



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B  
SEPTEMBER 2025 FULL MEETING AGENDAS OF ANC 6B

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**PROPOSED SEPTEMBER AGENDAS**

- 1) **Introduction**
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda**
- 3) **Consent Agenda**
  - a) July Minutes
  - b) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Consent Items
    - i) **[LATE BREAKING]** Re-Application of Aloha/Tobacco King: Medical Cannabis License Application; 539 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE (6B03) **ABC Committee Voted Unanimously to Protest the Re-Application on the Same Grounds as the Original Protest.**
    - ii) Written Report for ABC Committee
  - c) Transportation Consent Items
    - i) Written Report for the Transportation Committee
  - d) Planning & Zoning Consent Items
    - i) 624 C St SE, HPA#25-326 (6B04) **P&Z Committee Voted Unanimously to email HPA asking to defer to October.**
    - ii) 1341 Pennsylvania Ave SE, BZA #21372 (6B09) **P&Z Committee Voted Unanimously to support parking exemption, with the express understanding that BZA not prejudice the litigation regarding any easements.**
    - iii) 409 East Capitol St SE, BZA #21333, HPA #25-323 (6B02) (use variance portion only) **P&Z Committee Voted Unanimously to support use variance.**
    - iv) 730 Rear 11th St SE, HPA 25-242 (6B08) **P&Z Committee Voted Unanimously to support the renovation in the historic district.**
    - v) 418 4th St SE, HPA #25-324 (6B03) **P&Z Committee Concluded that the ANC approved the HPA design already. No additional action needed.**
    - vi) 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
- 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) Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates
- 5) Presentations**
  - a) None for September
- 6) ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns**
  - a) Resolution on Renaming Brent Elementary
- 7) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee**
  - a) **ABC Renewals**
    - i) **[LATE BREAKING]** ABRA-133651: New Tavern Application (to be voted on in October) For September: Request for stipulated license – Awakening Bar & Grill, 520 8th St. SE (6B04)
  - a) **New Applications**
  - b) **Protests/Other Updates**
    - i. **ABRA-090240** Balkan Concepts t/a Ambar (Currently Protesting) (6B03)
    - ii. Recommendations on encouraging commercial variety in ANC 6B (Repeat from July 2025)
- 8) Transportation Committee**
  - a) ANC 6B Support for 11th Street SE Protected Bike Lane Proposal **Transportation Committee Voted Unanimously to Write a Letter to DDOT Supporting the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Protected Bike Plan Proposal**
  - b) **[LATE BREAKING]** Resolution to Rename the Alley Adjacent to Barracks Row Fire Station
- 9) Planning and Zoning Committee**
  - a) 409 East Capitol St SE, BZA #21333, HPA #25-323 (6B02) **P&Z Committee Voted 5-3 to oppose BZA and HPA applications.**
  - b) Recommendations on encouraging commercial variety in ANC 6B
- 10) Public Safety Committee**
- 11) Southeast Library Taskforce**
- 12) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce**
- 13) Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee**
- 14) Financial**
  - a) Monthly Financials
- 15) ANC 6B Administrative Matters**
  - a) Standing Rules Working Group Update
  - b) Update on Grants Discussion
  - c) Bylaws Amendment on Committee Vice Chairs
  - d) Bylaws Amendment on Adoption of Standing Rules
- 16) Adjournment**

PLEASE NOTE: At regular Commission meetings, any item may be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda at the request of a single Commissioner. All ABC, BZA, Zoning, and Historic Preservation cases may be added to this agenda. For additional information, email [6b@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6b@anc.dc.gov), or visit ANC 6B's website: [www.anc6b.org](http://www.anc6b.org).

The ANC 6B will meet next on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for their Executive Committee to set the October 2025 agenda. This meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting. Meeting link TBA. The ANC recesses in August.



## Minutes

Approved at ANC 6B meeting September 9, 2025

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 8, 2025

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

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

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

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

1. Adoption of Agenda. At the request of the following Commissioners, the proposed agenda was modified as follow: by Commissioner--

- a. Gorman: add, to the Consent Agenda, support for the liquor-license application of The Flying Mexican, 514 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE.
- b. Mareino: add, to the Consent Agenda, election of new chair and appointment of new vice-chair to the Planning and Zoning Committee.
- c. Sroufe: add, to ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns, reopening of the "throne toilets" in DC.

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

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

- a. Adoption of the proposed June 10 meeting minutes. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/June-2025-ANC-6B-Full-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.
- b. Written reports and minutes since June 10 of meetings of ANC 6B committees and taskforces. Those reports and minutes can be found in the July 8 meeting packet at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/July-2025-ANC-6B-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf>.
- c. Committee recommendations: from committees on--
  - 1) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis: To support application for new Class C restaurant license, with side-walk café and alcohol carry-out and delivery endorsements, by ZomTum, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-132461).
  - 2) Planning and Zoning: to--
    - a) Authorize Commissioner Mareino to draft a letter, to the Department of Buildings, urging DOB to investigate an alleged illegal vacation rental of 220 14<sup>th</sup> St., SE.
    - b) Support the concept review, by the Historic Preservation Review Board, of a proposed renovation of 418 4<sup>th</sup> St., SE (HPA #25-324).
    - c) Appoint Commissioner Mareino to chair the committee.
  - 3) Public Safety: to send Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, with copies to other councilmembers, the mayor, the DC Attorney General, and the Department of Public Works, a letter urging various measures regarding safety of mopeds, including prompt Council enactment of the Moped Registration Accountability Act. The letter can be found in the July 8 meeting packet at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/July-2025-ANC-6B-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf>.
  - 4) Transportation: to send the DC Department of Transportation a letter urging traffic-safety improvements, including speed humps, in the alley through the 1500 block of L St., SE, particularly near the 15<sup>th</sup> St.,

SE, intersection, and to study installation of speed humps on the 1000 block of 15<sup>th</sup> St., SE, near the alley entrance. The letter can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/ANC-6B-Letter-Regarding-1500-Block-of-L-Street-SE.pdf>.

3. Announcements: from--

a. ANC 6B commissioners: Commissioner--

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

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

1-- Executive Committee: virtual meeting, 7 p.m. August 26.

2-- Live-streamed in-person meetings, at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, of--

a-- Committees on--

(1) Public Safety 6:30 p.m. July 23.

(2) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis 7 p.m. September 2.

b-- Southeast Library Taskforce 6:30 p.m. July 28.

c-- Full ANC 6B 7 p.m. September 9.

3-- Virtual meetings at 7 p.m. of committees on--

a-- Transportation September 3.

b-- Planning and Zoning September 4.

2) Mareino announced the appointment of former ANC 6B Commissioner Frank D'Andrea as vice-chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

b. Non-ANC commissioners.

1) Kimberly Kennedy, Southeast DC Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Allen, made the following announcements.

a) The Council--

1-- Has--

a-- Rejected the mayor's proposal to cut funding for "clean buildings."

b-- Has fully funded the DC share of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

2-- Will--

a-- Vote on the 2026 DC budget on July 14 and 28.

b-- Hold hearings on the mayor's agreement with the Washington Commanders NFL team on July 29 and 30. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to authorize Commissioner Hughes to represent ANC 6B at these hearings. The motion passed 9-0.

b) Ward Six week this year will take place July 27-August 2. It will include a cake swap, bar trivia, and a group trip to Nationals Park.

2) Captain Adam Crist, of the DC Metropolitan Police Department, reported on crime statistics, including that, over this time last year, in ANC 6B--

a) Violent crime is down 35%.

b) Robberies and carjackings are down 38%.

c) Property crime is down 31%.

d) Vehicle thefts, especially of electric scooters, have increased, in 6B and across the city.

4. Presentations from--

a. Sharon Kershbaum, Director, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT). Director Kershbaum reported that, after decades of "car-centric development," DDOT has adopted a multimodal plan for DC transportation. Elements include--

1) A focus on "high-risk corridors." She added that the area around Lincoln Park does not qualify.

2) The Bus Priority Program, which aims to reduce delays and travel times, improve access, and enhance the rider experience. Kershbaum claimed that, in parts of northwest DC, the program has--

a) Increased--

1-- Bus speeds--

a-- 37% during peak periods and--

b-- 74% during off-peak periods.

2-- Ridership 68%.

- b) Decreased by 54% the number of collisions resulting in injury.
- 3) Sidewalks.
  - a) Additions: she claimed that, under her leadership, DDOT has built 49 miles of new sidewalks, so each DC street now has a sidewalk.
  - b) Repair: she claimed that DDOT will fix sidewalks--
    - 1-- In hazardous condition within 60 days, within a week if the sidewalk's unusable.
    - 2-- That just pose the danger of "tripping" within 450 days.
- 4) Street closings. Under the PLAZA Act, DDOT will close three DC streets 24 hours per week every week, similar to what DDOT already does with 7<sup>th</sup> St., SE, outside Eastern Market.

Kershbaum suggested that, for particular problems, residents of Ward Six contact DDOT's Community Engagement liaison Keith Jones at keith.jones5@dc.gov.

b. Robin Roesch of the Parent-Teachers Organization at Shirley Chisholm Elementary School, 1001 G St., SE, spoke about the Creciendo Chisholm community initiative. Chisholm's PTO proposes that, as part of an upcoming renovation, the public-school system transform Chisholm, and Anacostia's Houston Elementary School, into dual-language campuses to include pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Currently, DC has no dual-language public middle school east of Rock Creek Park. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to urge the DC Council to include, in the 2026 DC budget, \$50,000 for a study to assess this proposal's feasibility. The motion passed 9-0.

#### 5. Other Concerns.

a. I-83: In November 2024, DC voters approved Initiative 83, with a 73% majority. The initiative establishes ranked-choice voting for DC elections and allows independent voters to participate in primary elections. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to urge the DC Council to fully implement Initiative 83. The motion passed 9-0.

b. Public toilets: Commissioner Sroufe reported that the Council is currently considering funding for public toilets in DC, including the one on the Eastern Market Metro Plaza, and that the Eastern Market toilet may reopen by the end of July.

#### 6. Committee Reports.

a. Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee: liquor-license renewal applications from--

1) TB Capitol Hill, LLC, trading as Ted's Bulletin, 505 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-108110). Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to support the license renewal with no changes in the current settlement agreement. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to amend the motion to add a requirement that Ted's continue twice-daily power washing in the alley behind the restaurant. The motion failed for want of a second. The main motion passed 8-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed.

2) Balkan Concepts, trading as Ambar, 523 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-090240). At its May 13 meeting, ANC 6B voted to protest this renewal application. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to hire attorney Kerry Verdi to represent the ANC in this proceeding. The motion passed 8-1, with Commissioner Sroufe opposed.

b. Planning and Zoning Committee: applications regarding--

1) 409 East Capitol St., SE (BZA #21333). The owners would like to make a rear addition. Citing the need for neighbor input, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to postpone consideration of this matter until the September 9 meeting. The motion passed 9-0.

2) 730 11<sup>th</sup> St., SE rear (HPA 25-242). The owners want to demolish an existing attached rear commercial space and replace it with a single-family dwelling. Citing the need for neighbor input, Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to delay consideration of this application to allow time for neighbor input. The motion passed 9-0.

7. Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Krebs, ANC 6B treasurer, reported that the ANC has spent no money for the past three months. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to approve

the Fiscal Year 2025 Third Quarter financial report. The motion passed 9-0. The report can be found [where? The website has no FY 2025 quarterly reports, & this one wasn't in the packet either].

8. Postponement of Remaining Agenda Items. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to postpone the remaining agenda items to the ANC's September 9 meeting. The motion passed 9-0. Those agenda items included oral reports from the remaining committees, the taskforce, and the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee, along with an update from the Community Grants Working Group and discussion of proposed bylaws amendments concerning committee vice-chairs and adoption of standing rules. The motion passed 9-0.

9. Adjournment: Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn  
ANC 6B Secretary



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025  
Report

- I. Introductions:
  - A. Resident Members & Alternates: Matt Clausen, Janice Krueger, Briane Kirrane, Joel Safarti, Jeff Menzer
  - B. Commissioners David Sobelsohn, Sam Pastore, Karen Hughes
- II. Guest: Transportation Planner Mike Goodno – Brief update on Phase II of the Penn x Potomac circle project, including discussion of bike lane planning process
  - Started speaking to the ANC in 2017 for bike lanes on Pennsylvania. Launched a study in 2020 to integrate bicycle and priority bus lane infrastructure on Penn. They wanted to achieve all those goals with the installation in 2023 of the priority bus lanes. At the time, they designed the whole corridor.
  - With the Penn/Potomac project they split the project in two. Originally, they had wanted to include the priority lanes into the project, but the timing would have reopened the env review.
  - When Phase II is implemented, it will look similar to the rest of Pennsylvania.
  - They currently have a 30% plan. They were hoping to be beginning the design process right now, but other projects have taken priority.
  - Design process will start in February, and installation is planned for Spring 2027.
- III. Guest: Parking Deputy Administrator, Preston Moore – Joining to address questions that have been raised regarding parking regulations, abandoned cars, etc.

- Responsible for the ticket writing, towing, communication and impound lots.
- The team is focused right now on the scofflaw program. As well as working with metro on keeping the bus lanes clear.
- Question from C. Sobelsohn. We have a complaint from a constituent about a car that has been parked in a residential zone for weeks and weeks with a cover on it. Answer: As long as the vehicle is on public space, we can lift the cover as long as no damage is done to the car or the cover.
- Some out of state license plates operate under reciprocity, a parking permit that is for members of congress/staff, college students and others. Needs to be displayed on windshield.
- Question: Update on the implementation of the Steer Act? Answer: The funding doesn't come into effect until the new budget is in place.
- Question: Has DPW had success or challenges enforcing the visitor parking program? Answer: Effective Aug 1, DDOT did away with the visible parking permits and is using license plate registration. On-foot patrol officers can use their scanners to record tags, and officers in cars will scan licenses as they drive around.
- When using 311, everyone needs to keep in mind that it has a 24 hour turnaround time - that's the contract with the city
- Citizens interested to report a boot/tow eligible car can use a "general" request in 311
- Additional questions can be directed to Deputy Director Moore at [Preston.moore2@dc.gov](mailto:Preston.moore2@dc.gov).

#### IV. Hill Family Biking presentation with Sam Moghtaderi and Christopher Forinash

- Hill Family Biking bike rides every month. Different themes every month. They are a formal 501c3.
- Now that they have gotten their monthly rhythm underway, they are moving to greater bike safety advocacy.
- They want to encourage the city to put a protected 2-way bike lane on 11th St.



- Committee discussed broadly favorable reactions to the proposal, with a request that our support for this proposal not pre-suppose which side of the street it should be put on.
  - Committee voted 8-0-0 to write a letter to DDOT supporting the Hill Family Biking proposal without favoring either the east or west side of the street at this stage.
  - Link to presentation:  
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rl79JV0lbvEKCnleeZyx1L8UaZgyG0kczDWrMQLBbiA/edit?usp=sharing>
- V. Continuation of Discussion on Zone Only Parking for Ives Place (and potential other blocks) - 5 blocks are needed to apply for the RPP program. Other blocks within 6B to be identified.
- VI. Adjournment.

Draft Letter for DDOT in support of Hill Family Biking bike lane proposal:

September **X**, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum

District Department of Transportation

Re: ANC 6B Support for 11th Street SE Protected Bike Lane Proposal

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on **Sept. 9, 2025 with a quorum present, ANC 6B voted X-0-0** to support the Hill Family Biking proposal to install a two-way protected bikelane along the length of 11th Street SE.

Hill Family Biking, a local group dedicated to supporting families who ride bikes and advocating for improved street safety, has presented a compelling case for this crucial infrastructure upgrade. The current state of 11th Street SE, with its unprotected, painted bike lanes, presents significant safety concerns for all road users, particularly cyclists and pedestrians. Issues such as lack of protected separation, obstruction by double-parking, the risk of "dooring" incidents, and unsafe conditions near the intersection with I-695 highlight the urgent need for a safer design.

The proposed two-way protected cycle track on 11th Street SE would offer numerous benefits:

- Enhanced Safety: Protected separation from vehicular traffic will significantly reduce crashes and injuries for cyclists, pedestrians, and even car occupants.
- Unobstructed Passage: A protected lane will prevent blockages from double-parked vehicles, ensuring a consistent and safe path for cyclists.
- Preservation of Existing Infrastructure: The proposal maintains existing travel lanes and parking, minimizing disruption to other modes of transportation.
- Improved School Access: This protected lane will provide a much safer route for children and families traveling to Chisholm and Watkins Elementary Schools.
- Completion of the Bike Network: This project is vital for establishing 11th Street as a critical north-south "bike spine," completing a significant gap in the protected bike network and encouraging greater community usage, especially among families and new riders.

Research consistently demonstrates that the implementation of "low-stress" bike infrastructure, such as protected cycle tracks, not only reduces incidents but also encourages more people to choose cycling as a mode of transportation. This proposal aligns perfectly with the District's Vision Zero goals and its commitment to creating a safer and more accessible transportation network for all residents.

We urge the District Department of Transportation to give great weight to the recommendations of this Commission and to prioritize the implementation of a two-way protected cycle track on 11th Street SE as outlined by Hill Family Biking. This project will significantly improve the safety and quality of life for our constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. The Commission stands ready to assist in any way we can to facilitate this vital safety improvement.

On behalf of the Commission,

Edward Ryder

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

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A RESOLUTION TO NAME THE ALLEY ADJACENT TO DC FIRE STATION ENGINE COMPANY  
18 TRUCK 7 IN HONOR OF DC FIRE AND EMS FIREFIGHTER TECHNICIAN STEPHEN SHIPP

WHEREAS, Fire Station Engine Company 18 Truck 17 (“Barracks Row Fire Station”) plays a vital role in supporting the safety and well-being of residents and businesses of ANC6B as well as of all Washingtonians;

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Stephen Shipp served faithfully in the DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DC FEMS) for more than 20 years, including at the Barracks Row Fire Station, and lost his life in April 2025 as a result of illness incurred in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, DC FEMS members serving at the Barracks Row Fire Station wish to have the alley adjacent to the station named in Mr. Shipp’s honor;

WHEREAS, ANC6B deems it fitting and proper to name public areas, including alleys, in honor of public servants who help keep our community safe;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS ANC

Supports designation of the alley adjacent to the Barracks Row Fire Station as “Stephen Shipp Alley” in accordance with DC 9-204.21 subsection j.



Minutes: ANC 6B Planning & Zoning Committee

September 4, 2025 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

1. 624 C St SE, HPA#25-326
  - a. Notes: small residential project; applicant asserts that neighbors support.
  - b. **Motion: email HPA, asking to defer to October**
  - c. Reason: Sobelsohn stated objection to approving without written letters of support from neighbors. Applicant stated they would delay application to gather letters, so that they could get the ANC's unanimous support.
  - d. Vote: unanimous
2. 1341 Pennsylvania Ave SE, BZA #21372
  - a. Notes: construction is done. The request is just for waiver of the requirement to have off-site parking. Neighbor claims they have an easement allowing them to travel across the empty space in the rear where the parking space would go. Applicant agrees an easement exists, but disagrees about its effect. Therefore, Neighbor supports if & only if BZA does not pre-empt lawsuit to resolve the effect of the easement.
  - b. **Motion: support for parking exemption, with the express understanding that BZA not prejudice the litigation regarding any easements**
  - c. Vote: unanimous
3. 409 E Capitol St SE, BZA #21333, HPA #25-323
  - a. Notes: No changes visible from front. Expansion in rear matches several other places on the same block. Neighbors oppose variance for 70% lot occupancy, however, because it would make the area less attractive.
  - b. **Motion: support for Use Variance**
    - i. Reason: no construction; allows continued use as an office; neighbors support
    - ii. Vote: unanimous
  - c. **Motion: OPPOSE the BZA and HPA construction applications**
    - i. Reason: the neighbors have demonstrated hardship
  - d. Vote
    - i. 5 in favor (Sam, David, Maggie, Sarah, Marsha)
    - ii. 3 opposed (Vince, Frank, Michael)

- iii. 1 abstention (Whit)
  - iv. All others absent
- 4. 730 Rear 11th St SE, HPA #25-242
  - a. Notes: because of alleys, the only immediate neighbor is a church. Current building is tiny. Renovation would match the size on the block.
  - b. **Motion: support renovation in historic district**
  - c. Reason: extensive notice to neighbors and CHRS's approval
  - d. Vote: unanimous
- 5. 418 4<sup>th</sup> St SE, HPA #25-324
  - a. Notes: 6B approved the design review at July 2025 full meeting.
  - b. **Motion: Frank will advise the ANC that no action is needed**
  - c. Reason: ANC and HPA already approved design review; final filing follows HPA-approved design.
  - d. Vote: Unanimous
- 6. 1105 10<sup>th</sup> St SE
  - a. **Motion: email BZA & HPRB, let them know that while we like this project, it's not in our ANC**
  - b. Reason: it's in 6/8F
  - c. Vote: unanimous but Sobelsohn abstaining
- 7. Commercial variety in Barracks Row
  - a. **In July, P&Z approved motion: convene a meeting with Barracks Row main street**
  - b. **Amend motion to clarify recommended topics and delegation**
    - i. Recommended topics: commercial variety; a moratorium on fast food, liquor licenses, and/or cannabis licenses; parking, mass transit, and other infrastructure; upzoning the neighborhood to create more affordable 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shops; the needs of businesses; the needs of residents.
    - ii. Recommended delegation: Comm. Pastore, Sobelson, & Gorman, and Resident Member Sarah Robertson (6B06)



**ANC 6B June 2025 Public Safety Committee Report  
for the hybrid meeting held on July 23, 2025, from 6:30 – 8:30p.m.**

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

**AGENDA & REPORT**

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

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

*Committee Chairperson and Commissioner Brian Gorman [6B04]*

*Commissioner and ANC6B Vice Chair Karen Hughes [6B09]*

*Frank Boudra [6B01] – alternate*

*Ann Keep [6B05]*

*Kelly Waud [6B07]*

**2. MPD Briefing**

Captain Crist provided an overview of crime statistics and updates on specific incidents within ANC 6B.

- **Crime Trends:** There were two reported homicides, but no reported robberies, other assaults with dangerous weapons, or burglaries for June. Thefts were significantly down compared to the previous year, with 19 reported thefts and 11 reported thefts from autos (compared to 50 and 16, respectively, in June 2024). Motor vehicle theft, however, remained high across the MPD's first district and most of the city.

*Incident Updates:*

- **Robberies/Carjackings (800 block of E Street SE):** Extra focus has been given to this area. A recent robbery on June 22nd appeared to start as a theft from an automobile and became a crime of opportunity when victims noticed the suspects and the suspects robbed them.
- **May Incidents:** A short pattern of attempted carjackings on the 300 block of South Carolina and another on the 500 block of 7<sup>th</sup> street involved four juveniles. In one instance, the theft was abandoned when the perpetrators failed to drive a manual transmission car. Another pattern involved scooter carjackings targeting Hispanic delivery drivers, which "abruptly came to an end" after an arrest on the 13<sup>th</sup> on 8<sup>th</sup> and E streets, assisted by Marines.



- **Scooter Incident (600 block of Penn Ave):** A detective is investigating a scooter operator who hit and injured a young boy. Identification is stalled due to the rider wearing a helmet and cameras failing to capture a tag number or identifiable characteristics. MPD has bolstered enforcement in high scooter traffic areas (Eastern Market Barracks Row, Penn Ave, Chinatown, H Street), resulting in 11 impoundments and daily overtime enforcement.
- **Homicide of 3-Year-Old (1000 block of 14th Street):** An arrest was made; Charles Rucker of Southeast DC was charged with 1st-degree murder while armed. Public court records, including the arrest warrant, are available online at [dccourts.gov](http://dccourts.gov).
- **Lincoln Park Homicide & E Street Homicide:** Both remain under investigation by the Homicide Branch, with no public information released, though a video of a person of interest on a scooter was released for the E Street case.
- **Unlawful Discharge Shooting (1200 block of G Street):** Classified as unlawful discharge, with no victims or property damage located. A news release with a lookout for three suspects was issued, but no arrests have been made.
- **Shots Fired (14th and K SE and 10<sup>th</sup> and South Carolina SE):** The 14<sup>th</sup> and K incident involved property damage, including a car being hit. Forensic evidence (shell casings, bullet fragments) was recovered and sent to trace the gun's history, but no closure has been reached. There's no indication at this point that it's related to the homicide on the 1000 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. As for the 10<sup>th</sup> and South Carolina Ave SE incident, MPD's shot spotter picked up shots, but it's unclear whether the incident was road rage-related between an SUV and a scooter or an attempted scooter jacking. MPD did recover some casings from this incident.
- **Challenges:** In response to a request for more resources the area around the 1000 block of 14<sup>th</sup> street, Captain Crist noted the challenge of limited officers, which impacts the ability to maintain a constant visible presence despite, officers being instructed to give special attention to problem areas. Captain Crist noted that relocating portable camera trailers is being explored. He also discussed the nexus between scooters and youth/young adult crime, with scooters offering anonymity and quick escape. Questions were raised about camera footage for crime investigations and Captain Crist noted that some businesses require subpoenas for video footage, which can delay investigations. The committed noted that ANC6B could consider requiring business to provide video footage to MPD to facilitate criminal investigations in settlement agreements.

3. **U.S. Attorney's Office Presentation by Chris Wade:**



- Chris Wade, the community outreach specialist for the 1st district, detailed the role of his office in bridging the community and the criminal justice system. He is a native of DC and retired from the DC Police Department, bringing personal experience to his work.

#### *Three Pillars of Work:*

- **Preventive Initiatives:** Conducting presentations on fraud, scams, domestic violence, and drugs in churches, schools, and various community groups.
- **Victim Assistance:** Helping victims navigate available resources within their office and with community partners.
- **Support for Returning Citizens:** Working with individuals who have committed crimes and are returning to the community, connecting them with resources to stay on a positive path. This includes providing "no paper letters" for employment purposes for cases not prosecuted.

**Youth Engagement:** Wade emphasized his focus on youth, particularly at the middle school level. His projects include **Project Lead** (leadership and decision-making for 5th and 6th graders) and **Youth Court** (teaching the criminal justice system through role-playing scenarios to help youth understand legal consequences). He also mentioned the 15th Annual Antiviolence Summit, which hosted 350 young people to discuss gun violence, de-escalation, mental health, and drug awareness.

#### **Community Resources:**

- **Court Report:** A monthly report detailing cases being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's office, organized by PSA, with information on violations, names, case numbers, and addresses. This allows community members to follow up on specific cases.
- **Volunteer Working Group:** This group, started in 2020, brings together federal agencies, nonprofits, churches, and mental health professionals for brainstorming and topical presentations. It connects individuals with programs and resources, such as horticultural programs for job placement.
- **Community Impact Statements:** ANC Commissioners or CAC members can submit these statements to describe how a particular crime impacted the community, which are then read at sentencing and considered by judges.
- **Listening and Individualized Help:** Wade highlighted the importance of listening to understand people's true needs, sharing anecdotes about helping a homeless man get shoes instead of belts, and connecting individuals to programs like the Goodwill Excel Center for free adult high school with daycare.





- **Partnerships and Priorities:** The current U.S. Attorney prioritizes youth in schools, attorneys engaging with the community, seniors, domestic violence, and violent crime. Wade also shared a success story of a police cadet who became an officer and then inspired eight others to join the force through community engagement.
- **Data Transparency:** The committee expressed interest in having a more searchable, on-demand database for crime data from the U.S. Attorney's office, beyond just newsletters.

**4. Other Discussions and Future Initiatives:** The meeting concluded with broader discussions and ideas for future action:

- **Resource Repository:** The committee is working on creating a Google Doc to serve as a repository of community resources and contacts, with hopes of making it more broadly accessible. Mr. Wade noted that he would be happy to support this effort.
- **DC Jail Funding:** There was a strong desire to send letters advocating for the restoration of DC jail funding to the next year's budget and to ensure city control over the jail, opposing private operation.

**ANC 6B Southeast Library Task Force**  
**July 28, 2025**  
Draft Minutes

The meeting started at 6:3 PM at 700 Penn Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room and over zoom.

**Attending**

ANC 6B commissioners: David Sobelsohn, Edward Ryder

Task Force members: Ana Unruh Cohen, John Schwab

DC Public Library (DCPL) representatives: Jaspreet Pahwa

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

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approval of**

- a. July 28 agenda: adopted unanimously
- b. June 9 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 July 25, 2025 Southeast Library Modernization Construction Updates document. (Available at <https://www.dclibrary.org/news/southeast-library-modernization-project> and specifically <https://www.dclibrary.org/sites/default/files/files/2025-07/DCPL%207.28.25%20Update.pdf> ). DCPL and W-T representatives reviewed the construction progress since the prior Task Force meeting and previewed the upcoming work. As part of the monthly review, there was discussion of the interior work, the skylight berm and the building being switched onto permanent power, which is an important milestone. With the power connected some areas can be closed and work can start on conditioning the building. W-T discussed working with the near neighbors on the fence replacement. The neighbors will provide their feedback by the end of August. The majority of the conversation focused on the Washington Gas work to remove and reroute pipes on the site and South Carolina Ave. Washington Gas mobilized on July 21 and is anticipated to finish in early August, two months later than DCPL's requested completion of early June. This delay will have an impact on the library completion schedule but W-T will try not to compound the delay. DCPL and W-T will be able to discuss the impact and schedule changes at the next Task Force meeting. When asked about what contributed to the delay, DCPL explained some bureaucratic hurdles that had to be overcome for this unique situation and some issues with Washington Gas subcontractors. John Schwab commended DCPL for their efforts to resolve this problem and noted that the Task Force should make sure that Councilmember Allen fully understands the problems with Washington Gas.

**4. D Street Issues**

- a. **Traffic flow & parking enforcement:** There was discussion about workers parking on D St, South Carolina Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> street. W-T said they would discuss at their next subcontractors meeting.
- b. **CVS middle-of-the-night deliveries:** John Schwab updated the Task Force that the problem seems to be resolved for now.
- c. **Blocked curb cut at corner of D & 7<sup>th</sup>:** Commissioner Sobelsohn asked about the sign blocking the curb cut across D St from the Library. W-T confirmed it should be closed because there is no place for pedestrians to go should they cross D St at that location. The sign is in place to redirect people to open sidewalks.

#### 5. Interim Library Facility

- a. **Flyer Distribution:** More help is needed to distribute flyers and the 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).
- b. **Heat Closures:** There have been no further closures since May that the Task Force has heard about.
- c. **Budget hearing:** Commissioner Sobelsohn noted that he testified at the budget hearing on June 10, 2025 and provided a copy of his testimony to the Task Force. The Task Force noted that with the delay caused by the Washington Gas work, more resources may be needed to support the interim library facility staying open until the Southeast Library has reopened in 2026. Commissioner Sobelsohn also noted that he had visited the facility earlier in the day and saw a number of people using the facility, including the desktop computers.

#### 6. Next meeting

- a. September 15, 6:30 PM at 700 Penn Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room and over zoom: adopted unanimously

#### 7. Adjournment

- a. Adopted unanimously at 7:20 PM.

WHEREAS Brent Elementary School, named after Robert Brent, is located in ANC 6B, and

WHEREAS Robert Brent was the first Mayor of Washington, from 1802 until 1812; in 1808, Brent enacted laws called “Black Codes,” which made it unlawful for Black people to be on the streets after 10:00 p.m.; in his final year in office, these codes were extended to require all Black persons to carry identification at all times; furthermore, Brent had previously had married into the family of Notley Young, who had enslaved hundreds of people in Prince George's Country, Maryland, and contemporaneous newspaper advertisements show that Brent was responsible for purchasing enslaved persons for his family's quarry in Aquia, Virginia, and

WHEREAS The Brent Equity and Inclusion Group, composed of caregivers and school staff, focused their work in the 2024-25 school year on renaming the school; after over eight months of community engagement including the submission of 57 names by students and caregivers, the Group selected a list of eight finalists using the criteria of individuals who were brave, empathetic, active, and responsible, and further narrowed this list down to finalists Elizabeth Catlett and Gardner Bishop, and

WHEREAS a vote by students, caregivers, and alumni families resulted in 378 votes to name the school after Gardner Bishop and 339 votes to rename the school after Elizabeth Catlett, and

WHEREAS Gardner Bishop, who was born in 1909 and died in 1992, was a barber, parent, and civil rights activist who lived in Washington DC; after his daughter was refused a transfer to Banneker School due to his family's class background, Gardner Bishop formed the Consolidated Parents Group in 1947 to boycott Browne Junior High School, an overcrowded and segregated school where students were rotated in shifts through abandoned elementary schools to receive the necessary hours of schooling, eventually forcing the Board of Education to resolve the issue; Gardner Bishop subsequently led an effort to enroll Black students at the segregated John Phillips Sousa Junior High School, resulting in the 1954 Supreme Court case *Bolling v. Sharpe*, which held that the segregated public schools in the District of Columbia were unconstitutional;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED –

1. ANC 6B supports the renaming of Robert Brent Elementary School after Gardner Bishop.
2. ANC 6B urges the Mayor and Council to approve the naming of Gardner Bishop Elementary School, and to allow DCPS to make the necessary changes.