



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 8th 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 14th St., SE.
 - b) Support the concept review, by the Historic Preservation Review Board, of a proposed renovation of 418 4th 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 15th St.,

SE, intersection, and to study installation of speed humps on the 1000 block of 15th 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 7th 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 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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 11th 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