



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B**

**March 2025 FULL MEETING AGENDA**

**March 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Full Meeting Join Information:**

**Meeting link:** <https://dc.gov.zoom.us/j/86433300817?pwd=mlh2MKqnPn9SpkUG4MUM2GwhcqG8ue.1>

**Meeting Password (Computer or App):** ANC6BMar!!

**Dial In:** (301) 715 8592

**Meeting ID:** 864 3330 0817

**Meeting Passcode (Phone):** 0390581566

**AGENDA**

**1. Commissioners Roll Call**

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes
- b. Amended Standing Rules (Mareino 6B07)
- c. The Reports/Minutes of the Committees
- d. Additional Appointments
  - i. Kristen Hutchens as ABC RM for 6B04
  - ii. Kelly Waud as Public Safety RM for 6B07
  - iii. Margaret Strouse as ABC RM for 6B09
- e. Transportation
  - i. *Write in support* of DDOT Lincoln Park study, in partnership with ANC 6A
  - ii. *Late Breaking – Write DDOT urging a stop sign on Independence @ 5th St SE*
- f. Planning & Zoning
  - i. *Support* BZA 21245 @ 1227 Independence Ave SE
  - ii. *Support* HPA 25-90 4-5 Library Court SE
  - iii. *Support* Withdrawal of Barney Circle Historic District application

**4. Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out**

- a. Follow-up: Board of Elections, other correspondence
- b. Office of Charles Allen
- c. Office of the Mayor
- d. Metropolitan Police Department

**5. Presentations**

- a. *Late Breaking* – Ms. Skye Webster of RiverSmart Homes Program

**6. ANC 6B Input on Other Items of Concern**

- a. Invited other ANCs to a social, *researching new dates, ethics rules*

**7. Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee | March 4 (Chair: RM Oppenheimer 6B05)**

- a. Alcohol License & Follow-up: Acqua al 2 (212 7th St SE)
- b. Marijuana License: Aloha (539 8th St SE)

**8. Public Safety Committee | February 24 (Chair: Gorman 6B04)**

- a. Update on invitations to DC Att’y General Schwalb & Office of the US Att’y for DC

**9. Transportation Committee | March 3 (Chair: Hughes 6B09)**

- a. (All on consent)

**10. Planning & Zoning Committee | March 6 (Chair: RM Holman 6B09)**

- a. (All on consent)

**11. Southeast Library Task Force | March 3 (Chair: Sobelsohn 6B03)**

- a. Follow-up: testimony to City Council

**12. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force | February 24 (Chair: Sroufe 6B02)**

- a. Follow-up: Rumsey Aquatic Center

**13. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (Chair: Sroufe 6B02)**

- a. Follow-up: letter about security barriers (Pastore)

**14. ANC 6B Administration Matters**

- a. Financials (Treasurer: Krebs 6B06)
- b. *Late Breaking – Elections*

**15. Adjournment**

**AGENDA:** <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/ANC-6B-Draft-Agenda-March-2025.docx>

For additional information, please contact Commissioner Vince Mareino, Chair of ANC 6B at [6B07@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6B07@anc.dc.gov)



## **Regular Monthly Meeting February 11, 2025**

### **Held Exclusively over Zoom**

**Commissioner Vince Mareino, Chair**

### **Minutes**

**To Be Adopted at ANC 6B meeting March 11, 2025**

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

Commissioner Mareino called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### **1. Adoption of Agenda.**

At the request of the following commissioners, the following changes were made to the proposed agenda: to the--

##### **a. Consent Agenda.**

###### **1) To add: by Commissioner--**

a) Hughes: ANC support for the May 18 Capitol Hill Classic run.

b) Krebs.

1-- Fourth quarter 2024 financial report.

2-- Approval of ANC debit-card authorized vendors.

c) Sobelsohn: authorization for himself and Southeast Library Taskforce Vice-Chair Claire August, with input from Commissioners Mareino, Ryder, and Krebs, to draft and present, on behalf of the ANC, testimony before the DC Council Committee on Human Services at its oversight hearing February 28.

###### **2) To remove, both under Administrative Consent: by Commissioner--**

a) Sobelsohn: amendments to standing rules.

b) Sroufe: a proposed bylaws amendment to article VII subsection 3.B., leaving the other proposed bylaw amendments on the Consent Agenda.

b. Elsewhere in the agenda: at request of Commissioner Krebs, to add a presentation by Mia Grosjean about a congressional proposal to eliminate the District of Columbia's home rule.

Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 9-0.

**2. Consent Agenda.** Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 9-0. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

a. Minutes of the ANC's officer-election meeting and monthly meeting, both January 14, 2025. For these minutes, go to <https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fanc6b.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2025%2F02%2FJan-2025-Minutes-reformatted.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>.

##### **b. Administrative matters.**

###### **1) ANC 6B bylaws amendments, as follows:**

a) Article IV § 4: change to read "No member may serve as the Chair of the Commission for more than six consecutive one-year terms."

b) Articles IV §§ 5.D. and 7.B.; VII (overall caption) and §§ 1.A. (2 times), VII 2.A. (3 times), 2.B. (5 times), 2.C. (2 times), 3.A., 3.D. (but see d) below), 4, 5, 7.A. and 7.B.: change phrase "task force" to word "taskforce," with no change in previous capitalization.

c) Article VII § 3.C.: change to read "Whenever they were appointed, the terms of all Resident and Alternate Resident Members expire at the end of the Commission's regular monthly February meeting following their appointment, with the following exceptions:

1) Any Resident Member or Alternate Resident Member may be removed from a committee or taskforce at any time by the Commission or by the Commissioner whose SMD that Resident Member or Alternate Resident Member represents.

2) If, before the scheduled end of his or her term, a Commissioner leaves office and a new Commissioner is elected, the new Commissioner can retain the prior Commissioner's committee and taskforce appointees by notifying the Commission in writing. If the new Commissioner doesn't so notify the Commission, the prior Commissioner's committee and taskforce appointees' terms expire at the end of the Commission's second monthly meeting after the new Commissioner takes office."

d) Article VII § 3.D.: repeal.

e) Article XII (new): add new article titled "ARTICLE XII. WAIVER OF BYLAWS," to read "By unanimous vote, the Commission at any time can suspend or waive the bylaws. Any suspension or waiver can cover only one issue and last only until the Commission's next monthly meeting."

For the complete up-to-date ANC 6B bylaws, go to <https://anc6b.org/anc-6b-bylaws/>.

2) Committee and taskforce appointments.

a) Resident members and alternates: to represent--

1-- 6B01, appointed by Commissioner Wolanin.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Amy Emmett as Resident Member.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Marsha Lea as Resident Member.

c-- Public Safety Committee.

(1) Michele Lieber as Resident Member.

(2) Frank Boudra as Alternate.

d-- Transportation Committee: Ghoncheh Lee as Resident Member.

e-- Library Taskforce: Claire August as Resident Member.

f-- Parks Taskforce: Steven Thomas as Resident Member.

2-- 6B02, appointed by Commissioner Sroufe.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: George Dee as Resident Member.

b-- Parks Taskforce: Marian Connolly as Resident Member.

3-- 6B03, appointed by Commissioner Sobelsohn.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.

(1) Anna Katherine Szafran as Resident Member.

(2) Chuck Burger as Alternate.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Whitney D.W. Smith as Resident Member.

c-- Public Safety Committee.

(1) Chuck Schmoyer as Resident Member.

(2) John Schwab as Alternate.

d-- Transportation Committee.

(1) Janice Kruger as Resident Member.

(2) Brian Kirrane as Alternate.

e-- Library Taskforce.

(1) Ana Unruh Cohen as Resident Member.

(2) Avery J.C. Kleinman as Alternate.

f-- Parks Taskforce.

(1) Anna Weinstein as Resident Member.

(2) Brian Ready as Alternate.

4-- 6B04, appointed by Commissioner Gorman.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.

(1) Kristen Hutchens as Resident Member.

(2) Michael McMullan as Alternate.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee.

(1) Frank D'Andrea as Resident Member.

(2) Nick Nowak as Alternate.

c-- Public Safety Committee.

(1) Anne Seymour as Resident Member.

(2) Elliot Mamet as Alternate.

d-- Transportation Committee.

(1) Kirsten Oldenburg as Resident Member.

(2) Matt Miller as Alternate.

5-- 6B05, appointed by Commissioner Pastore.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Ellen Opper-Weiner as Resident Member.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Maggie Daley as Resident Member.

c-- Public Safety Committee: Ann Keep as Resident Member.

d-- Transportation Committee.

(1) Mike Litt as Resident Member.

- (2) Joel Sarfati as Alternate.
- e-- Library Taskforce: Sarah Moore as Resident Member.
- f-- Parks Taskforce: George Holman as Resident Member.
- 6-- 6B06, appointed by Commissioner Krebs.
  - a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Chander Jayaraman as Resident Member.
  - b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Leslie Chard as Alternate Resident Member.
  - c-- Public Safety Committee: Lisa Matsumoto as Resident Member.
  - d-- Parks Taskforce: Matthew Boyer as Resident Member.
- 7-- 6B07, appointed by Commissioner Mareino.
  - a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Jonathan Levy as Resident Member.
  - b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Brian Taylor as Resident Member.
  - c-- Transportation Committee: Brianne Eby-Stockert as Resident Member.
  - d-- Library Taskforce: Doug Layer, Jr. as Resident Member.
  - e-- Parks Taskforce: Dimitrios Vatakis as Resident Member.
- 8-- 6B08, appointed by Commissioner Ryder.
  - a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Russell Mawn as Resident Member.
  - b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Michael Bruggman as Resident Member.
  - c-- Public Safety Committee.
    - (1) Cinnamon Butler as Resident Member.
    - (2) Kelly Waud as Alternate.
  - d-- Transportation Committee: Jeffrey Menzer as Resident Member.
  - e-- Library Taskforce: Brian Ready as Resident Member.
- 9-- 6B09, appointed by Commissioner Hughes.
  - a-- Planning & Zoning Committee: Corey Holman as Resident Member.
  - b-- Public Safety Committee: Eric Miller as Resident Member.
  - c-- Transportation Committee.
    - (1) Joshua Peacock as Resident Member.
    - (2) David Barton as Alternate.
- b) Committee and taskforce chairs.
  - 1-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Ellen Oppen-Weiner.
  - 2-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Corey Holman.
  - 3-- Public Safety Committee: Commissioner Gorman.
  - 4-- Transportation Committee: Commissioner Hughes.
  - 5-- Library Taskforce: Commissioner Sobelsohn.
  - 6-- Parks Taskforce: Commissioner Sroufe.
- c. Committee and taskforce reports.
  - 1) General: the ANC accepted the written committee and taskforce monthly reports without requiring anyone to read them aloud. For those reports go to <https://anc6b.org/meeting-minutes-and-committee-reports/>.
  - 2) Specific items.
    - a) Planning and Zoning Committee: to support--
      - 1-- Application of Nathan and Stephanie Kooi to build a two-story rear addition to their current two-story attached home at 321 D St., SE (ANC 6B01) in the RF-1 zone (BZA 21227; [https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case\\_id=21227](https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21227)).
      - 2-- Request that the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) defer, for one month, considering architect Will Teass's application (HPA 25-90) to build second-story additions to two existing alley dwellings at 4-5 Library Ct., SE in ANC 6B02, and meanwhile to--
        - a-- Urge Teass to--
          - (1) Continue discussions with affected neighbors, including taking their design feedback.
          - (2) Discuss with HPO a redesign so the additions better resemble the historic alley while avoiding "poorly executed historicism."
        - b-- Ask the Capitol Hill Restoration Society to clarify its position on the project's compatibility with the historic district.
    - b) Transportation Committee: support for the Capitol Hill Classic run, from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon on Sunday, May 18, 2025. The run course goes between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets NE and SE, and between Constitution Ave., NE and Independence Ave., SE, and then east along East Capitol St. to Anacostia Ave., SE, and back. For a course map, go to <https://www.capitolhillclassic.com/course>.
    - c) Southeast Library Taskforce: authorization for Commissioner Sobelsohn and Taskforce Vice-Chair Claire August, with input from Commissioners Mareino, Ryder, and Krebs, to draft and present, on behalf of the ANC, testimony before the DC Council Committee on Human Services at its oversight hearing February 28.
    - d. Financial matters: the ANC approved--
      - 1) ANC 6B's fourth quarter 2024 financial report. For the report, go to <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/ANC-6B-FY24-Q4-QFR-REVISED.pdf>

2) Four authorized vendors for the ANC debit card: Zoom, Amazon Web Services, FedEx Office, and Wordpress.

3. Announcements: by--

a. ANC 6B commissioners: by Commissioner--

1) Mareino.

a) Upcoming ANC 6B meetings: Commissioner Mareino announced upcoming ANC 6B meetings.

1-- Virtual meetings over Zoom of the following committees.

a-- Public Safety Committee February 24, 6:30 p.m.

b-- Executive Committee February 25, 7 p.m.

c-- Transportation Committee March 3, 7 p.m.

d-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee March 4, 7 p.m.

e-- Planning and Zoning Committee March 6, 7 p.m.

2-- In-person meetings at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, both livestreamed over Zoom.

a-- Southeast Library Taskforce March 3, 6:30 p.m.

b-- Full ANC 6B March 11, 7 p.m.

b) Follow-ups from January meeting: Commissioner Mareino also announced updates on actions taken by the ANC at its January meeting. At the January 14 meeting, the ANC--

1-- Authorized inviting commissioners from other Ward Six ANCs to an informal meeting, with ANC 6B commissioners, to discuss issues of common concern. Commissioner Mareino has delayed sending that invitation, in part because other ANCs had not yet elected their chairs.

2-- Supported the application, before the Historic Preservation Review Board, regarding a two-story addition to 321 D St., SE (HPA 25-083). With support from the Planning and Zoning Committee, Commissioner Mareino postponed sending a supportive letter to HPRB, pending the ANC's actions on the developer's application for relief before the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA 21227). At the February 11 meeting (see the Consent Agenda, above), the ANC voted to support that BZA application.

3-- Supported a proposal, by the DC Department of General Services (DGS), to build a new jail at 1900 Massachusetts Ave., SE (ZC 24-21), including supporting DGS's request for special exceptions, variances, and waivers, but with several qualifications. Commissioner Mareino has asked the Planning and Zoning Committee to draft the supporting letter, which the committee has not yet done.

4-- Authorized a letter to the DC Board of Elections, with copies to DC councilmembers, expressing ANC 6B's concern regarding how long it took BOE to certify the results of ANC's elections won by write-in candidates. Commissioner Mareino sent that letter. BOE has not yet responded.

5-- Conditionally supported the American Legion's application, to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board, to amend its retailers' class C license for Kenneth H. Nash Post 8, 224 D St., SE, to add a Games of Skill endorsement (ABRA-000643). Commissioner Mareino has submitted the ANC's conditional support.

6-- Authorize a letter, to be written by Commissioner Pastore, to the DC Department of Transportation with copies to the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC), DGS, and Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, reminding recipients of ANC 6B's outstanding request for the installation of static sidewalk bollards on 7<sup>th</sup> St., SE, near Eastern Market, and urging they be installed immediately. Commissioner Mareino reported that Commissioner Pastore is consulting with EMCAC on drafting that letter.

2) Pastore: Commissioner Pastore announced that, because of the February 11 snowstorm, residents of ANC 6B05 have lost electric power.

3) Sroufe: The DC Environmental Network, with the support of DC Voters for Animals, will hold a breakfast meeting February 27 at 8:30 a.m. at Madhatter, 1319 Connecticut Ave., NW, on the topic "Protecting DC wildlife, pets and people from rodenticide." All are welcome who register at [https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/reuxuag?source\\_id=8d5dfad3-29b7-4587-8941-cfc1396259af&source\\_type=em&c=K7xx2H4pEfQyMGHvWe0u\\_lT1tw8bnglqT8gE5jbXxc\\_52nOBeJOjwg==](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/reuxuag?source_id=8d5dfad3-29b7-4587-8941-cfc1396259af&source_type=em&c=K7xx2H4pEfQyMGHvWe0u_lT1tw8bnglqT8gE5jbXxc_52nOBeJOjwg==).

4) Hughes: Friends of Kingman Park will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. February 20, at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, 330 21<sup>st</sup> St., NE, to discuss the future of the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium site.

b. Non-ANC 6B commissioners: by--

1) Kimberly Kennedy, on behalf of Ward Six Councilmember Allen, announced--

a) The Council's this month is holding oversight hearings for DC= administrative agencies. Anyone can register to submit testimony.

b) Her office has warned the Department of Employment Services to prepare for an increase in applications, from all recently fired federal workers, for unemployment insurance, which is based on the job's jurisdiction, not that of the worker's residence.

c) DC parents who, in 2024, earned less than \$60,000 qualify for DC's Earned Income Tax Credit, which DC will automatically provide taxpayers who file a DC return.

d) Small DC businesses who pay property taxes can qualify for a tax rebate of up to \$10,000 per year.

e) Councilmember Allen plans to reintroduce a bill prohibiting large landowners from charging mandatory fees for common areas, such as fitness centers, independent of the tenant's use of the space and not disclosed when tenants sign their leases.

2) Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, announced that the Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center, at 1200 Pecan St., SE, in Anacostia, will open April 15, 2025. He also encouraged everyone to use one of the free tax-preparation services available to DC residents, including the one provided by AARP at the Southwest library.

3) First District Metropolitan Police Captain Adam Crist reported a recent increase in robberies in ANC 6B, but an overall decrease in thefts. ANC 6D, but not ANC 6B, has seen an increase in thefts of expensive jackets. The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration has recently closed two illegal cannabis retailers on Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Capital THC at 1123 and Friends Smoke Shope at 1223.

4) Former ANC 6B Commissioner Chander Jayaraman encouraged everyone to join him as an umpire for Capitol Hill Little League (CHLL), for which ex-Commissioner Jayaraman is umpire-in-chief. Teenagers under 18 can get paid \$20 per game. CHLL adult umpires don't get paid, but those certified as umpires who work in other little leagues can make up to \$100 per game. Those interested should email [chander@chlldc.org](mailto:chander@chlldc.org).

5. Presentation by Mia Grosjean of the Committee to Preserve Home Rule. Mia Grosjean reported that, on February 6, Congressman Andrew Ogles (R-TN) and Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced bills (HR-1089 and S-4695) to abolish DC's home rule and return direct DC control to the federal government. The ANC discussed possible strategies for combatting this proposal. Commissioner Mareino promised to discuss it with the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions that border ANC 6B.

6. Report of Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee. Attorney Dan Koffman made a presentation about the application of 7<sup>th</sup> St. Love, LLC, trading as Acqua AI 2, for a new-retailer class "C" restaurant license for a restaurant at 212 7<sup>th</sup> St., SE. The current protest deadline is March 3. Settlement negotiations are underway. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to protest the application, with the expectation that the ANC and the applicant will finalize a settlement agreement before the March 11 ANC meeting and that the ANC will then drop its protest. Commissioner Krebs and ABC Committee chair Oppenheimer will write the protest letter. The motion passed 9-0.

#### 7. Remaining Administrative Matters.

a. Monthly financial report. Commissioner Krebs, ANC, has filed a monthly financial report. For the ANC's financial reports, go to <https://anc6b.org/anc-6b-financials/finances/>.

b. Bylaw amendment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to adopt one more bylaw amendment, to amend article VII, section 3.B. to read:

"For each standing committee, Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members must continuously reside in ANC 6B. Commissioners who want to appoint a Resident Member who doesn't live in that Commissioner's SMD must first notify the ANC in writing that they have not found a Resident Member to appoint in that Commissioner's own SMD."

Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to substitute, for the pending motion, instead amending the current bylaw article VII, section 3.B. to read:

"For each standing committee, Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members must continuously reside in the same SMD as the appointing commissioner at the time of the appointment."

The motion to substitute failed 1-3, with Commissioner Sroufe voting "yes," Commissioners Hughes, Ryder, and Sobelsohn voting "no," and Commissioners Gorman, Krebs, Mareino, Pastore, and Wolanin abstaining.

The main motion passed 7-2, with Commissioners Pastore and Sroufe voting "no."

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn  
Secretary, ANC

# STANDING RULES OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B<sup>1</sup>

## I. NOTICE

### A. From DC Government

1. Whenever an agent of the District of Columbia Government notifies a Commissioner in writing of a proposed action that is relevant to the Commission, that Commissioner will forward the notice to all other Commissioners promptly.
2. Committee chairs will also forward relevant notices to their Resident Members and alternates.
3. Where relevant, the notice should also be provided to the general public via the agenda packet.

### B. To DC Government

1. The Commission shall submit its written positions with respect to proposed actions by the DC government or a statement that it has no position to the appropriate officials, board, agency or commission in a timely manner. The views of residents shall be taken into account in developing the Commission's position on a case.
2. The Chair or Commission staff will be responsible for sending written positions to the appropriate officials, board, agency or commission. The written position must be signed by the Chair or designee, and include the officially recorded vote, date of the meeting at which the position was taken and indicate that a quorum was present. The Commission shall publish electronic copies of all formal communications on its website.
3. By a vote of the full Commission, the Commission may submit comments that invoke the Commission's "great weight" authority under DC law
4. If the bylaws are amended, within 10 days the Commission must file an up-to-date copy of the Commission bylaws, and all amendments thereto with the DC Council and DC Office of the ANC.

### C. To Public

1. The Secretary shall ensure that all Commission meetings are appropriately noticed to the public. This duty can be delegated to Commission staff.
2. The Secretary shall maintain the Commission's e-mail distribution list and post notices and agendas to the Commission website. This duty can be delegated to Commission staff.
3. If a meeting is in-person, the notice must give the address and any instructions from the building's management about public access. If a meeting is online, the notice must give login instructions. "Hybrid" meetings shall meet both the in-person and online notice requirements.
4. Notice to the public must be given by posting notice and the agenda on the Commission website, and may be also given by the following additional methods:
  - a) *E-mailing notice to the Commission's e-mail distribution list,*

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted: September 17, 2012. Amended: January 8, 2013; January 22, 2013; January 13, 2015; February 10, 2015; January 12, 2016; ????, 2024

- b) Posting notice to neighborhood listservs,*
- c) Publishing notice in a Capitol Hill newspaper*
- d) Any other method that complies with DC law.*

## **II. COMMUNICATION OUTSIDE OF MEETINGS**

### **A. Informal Communication**

- 1.** Individual commissioners may assist residents of ANC 6B in communicating with District of Columbia employees and elected officials.
- 2.** Commissioners are encouraged to communicate amongst themselves outside of formal meetings, in order to keep each other informed, settle administrative matters, and resolve minor disputes.

### **B. Public Requests for Commission Action**

- 1.** DC residents may request formal Commission action through any method of communication.
- 2.** Resident proposals will be considered by the Executive Committee for placement on the next meeting agenda. Where time permits, substantive committees may entertain proposals directly at their own meetings.
- 3.** The Commission may assist DC residents by filing comments with any appropriate organization or person, but should give priority to filing comments that qualify for the “great weight” standard with DC agencies

### **C. Testifying as an Individual Commissioner**

- 1.** Any individual Commissioner retains the right to advocate for action before any government officials.
- 2.** However, the individual Commissioner must make clear (on the record when applicable) that they speak for themselves and/or their Single Member District constituents, and that they are not authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 6B as a whole. They must clearly inform their audience of whether the ANC has adopted an official position on the matter, and how it differs from their personal position.
- 3.** When an individual Commissioner advocates publicly on any matter relevant to the Commission, they should email their written testimony, or a summary of their oral testimony, to the other Commissioners within 7 days of speaking.

### **D. Testifying on Behalf of the Commission**

- 1.** The Commission may by vote authorize and appoint a Commissioner, Commission staff, a Resident Member, or an agent to represent the Commission before any DC or federal government entity (“Authorized Representative”).
- 2.** In seeking a contracted entity to represent the commission, the Chair or designee shall negotiate the terms of the contract. The contract must then be approved by the Commission. No money may be committed without the affirmative vote of the Commission.
- 3.** An Authorized Representative:
  - a) must state for the record that they are representing ANC 6B*
  - b) may only represent the Commission on the official position(s) of the Commission*

*c) must provide the date and tally of the officially recorded quorum vote authorizing the position*

4. If possible, the Authorized Representative shall prepare and share a copy of their written testimony or filings and a summary of their planned oral testimony with the full Commission in advance. When advance notice is not possible, or when actual remarks differ significantly from prepared remarks, the Authorized Representative must provide the Commissioners with a summary of their actual remarks within 10 days after the public statement.
5. In instances where filings of motions, briefs, or additional complaints are necessary, the Chair may designate a Commissioner as a point of contact or representative of the Commission to copy on all filings.
6. When urgent events make it impractical to wait for the next regular Commission meeting, the Executive Committee and/or the relevant substantive committee may appoint an Authorized Representative with temporary authority to represent a position voted upon by that committee. However, at the next regular meeting, the Commission must vote to ratify, amend, or rescind the temporary authority. If the Commission amends or rescinds the temporary authority, it shall send a letter to the appropriate entity indicating that the representative's testimony is not the position of the Commission.

**E. Representing The Commission on an External Body**

1. The Commission may vote to authorize an individual Commissioner to serve as a representative for the Commission on an external body. For example, DC Code § 37–111 currently obligates ANC 6B to choose a current Commissioner to serve as a voting member on the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee.
2. Any representative of the Commission on an external body must faithfully represent official positions of the Commission with the external body.

**III. AGENDA**

**A. Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee shall meet publicly to set the agenda for the next regular Commission meeting. When possible, Commissioners should inform each other before or during the monthly Executive Committee meeting about any proposed agenda items for the Commission or its committees over the next month.
2. Except in case of emergency, the Executive Committee shall meet at least 7 days before the regular Commission meeting.
3. Proposals and requests for action from Commissioners shall be placed on the agenda for the next Commission meeting, unless the Executive Committee agrees that the proposal or request may be referred directly to a committee, special committee or task force.
4. The Executive Committee may, by public vote, change the date, time, and/or location of the next regular Commission meeting, but only if the change would not violate DC laws on public notice.

5. The Executive Committee shall assign a Commissioner or Commission staff to publish the agenda, and to publish the packet of supplementary documents relevant to the agenda, so that they are available for all DC residents to read. To the extent possible, the agenda should be published at least 7 days prior to the regular meeting, and the agenda packet should be published at least 1 day prior to the regular meeting. Both the agenda and the packet may be updated for accuracy at any time prior to the meeting.

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. The Commission may use a consent agenda to consider noncontroversial items during regular meetings of the Commission. All consent agenda items, with the exception of administrative items, must have been considered by a committee or task force.

2. Any Commissioner may recommend items to the consent agenda before or at the beginning of the regular meeting.

3. The consent agenda must be approved unanimously, or else the items will revert to regular agenda items. Any Commissioner, therefore, may unilaterally remove an item from the consent agenda, with or without a stated reason, before the vote on the consent agenda

**C. Regular Meeting**

1. The first item at each regular or committee meeting is to amend or adopt the agenda set by the Executive Committee.

2. Late-breaking agenda items may be added at the relevant meeting by following the rules of parliamentary procedure for amending the agenda.

3. At any regular meeting, the Commission may vote to change the dates of future regular or committee meetings.

**IV. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION**

**A. Attendance**

1. The Secretary or staff shall keep a record of the attendance of each Commission meeting.

2. Commissioners who expect to be absent or tardy to the regular meeting should inform the other Commissioners in advance.

3. Commissioners must attend a majority of regular meetings in each calendar year

4. If any officer is absent at a regular meeting, the Vice-Chair shall assume that officer's duties, unless the Commission votes to appoint a different designee.

**B. Place**

1. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held in compliance with DC Code 1-309.11. If a regular meeting of the Commission is held in-person or via a hybrid platform, the in-person location shall be within the boundaries of the Commission, unless authorized by the Executive Committee.

2. Section 742(a) of the Home Rule Act requires that any DC agency meeting, including an ANC meeting, be open to the public in order for any official action to be effective. The Office of the ANC has advised that this can take the form of meeting that are in person, online, or "hybrid" (both).

3. Section 742(b) of the Home Rule Act requires DC agencies to publish transcripts. The Office of the ANC has advised that this can take the form of summarized minutes and/or recordings of online meetings. To the extent possible, minutes and/or recordings shall be published to the Commission website within 7 days after each meeting.

4. If a virtual meeting is scheduled, the Executive Committee shall decide on the platform and parliamentary procedure. All platforms shall comply with the DC Open Meetings Act and ANC 6B Bylaws.

5. The Chair of each Committee (or their designee) shall be responsible for meeting the above requirements at any meeting.

## **C. Conduct Of Meetings**

1. The Chair of the Commission shall preside over all regular meetings of the Commission and special call meetings. Chairs of respective committees, special committees and task forces shall preside over those meetings.

2. The Commission will set aside time at every regular meeting for comments from the community. Residents have up to 2 minutes to speak and can speak to any topic. The Chair shall encourage residents who wish to speak on an agenda item to hold their comments until the item is considered by the Commission. If the Commission is using a virtual or hybrid meeting platform, the Chair shall ensure virtual participants have this same opportunity.

3. When proceeding through the agenda, the Chair will recognize the appropriate Commissioner to introduce an item. In introducing an item, the Chair or appropriate Commissioner may ask an applicant, resident, or official to provide information to the Commission.

4. Once an item on the agenda has been introduced, the Commission will debate and deliberate the item. A Commissioner not involved in introducing the item may speak once per round. A Commissioner involved in introducing the item is not so constrained. Additional rounds of comments by Commissioners are appropriate after every Commissioner has had a chance to speak or declined an opportunity to speak. The Chair may exercise his or her prerogative in relaxing these rules if Commissioners desire to engage in a conversation or colloquy on a particular agenda item.

5. After the Commission has deliberated, the Chair will ask the audience for comments. An audience member may speak for up to two minutes on an item.

6. Once audience comments are complete, the Commission will complete any action on the item through consideration of a motion.

7. The Commission should try to keep introduction and consideration of agenda items to the estimated times listed on the agenda. However, the Commission can take additional time for consideration if necessary.

## **V. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

### **A. Budget**

1. The proposed budget, as tentatively approved by the Executive Committee, shall be posted on the Commission's website.

2. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Commission must approve a budget.

3. The approved budget shall be submitted to the Council of the District of Columbia and to the Mayor within 45 days of approval.
4. No money can be obligated without prior authorization by the Commission at a public meeting. Any attempts to do so are void under the law, unless cured by vote of the Commission.

## **B. Financial Reports**

1. The Treasurer shall prepare, and the Commission shall approve, a quarterly financial report within 45 days of the close of each fiscal quarter.
2. The Treasurer may prepare for the Commission's approval an annual financial report after the close of each fiscal year.
3. Reports shall be signed by the Treasurer and Chair and attested to by the Secretary as having been approved by the Commission. (The Vice Chair may serve as the designee in the absence of one, but not more than one, officer.)
4. Reports shall be filed with the District of Columbia Auditor within the prescribed timeline. Reports shall be public documents and posted on the Commission's website and/or the DC government website.

## **C. Transactions**

1. The Commission shall designate one or more FDIC-insured financial institutions as depositories of Commission funds.
2. Commissioners seeking reimbursement for Commission-approved expenses must submit the reimbursement request in writing to the Treasurer along with a receipt.
3. No expenditure whatsoever shall be made by the Commission unless the ANC has on file with the District of Columbia Auditor both of the following signed by the current, duly elected Treasurer:
  - a) *a current and accurate Treasurer's statement, and*
  - b) *either a bond or consent to membership in the ANC Security Fund*
4. Checks are only valid if signed or e-signed by 2 Commissioners, at least one of whom must be the elected Chair or Treasurer.
5. Purchases made by debit card or electronically are only valid if made by the elected Chair or Treasurer.
6. The Commission may not acquire a credit card or similar line of credit without explicit approval by the Office of the ANC.

## **D. FUNDS AND GRANTS**

1. The Commission is a government body. It can only spend funds in a manner consistent with DC and Federal law.
2. The Commission may not solicit or accept funds from a Federal or District Government agency or private sources unless the funds are specifically or previously authorized by approved legislation of the Council of the District of Columbia or are in amounts that are exempted from this requirement for Council authorization by DC law.

3. The primary purpose of all Commission funds is for its own operations, in order to discharge its responsibilities under DC law. For example, the Commission may fund administrative staff, office equipment and supplies, and the services necessary to publish on the internet and in print.
4. The Commission shall not regard itself as a governmental funding or grant dispensing agency. It shall not be a regular source of funds to subsidize community group operations and activities.
5. In distributing funds/grants to community groups, the Commission shall follow rules for disbursement approved by the Commission and consistent with DC law, as advised by the DC Office of the ANC.

## **VI. COMMITTEES, SPECIAL COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES**

### **A. The term “committee” refers to any of the following:**

1. Standing committees
2. Special committees
3. Task forces

### **B. Committee Membership**

1. All Commissioners are members of all committees.
2. All committees except the Executive Committee shall be open to Resident Members. Resident Members have voting rights at committee meetings, but only the rights of DC residents at general meetings.
3. As stated in the Commission’s Bylaws, there is a limit of one Resident Member per Single Member District (SMD) on standing committees. Chairs of special committees and task forces can decide whether to allow more than one Resident Member per SMD.
4. All committees except the Executive Committee shall be open to Alternates. Alternates have voting rights only when the Resident Member with which they are paired is absent. Alternates may be appointed and voted on using the same process used for Resident Members.
5. Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs must be approved by vote of the Commission.
6. If any committee officer is absent at a committee meeting, the committee Vice Chair shall assume that officer’s duties, unless the Commission votes to appoint a different designee. In the absence of both the committee Chair and Vice Chair, the committee must immediately vote either to appoint a designee or else to adjourn the meeting.

### **C. Meeting Procedures**

1. Except where expressly stated, committee meetings should follow the same procedures as regular meetings, follow notice procedures, and be open to the public.
2. The Commission Chair may call a special meeting of a committee on urgent matters. However, items approved at special meetings are ineligible for the consent agenda at regular meetings.
3. Committee meetings are not bound by the place requirements in DC Code 1-309.11, but nevertheless must be open to the public, except to the extent that they are discussing purely internal, procedural matters.

#### **D. Action/Reports**

- 1.** Committees should prepare written reports following each committee meeting. Reports should include brief summaries of cases considered and clearly state committee recommendations. The report should be circulated to the full Commission and any resident members serving on the committee for review.
- 2.** Committee/task force chairs should strive to send final reports to Commission staff 48 hours prior to a regular meeting, unless the committee/task force meeting takes place the night prior to the regular meeting.
- 3.** The final written committee report should be posted on the Commission's website no later than 24 hours prior to the regular meeting of the Commission where the committee's recommendations will be considered, as part of the agenda packet.

#### **VII. SANCTIONS**

- A.** Infractions of law, Commission Bylaws, and these standing rules should be recognized and remedied in the best interests of the Commission as a whole. Whenever possible, Commissioners are encouraged to cure their own violations.
- B.** If the willful or negligent performance of a Commissioner leads to an alleged infraction, the matter should be referred in writing to the Chair and the Parliamentarian for procedural review. If the Parliamentarian finds a potential infraction, the Executive Committee will discuss the facts of the situation and any pertinent documentation at an Executive Committee meeting. If the Executive Committee does not recommend sanction, the alleged infraction will be dismissed.
- C.** If the Executive Committee recommends sanction, the full commission will vote on the recommendation. During a regular meeting or special call meeting of the Commission, the full Commission will hear a report from Executive Committee and the accused Commissioner. The suspected Infraction must be clearly detailed by the Executive Committee and the accused Commissioner must be given an opportunity to defend his/her actions.
- D.** If two-thirds of the Commission agrees with the Executive Committee's recommendation that an infraction has occurred, the Commission Chair or designee shall draft a letter detailing the infraction, signed by all assenting Commissioners, and post the letter to the Commission website. The letter should also be sent to the Commission e-mail distribution list. If the infraction relates to testimony before an external body, the Commission Chair or designee will draft a letter to that body detailing the infraction and clarifying the Commission's official position, if any.
- E.** If the full Commission does not agree with the Executive Committee's recommendation that an infraction has occurred, the Commission Chair or designee shall draft a letter that details the charges and extends full exoneration to the accused Commissioner. The exoneration letter shall be posted to the Commission website and sent to the Commission e-mail distribution list.

## **VIII. OFFICE, SUPPLIES, AND OFFICIAL SYMBOLS**

### **A. Office**

1. The Commission maintains a small office at 700 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, thanks to a settlement agreement reached with the owners of the building. The official Commission postal address is:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue SE #2032  
Washington, DC 20003

2. All public documents should be made available on the DC government website (dc.gov) and/or the Commission website. The official web address of the Commission is: <https://anc6b.org>
3. The official email address of the Commission is: [6B@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6B@anc.dc.gov)
4. All Commissioners have equal access to the Commission storage space, computer, files and other Commission property. The Commission storage space and all supplies must be used solely in performing the duties and functions of the Commission.

### **B. Use of Official Letterhead**

1. An individual Commissioner may not use official ANC 6B letterhead stationery except as specifically authorized by ANC 6B resolution.
2. Copies of any correspondence sent on official ANC 6B letterhead must be provided and placed in the ANC electronic or physical files within a reasonable period of time following dissemination.
3. An individual Commissioner may use a version of the letterhead stationery clearly identifying that individual ANC 6B Commissioner's name and contact information but otherwise resembling the ANC 6B letterhead stationery, including the ANC 6B logo, as follows:
  - a) *the correspondence must relate to ANC 6B activities and/or issues related to community and constituent issues affecting the SMD; and*
  - b) *the document must explicitly state within the embedded permanent form of the letterhead that the correspondence has been prepared by and solely on behalf of its author, and does not necessarily represent the view of the entire ANC 6B.*

### **C. Use of Logo**

1. Commissioners may use the Commission logo only on materials directly related to ANC activities, outreach, and/or campaign materials.
2. The ANC logo may not be used for any personal or private business purposes whatsoever.

## **IX. STAFF**

### **A. Position and Qualifications**

1. The Commission may hire Staff to help perform its duties. The Commission shall establish and maintain position descriptions for its employees.
2. Staff may be hired on a full-time or part-time basis, and for an indefinite or definite term.

3. If paid, staff must be DC residents, and preference will be given to 6B residents.

**B. Hiring and Tenure**

1. Staff shall be hired by the Commission and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.
2. Staff will serve the Commission and report directly to the Chair.
3. The Chair may delegate appropriate duties to Staff, as long as such is consistent with the Commission Bylaws and these standing rules.
4. Employment matters should not be discussed in public meetings, if doing so could harm the rights of Staff and job applicants, or harm Commissioners' ability to speak freely about job performance.

**C. Evaluation**

1. All Staff will be evaluated on their performance annually. The Chair will meet with Staff to conduct the evaluation
2. Commissioners will be asked to submit to the Chair any feedback on Staff performance prior to the evaluation session.

**X. STATUS OF THE STANDING RULES**

- A. These standing rules are designed to implement the requirements set forth in the ANC 6B Bylaws and to enhance the efficiency and operation of the Commission.
- B. These standing rules can be amended by majority vote at any Commission meeting.
- C. In the event of a conflict, DC law and/or the Bylaws take precedence over these standing rules.



**ANC 6B February 2025 Public Safety Committee Report  
for the virtual meeting held on February 24, 2025, from 6:30 – 8:30p.m.**

**Committee Chair Brian Gorman, Commissioner, 6B04**

**AGENDA & REPORT**

**1. Welcome & Introductions for Guests and Members of the Public**

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

*Commissioner David Sobelsohn [6B03]*

*Commissioner Anna Krebs [6B06]*

*Commissioner Samuel Pastore [6B05]*

*Commissioner Karen Hughes [6B09]*

*Michelle Lieber [6B01]*

*Frank Boudra [6B01] – alternate*

*Chuck Schmoyer [6B03]*

*John Schwab [6B03] – alternate*

*Elliot Mamet [6B04] – alternate*

*Ann Keep [6B05]*

*Lisa Matsumoto [6B06]*

*Kelly Waud [6B07]*

*Cinnamon Butler [6B08]*

*Eric Miller [6B09]*

**2. Crime Trends Presentation, Captain Adam Crist, MPD First District**

Captain Crist noted a decrease in thefts since the last meeting but an increase in carjackings. He highlighted a recent shooting incident and three reported burglaries. He noted the prevalence of designer jacket robberies, including of the Moose Knuckles brand. He encouraged the use of Amazon lockers for package deliveries to prevent theft. He also mentioned that MPD is starting a monthly meeting for PSAs 106 and 107, covering areas including the Navy Yard and the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor.

- Commissioner Sobelsohn asked about the location of a reported burglary, and Captain Crist indicated it was on the 1000 block of South Carolina Avenue.
- Resident Member Lieber raised concerns about a specific incident involving the theft of a designer jacket on the metro, and Captain Crist promised to look into it.
- Alternate RM Schwab asked about wheel theft and carjackings, and Captain Crist responded that although wheel theft is still a problem, it is not as widespread as it used to be.

- Following up on concerns raised by Commissioner Pastore about an illegal pot shop on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, Commissioner Sobelsohn raised asked about the process of dealing with illegal pot shops. Captain Crist Adam responded that the first step is to file a complaint with ABCA. If the shop continues to operate against cease and desist letters, then the MPD assists in shutting it down.

### **3. Public Safety Legislation Briefing: Erik Salmi, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of CM Allen and Antonio Nunes, Legislative Director for the Office of CM Allen**

- Legislative Director Nunes provided an update on the Secure DC, which included the rebuttable presumption for pretrial detention for defendants charged with a violent or a dangerous crime. The Council extended this provision until July to allow for a report from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
- Deputy Chief of Staff Salmi added that a housing bill was introduced that includes a provision to fast-track evictions if a tenant has been arrested for a violent crime.
- In response to inquiries about the relationship between the office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the city council, Nunes mentioned that the OAG provides quarterly updates on their operations and issues they're facing.
- RM Schmoyer asked about the progress of Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS). Nunes noted DFS's accreditation for fingerprints and ongoing issues with firearms testing.
- RM Butler asked for updates on CM White's Youth Mentorship through Community Engagement Act and the need for updates on its implementation. Salmi explained that the legislation passed through committee but requires budget funding for implementation. The committee expressed interest in tracking the bill's progress.
- Commissioner Pastore inquired about accelerated installation of bollards at Eastern Market, which Salmi noted CM Allen supports.

### **4. Topics for future meetings with OAG and US Attorney for DC**

- Concerns were expressed about the priorities of the US Attorney's office, particularly in relation to public safety. It was suggested that the Committee and/or ANC6B seek to understand the US Attorney's priorities and the plan to protect DC residents.
- It was suggested that the committee frame its requests as an opportunity or the current US Attorney to continue improvements on prosecution rates and transparency with the public on metrics related to prosecution rates.
- Another suggestion was to ask the US Attorney's office about barriers to its ability to prosecute cases and how the community can help.
- The issue of slow judicial appointments potentially impacting prosecution rates was also raised as a potential topic.
- In response to questions about capacity of the US Attorney's Office, the committee noted its role in prosecuting major crimes in DC. As a result of the US Attorney for DC's role in prosecuting federal crimes and DC crimes, it is one of the largest in the country.
- With respect to OAG, the committee suggested questions focused on intervention to prevent juvenile crime, victims' services, development and use of restorative justice.

### **5. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) Letter on Security Barriers**

- Commissioner Pastore shared a draft letter from EMCAC's Public Safety Committee regarding the need for immediate installation of non-retractable barriers and an increase in personnel and management around Eastern Market.

- The committee discussed the letter and agreed to draft a sign-on letter to be sent to DGS and other relevant authorities. RM Waud suggested specifying the need for sidewalk protection and separating it from street protection.
- The committee voted unanimously to move forward with drafting the letter. Commissioner Pastore and RM Waud agreed to take on the task of drafting.



**ANC 6B Parks and Public Spaces Committee Meeting**  
**February 24, 2025**  
Minutes Draft

The Committee reviewed recent actions regarding the District's use of permanent paint on city sidewalks, and the pet safety of deicing "salt."

The paint is used to alert workers to the locations of water, gas, and electric lines when excavation is required. The city states that disappearing paint is not used because it is difficult to know how promptly work will actually be accomplished. While an honest response it is disappointing, nevertheless. No response was received to the request for information about the possible negative impact of heavy salting on pets, where the concern was primarily regarding their paws.

The Committee determined to write two letters to DPR. One letter was to encourage the Department to persist with the aggressive schedule of meetings related to the rebuild of the Rumsey Aquatic Center. A scheduled community meeting had apparently been delayed. Perhaps somewhat influenced by our letter, the second community meeting is now scheduled for March 12, Eastern Market North Hall, at 6:30. It is anticipated that results of a community survey about aspirations for the new pool and first architectural renderings will be presented.

The second letter presented Committee members concerns about items not provided for in the community survey: including alternative building designs (a third floor?) and use of cross tabulations in presentation of data. The topic of pool maintenance continues to be foremost among the concerns of committee members.

A draft Mission Statement for the Committee was reviewed by the members and found wanting on several dimensions. Committee members were encouraged to provide written suggestions in advance of a revision and their comments now have been incorporated into the revised draft that will be considered at the March meeting.

The March meeting of the Committee has been shifted to permit consideration and action as follow-on to DPR's Community Meeting regarding the Rumsey pool. *The meeting has been moved from March 10 to March 17.* The Committee has been meeting "live" at 7:00 Pennsylvania, second floor, at 7:00. All are welcome.



**ANC 6B Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC)**

**February 26, 2025**

Minutes Draft

Report: February Meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC)

Meetings of EMCAC typically address community concerns and consider reports of the Market Manager, the Tenants Committee (vendors), and the Facilities Committee. Testimony was provided by EMCAC at the recent oversight meeting of the Department of Public Services, which owns and is responsible for the management of the market.

The Eastern Market has a webpage that Commissioners and community residents will find of interest. It identifies new vendors, coming events – such as Cherry Blossom festivities – and progress on maintenance and safety issues.

Two items of note from the February meeting involved safety at the Market. One was a petition to DGS to install permanent bollard-barriers on the sidewalks leading into the market area to prevent intentional driving into crowds and facilities. Ultimately, the city is to replace the trucks and cars parked at intersections with bollards that easily can be raised or lowered, but money is not available for this permanent fix so vendors' vehicles are used to provide an auto safety barrier. Sadly, two recent meetings of EMCAC have accompanied news of mass killings at one or another public venues around the world, highlighting the need to protect residents attending the Market on weekends.

A second security item is the development of a convenient pocket-card for all vendors and managers listing emergency telephone and email numbers to be used in an emergency, and offering advice about what steps to take first in responding to different types of emergencies.

Those traveling through DCA are now able to locate an Eastern Market stand promoting merchandise available at the Eastern Market.

Meetings of the EMCAC are open to the public. They are typically held the last Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM, in the North Hall of the Eastern Market.



## **ANC 6B Southeast Library Task Force**

**March 3, 2025**

Minutes Draft

The meeting started at 6:37 PM at 700 Penn Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room and over zoom.

### **Attending**

ANC 6B commissioners: David Sobelsohn, Anna Krebs, Edward Ryder

Task Force members: Sarah Moore, Claire August, Ana Unruh-Cohen, John Schwab, Avery Klienman, Jon Golinger, Marc Mayerson

DC Public Library (DCPL) representative: Jaspreet Pahwa, Sam Dure

Whiting-Turner (W-T) representative: Terri Bosnick

### **1. Introductions**

### **2. Approval of**

- a. March 3rd agenda: adopted unanimously
- b. January 29th minutes: adopted unanimously

### **3. Renovation Update**

- a. DCPL representative Jaspreet Pahwa provided an update on construction at the Southeast Library by going through the DCPL February 27, 2025 Southeast Library Modernization Construction Updates document. (Available at <https://www.dclibrary.org/news/southeast-library-modernization-project> and specifically <https://www.dclibrary.org/media/feb-27-southeast-library-construction-update>). DCPL and W-T representatives reviewed the construction progress since the prior Task Force meeting and previewed the upcoming work. In terms of pedestrian safety, DCPL and W-T noted that the plan on extending the fence into D Street to the extent approved by DDOT on approximately March 6th. W-T noted that they may pull the fence back in, but it will be extended until at least summer. The Task Force, DCPL, and W-T had a long discussion on the Washington Gas issue. Washington Gas has provided a quote for the work, which cannot be absorbed by the library without a reduced scope which would result in significantly reduced delivered services. Washington Gas verbally communicated that the work will take approximately 2 months to complete. To keep the project on schedule, the work must be completed by June 2025, which means it must start in April or May. It is possible Washington Gas plans to replace these pipes soon, and the cost of moving them can be covered by accelerating the expenditures to replace them. DCPL is engaging with Washington Gas but is having trouble getting a decision from the people that control capital expenditure decisions, rather than those that deal with infrastructure conflicts. The Task Force discussed how they could help with this issue, including passing a resolution encouraging Washington Gas to work with DCPL, inviting Washington Gas to attend a future Task Force meeting, and engaging with the press, the Mayor's office, and Council Members. Ms. Pahwa emphasized the importance of collaborating with Washington Gas and recommended the Task Force pursue actions that encourage Washington Gas to come to the table with DCPL to discuss a fair solution. Multiple neighbors emphasized the importance of Washington Gas coordinating with neighbors to ensure they are not without heat while the work is completed. Ms. Pahwa

believes this work is typically completed without a disruption in gas delivery, but this must be confirmed with Washington Gas before work is to begin. DCPL revisited the cold patches put in place by DC Water and Washington Gas, which are out of W-T's scope. Ms. Pahwa recommends they be dealt with now to avoid additional construction and damage to recent work in the future. DCPL shared a list of upcoming milestones and the Task Force noted that it could be helpful to include the opening date on this list in the future. Commissioner Sobelsohn agreed to share a draft of the minutes with the DCPL and W-T team in advance of the next meeting.

#### **4. Interim Library Facility**

##### **a. February 28 Council Testimony**

- i. The Task Force discussed follow-up items with the Council, including encouraging their engagement to help resolve the Washington Gas issue and engaging with At Large Council Members in addition to Council Member Allen.
- ii. A motion was made to recommend to the ANC that they adopt a resolution urging Washington Gas to work with the DC Public Library to resolve the issue of payment for relocation of the gas lines and to place this item on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **b. Further work to increase use and access**

###### **i. Flyer Distribution**

1. Flyer distribution plans are available here:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xuD9CNoxjIKgs30hiWlqavM4VsChKR1KCmfe9Kbzz8w/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xuD9CNoxjIKgs30hiWlqavM4VsChKR1KCmfe9Kbzz8w/edit?usp=drive_link)). Each member of the Task Force shared their efforts to distribute flyers, including at local schools. Commissioners Ryder and Sobelsohn agreed to get in touch with commissioners serving the Navy Yard area to solicit their help in distributing flyers.
- ii. The Task Force discussed other efforts to ensure community members are aware of the interim library facility. Specifically, Ms. Klienman suggested the library specify that Arthur Capper be listed as the Interim Southeast library on their website and in the pick-up location drop-down list to ensure people are aware.

##### **c. Follow-up on getting budget report**

- i. Commissioner Ryder agreed to look into where in the council to go for budget related issues.

#### **5. Next meeting**

- a. April 7th, 6:30 PM at 700 Penn Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room and over zoom: adopted unanimously
- b. It was noted that the Task Force will need tech support to run the zoom meeting and owl.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- a. Adopted unanimously at 8:30 PM.



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 3, 2025**  
**Report**

- I. Introduction of Commissioners and Resident Members**
  - Commissioners: Karen Hughes (Chair), Tyler Wolanin, Jerry Sroufe, David Sobelsohn, Anna Krebs
  - Resident Members & Alternates: Ghoncheh Lee, Kirsten Oldenburg, Matt Miller, Brian Kirrane, Joel Safarti, Brianne Eby-Stockert
- II. Updates on PennxPotomac project**
  - DDOT has shared that they plan 2 months per phase of the construction project.
  - We have asked about the staging of construction equipment, where and on what roads, but no specificity has been offered.
  - The Chair will reach out to schedule 1) bike lane team, 2) signals team and 3) NPS team to present to the Committee.
- III. Update from the Capitol Hill Village Sidewalk Safety Team**
  - Scott Price presented on behalf of the CHV Sidewalk Safety Team.
  - Presentation can be found here:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bRqIIMBbII\\_zqv37eTBbO-7OBEU-O-i7/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bRqIIMBbII_zqv37eTBbO-7OBEU-O-i7/view?usp=sharing)
  - Residents with concerns about sidewalk safety can send photos of the issue area to the Capitol Hill Village team, and they will send in the request to fix it.
- IV. Lincoln Park Collaboration with 6A**
  - Motion to write a joint letter in collaboration with 6A to urge DDOT to do a full traffic safety study on Lincoln Park passed with full support.
- V. Addressing accident at 5th and Independence (Feb. 7)**
  - Motion to write a letter to DDOT urging the installation of a stop sign. This will be the third letter on this topic from ANC 6B and adds to the urgent requests being made by Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen on DDOT.
  - Motion passed with unanimous support.
- VI. Better Bus NOI plans 2 bus stop installations, impacting 4 total parking spots near the Little Scholars Child Development daycare center.**
  - Commissioner Strouse has agreed to reach out to the daycare center to ensure they are aware of this plan.
- VII. AOB, including impacts of Federal funding and staffing/traffic shifts**
  - Brian Kirrane noting for people that the CFO's office has notified the city of a forthcoming decline in city revenue of 300+ million per year for the next 4 years. Expect impacts to city services, road maintenance, schools, etc.



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B**  
**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE & CANNABIS (ABC) COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2025**  
**Report**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. ABRA-129362 TK 539 LLC t/a ALOHA, 539 8TH Street SE**
  - a. Motion for Ellen to file complaint on behalf of ABC committee for investigation on current THC sale investigations → 8-0-1
  - b. Protest petition deadline 3/24
  - c. Montessori School objections to Aloha → alleyway is fire exit; current traffic; Send school license information to David Sobelsohn for position
  - d. Complaint - recommend to full ANC meeting to file protest on Aloha on 3 standard protest criteria as well as proximity to Montessori school (not on consent to gather more information) → 8-0-1
  - e. 2nd Complaint: have Ellen file a complaint on proximity to Montessori school (needs 300 ft from school currently 289) with guidance from Jonathan Burman → 8-0-1
- 3. ANC 6B ABRA License Application Review Process (attached)**
  - a. Graphic meant to be given to applicant as public notification and intention to individualize for each application
  - b. Add 3 standard protest criteria to graphic as suggested
  - c. Graphic reviewed by committee prior to sending to applicants and local businesses

# Performance Oversight Hearing

District of Columbia  
Committee on Human Services  
Councilmember Matt Frumin, Chair  
Friday, February 28, 2025  
John Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

## TESTIMONY

of

DAVID SOBELSOHN

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, ANC 6B03  
Chair, ANC 6B Southeast Library Taskforce

on behalf of

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

## TESTIMONY

of

ANC COMMISSIONER DAVID SOBELSOHN

Chair Frumin, councilmembers, staff, neighbors, and friends: I am David Sobelsohn, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for ANC 6B03. I chair ANC 6B's Southeast Library Taskforce. On February 11, our ANC voted unanimously to authorize me and our taskforce vice-chair, Claire August, to represent the ANC at this hearing.

Our vice-chair has submitted her testimony in writing. I will deliver mine orally, and also have provided you with hard copy and will send them to staff by email.

On this side of the Anacostia, and except for Navy Yard, our ANC includes everything east of South Capitol Street and south of East Capitol Street.

Our ANC has only one library, the Southeast branch. It's also the closest library for many in Wards Seven and Eight, especially the Navy Yard.

In January 2024, the Southeast library closed for renovations. Renovations are supposed to end next January. Even if they finish on time, we will have lost access to the library for two years.

DC library guidelines promise that the DC library system will "provide an interim facility when a library will be closed for longer than one year." But from the start, library representatives hid their intentions. In several community meetings, they seldom mentioned an interim facility. When pressed, they assured us "We are committed to providing some kind of interim services."

By January 2023, instead of providing interim services, DCPL's director now insisted we walk to the Northeast branch, almost a mile north. The Northeast branch isn't near a Metrorail station. It has no parking lot. It's hard to find on-street parking on Capitol Hill.

A mile is a long walk even for able-bodied adults, let alone senior citizens, the mobility-impaired, or parents of young children. It's even farther for public-housing residents in Hopkins Apartments, Potomac Gardens, and Kentucky Courts.

In 2023, the Council appropriated funds for an interim library at the Arthur Capper Community Center, 1000 5<sup>th</sup> St., SE. It's a lot closer for my ANC constituents. It's the only library Navy Yard has ever known.

But from the beginning, DCPL discouraged use of the Capper library. They gave it scant publicity. At first, they wouldn't even let us pick up or drop off books. They still haven't posted the times on the building.

Most serious, DCPL refuses to open the facility on weekends--though the community center itself is open then.

This committee should ask DCPL: When do DC residents most use libraries: during the week, when folks are working or at school, or on weekends? Why do you only open the Arthur Capper library on weekdays? Why, except for Thursday, do you always close it at 6 p.m.?

Meanwhile, DCPL complains that no one uses the facility. Of course: DCPL won't open it when most people would use it.

What happened to the hundreds of thousands this Council appropriated for the Capper facility? This committee should demand an audit.

This committee should also ask DCPL what it would cost to open the facility one or two Saturdays per month. If it's too much, why not close the facility on Mondays, so kids who go to school or parents who work on Monday can use it on Saturday?

DCPL closed the facility for most of summer 2024, blaming a faulty HVAC system, a problem apparently isolated to the library rooms, because HVAC problems never closed the community center. Where did that money go? Will DCPL close the library again next summer?

In keeping up with renovations, our taskforce has welcomed monthly updates we get from contractor Whiting-Turner's Terri Bosnick and DCPL's Director of Capital Planning, Jaspreet Pahwa. It especially helped when, a year ago, Jaspreet Pahwa told us DCPL will need a couple of months, after renovations finish next January, to prepare the new library to open. When pressed, she committed to the end of winter, March 21, two months after January.

But now DCPL director, Richard Reyes-Gavilan, has withdrawn that commitment. Now he says he *hopes* the new library will open by June 30. Hopes! Worse, he now plans to close the Capper interim facility in January. This committee should ask why it will take *six months* after renovations to get the Southeast branch ready to open. What is DCPL doing with the hundreds of thousands this Council appropriated?

To quote a resident from our first community meeting on the then-proposed library renovation: "You can't just close our library and tell us to go downtown or to Northeast--we use the building here and we still need services here. You're just coming in here making decisions without considering us and our needs."

That's still happening. It has to stop. This committee can make it stop.

I would be happy to answer the committee's questions.