



Capitol Hill / Southeast

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

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 1.

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-- Emiliias 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