



**ANC 6B June 2025 Public Safety Committee Report
for the hybrid meeting held on June 23, 2025, from 7:00 – 8:45p.m.**

Committee Chair Brian Gorman, Commissioner, 6B04

AGENDA & REPORT

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair called the meeting to order and noted the committee had a quorum. The meeting agenda was adopted unanimously.

Committee Chairperson and Commissioner Brian Gorman [6B04]

Commissioner Samuel Pastore [6B05]

Michelle Lieber [6B01]

Committee Vice Chairperson Chuck Schmoyer [6B03]

John Schwab [6B03] – alternate

Ann Keep [6B05]

Lisa Matsumoto [6B06]

Kelly Waud [6B07]

Cinnamon Butler [6B08]

Eric Miller [6B09]

2. Moped Hit and Run (George Holman)

George Holman, a resident of 6B05 and member of ANC6B's Public Parks and Recreation Task Force, briefed the committee on an incident in which his six-year-old son was struck by a moped delivery driver driving in the bike lane on the 600 Block of Pennsylvania Ave SE.

- The driver of the moped fled the scene after briefly stopping. Fortunately, George's son suffered only a mild concussion. Neighbors, police, and other first responders responded quickly. The driver of the moped was not apprehended.
- Another child was struck in a similar hit-and-run in Columbia Heights and suffered a broken leg.
- George is circulating a petition calling for action to crack down on traffic violations against moped drivers who are violating city traffic laws, a situation that he described as out of control and a threat to residents' safety.



- He called upon the ANC to support CM Allen’s Moped Registration Accountability Act, which requires mopeds to be registered and insured, and to press MPD to increase traffic enforcement.
- Commissioners, Resident Members, and Alternates expressed appreciation for George’s presentation and agreed with his views that there is an increase in a sense of lawlessness with traffic violations largely going unpunished. Some raised the point that MPD is discouraged from enforcing traffic rules.
- Concerns were raised about delivery companies bearing no responsibility for their independent contractors making deliveries. Some attendees suggested putting more onus on these services through legislation.
- Suggestions for enforcement included spot inspections where mopeds congregate (e.g., outside popular takeout restaurants on Barracks Row and surrounding blocks like E Street and G Street SE) by DPW or MPD.
- The committee discussed concerns that a third party was renting mopeds to the delivery drivers, many of whom may be undocumented immigrants who themselves are being exploited.
- OAG representative Tyriek Knight noted that OAG is pursuing dangerous out-of-state drivers with civil suits under the Steer Act and that OAG is investigating authorities to address moped violations. He likewise noted that OAG is aware a third-party may be renting mopeds to delivery drivers.
- In response to Committee discussions about the city’s struggles with its anti-truancy measures, as described in a recent Washington Post article, Mr. Knight noted that OAG is involved in an effort to provide wraparound services to truant children and their families in elementary and middle schools.

3. Lincoln Park Shooting (Lisa Matsumoto)

- Ms. Matsumoto described a recent drive-by shooting on East Capitol Street alongside Lincoln Park, which killed the victim, a 25-year-old not from the immediate neighborhood.
- MPD did not communicate with the community about the incident and did not canvas the immediate area for witnesses. There was also scant media coverage of the shooting.



- Committee members noted that MPD is not providing the community with much information about crime incidents, leading to speculation, disinformation, and fear in the community.
- A direct correlation between truancy and youth violence was highlighted, noting a lack of funding for after-school and anti-truancy programs. Committee members noted that a broader "whole government approach" is needed. Committee members raised concerns about lack of execution and oversight of existing programs and legislation.

3. Other Hot Spots (Chander Jayaraman)

- Chander Jayaraman, former ANC Commissioner, disclosed that he is working for Cafe 8 to manage security issues to be transparent about his business interests. He noted that the north portion of Barracks Row and surrounding streets, including E Street between 8th and 9th has experienced a spike in crime. Mr. Jayaraman cited an attempted robbery at Cafe 8, a carjacking at 8th and E, and break-ins of employee cars in the alley near Cafe 8 in recent months as examples.
- Mr. Jayaraman urged the committee to ask MPD to increase patrols in the area.

4. OAG Engagement (Ann Keep)

- ANC 6B05 RM Ann Keep discussed OAG's engagement form. She offered to draft responses required in the form. She suggested that the meeting with the AG should be in-person only and that the committee should frame the conversation around how ANC6B's Public Safety Committee can be helpful to OAG's work.

5. Next Steps

- The Committee discussed the need to engage MPD, OAG, DPW, the Council, and the Mayor's Office to press for rigorous enforcement of traffic violations, better communication with the community following public safety incidents, increased patrols around Barracks Row and surrounding neighborhoods, and better execution on youth anti-truancy and violence prevention programs.