



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

JULY 2025 FULL MEETING AGENDA OF ANC 6B

- 1) **Introduction**
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 - i) ABRA-132461 – ZomTum, Inc. t/a ZomTum, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; Application for new Class C Restaurant license with Sidewalk Café and Alcohol Carry-Out & Delivery endorsements; Protest Hearing Deadline: July 21, 2025 (extension pending); SMD: 6B02
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 - a) Sharon Kershbaum, Director DC Department of Transportation
 - b) Robin Roesch, Creciendo Chisholm Initiative
- 6) **ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns**
 - a) [LATE BREAKING] – ANC 6B Letter of Support for I-83
- 7) **Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee**

a) ABC Renewals

- i. **ABRA-108110**, TB Capitol Hill, LLC t/a **Ted's Bulletin**, 505 8th Street SE; Renewal of Class C Restaurant; Protest Petition Deadline: July 18, 2025 [6B03] (Originally Extended by 60 days)

b) New Applications

- i. None in July

c) Protests/Other Updates

- i. **ABRA-090240** Balkan Concepts t/a Ambar (Currently Protesting) (**6B03**)

8) Transportation Committee

9) Planning and Zoning Committee (07/07/2025)

- a) Renovation: **409 E Cap St SE** (6B02); **BZA #21333**, HPRB will assign new case number. This is the home of a boutique design firm, Sanabria & Co. They'd like to add a rear addition.
https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21333; Original: [409 E Capitol Street SE-HPRB SUBMISSION_06-15-22.reduced.pdf](#); Revised: [409 E Capitol Street SE-BZA SUBMISSION DRAFT_05-05-25.pdf](#)
- b) Renovation: **730 Rear 11th St SE** (6B08); Demolition of an existing attached rear commercial space and replacement with a single-family dwelling; Filing pending (has been delayed in response to HPRB staff advice, and may be delayed again)

10) Public Safety Committee

11) Southeast Library Taskforce

12) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce

13) Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee

14) Financial

- a) Monthly Financials
b) Q3 FY25 Quarterly Financial Report

15) ANC 6B Administrative Matters

- a) Update on Grants Discussion
b) Bylaws Amendment on Committee Vice Chairs
c) Bylaws Amendment on Adoption of Standing Rules

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.



Minutes

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 10, 2025

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

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

To Be Approved at ANC 6B meeting July 8, 2025

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, two items were added to the Consent Agenda: from Commissioners--

- a. Mareino and Sobelsohn: add a street sign for Guethler's Way, at the opposite end of the alley from the street sign already there.
- b. Ryder: the proposed expansion of St. Peter's School (HPA 25-279), under "Other items."

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

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

- a. Adoption of the proposed minutes of the--
 - 1) Full ANC meeting May 13.
 - 2) Executive Committee meeting May 27.

Both sets of minutes are included in the June 10 meeting packet at

<https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/ANC-6B-June-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf>.

b. Written reports and minutes since May 13 of meetings of ANC 6B committees and taskforces and of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC). Those reports and minutes can be found in the June 10 meeting packet at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/ANC-6B-June-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf>.

c. Committee recommendations: from committees on--

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

- a) National Republican Club of Capitol Hill, Inc., trading as Capitol Hill Club, 300 First St., SE (ABRA-000626)
- b) Harlou, Inc., trading as Tunnicliff's Tavern, 222 7th St., SE (ABRA-060383).
- c) HD Enterprises, Inc., trading as Hunan Dynasty, 215 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-098286).
- d) ANB 623, LLC, trading as Beuchert's Saloon, 623 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-089616).
- e) 2 Fratelli, LLC, trading as Pacci's Trattoria, 106 13th St., SE (ABRA-123546).
- f) 1401 Potomac Hall, LLC, trading as The Roost, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-116333).
- g) Café Bistro MED, trading as Café 8, 424 8th St., SE (ABRA-077797).

2) Transportation: to send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting that one side of the 1300 block of Ives St., SE, be marked "Resident Parking Only."

d. Other items.

1) Transportation: to send DDOT a letter requesting a street sign for Guethler's Way, at the opposite end of the alley from the street sign already there.

2) Planning and Zoning: to support, before the Historic Preservation Review Board, a proposed expansion of St. Peter's School (HPA 25-279).

3. Announcements: from--

a. ANC 6B commissioners: Commissioner--

1) Sroufe announced that, on Sunday, June 15, the DC Fire Department will conduct a ceremonial Last Run of the Fire House Horses to Lincoln Park, starting 1 p.m. at the Rumsey Aquatic Center, 635 North Carolina Ave., SE, once the site of the Capitol Hill Firehouse.

2) Hughes circulated a "factsheet" on Mayor Bower's agreement with the Washington Commanders to build a new NFL stadium on the current site of the Robert F. Kennedy stadium. At its May 27 executive-committee meeting, ANC 6B voted unanimously to urge the DC Council to reject that agreement.

3) Sobelsohn reminded the ANC of DDOT's planned Open Streets Capitol Hill from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at which ANC 6B will have a table near the corner of 11th and East Capitol Streets, SE.

4) Mareino reminded the ANC that volunteers have upgraded the triangle park at the intersection of 14th St., SE, and Kentucky Ave., SE, but that ignorance about the park's ownership has stymied further work on the park. Commissioners Sroufe and Krebs agreed to work with Commissioner Mareino on determining the park's ownership.

5) Ryder announced upcoming ANC 6B meetings, including--

a) Meetings of committees and taskforces: of the--

1-- Executive Committee: virtual meeting, 7 p.m. June 24.

2-- Committees on--

a-- Public Safety: livestreamed in-person meetings at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, 6:30 p.m. June 23 and July 23.

b-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis: livestreamed in-person meeting at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, 7 p.m. July

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c-- Transportation: virtual meeting, 7 p.m. July 2.

d-- Planning and Zoning: virtual meeting, 7 p.m. July 7.

3-- Southeast Library Taskforce: livestreamed in-person meeting at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, 6:30 p.m. July 28.

b) Full ANC 6B meeting: livestreamed in-person meeting at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, 7 p.m. July 8.

b. Non-ANC 6B commissioners.

1) Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services--

a) Announced that--

1-- MPDC.dc.gov has information about the Trump Army military parade June 14.

2-- Budget.dc.gov has details about the mayor's proposed \$21-22 billion for fiscal-year 2026. According to Glasgow, the mayor's budget--

a-- Fully funds the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program.

b-- Includes--

(1) A \$30 million increase for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

(2) A \$61,000 base pay for staff at the Office of Emergency Communications, which handles 311 and 911 calls.

(3) \$40 million for capital improvements at the Rumsey Aquatic Center and the Randall Recreation Center. Glasgow promised to report back to ANC 6B on the budgeted amount for Rumsey, the only one of the two in ANC 6B.

(4) \$223 million for school modernization.

(5) \$19 million for the Anacostia River Trail.

(6) \$10 million for the 11th St. bridge park.

3-- DDOT has cut its community-engagement staff in half, allocating one staffperson for every two wards.

4-- To avoid furloughs or layoffs from Congress's sequestration of \$1.1 billion of DC's fiscal-year 2025 operating budget, the mayor used a law permitting DC to spend 6% more than the approved budget if Chief Financial Officer affirms that, even with the extra expenditures, DC would still have a balanced budget. This ploy reduced the loss from Congress's actions to \$347 million, and helped DC avoid closing schools or recreation centers, or laying off any public employees.

b) Reported that, though DC voters have twice passed an initiative to increase tipped workers' minimum wage, the mayor still wants the DC Council to repeal the increase.

c) Promised to report back to ANC 6B on--

1-- Whether, in fiscal-year 2026, DC will have to use the same law that helped DC avoid furloughs or layoffs in fiscal-year 2025.

2-- What the mayor's proposed budget means for the interim Southeast library at the Arthur Capper Recreation Center.

3-- What President Trump's plan to eliminate taxes on tips means for the mayor's proposal to eliminate the wage increase for tipped workers.

2) Kimberly Kennedy of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen's office announced that, from 6-8 p.m. June 17 at the Hill Center, Allen will hold a town hall on the mayor's proposed budget.

3) MPD Captain Adam Crist--

a) Reported that, so far in 2025, ANC 6B has--

1-- An improved violent-crime rate.

a-- Half the city's rate, and--

b-- Down by 47% from 2024.

2-- A mixed record of theft involving motor vehicles.

a-- Sharp drops in--

(1) Thefts from vehicles.

(2) Carjacking.

b-- An increase in thefts of--

(1) Scooters and--

(2) Motor vehicles, mostly "hop-ins" of delivery vehicles whose drivers left their keys in the vehicle.

b) Advised use of--

1-- Airtags to help MPD track stolen property.

2-- Steering-wheel locks.

c) Invited email messages to adam.crist@dc.gov "whenever you have questions."

4) A.J. Orlikoff, Congressional Cemetery interim executive director, announced that the cemetery seeks support to secure a public-art grant for a Nekisha Durrett windphone. The application is due July 20. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded for the ANC to submit a letter supporting the grant application, with Commissioner Hughes to write the letter. The motion passed 9-0.

Orlikoff also announced the cemetery's plans to hold a Juneteenth celebration in 2026.

4. ANC 6B Resolutions on Other Matters.

a. United States Army June 14 birthday parade. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to urge the Army to cancel its parade or relocate it outside DC or--if the parade does take place in DC--to commit to immediate repair of DC streets damaged by the parade, and to urge Congress fully to reimburse DC, by the end of the current fiscal year, for any street repairs DC ends up making. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to amend the motion to add (1) a deadline for the U.S. military to evacuate DC after the parade, (2) urging full reimbursement of DC for any additional costs associated with the parade, including MPD overtime, and (3) urging the DC mayor and council to exert every effort to implement the resolution. The motion to amend passed 5-0. Commissioner Sroufe abstained. Commissioners Wolanin, Gorman, and Mareino recused themselves from the discussion and vote. The main motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Sroufe abstained. Commissioners Wolanin, Gorman, and Mareino recused themselves from the discussion and vote. The resolution, as adopted, can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/ANC-6B-Resolution-on-DC-Military-Parade.pdf>.

b. Sanctuary City status. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to urge the DC Council to maintain DC's status as a "sanctuary city" for immigrants. The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner Mareino recused himself from the discussion and vote. The resolution, as adopted, can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/ANC-6B-Resolution-on-DC-Sanctuary-City-Status.pdf>.

5. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Committee reports: of Committees on--

1) Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis.

a) New applications: of--

1-- ZomTum, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, for a Class C restaurant license with endorsements for a sidewalk café and alcohol carry-out and delivery (ABRA-132461). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to invite the applicant to make a presentation at the next committee meeting, in the meantime to request a 30-day extension on the protest deadline, if rejected to place the matter on the June 24 executive-committee meeting agenda, and to support a stipulated license. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to amend the motion to remove the part about a stipulated license. The motion to amend passed 9-0. The main motion also passed 9-0.

2-- DC Garden Hill, LLC, 1322 G St., SE, for a medical-cannabis retailer license (ABRA-128406). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to request a 30-day extension on the protest deadline, and if rejected to place the matter on the June 24 executive-committee meeting agenda.

b) Updates on pending protests: of--

1-- TK 539, trading as ALOHA, 539 8th St., SE (ABRA 129362): Commissioner Ryder reported that ALOHA has petitioned to reinstate its dismissed application, and that the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board has yet to rule on the petition.

2-- Balkan Concepts, trading as Ambar, 523 8th St., SE (ABRA-090240): Commissioner Pastore reported that a rollcall hearing will take place June 9.

3-- Emillas Enterprise, trading as Taste Budz, 317 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-129546): Commissioner Pastore reported that the ABC Committee has send Taste Budz a proposed settlement agreement and awaits a response.

4-- 7th St. Love, LLC, trading as Acqua AI 2, 212 7th St., SE (Case #25-PRO-00008): With a protest hearing scheduled for June 24, Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to hire attorney Kerry Verdi to represent the ANC in proceedings in this matter. The motion passed 9-0.

c) Pending application not yet protested: TB Capitol Hill, trading as Ted's Bulletin, 505 8th St., SE (ABRA-108110). Commissioner Pastore reported that he plans to arrange a meeting with Ted's representatives.

2) Transportation: The ANC discussed but did not vote on a motion to support continued funding of DDOT's Community Engagement Division.

3) Planning and Zoning: Jennifer Fowler of Fowler Architects and Beth Purcell of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society spoke about owner Robin Griffin's plans to build a new front areaway and window in an enclosed porch at 328 4th St., SE (HPA 25-278). Purcell argued that the project would violate DC historic-preservation law. She added that, if the Historic Preservation Review Board denies an application for a project HPRB agrees is "necessary," HPRB will refer the applicant to the Department of Buildings, which then has power to grant relief. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to support the application before HPRB. The motion passed 8-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed.

b. Taskforce reports.

1) Southeast Library Taskforce. Commissioner Sobelsohn, taskforce chair, reported on the taskforce's June 9 meeting and on his testimony, for the ANC, at the DC Council Committee on Human Services' June 10 budget hearing. After his testimony, Sobelsohn reported, DC Public Library director Richard Reyes-Gavilan privately told him that, barring unexpected renovation delays, the Southeast library will reopen by March 31, 2026.

2) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce. Commissioner Sroufe, taskforce chair, reported on the successful freezing of a medical-cannabis application on Congress Market, 421 East Capitol St., SE.

c. Other: Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Pastore announced that EMCAC seeks volunteers for its subcommittees, including those on marketing/communications, public safety, and capital improvements. Those with questions should email Commissioners Pastore at 6b05@anc.dc.gov or Sroufe at 6b02@anc.dc.gov.

6. Administrative Matters.

a. Financial report: Commissioner Krebs, ANC 6B treasurer, reported that the ANC has just over \$85,000 in the bank.

b. Staff appointment: Commissioner Ryder, ANC 6B chair, announced that he has hired Jamie Quinn to provide administrative support.

7. Adjournment: Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
Secretary, ANC 6B



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December 10, 2024

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Re: Initiative 83

Dear Council Members:

At a properly noticed general meeting on December 10, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 8-0-0, as recommended by its Executive Committee, to submit the following request to the Council of the District of Columbia.

In the 2024 general election, the voters of DC approved Initiative 83 by an impressive vote of 73% in favor, 27% against. According to the DC Board of Elections, Initiative 83 received at least 68.5% support in every single ward. Our ANC has not taken a position (and still does not) on the substantive merits of the voting reforms passed through Initiative 83. However, our ANC firmly believes that it is the duty of elected officials to implement the will of voters as expressed in the Initiative process. We urge the Council to pass enabling legislation, on legal, practical, and moral grounds.

As a legal matter, we are convinced that Initiative 83 is now the binding law of the District, regardless of what the Council does next.

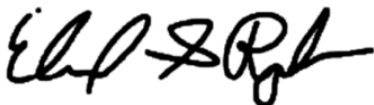
D.C. Official Code § 1- 204.105 is clear: “the adopted initiative or the act approved by referendum shall be an act of the Council upon the certification of the vote on such initiative or act by the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, and such act shall become law.” Initiatives are just as much law as anything passed by the Council. Whether the Council likes it is irrelevant – DC now, by law, must have ranked-choice voting and open primaries in the 2026 and all future elections.

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As a practical matter, we are aware that some people have suggested refusing to allocate funds to “implement” Initiative 83. Such a response would backfire on the city. All of us remember the years in which politicians’ heel-dragging on marijuana laws turned the city into one giant grey market. Failing to implement could result in a worse catastrophe: every single election result in 2026 and beyond could be tied up in litigation, leaving numerous offices vacant. To further emphasize how impractical it would be to refuse to allocate funds, consider the day-to-day work of the Board of Elections. Its staff are full-time, non-partisan civil servants. They are required by law to create a new ballot for every single election, and their budget is dominated by permanent salaries. It is obvious that, if they were ordered to spend no additional money on implementing Initiative 83, they would and could implement it anyway under their normal budget – indeed, if they failed to do so, they would be violating their oath as civil servants to uphold the law. By “defunding” Initiative 83, the Council would not stop ranked-choice voting or open primaries, it would just cause the whole process to be underfunded and chaotic.

Finally, we urge the council on moral grounds. Normally, legislators such as yourselves have enormous latitude to vote however you wish, because it is not feasible to poll the citizens of the District on every single issue. On the questions of ranked-choice voting and open primaries, however, the citizens have told you exactly what they want. Your job now is not to create the law, but to implement the law that the citizens have written for you. We trust that you will honor the will of the people.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Ryder', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
Edward Ryder, 2024 Chair



July 9, 2025

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Ms. Sharon Kershbaum
Director
Department of Transportation
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VIA EMAIL: sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov

Re: Support for Traffic Safety Improvements on 1500 Block of L Street SE and 1000 Block of 15th Street

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on July 9, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted X-X-X, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B, we write to urge DDOT to prioritize the installation of speed humps in the alleyway that runs through the 1500 block of L Street SE, particularly near the intersection with 15th Street SE. Additionally, we request DDOT study installation of at least one speed hump on the 1000 block of 15th Street SE, near the entrance of the alleyway. This location has been the subject of multiple resident safety concerns, particularly due to frequent high-speed entry and exit from the 15th Street SE side of the street.

Though designated as a street, this stretch of L Street SE is more accurately described as an alley. It lacks street-facing homes, sidewalks, curbs, and clear traffic controls. The paved right-of-way is narrow and ambiguous in character, frequently used as a cut-through between K Street and 15th Street as drivers access the 1400 block of L Street. It is bordered by garage entrances and fences rather than active frontages. The result is an environment that encourages confusion about right-of-way and enables vehicles to travel at unsafe speeds.

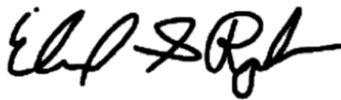
Residents have reported repeated incidents of near misses as cars fly around the corner into the alleyway. The danger is compounded by the presence of children who use this alley for play and other outdoor activities. Neighbors have emphasized how critical it is to slow vehicles down on this stretch.

Unfortunately, because this segment of L Street SE has no assigned addresses, community members have been unable to submit a Traffic Safety Investigation (TSI) through DDOT's standard system.

ANC 6B therefore formally requests that DDOT assess this location for traffic safety improvements, including possible installation of speed humps.

We are grateful for DDOT's commitment to improving traffic safety and would welcome the opportunity to coordinate a site visit or community walkthrough with DDOT personnel. Please let us know how we can support DDOT in advancing this request.

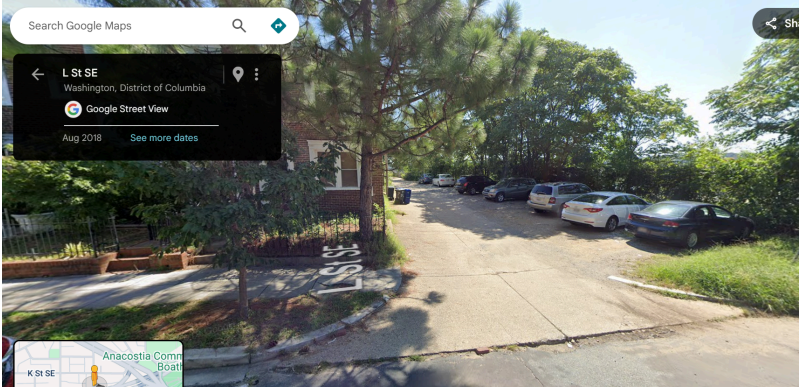
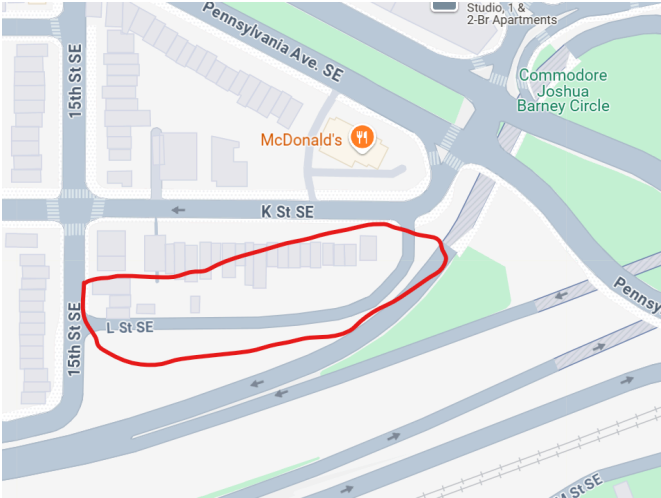
Sincerely,

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

Karen Hughes, Vice Chair of ANC 6B and Chair of the 6B Transportation Committee





ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 2, 2025
Report

1. Discussion of L St SE

- L St SE is a pseudo-alley that has a number of issues, including illegal parking, frequent speeding cars that use it as a cut-through into the neighborhood from Pennsylvania Ave.
- The committee discussed a variety of ideas for how to make L St safer, especially for the children who frequently play there.
- One issue identified is that L St doesn't actually have a digital presence on the DDOT TSI system, so it has not been possible to lodge requests.
- The committee voted to recommend a letter on consent be sent to DDOT requesting safety measures to include speed humps and signage that will improve safety along L st SE. 7-0-0

2. Other topics:

- Discussion of parking challenges in SMD 6B01
- Sidewalk repair time discussion (currently 270 days in the 311 portal) and whether or not it will improve under the 2026 budget.

July 2025 6B Planning and Zoning Committee Minutes

Voting Attendance: Vince Mareino, David Sobelsohn, Jerry Sroufe, Maggie Daley, Michael Bruggman, Edward Ryder, Samuel Pastore, Sarah Robertson (8 votes)

AGENDA

- a. Legislation: short update from Connor Laughland about DC City Council bill to develop social housing (<https://janeeseward4.com/gnd/>)
 - Next hearing will be soon, but is not yet scheduled
 - No vote. Will discuss offline whether we can agree to specific language.
- b. Citizen request: illegal vacation rental at 220 14th St SE (6B06)
 - Proposal: draft a short letter endorsing DOB investigation
 - Motion Vince Mareino, Seconded by Sarah Robertson. Unanimous.
- c. Renovation: **409 E Cap St SE** (6B02)
 - **BZA #21333, HPA #25-323.**
 - This is the home of a boutique design firm, Sanabria & Co. They'd like to add a rear addition. https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21333; Original: [409 E Capitol Street SE-HPRB SUBMISSION_06-15-22.reduced.pdf](#); Revised: [409 E Capitol Street SE-BZA SUBMISSION_DRAFT_05-05-25.pdf](#)
 - Much of the project is by right, but there is a small zoning variance
 - Motion Sroufe (second Robertson):
 - a. Approve Use Variance (A years-old paperwork issue that does not involve construction.)
 - b. Forward to Commission without Recommendation: Zoning Special Exception, HPRB (The two issues that do involve construction.)
 - c. Vote 7 in favor, 1 Against.
- d. Renovation: **730 Rear 11th St SE** (6B08), HPA 25-242
 - Demolition of an existing attached rear commercial space and replacement with a single-family dwelling
 - The only adjoining building is occupied by the same owner. The other adjoining properties have empty space – either alleyway or church parking.

- Architect states that most of the adjoining uses are “out of scope” for historic purposes.
- Capitol Hill Preservation Society generally supports the project, but has not submitted a formal letter.
- Motion Bruggman, second Ryder, amendment Sobelsohn: INFORMALLY Advise petitioner to talk more to the neighbors and CHRS, do a flag test, so that we have a clearer perspective. FORMALLY Motion to the HPRB to delay the hearing until the applicant has the opportunity to re-present to the ANC (which can’t happen before September 9). Unanimous

e. LATE BREAKING: Renovation: 418 4th St SE

- HPA #25-324 (6B03). Attached email had application, plans, and photos.
- 4 letters of neighbor SUPPORT. Did not yet get official letter from the most adjacent neighbor, but they expect to.
- Designed to look like a house that has been there all along, rather than look like an addition to the existing house.
- Permit review Hearing date Sept. 25
- Motion Sobelsohn, Second Sroufe: support for concept review. Unanimous.

f. LATE BREAKING: Nominations for Committee leadership positions.

- Motion: Sobelsohn, Second Sroufe: Mareino for Chair, D’Andrea Vice-Chair.

g. LATE BREAKING: Recommendations on encouraging commercial variety in ANC 6B.

- Motion: Sobelsohn, Second Mareino: Engage in dialog with the members of Barracks Row Main Street and nearby residents in 6B03 and 6B04 as to whether they would support upzoning, and to get their suggestions on other ideas to help with commercial diversification. Unanimous.

July XX, 2025

Board of Zoning Adjustment, Frederick L. Hill, Chairperson, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S,
Washington, DC 20001

At a properly noticed meeting on July 8, 2025, with a quorum present and with the 7-1 recommendation of its Planning And Zoning (P&Z) Committee, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XX-XX to submit the following letter to the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA).

Our ANC has reviewed the proposal for renovation at 409 E Capitol St SE (ANC 6B02), BZA #21333. Our understanding is that this proposal involves two requests: a use variance for the occupant to operate their business, and a zoning special exception regarding the construction of a rear addition. ANC 6B supports the use variance. However, we are not taking a position at this time on the zoning special exception, while we await further input from neighbors.

Thank you,

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

Vince Mareino, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee

July XX, 2025

Historic Preservation Review Board
899 N Capitol St NE, #7100
Washington, DC 20002

At a properly noticed meeting on June 8, 2025, with a quorum present and with the unanimous recommendation of its Planning And Zoning (P&Z) Committee, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XX-XX to submit the following letter to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB).

Our ANC has reviewed the proposal for residential construction at 418 4th St SE (ANC 6B03), HPA 25-324. Our understanding is that the applicant is currently applying for concept review. ANC 6B supports the application for concept review. We reserve the right to file additional comments before the final review.

Thank you,

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

Vince Mareino, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee

July XX, 2025

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899 N Capitol St NE, #7100
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At a properly noticed meeting on June 8, 2025, with a quorum present and with the unanimous recommendation of its Planning And Zoning (P&Z) Committee, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XX-XX to submit the following letter to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB).

Our ANC has reviewed the proposal for renovation at **730 Rear 11th St SE** (ANC 6B08), HPA 25-242. Our understanding is that this project would demolish an existing attached rear commercial space and replace it with a residential space. We recommend that the HPRB delay the hearing until the applicant has the opportunity to make an additional presentation to the ANC (which we expect will be either September 4 or 9). At this time, we do not have sufficient information about the perspective of the immediate neighbors for us to make a recommendation.

Thank you,

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

Vince Mareino, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee

July 8, 2025

DC Dept of Buildings, Keith Parsons, Strategic Enforcement Administrator, 1100 4th Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20024

At a properly noticed meeting on July 8, 2025, with a quorum present and with the XX-XX recommendation of its Planning And Zoning (P&Z) Committee, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XX-XX to submit the following letter to the DC Dept of Buildings (DOB).

Dear Administrator:

It has come to the attention of our ANC that a residential property in our neighborhood, 220 14th St SE, may be offering short-term rentals without the proper license. One of our constituents filed Inquiry # WQT-5KUQI with DOB, in which they provided evidence that 220 14th St SE has been advertising itself as a Bed & Breakfast on short-term rental websites such as Airbnb. We have the following questions for you in your role as Strategic Enforcement Administrator.

1. Could you please confirm the status of Inquiry # WQT-5KUQI and/or any other inquiries into 220 14th St SE?
2. Our ANC received a letter of complaint from a neighbor, correspondence with the Mayor's office, and screenshots documenting the Airbnb listing. Please confirm whether you have received this evidence as well; if not, we will send it to you.
3. Under what circumstances is it lawful to operate a short-term rental such as an Airbnb in an area that is zoned residential? In other words, would it be possible to bring this property into compliance as a B&B? In that scenario, how can our ANC assist in reviewing the application?
4. If a short-term rental is not a lawful use of 220 14th St SE, what steps will DOB or other city agencies take to prevent future violations? In that scenario, how can our ANC assist in your enforcement efforts?

Thank you,

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

Vince Mareino, Acting Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee

LETTER DRAFT

July XX, 2025

Charles Allen
DC Councilmember
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Suite 110
Washington DC 20004

To: Council Member Charles Allen:

Cc: The DC Council, Executive Office of the Mayor, Office of the Attorney General, and Department of Public Works

As you may be aware, last month, a child on Capitol Hill sustained a concussion in a hit-and-run incident by a moped delivery driver illegally operating in the bike lane in the 600 block of Pennsylvania Ave SE. Days earlier, in a similar hit-and-run moped delivery accident, another child in Northwest DC was hospitalized with severe injuries, including a broken leg. In both cases, delivery drivers were not apprehended.

These incidents underscore the need for immediate and sustained action to halt reckless driving among moped delivery drivers and prevent more injuries or loss of life. To that end, we urge you to work with fellow council members and, as appropriate, relevant District authorities to:

- Pass the Moped Registration Accountability Act to update DC laws for rental vehicle fleets, including mopeds, and close loopholes that allow drivers to evade existing requirements. We understand that some mopeds are rented and have multiple, shared users, which creates licensing issues especially since many mopeds have out-of- state license plates, if they have them at all.
- Consider new legislation to increase large delivery companies' legal responsibility for accidents involving reckless driving by their independent contractor delivery workers. Such legislation could also include requirements to monitor workers' driving with capabilities some insurance employ to track speed, acceleration rates and other safety data from a mobile device. It is unclear whether companies are employing these tools or imposing consequences on drivers that break the law.
- Reinvigorate Operation Ride Right to enforce existing traffic safety and registration requirements for moped users, while educating drivers about their responsibilities on DC streets.
- Increase inspections and, as appropriate, ticketing and vehicle confiscations in areas where moped drivers congregate, to include E Street SE near Barracks Row.

District residents live in a dense and complicated transportation environment and we do not seek to pit any user against another. However, the alarming growth of reckless moped drivers is turning our roads, sidewalks and bike lanes into danger zones. In 2024, you told the Washington Post that “It’s just a matter of time before someone is seriously injured.”¹ Recent injuries to children in the District from moped drivers should be a wake up call to take action.

We thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you on solutions that will make our neighborhoods safer for all.

Sincerely,

¹ Reckless Moped Use Has Alarmed DC Residents. Police Are Cracking Down. The Washington Post. June 11, 2024. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-v/2024/06/11/moped-crackdown-food-delivery/>



ANC 6B BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES, SPECIAL COMMITTEES, AND TASKFORCES **SECTION 2. CHAIRS.**

Current Bylaw: "A. The Chair of each committee or taskforce shall be open to any resident of the Commission area and shall be elected by the Commission. The Chair of each committee or taskforce must be a member of the committee or taskforce and shall appoint a committee vice-chair. If the Chair of a standing committee is a resident member, the vice-chair must be a Commissioner."

Proposal: "A. The Chair of each committee or taskforce shall be open to any resident of the Commission area and shall be elected by the Commission. The Chair and vice-chair of each committee or taskforce must be a member of the committee or taskforce. If the Chair of a standing committee is a resident member or alternate, the vice-chair must be a Commissioner. Committee and taskforce chairs have power to appoint a committee or taskforce vice-chair at any time. However, if, by the second Commission meeting after the Commission elects a committee or taskforce Chair, the Chair has not appointed a vice-chair, the Commission itself shall have authority to appoint a committee or taskforce vice-chair from among commissioners or from among committee or taskforce resident members and alternate resident members."

Reason for Amendment: The amendment replaces the language "and shall appoint a committee vice-chair." It's certainly a good idea for our committees & taskforces to have vice-chairs. Without a vice-chair, any disability, even temporary, in the chair means the committee or taskforce must suspend operations. This can cause the ANC serious damage, especially with matters that have deadlines, such as zoning variance or liquor-license applications.

But our bylaws have no provision for what happens if a committee or taskforce chair fails to appoint a vice-chair. Even today, four months after we designated our committee & taskforce chairs, not all our committees & taskforces have a vice-chair, at least according to anc6b.org. In such circumstances, this amendment would authorize the ANC itself to appoint committee & taskforce vice-chairs.

The amendment also makes clear that a committee or taskforce vice-chair "must be a member of the committee or taskforce"; that, if the chair of a standing committee is an alternate, the vice-chair must be a commissioner; & that committee & taskforce chairs can appoint a vice-chair "at any time." The current bylaw has none of these provisions.

ARTICLE IX. STANDING RULES.
SECTION 1. ADOPTION.

Current Bylaw: “The Commission may adopt standing rules to implement the requirements of these bylaws and to enhance the efficiency and operation of the Commission. While the rules may be adopted or amended by majority vote at any Commission meeting, the Commission must renew or approve any standing rules during the first regular Commission meeting of each Commission term (every two years).”

Proposal: “The Commission may adopt standing rules to implement the requirements of these bylaws and to enhance the efficiency and operation of the Commission. The Commission may adopt or amend these rules by majority vote of all then-sitting Commissioners at any Commission meeting. The agenda for the first full Commission meeting of each biannual Commission term--the first meeting after a new Commission takes office after a biannual November election--shall automatically include adoption or renewal of the standing rules. If the Commission fails to vote on the standing rules at that meeting, standing rules previously in effect shall remain in effect until amended by the Commission.”

Reason for Amendment: According to the minutes for our meetings since January 2023, we have routinely ignored the bylaw provision that “the Commission must renew or approve any standing rules during the first regular Commission meeting of each Commission term (every two years).” We shouldn’t have bylaws that we routinely ignore. Moreover, the current bylaw leaves uncertain what happens if we don’t renew the standing rules. Do they remain in effect or not? The amendment makes clear that the January full-ANC meeting agenda automatically will include renewal of the standing rules but that, if the ANC fails to renew the standing rules at that meeting (as we have, despite the bylaw that we “must” do so), they remain in effect until amended by the ANC. The amendment retains the provision authorizing the ANC to make those amendments at any Commission meeting, but requires that amendments get the support of a majority of commissioners then in office, not just those voting at that meeting. This follows the otherwise inexplicable language of the current bylaw. Specifying that “the rules may be adopted or amended by majority vote [sic],” as the current bylaw provides, would make no sense--the presumption is always that the ANC acts “by majority vote”--unless “by majority vote” means a majority of commissioners then in office. So the amendment makes clear what the current bylaws imply.

ANC 6B Monthly Treasurer's Report

June 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.					

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Balance Forward (Checking)	\$85,057.29
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Receipt

Allotment	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00
Deposit Other	\$0.00
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00

Total Receipts	\$0.00
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Total Funds Available During Quarter	\$85,057.29
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Disbursement

1. Personnel	\$0.00
2. Direct Office	\$0.00
3. Communications	\$0.00
4. Office Supply	\$0.00
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

Total Disbursements	\$0.00
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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.