn if current plans would retain, as “green,” the current Anacostia Trail.  
3-- Make sure the mayor considers having DC partly control a new stadium, with the option of using it, on the 40-plus weeks each year the Commanders aren’t playing there, for such attractions as Meow Wolf.

2) Kimberly Kennedy, of the Office of Councilmember Charles Allen, reported on--  
a) DC’s budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which starts October 1, 2025. Once the mayor releases her proposed budget, Councilmember Allen will hold a town hall on the budget.  
b) Two bills recently introduced by Councilmember Allen: to--  
1-- Raise safety standards for e-bike batteries, to reduce the risk of fires from overheating.  
2-- Automatically enroll DC households in a utility-discount plan.  
c) Civil lawsuits initiated by the DC Attorney General, under the Strengthening Traffic Enforcement, Education, and Responsibility Amendment Act of 2024, against scofflaw drivers living outside DC.  
d) Preparation, by the Departments of General Services and of Parks and Recreation, of plans for a Rumsey Aquatic Center second floor, in response to a letter from Councilmember Allen demanding such a plan.

3) Anthony (“AJ”) Orlikoff, Director of Programming at the Congressional Cemetery, an official partner for World Pride 2025, announced upcoming Pride Month events at the cemetery, including--  
a) A May 22 lecture with the title *Pink Triangle Legacies*.  
b) LGBTQ+ tours May 28 and June 2 and 7.  
c) The DC Front Runners 5K run June 1.  
d) The *Gays in Graves* festival June 21.

4. Presentation: St. Peter School Renovation. Project manager Kristine Adey led the presentation. She was joined by school principal Karen Clay, land-use counsel Jeff Utz, REQUITY Real Estate’s Sherry Rutherford, and architect Meagan Jancy. The school’s 422 3<sup>d</sup> St., SE, building dates from 1867. St. Peter renovated in 1923 and built an addition in 1936. The building has no indoor gathering or play space. The mechanical systems are old and the 1936 addition doesn’t align with the original building.

Renovation plans include a new three-story addition on space currently used for a playground. Renovation will require a special zoning exception. The school expects to meet with the Historic Preservation Review Board in May and with the ANC again in June, and to get a Board of Zoning Adjustment decision by fall 2025. St. Peter hopes to break ground in summer 2026 and to finish the renovation by summer 2028. Staff and students will occupy the school throughout.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to amend the agenda to move immediately to the report of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee. The motion passed 9-0.

#### 5. Report of Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.

##### a. Alcoholic-Beverage License Renewals.

1) Endorsements. Commissioner Sroufe move/Commission Hughes seconded to endorse the following alcoholic-beverage license renewals:  
a) Kookoovaya, Inc., trading as We, The Pizza, 305 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-082062).  
b) Mendelsohn 301, LLC, trading as Santa Rosa Taqueria, 301 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-117582).  
c) Sunnyside Group, LLC, trading as Good Stuff Eatery, 303 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-078027).

The motion passed 8-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed.

##### 2) Extensions Plus.

a) Café Bistro. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to request a 30-day extension regarding the alcoholic-beverage license-renewal application of Café Bistro MED, LLC, 424 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-077797). The motion passed 6-2, with Commissioners Pastore and Hughes opposed and Commissioner Krebs abstaining. As a backup in case the extension is denied, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to send the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration a letter that ANC 6B neither endorses nor opposes the license renewal. That motion passed 9-0.

b) Ted’s Bulletin. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to request a 60-day extension of the alcoholic-beverage license-renewal application of TB Capitol Hill, LLC, trading as Ted’s Bulletin, 505 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-108110). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to amend the motion by adding a protest of the application, on the grounds of potential effects on real-property values; on peace, order, and quiet, including noise and litter; and on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian

safety; and also on grounds of possible violations of DC Code §§ 25-313 and 25-315; and to designate Commissioners Sobelsohn and Pastore and ANC 6B Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee Resident Members Ellen Oppen-Weiner, Chuck Burger, and Katherine Szafran as ANC 6B representatives. The motion to amend passed 8-1, with Commissioner Sroufe opposed. The underlying motion passed 8-0, with Commissioner Sroufe abstaining.

3) Protests. In addition to protesting Ted's Bulletin, the ANC also voted to protest the following alcoholic-beverage license renewals and to designate Commissioners Sobelsohn and Pastore and ANC 6B Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee Resident Members Ellen Oppen-Weiner, Chuck Burger, and Katherine Szafran as ANC 6B representatives. For each protest the asserted grounds are potential effects on real-property values; on peace, order, and quiet, including noise and litter; and on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety; and on grounds of possible violations of DC Code §§ 25-313 and 25-315.

a) Balkan Concepts, LLC, trading as Ambar, 523 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-090240). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to protest the application, on the grounds specified above. The motion passed 9-0.

b) 514 Partners, LLC, trading as Playa Ocho Cantina, 514 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-107131). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to protest the application, on the grounds specified above. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioners Pastore, Krebs, Mareino, Ryder, and Hughes abstained.

4) Neither Endorse nor Protest. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to send the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration a letter that ANC 6B neither endorses nor protests the alcoholic-beverage license-renewal application of the following applicants:

a) Sushi Hachi, Inc., 735 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-105743).

b) Matchbox 8th Street, LLC, trading as Matchbox Capitol Hill, 521 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-117767).

c) 723 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE, LLC, trading as The Ugly Mug Dining Saloon/Valor Brew Pub, 723 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-071793).

d) APRA Three Corp., trading as Jabwemet Indian Kitchen, 515 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-128099).

The motion passed 9-0.

b. New Medical-Cannabis License Application. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to protest the application, for a new medical-cannabis retailers license, of Emilias Enterprise, LLC, trading as Taste Budz, 317 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-129546), on the grounds of the applicants' effect on real-property values; on peace, order, and quiet, including noise and litter; and on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety; and to designate Commissioners Sobelsohn, Pastore, and Sroufe, and ANC 6B Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee Resident Chair Ellen Oppen-Weiner as ANC 6B representatives. The motion passed 6-0, with Commissioners Krebs, Ryder, and Hughes abstaining.

6. Other Concerns. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved a resolution regarding later-night deliveries by the CVS at 661 Pennsylvania Ave. The motion failed for want of a second. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to table eight resolutions to the ANC 6B executive-committee meeting May 27, 2025. The motion passed 9-0. These resolution topics include--

a. New NFL stadium on RFK Stadium Site.

b. Councilmember Allen proposals.

1) Fair Swipe Act (B26-0138).

2) Restricting Egregious Scalping Against Live Entertainment (RESALE) Act (B26-0224).

3) Petition to demand a second floor at a redesigned Rumsey Aquatic Center.

c. Replacing mailbox at corner of 5<sup>th</sup> & D Streets, SE.

d. Donald Trump birthday military parade June 14.

e. Late-night deliveries by CVS, 661 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.

f. Keeping Arthur Capper Interim Library open in summers.

7. Financial Report.

a. Monthly Financials: Treasurer Krebs reported an ANC 6B bank balance of \$85,057.29.

b. Quarterly report: Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Second Quarter financial report. The motion passed 9-0.

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.