



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

NOVEMBER 2025 PROPOSED MEETING AGENDAS OF ANC 6B

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NOVEMBER FULL MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Introductions**
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda**
- 3) **Consent Agenda**
 - a) October 2025 Minutes
 - b) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Consent Items
 - i) Publican Ventures, LLC t/a **Hawk N' Dove**– 329 Pennsylvania Avenue SE (ABRA-108218), Renewal of Class “C” Tavern License with Cover Charge, Dancing, Entertainment, and Sidewalk Café Endorsements; Protest Petition Deadline: 11/24/2025 (6B02)
 - ii) Lola’s, LLC t/a **Lola’s** – 711 8th Street SE (ABRA-086141), Renewal of Class “C” Tavern License with Entertainment and Sidewalk Café Endorsements; Protest Petition Deadline: 11/24/2025 (6B03)
 - iii) DT ParentCo, LLC t/a **Dos Toros Taqueria** – 215 Pennsylvania Avenue SE (ABRA-125171), Renewal of Class “C” Restaurant License with Sidewalk Café Endorsements; Protest Petition Deadline: 12/15/2025 (6B02)
 - iv) Hamburger Train, LLC t/a **Hill East Burger** – 1432 Pennsylvania Avenue SE (ABRA-122788), Renewal of Class “C” Tavern License with Entertainment and Sidewalk Café Endorsements; Protest Petition Deadline: 12/01/2025 (6B09)
 - v) Written Report for ABC Committee
 - c) Transportation Consent Items
 - i) Written Report for the Transportation Committee
 - d) Planning & Zoning Consent Items
 - i) 655 South Carolina Avenue SE; BZA# 21393 (6B03)
 - ii) 603-605 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; HPRB Application (6B02)
 - iii) Written Report for the Planning & Zoning Committee
 - e) Public Safety Consent Items
 - i) Written Report for the Public Safety Committee
 - f) SE Library Taskforce Consent Items
 - i) Written Report for the SE Library Task Force
 - g) Parks & Public Spaces Consent Items
 - i) Written Report for the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force
 - h) Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee Consent Items

- i) Written Report for EMCAC
 - i) Administrative Consent Items
 - i) Appointment of 6B01 Resident Members to Parks and Public Spaces Taskforce
- 4) **Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out**
 - a) Office of the Mayor (MOCR)
 - b) Councilmember Charles Allen's Office
 - c) Metropolitan Police Department
 - d) Congressional Cemetery
 - e) Update on Items from Executive Committee Meeting
 - i) Adoption of Revised Standing Rules (Update/Announcement)
 - f) Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates
- 5) **Presentations**
 - a) 11th Street Bridge Park Presentation
- 6) **ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns**
 - a) Testimony Regarding MPD & Immigration Enforcement
 - b) Testimony Regarding Youth Curfew
 - c) **[LATE BREAKING]** Letter to DPW Regarding Trash Pickup Issues
- 7) **Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee**
 - a) **ABC Renewals**
 - i) DC Ramen, LLC t/a **Kaiju Ramen** – 525 8th Street SE (ABRA-118566), Renewal of Class “C” Tavern License with Sidewalk Café and Summer Garden Endorsements; Protest Petition Deadline: 11/24/2025 (6B03)
 - b) **New Applications**
 - i) None in November
 - c) **Other Updates**
 - i) Extension of Hours request for **High Demand Cannabis**
 - ii) Continue Discussion for “Vision for Barracks Row”/Roundtable Planning – *At the committee level a unanimous vote was taken to recommend that the ANC and ABC Committee form a subcommittee to lead and organize the Barracks Row Roundtable / Retreat.*
A roster will be created and submitted for ANC approval.
- 8) **Transportation Committee**
- 9) **Planning and Zoning Committee**
 - a) 440 New Jersey Avenue SE; HPA #TBA (6B01) – *Motion from P&Z Committee: Authorize a group led by Wolanin to seek a settlement agreement on the topic of Spotify's stated commitments regarding use of the property. (Passed 5-2-1)*
- 10) **Public Safety Committee**
- 11) **Southeast Library Taskforce**
- 12) **Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce**
- 13) **Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee**
- 14) **Financials**
 - a) Monthly Financials
- 15) **ANC 6B Administrative Matters**
- 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 November 18th at 7:00 PM to set the December 2025 agenda. This meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting. Meeting link TBA.



Minutes

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 15, 2029

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

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

Approved at ANC 6B meeting November 12, 2025

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

Absent: Commissioner Krebs

Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda.

At the following commissioners' requests, and without objection, the proposed agenda had the following amendments: at the request of Commissioner--

a. Pastore: The report of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee was amended to include the request of UpNSmoke, 427 8th St., SE, to amend its settlement agreement.

b. Sobelsohn.

1) The Consent Agenda was amended to move to--

a) The ABC Committee report, the applications of--

1-- Ginza BBQ Lounge and Karaoke Spot, 526 8th St., SE.

2-- Awakening Bar and Grill, 520 8th St., SE.

b) The report of the Public Safety Committee to a separate agenda item.

2) The report on the Standing Rules was removed from the agenda.

3) The ABC Committee's recommendation on preserving commercial diversity on Barracks Row--including the possibility of a moratorium on licensing new medical-cannabis retailers and "fast food restaurants"--was added to the agenda.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to approve the agenda as modified. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to amend the agenda to insert, under "Presentations" and just before "Announcements and Community Speak Out," a presentation by Marcus Hunt, director of the DC National Guard. The motion failed, 5-1, with Commissioners Mareino, Pastore, Ryder, Sroufe, and Wolanin voting "no," and Commissioners Gorman and Hughes abstaining. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to make Director Hunt's presentation the first item under "Announcements and Community Speak Out." The motion passed, 6-1, with Commissioner Pastore voting "no" and Commissioner Mareino abstaining. The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, passed 8-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0. The Consent Agenda included--

a. Adoption of the September 9 minutes. Those minutes can be found at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/September-2025-ANC6B-Full-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.

b. Written reports and minutes since September 9 of meetings of ANC 6B committees and taskforces. The report of the Committee on--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis is at [PLEASE INSERT URL WHEN THE REPORT WE APPROVED IN OCTOBER IS POSTED ON THE ANC WEBSITE]

2) Planning and Zoning is at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/10-2025-PZ-Report.pdf>.

3) Public Safety is at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/10-2025-Public-Safety-Report.pdf>.

4) Transportation is at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/10-2025-Transportation-Report.pdf>.

Written reports of ANC 6B taskforces are in the October packet at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/ANC6b-October-Full-Meeting-Packet.pdf>.

c. Committee recommendations: from Committee on--

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

a) Barrel, 613 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, including entertainment & sidewalk-café endorsements (ABRA-072633).

b) The Eastern, 360 7th St., SE, with sidewalk-café endorsement (ABRA-112356).

c) Trusty's Bar, 1420 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, with entertainment, sidewalk-café, and summer-garden endorsements (ABRA-071352).

d) Tune Inn Restaurant, 331 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, with sidewalk-café endorsement (ABRA-000559).

e) Omakase at Barracks Row, 522 8th St., SE (ABRA-125827).

2) Planning & Zoning: to--

a) Support renovation plans for St. Peter School, 422 3^d St., SE (BZA 21389).

b) Sign onto a letter proposed by the group YIMBY ("Yes in My Backyard"), linked in <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/ANC6b-October-Full-Meeting-Packet.pdf>, and in particular to--

1-- Support a proposed Zoning Commission rulemaking to make it easier to build alley homes (ZC25-06).

2-- Encourage the DC Office of Zoning to loosen parking requirements and height-alignment regulations.

d. Taskforce Appointees: the appointments, as 6B06 Resident Members, by Commissioner Krebs of--

1) Mackenzie Thomas to the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce.

2) Eliza Wiant to the Southeast Library Task Force.

3. Community and Commission Announcements and Speak Out.

a. Presentation by DC National Guard Director Marcus Hunt. Hunt told the ANC that, when in uniform as Lieutenant Colonel, he reports to DC National Guard General Leland D. Blanchard II, who has over 2,100 National Guard soldiers under his command. However, when speaking to DC Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, Hunt doesn't wear a uniform. Instead, he works for and is paid by DC, and reports to Lindsey Appiah, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice. In that capacity, he serves as DC's link to the National Guard. His DC email address is marcus.hunt@dc.gov.

Under the president's August 11 directive, the National Guard has two taskforces: Task Force Safety and Task Force Beautification. Task Force Safety includes Guard from both DC and the States. Hunt characterized the Guard's patrolling of DC's streets and parks as part of Task Force Safety, but insisted the Guard is "not a law-enforcement agency." He directed further questions about Task Force Safety to Master Sergeant Arthur Wright, State Public Affairs Officer for the DC National Guard.

Hunt claimed Task Force Beautification only includes members of the DC National Guard. According to Hunt, all DC National Guard members in uniform wear a "capital patch" to identify them. The DC Guard has offered to join what Hunt called DC "community projects," but insists on a neighborhood invitation. So far this year the Guard has helped with school movie nights; some Advisory Neighborhood Commissions have requested help with community cleanup

Several ANC 6B residents, as well as Ward Two ANC Commissioner Howard Garrett, argued for rejecting the DC National Guard's offer to help with local projects. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to ask the ANC 6B Public Safety Committee for advice regarding how ANC 6B should respond to the DC National Guard's offer. The motion failed for want of a second. Commissioner Sobelsohn then moved to ask the ANC's Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce for that advice. That motion, too, failed for want of a second.

b. Announcements: by--

1) ANC 6B Commissioners: by Commissioner--

a) Ryder: other meetings.

1-- Commissioner Ryder reported on the September 30 Executive Committee meeting. In addition to proposing agendas for the October ANC meetings of the full ANC and its committees and taskforces, on September 30 the Executive Committee--

a-- Amended the ANC 6B bylaws: to amend--

(1) Article VII section 2 subsection A: "Committees, Special Committees, and Taskforces--Chairs" to read "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."

(2) Article IX section 1. "Standing Rules--Adoption" to read "To implement these bylaws, the Commission may adopt or amend standing rules at any Commission meeting. The agenda for each year's first full Commission meeting shall include the standing rules. If the Commission fails to approve standing rules at that meeting, the standing rules previously in effect will remain in effect until amended by the Commission."

b-- Authorized Commissioner Sobelsohn to submit written testimony, on the ANC's behalf, to an October 1 hearing of the DC Council Committee on Business and Economic Development, to support the passage of B26-58, the Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Amendment Act of 2025.

- c-- Approved the ANC 6B Public Safety Committee's recommendations to endorse the position of the Council for Court Excellence opposing two pending bills in Congress, both--
 - (1) HR 5125, the District of Columbia Judicial Nominations Reform Act, and--
 - (2) HR 5179, the District of Columbia Attorney General Appointment Reform Act.
- d-- Confirmed Commissioner Tyler Wolanin's appointment of Shannon Ryan as 6B01 Resident Member on the ANC 6B Transportation Committee.

2-- Upcoming ANC 6B meetings. Commissioner Ryder announced the following upcoming ANC 6B meetings, including those of the--

a-- Full ANC Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed, with links at anc6b.org.

b-- Committees and taskforces.

(1) At 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.

(a) In person only: Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce, 7 p.m. Monday, October 20.

(b) In person and livestreamed, with links at anc6b.org; both at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 27, of the--

1/ Library Taskforce and the--

2/ Public Safety Committee.

(c) Virtual only, with links at anc6b.org; all at 7 p.m.

1/ Executive Committee, Tuesday, October 28.

2/ Committees on--

a/ Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis, Tuesday, November 4.

b/ Transportation, Wednesday, November 5.

c/ Planning and Zoning, Thursday, November 6.

b) Gorman: As chair of the Public Safety Committee, Commissioner Gorman that he has appointed Chuck Schmoyer, Resident Member of ANC 6B03, as committee vice-chair.

c) Sobelsohn: Commissioner Sobelsohn reported on--

1-- The September 21 ANC cruise up the Anacostia River from the Anacostia Watershed Society.

2-- His testimony on the ANC's behalf to the DC Council Committee on Business and Economic Development, supporting B26-58, the Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Amendment Act of 2025. Commissioner Sobelsohn's testimony can be found at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/ANC6b-October-Full-Meeting-Packet.pdf>.

2) Non-ANC commissioners: other DC government representatives..

a) Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, made the following announcements.

1-- Medicaid's new income maximums, \$1,800/month for a one-person household, will lose 25,000 DC residents Medicaid coverage on January 1, 2026. But the Healthy DC Plan will fill the gap. The Department of Health Care Finance is contacting those scheduled to lose Medicaid coverage and automatically enroll them in Healthy DC.

2-- Federal DC law enforcement. Glasgow denied that any DC employee works with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) but admitted that DC does work with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He also conceded that Marcus Hunt, DC National Guard director, works for DC. Glasgow promised to get back to the ANC about repercussions for Hunt's having circulated, from his DC email address but without the Deputy Mayor's knowledge, the Guard's offer to aid in DC "beautification."

b) Kimberly Kennedy, of the office of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, made the following announcements.

1-- Shutdown of--

a-- H Street streetcar: the District Department of Transportation has determined that the H Street streetcar will have its last trip on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

b-- Federal government.

(1) The DC Council has passed an emergency law authorizing the mayor to issue marriage licenses during the federal-government shutdown.

(2) CharlesAllenWard6.com has a list of DC resources available during the shutdown.

2-- STEER Act enforcement: under the Strengthening Traffic Enforcement, Education, and Responsibility Amendment Act of 2024, sponsored by Councilmember Allen, DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb has just recovered \$77,100 from one driver who'd accumulated over 244 infractions.

3-- "Bottle Bill": Councilmember Allen strongly supports Councilmember Brianne Nadeau's Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Amendment Act of 2025, which will soon have a hearing before Allen's Committee on Transportation and the Environment.

4-- DC National Guard: Kennedy will report to the ANC regarding Allen's position on the DC National Guard's offer to aid with DC "beautification."

c) Captain Adam Crist, of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), reported that, in ANC 6B, overall crime has dropped over the past year. Property crime has dropped 34%, only one burglary has been reported, and--in the past 30 days--only three violent crimes have been reported, all 3 leading to arrests. Meanwhile, motor-vehicle thefts have increased 9% over the past year. Crist refused to answer any questions about MPD's collaboration with ICE, claiming that he'd answered those questions at a Public Safety Committee meeting in September. He also professed ignorance about reported gun charges against an MPD police sergeant after the sergeant's stop by federal agents, or about the effect, on MPD, of Congress's impoundment of \$1.1 billion in DC taxpayer dollars.

4. ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns: ANC 6B Opposition to Historic Designation of the Shirley Chisholm Elementary-School Building. The DC Historic Preservation Office (HPO) has impeded full modernization, currently planned for 2026, of the 1949 Shirley Chisholm Elementary School building at 1001 G St., SE. Consequently, all DC Public School (DCPS) design options for that modernization fully preserve the current building. However, as 6B residents Greg Zielinski and Nick Burger (a Chisholm parent) pointed out, in 1949 DCPS ignored pleas by the building's architect not to skimp on construction. The current structure drew criticism for poor construction even in 1949, and it's now environmentally maladaptive. It should be demolished. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send a letter, by October 21, to HPO, DCPS, the Historic Preservation Review Board, the Department of General Services, and Councilmember Allen, opposing designation of the current Chisholm building as historic or as deserving historic preservation. The motion passed 8-0.

5. Reports of ANC 6B Committees and Taskforces.

a. Committees: Committee on--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis.

a) Recommendations regarding--

1-- License--

a-- Renewals: applications of--

(1) Ginza BBQ Lounge and Karaoke Spot, 526 8th St., SE, for a license renewal with entertainment and summer-garden endorsements (ABRA-120833). Commissioner Pastore moved/-

Commissioner Gorman second to support the application. The motion passed 7-1. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained.

(2) Omakase at Barracks Row, 522 8th St., SE (ABRA-125827). Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to support the application. The motion passed 8-0.

b-- Initial application of Awakening Bar and Grill, 520 8th St., SE (ABRA-133651), for a class C tavern license with sidewalk café, carry-out/delivery, and entertainment endorsement (limited to the inside). A draft settlement agreement has not yet been signed. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to support the application, contingent on Awakening's signing of a settlement agreement. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained.

2-- Request of UpNSmoke Eastern Market, 427 8th St., SE. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to support UpNSmoke's request to modify its settlement agreement with the ANC to permit UpNSmoke to serve customers until 9 p.m. daily and to stay open until 10 p.m. The motion passed 8-0.

3-- Roundtable on Barracks Row. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to instruct the committee to organize a roundtable among community members and stakeholders on ways to maintain commercial diversity on Barracks Row, including the possibility of a moratorium on new medical-cannabis retailers and "fast food restaurants." The motion passed 8-0.

b) Updates: Commissioner Pastore, committee vice-chair, reported on--

1-- Expiration of protest deadline: Streets Market, 1442 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, has applied for a class B full-service grocery-store license with a tasting permit (ABRA-132855). The petition deadline has passed without ANC action. Commissioner Hughes reported her having contacted the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) about its notices, to the ANC, of pending medical-cannabis and liquor-license applications.

2-- Pending protests: against applications of--

a-- Ambar, 523 8th St., SE, for renewal of its liquor license (ABRA-090240). Negotiations between Ambar counsel and ANC counsel Kerry Verdi are proceeding on a revised settlement agreement. Meanwhile, the parties have requested a continuance of the protest hearing. The hearing has not yet been rescheduled.

b-- Tobacco King, hoping to do business as Aloha at 539 8th St., SE, for a medical-cannabis license, with a delivery endorsement (ABRA-129362). Attorney Kerry Verdi represents the ANC in this matter. A roll-call hearing is scheduled for November 3, and a protest hearing for December 10. ABCA has closed another Tobacco King outlet, at 1718 14th St., NW, for violation of DC's cannabis and controlled-substances laws.

3-- Enforcing ANC settlement agreements. Commissioner Pastore reported that the committee, at its next meeting, will discuss ways to routinize ANC monitoring and enforcement of settlement agreements.

2) Public Safety. The proposed written report of the Public Safety Committee indicates that, on the DC National Guard, "The committee decided not to make a formal recommendation." Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to correct that to read "The committee made no formal recommendation on the National Guard." The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to approve the committee report as amended. The motion passed 8-0.

b. Taskforces: Taskforce on--

1) The Southeast Library: Commissioner Sobelsohn reported that--

a) Reopening delayed. Washington Gas's refusal to move its pipes out of the way until the DC Public Library (DCPL) paid \$500,000 to remove and renovate those pipes--pipes the new Southeast library won't even use--library reopening has been delayed until July 1, 2026.

b) The taskforce will meet October 27 to hear an update from DCPL's Jaspreet Pahwa and Terri Bosnick of general contractor Whiting-Turner.

2) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to send the DC Department of Parks and Recreation a letter requesting an update on plans to renovate the Rumsey Aquatic Center, 635 North Carolina Ave., SE. The motion passed 8-0.

6. Financial Reports.

a. 2026 budget: Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. The ANC's projected DC allotment is \$24,221, the same as 2025. The budget includes \$15,000 for purchase of services and \$5,000 for grants. The motion passed 8-0. The approved budget can be found at [PLEASE INSERT URL WHEN THERE IS ONE].

b. Quarterly reports. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to approve the ANC 6B quarterly reports for the 3rd and 4th quarters of Fiscal Year 2025, on condition those reports get posted on the ANC 6B website. The motion passed 8-0.

7. Adjournment. Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Sobelsohn, ANC 6B Secretary

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee Report

Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

Committee Chair: Ellen Oppenheimer

Committee Vice Chair: Samuel Pastore

Next Scheduled Meeting: December 2, 2025

1. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

- Ellen Oppenheimer (Chair)
- Samuel Pastore (Vice Chair)
- Jerry Sroufe
- Charles Burger
- Michael McMullen
- Russell Mawn
- David Sobelson
- Maggie Strouse

Other Attendees:

- Rene Jean (representing Lola's and Hawk & Dove)
 - Representatives from Dos Toros and Hilleast Burger / Burger Train
 - Johannes Cassidy Seyoum (High Demand Cannabis)
 - Brian Ready
 - Members of the public
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2. Summary of Actions

A. License Renewal Applications

The Committee reviewed multiple renewal and new license applications in accordance with the posted agenda.

- **Lola's & Hawk and Dove** – Considered together and **supported unanimously, contingent upon Chair Jerry meeting with management** regarding the Street Café component. **(8-0-0)**
These unanimous votes will be placed on the ANC Consent Agenda.

- **Dos Toros** – Management was present. The Committee **voted unanimously in support. 6-0-0**
Placed on Consent Agenda.
 - **Kaiju Ramen** – **No representative was present.** Accordingly, the Committee **took no position** and deferred action to the full ANC meeting. **(5-0-0)**
Placed on Consent Agenda.
 - **Hilleast Burger / Burger Train** – **Unanimously supported (8-0-0).**
Placed on Consent Agenda.
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3. Presentation: High Demand Cannabis

The Committee met **Johannes Cassidy Seyoum**, owner of **High Demand Cannabis**, who shared information about his business operations and community engagement.

Mr. Seyoum subsequently emailed the Committee requesting support for an **extension of operating hours until 11:00 p.m.**

The Committee took note of his request for future consideration and discussion with the full ANC.

4. Policy Discussion: Daycare and School Rule Changes

The Committee discussed the proposed rule changes affecting daycare centers and schools suggested by ANC6A in a letter received by the ANC.

Members agreed that the Committee was **not yet ready to support** the proposal and emphasized the need for further discussion to refine the language and structure.

The Committee will seek to develop a **focused letter** identifying **short-term and long-term deliverables**, grounded in a **realistic implementation plan** and **parity with alcohol licensees**.

5. Commercial Diversity & Subcommittee Formation

The Committee continued its discussion of strategies to preserve and develop **commercial diversity on Barracks Row**, including a potential **roundtable or retreat** involving local business owners, stakeholders, neighborhood residents and ANC members.

A **unanimous vote** was taken to **recommend that the ANC and ABC Committee form a subcommittee to lead and organize the Barracks Row Roundtable / Retreat.**

A **roster will be created** and submitted for ANC approval.

6. Additional Notes

- Committee discussions included updates on ongoing settlement negotiations (e.g., Ambar) and other ABRA items listed in the agenda.
- No additional motions were introduced beyond those noted above.



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025
Report

- I. Introductions:
 - A. Resident Members & Alternates: Jeff Menzer (Vice Chair), Brianne Eby-Stockert, Mike Litt, Kirsten Oldenburg, Janice Kruger, Shannon Ryan, David Barton
 - B. Commissioners Brian Gorman, Tyler Wolanin, Jerry Sroufe, Sam Pastore, Karen Hughes
- II. Pennsylvania x Potomac Ave Construction Update -
 - A. Recorded discussion available at this link:
https://dc-gov.zoom.us/clips/share/bKcGbP_JTkKZwWvb0cVG_Q
 - B. Power Point available here:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aXzAg-NYVzTUa1yZAmXtTgmJzgOWFJ5/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108771260416821835004&rtpof=true&sd=true>

DDOT Guests: Project Lead, Abdullahi Mohammed, Construction Manager Amanj Qazzaz, Community Outreach lead Peyton Manning.

Updates include:

- Challenges: Conflict with the utility structures. Unfinished Pepco work in the area. A gas line had to be relocated by Washington Gas.
- Many unforeseen conditions as they opened up the ground, including abandoned manholes and discovery of ceramic sewer lines.
- Major construction activities: gutters, ramps, new light, erosion and sediment control

- They are trying to advise neighbors about the activity in the region by knocking door to door.
- Goal is to keep at least two lanes open on Pennsylvania Ave at all times
- Stage 1 is done. Stage 2 is ongoing. Construction of sidewalk on the NE corner is ongoing.
- March 2026 they will start the 3rd stage. September they will start working on the center circle. Done by November 2026

- III. Discussion of calming measures at 6th & G SE
- IV. Speeding in Barracks Row Alleys: Discussion of the ways to slow traffic.
- V. Automated curb management: Introduction to [DC B26-0246](#) and discussion of implementation results in Philadelphia (see e.g. <https://lede-admin.nyc.streetsblog.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/48/2025/09/Initial-Findings-Philadelphia-Smart-Loading-Zones.pdf>)
- VI. Adjournment.

ANC 6B Planning & Zoning Committee, Minutes of the November 6 meeting

1. **Informational:** Our ANC previously protested 409 E Cap at BZA. The protesting neighbors obtained representation and spoke at the hearings before BZA on Sept 10 & Nov 5. BZA will have a decision meeting on Nov 19. Residents also filed a motion for reconsideration before HPRB.

2. **BZA Application:** 655 South Carolina Ave SE, BZA #21393

Joel Heisey presenting, Ulysses Glee owner. This has been & will remain a small apartment building. The owner requests a fairly minor setback and lot occupancy request, in order to improve living conditions for the tenants. **Motion:** (Sobelson/Sroufe) – support on consent agenda, conditioned on the owner confirming in writing his assertions about neighbors supporting the project. Unanimous.

3. **HPRB Application:** 440 New Jersey Ave SE (house + 435 1st St SE garage), HPRB #TBA

This lot has 2 historic buildings (house and carriage house) owned by Spotify, which plans to renovate and use them as a residence for one employee. It will be a “base” for employees but will not be a hotel or office. There will not be a BZA filing.

Will go to permit next month. HPL will likely approve at a staff level. The Committee quickly agreed that the proposed construction was excellent and designed to improve historic preservation. However, the Committee could not ignore the fact that a corporation with no real estate business was buying a house close to the US Capitol, and discussed ANC 6B’s previous efforts at persuading BZA & City Council to make sure that homes are being used as homes.

Failed Motion: Approval contingent on reaching settlement agreement (Wolanin/Sobelsohn), Wolanin leading. The failure to reach a settlement agreement does not bind the committee. (4-4 TIE)

Failed Motion: (Mareino/Bruggman) inform the ANC that the Committee is not taking a position. (NO VOTE)

Motion: (Sobelsohn / Sroufe) Authorize a group led by Wolanin to seek a settlement agreement on the topic of Spotify’s stated commitments regarding use of the property.
(Passes 5-2-1)

4. HPRB Application: 603-605 Penn Ave SE

This is already, and will continue being, a daycare (they have all their business certificates, and the address is in a business district). There will be no exterior construction, just some interior work to improve access between the two buildings. The request is for is a title change, which DOB requested the applicant file. While title changes formally go to the Office of the Surveyor in the Department of Buildings, because it's in a historic district, HPRB needs to approve also. The US Post Office will let them keep both street addresses.

Motion (Sroufe/Sobelsohn): Recommend the ANC support the HPRB approving the application, on the consent agenda. (unanimous)



**ANC 6B October 2025 Public Safety Committee Report
for the hybrid meeting held on October 27, 2025, from 6:30 – 8:30p.m.**

Committee Chair Brian Gorman, Commissioner, 6B04

AGENDA & REPORT

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Attendees

Brian Gorman, Chair and Commissioner 6B04

Chuck Schmoyer, Vice Chair, Resident Member (RM) 6B03

Gerald Sroufe, Commissioner 6B02

David Sobelsohn, Commissioner 6B03

Samuel Pastore, Commissioner 6B05

Frank Boudra RM alternate, 6B03

Lisa Matsumoto RM, 6B06

Ann Keep, RM 6B05

Kelly Waud, RM 6B01

George Holman, resident

Marco Temaner, resident

John Leon, resident

DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb

DC Office of Attorney General (OAG) Assistant Director Juvenile Division, Chad Foster

Aaron Jenkins, OAG, Communications

2. Attorney General Brian Schwalb

The AG focused on public safety and the framework of the Office of Attorney General (OAG). He emphasized the OAG's commitment to community engagement and supporting ANC Commissioners.

Three Buckets of OAG Work:

1. Traditional Legal Work for the City: This includes defending the city against lawsuits (ranging from slip and fall injuries to constitutional challenges), providing legal advice to agencies, the mayor, and the council, reviewing legislation, and handling tax, bond, and land use matters.
2. Public Advocacy Role: This involves defending and protecting the public interest, traditionally meaning protecting seniors, consumers, the environment, tenants, and workers. This division handles significant affirmative litigation, including actions related to the "hostile administration".



3. Public Safety Work: This primarily concerns children and families. It includes juvenile prosecution (led by Chad Foster in the Public Safety Division), as well as the work of the Family Services Division (child welfare system) and the Child Support Enforcement Division.

Public Safety Strategy

The OAG views public safety broadly, focusing on how to make D.C. "maximally healthy" rather than just prosecuting cases brought by MPD.

- Nuisance Properties: The OAG uses civil tools to address properties defined by statute as having a pattern of gun, drug, or prostitution activity.
- Illegal Guns: Since 97% of illegal guns come from outside the district, the AG has brought lawsuits against straw sellers, straw purchasers, and ghost gun manufacturers (using consumer protection laws).
- Traffic Violence: The OAG prosecutes misdemeanor vehicular crimes. They also utilize the STEER Act to pursue financial consequences against scofflaw drivers who have large amounts of unpaid speeding tickets. The OAG has brought nearly two dozen STEER Act lawsuits in the last year, securing a first judgment against a driver (from Virginia) for over \$78,000 in unpaid tickets.

OAG Independence and Challenges

The AG position became an independent, elected office in January 2015, following a 2010 resident vote where over 76% of residents supported the change. The AG sees this independence as vital for ensuring accountability to residents and providing a necessary check on executive power.

- Federal Actions: The AG noted that the office is currently under attack from the federal government. After the AG brought lawsuits against the Trump administration (for attempting to take over MPD and deploying armed out-of-state National Guard), a bill was introduced in Congress that would change the position back to a presidentially appointed, non-Senate-confirmed role, making the AG accountable to the President instead of D.C. residents.
- D.C.'s Bifurcated Criminal Justice System: Due to D.C. not being a state, the criminal justice system is complicated. The U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) handles all adult felonies and virtually all adult misdemeanors. The OAG handles juvenile crime and specific adult misdemeanors. The AG asserted that D.C. needs a prosecutor accountable to the local community for the majority of crime prosecution.
- Juvenile Crime and Prosecution: The AG noted that while juvenile crime gets media attention, 90+% of arrests are of adults. Juveniles are the majority (about 51%) of arrestees in solved carjacking cases. When the evidence is sufficient, the OAG prosecutes carjacking cases at a rate of over 84-85%. Due to the juvenile system focusing on rehabilitation, cases must go to trial within a tight 30-to-45-day window.
- Lowering Juvenile Age: The AG expressed strong opposition to proposals (supported by the USAO and pending in the House) to lower the age at which a child can be treated as an adult (Title 16) from 16 to 14. This could result in 14-year-olds being sent to federal prisons, a practice the AG stated does not make communities safer and disproportionately affects black and brown youth.

- In response to a question from Vice Chair Schmoyer, the AG called the recidivism rates from the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) "unacceptable". He sponsored the RODE Act to require DYRS to implement swift, individualized treatment plans for committed youth.
- Forensic Lab: In response to resident member's question, the AG acknowledged that the Department of Forensic Science (the city's crime lab) was unaccredited for many months, impacting the ability to prove complex cases like carjackings. Accreditation for DNA and drug testing is back online, but ballistics and fingerprints are still pending.
- Housing Issues: The OAG receives input from ANCs regarding housing issues. They prioritize action against landlords based on the ability to have an impact and the number of affected tenants, focusing on the worst actors first.

Community Questions and Concerns

- Moped Enforcement: A resident noted his son was involved in a hit-and-run by a moped and asked for an update on investigating third-party providers. The AG said the OAG pursues both criminal charges against riders and regulatory/consumer protection actions against scooter/bike providers. He had no comments on specific cases.
- Truancy: Another resident member raised the importance of addressing truancy and curfews as preventative measures for youth. The AG agreed, citing the OAG's innovative pilot program, the Attend Program, which works with chronically absent youth and their families by addressing underlying causes such as safety, poverty, or needing to care for siblings, instead of prosecuting parents or referring children to foster care.

3. MPD Crime Update (Captain Adam Crist)

Captain Crist provided updates on recent crimes and trends:

- Crime Trends: Crime in 6B is declining. Motor vehicle theft is decreasing. Overall property crime is down 31% for the year (45% for the last 30 days), and violent crime is down 43% for the year (57% for the last 30 days).
- Recent crime events
 - Belga Incident: Four individuals were arrested for felony assault and felony threats. The case was quickly closed using a tag number and credit card records from where they dined previously.
 - Carjacking (8th Street): A scooter carjacking was reported involving three juveniles. One suspect was arrested and the scooter recovered.
 - Assault with a deadly weapon (ADW) on Penn Ave: An aggravated assault where the victim was hit with a chair was likely provoked by the victim using "fighting words" and racial slurs; it was not believed to be a random attack.
- In response to a question about the decline in crime, Captain Crist hypothesized that the decline is likely due to the decreased availability of easy targets (fewer cars left running with keys) and the increased deterrent effect of federal task force members who are willing to pursue chases and are "papering everybody right now".
- Package Theft: Crist noted an uptick in package theft in Southwest Waterfront and encouraged residents to report all incidents, as multiple reports provide more evidence and solvability options.



- BID Camera: Responding to a question from Commissioner Pastore, Captain Crist was unaware of a new camera installed by the Capitol Hill BID near Belga but recommended that the BID either connect the camera to the MPD Real-Time Crime Center or register a point of contact for detectives to access footage quickly.

ANC 6B Southeast Library Taskforce
700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and Over Zoom
October 27, 2025

Proposed Minutes

Attending

ANC 6B commissioners: David Sobelsohn (Chair), Anna Krebs, and Edward Ryder
Taskforce members: Claire August (Vice-Chair), Ana Unruh Cohen, Jayme Johnson, and Sylvia Randolph
DC Public Library (DCPL) representatives: Jaspreet Pahwa and Samantha Dure
Whiting-Turner representative: Terri Bosnick
Interim secretary: Sylva Randolph

Commissioner Sobelsohn called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

1. Appointment of Interim Secretary. Commissioner Sobelsohn appointed Resident Member Randolph as interim secretary for this meeting.
2. Approval of--
 - a. Agenda: Resident Member Johnson moved/Commissioner Ryder second to approve the agenda as proposed. The motion passed 6-0. Resident Member Unruh Cohen did not vote.
 - b. Minutes of September 15 meeting: Resident Member Johnson moved/Commissioner Ryder second to approve the proposed minutes. The motion passed 6-0. Resident Member Unruh Cohen did not vote.
3. Renovation Update. Jaspreet Pahwa, Samantha Dure, and Terri Bosnick updated on Southeast Library renovation. Their written report can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XQgS0hZaJXSd3MZ6l3f5gZWNvMfuAoxj/view>.
 - a. Immediate neighbors. Bosnick reported the completion of post-construction surveys of the two townhomes adjoining the renovation. She promised to forward those surveys to the immediate neighbors and meet them to explain the results. Bosnick is also preparing a contract and schedule for upcoming restoration of nearby neighbors' fences.
 - b. Bicycle racks. Pahwa reported that Whiting-Turner will install six bicycle racks, embedded in concrete, on South Carolina Ave., SE.
 - c. Washington Gas. Dure reported that DCPL has paid Washington Gas to relocate its pipes from D St., SE, to South Carolina Ave., SE, but withheld reimbursement for restoring bricks on 7th St., SE, until Washington Gas completes that work.
 - d. Renovation schedule. Pahwa expected that Whiting-Turner will work on November 28, 2025, the Friday after Thanksgiving; provide landscaping next spring; and complete renovation by June 20, 2026, the last day of spring.
 - e. Promises at or before next meeting.
 - 1) Dure will--
 - a) Confirm whether Whiting-Turner will indeed work on November 28, the day after Thanksgiving.
 - b) Indicate, on the next written renovation report, the location of the South Carolina Ave. bicycle racks.
 - c) Urge DC Water to complete its 7th Street, SE, repair.
 - 2) DCPL or Whiting-Turner will provide planned dimensions of the renovated library's skylight and study rooms.
4. Interim Library. Commissioner Sobelsohn reported that the Arthur Capper Community Center interim library is being used, on occasion, for movies projected on the wall and for meetings.
5. Next Meeting: Resident Member Johnson moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to hold the next taskforce meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 8, in conference room #1, second floor, 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE. The motion passed 7-0.
6. Adjournment: Commissioner Ryder moved/Resident Member Johnson seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ANC 6B Monthly Treasurer's Report

October 2025

Opening Report Balance: \$75,670.99

Closing Report Balance: \$72,703.89

Change: **(\$2,967.10)**

Transactions

Check/Dep ↑↓	Date ↑↓	Payee/Payor	Cat ↑↓	Income	Expense
	2025-10-02	POS Amazon Web Services AWS.Amazon.Co	3		\$2.10
4914	2025-10-15	Jamie Quinn	7		\$200.00
4915	2025-10-15	Verdi & Ogletree PLLC	7		\$2,765.00