



Minutes

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 9, 2025

Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and over Zoom
Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

Approved at ANC 6B meeting January 13, 2025

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

Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda. Without discussion or objection, the proposed agenda was amended to add, under "Consent Agenda," a modification of the October 27, 2025 minutes of the Southeast Library Task Force, approved by the ANC at its November 12, 2025 meeting; and to add, as the last item under "ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns," a discussion of proposed work at 311 E St., SE. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino 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. The motion passed 9-0. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

a. Minutes.

1) Adoption of the November 12, 2025 minutes as proposed. Those minutes can be found at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/11-2025-November-ANC-6B-Minutes-Signed.pdf>.

2) Changes to previously approved minutes: for minutes of meeting of--

a) Full ANC October 15, 2025: In the minutes caption, change "October 15, 2029" to "October 15, 2025." The corrected minutes can be found at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/10-2025-October-ANC-6B-Minutes-Signed.pdf>.

b) Southeast Library Taskforce October 27, 2025: Under subsection 3.d. of the taskforce minutes the ANC approved November 12, 2025, posted in the November meeting packet at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/11-2025-ANC-6B-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf>, the taskforce minutes reported that Jaspreet Pahwa, director of the library system's Capital Planning and Construction, said she expected general contractor Whiting-Turner to "complete renovation by June 20, 2026, the last day of spring." Director Pahwa requested that this be changed to "complete renovation by the end of spring 2026, subject to unforeseeable delays."

b. Written reports and minutes, of meetings of ANC 6B committees and task forces between November 13, 2025, the ANC's November meeting, and the December 9 meeting. The report of the Committee on--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis is at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/12-2025-ANC6B-ABC-Comittee-Report.pdf>.

2) Planning and Zoning is at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/12-2025-ANC6B-PZ-Report.pdf>.

3) Public Safety is at <http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/11-2025-ANC6B-Public-Safety-Committee-Report.pdf>.

Minutes for the December 8, 2025 meeting of the Southeast Library Taskforce will be included in the packet for the January 13, 2026 meeting of the full ANC and be posted separately at anc6b.org under "ANC ACTIONS." The Transportation Committee and the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce did not meet between November 13 and December 9, 2025.

c. Matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis: to support the applications of--

a) as you are, 500 8th St., SE, to renew its class "C" tavern license with entertainment endorsement (ABRA-119997).

b) Cannabis retailer High Demand, 511 11th St., SE, to extend its hours, for delivery only, to 11 p.m. Monday-Sunday.

2) Planning and Zoning: to--

a) Support the applications of--

1-- Chris Clark to renovate the interior, add a partial 3rd floor, and build a new front stair from the grade to the cellar, all at 232 Kentucky Ave., SE (HPA 26-74; for more details go to <https://app.box.com/s/dhn9muwq7e6fqor5v5v40hn1w7yanfma/folder/352904828604>).

2-- Jennifer Fowler to build a 1-story accessory and a 2nd-floor addition above an existing 1-story sunroom, both at 1427 D St., SE (BZA 21418).

b) Send letters to members of the DC Council urging them to deny anyone permission to open a casino in Washington, DC.

d. Proposed 2026 ANC 6B calendar. The calendar can be found at <https://anc6b.org/calendar/>.

3. Announcements: by--

a. ANC 6B commissioners: Commissioner--.

1) Ryder announced--

a) Upcoming ANC 6B meetings.

1-- In-person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed: meetings of--

a-- Standing committees.

(1) Public Safety Committee 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 29.

(2) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 6.

b-- Meetings of--

(1) Full ANC 6B 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 13.

(2) Southeast Library Taskforce 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 26.

2-- Virtual only: meetings of--

a-- Executive Committee 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 30.

b-- Standing committees on--

(1) Transportation 7 p.m. Monday, January 5.

(2) Planning and Zoning 7 p.m. Thursday, January 8.

b) ANC 6B officers have awarded the 2025 ANC 6B Outstanding Public Service Award to Chuck Burger, to be presented at the ANC's January 13, 2026 meeting.

2) Sobelsohn announced that, starting at 6 p.m. Monday, December 15, outside the home of the Hill Havurah, in the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol St., NE, the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District will host its 12th annual menorah lighting to celebrate the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Chanukah.

3) Hughes reported on a December 8 public roundtable, by the DC Council Committee on Public Works and Operations, regarding the Department of Public Works, especially DPW's recent missing of trash pickups. Commissioner Hughes advised residents to call 311 after 3 p.m. on the day they notice a missed trash pickup.

b. Representatives of other DC-government branches.

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

a) Glasgow promised to report to the ANC--

1-- What repercussions, if any, Marcus Hunt, director of the DC National Guard and a DC government employee, will face for having circulated, from his DC email address, but without clearing it with anyone else in the DC government, the DC National Guard's offer to aid in DC "beautification." Glasgow first made this promise at the ANC's meeting October 15, 2025, and has repeated it at every ANC meeting since.

2-- Why Richard Reyes-Gavilan, executive director of the DC public library, insists it will take the library system 2 months after renovation of the Southeast branch to open the branch.

b) Glasgow also made the following announcements.

1-- Mayor's future: Mayor Muriel Bowser has decided she won't run for reelection in 2026. She will leave office on January 2, 2027.

2-- DC public schools.

a-- The Office of the State Superintendent of Education encourages DC families to register for EdFest, to learn about options from pre-kindergarten through the 8th grade. EdFest is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Kraken Kourts & Skates, 514 RI Ave., NE. Parents can register at myschoolsdc.org.

b-- The 2024-25 DC school report card, issued December 5, 2025, showed a graduation rate of 78.7%, an 18% increase over the past 15 years and the highest ever.

3-- Snow removal: DC has a program to help seniors and disabled residents remove snow. People can register to volunteer, or to request help, at snowteamdc.gov. Commissioner Hughes reported that the Snow Team program hasn't been working. Glasgow promised to follow up with the ANC.

4-- Police chief: Glasgow reported that DC is doing a nationwide search to replace Patricia Smith, who has resigned as DC police chief.

5-- Streateries: Glasgow reported that the DC Department of Transportation has regulations about streatery appearance, and plans to work with the Department of Public Works to remove streateries no longer in use.

2) Kimberly Kennedy made the following announcements on behalf of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen.

a) Ward Six events.

1-- "Brickies": Councilmember Allen's annual "Brickie" awards ceremony on Thursday, December 4, attracted 200 residents.

2-- Councilmember Allen will have a community office from 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, December 12, at Tango Pastry, 408 8th St., NE.

b) Council updates.

1-- Hearing: On December 3, the Council Committee on Facilities held a hearing on Councilmember Allen's Department of Parks and Recreation Field Priority Access Amendment Act of 2025, Bill 26-112. Bill 26-112 would expand the hours of DC recreation centers and fields, requiring some to open on Sundays.

2-- Legislation.

a-- Streateries: On December 4, the Council passed Councilmember Allen's Streatery Program Emergency Amendment Act of 2025, Bill 26-233. Bill 26-233 would lower restaurant fees for having eating spaces on sidewalks and streets.

b-- Teen curfews: On December 2, the Council passed the Juvenile Curfew Emergency Amendment Act, which will empower the mayor and police chief to extend, to April 2026, the juvenile curfew currently in effect.

3) Metropolitan Police Department: 1st District MPD Captain Adam Crist reported on 2025 crime rates. In ANC 6B, the past year has seen a decrease in--

- a) Violent crime of 42%.
- b) Robberies and carjackings of 53%.
- c) Property crime of 32%.
- d) Thefts from autos of 38%.
- e) Car thefts of 10%.
- f) Other thefts of 36%.

Captain Crist warned that juveniles are still stealing expensive winter coats. He admitted that MPD has continued providing “assistance” to the National Guard, but denied any MPD collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Though he reported that “no one” in MPD “was upset about the federal surge,” he also could not credit the 2025 crime decrease to an increase in federal law enforcement.

4. Matters within Jurisdiction of ANC 6B Committees on--

a. Planning and Zoning.

1) 311 E St., SE, application to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). Commissioner Mareino, committee chair, reported that the 311 E St. owner has applied to build a roof deck. Neighbors spoke in opposition to the current plans. The committee recommended asking HPRB to postpone consideration to its January meeting, to encourage neighbors to reach a settlement with the owner. Commissioner Wolanin promised to forward, to the neighbors, HPRB’s email address, so they can express their concerns directly to HPRB. Commissioner Mareino will follow up with HPRB staff to confirm the application’s current status.

2) New fast-food outlets on Barracks Row: Taco Bell, 411 8th St., SE, and Popeye’s, 409 8th St., SE. Nearby resident Linda Elliott reported that Taco Bell’s owners have complied with all the neighbors’ requests regarding mitigation of smells, noise, and vermin, and will soon open. She also reported that the Parikh Corporation, owners of that Popeye’s outlet, submitted plans that the Department of Buildings approved, and then built their Popeye’s in violation of those plans, which led to a series of stop-work orders. Elliott reported that Parikh Corp’s counsel has promised revised plans, and a meeting between the neighbors and Parikh Corp., in order to get the stop-work orders lifted. She promised to include, in that meeting, Commissioner Sobelsohn, whose district includes 409 8th St., SE.

b. Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis.

1) New applications: by--

a) Maru San DC, LLC, 325 7th St., SE, for a new retailer’s class “C” restaurant license (ABRA-134495). Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to ask the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration for an extension of time to file a protest until January 19, 2026, to allow the ANC’s ABC Committee to consider the application at the committee’s January 6 meeting. Manalle Mahmoud, Maru San’s counsel, agreed to the extension. The motion passed 9-0.

b) Sunnyside Restaurant Group, LLC, trading as Good Stuff Eatery, 303 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, to make a “substantial change” from a retailer’s class “D” restaurant license to a retailer’s class “C” restaurant license (ABRA-078027). The current license permits only sale of beer and wine. The new license would also permit the sale of “spirits.” Sam Otto, from the Sunnyside Restaurant Group, pledged that all spirits would be batched in back of the restaurant, placed in kegs, and provided through keg lines, and not mixed in front of customers. Otto also committed to trash pickups twice daily and visits by pest-control operators several times each week. Commissioner Pastore moved/- Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to support awarding a stipulated (temporary) license on condition the applicant agrees to a sufficient postponement of ABC Board consideration of a permanent change so that the ANC’s ABC Committee can consider the application at the committee’s January 6, 2026,

meeting. The motion failed, with Commissioners Sobelsohn, Pastore, and Mareino in support; Commissioners Wolanin, Sroufe, Krebs, and Ryder opposed; and Commissioners Gorman and Hughes abstaining. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to support the application for a substantial change. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioners Sobelsohn and Hughes abstained.

2) Ongoing protests on 8th St., SE.

a) Balkan Concepts, LLC, trading as Ambar, 523 8th St., SE, for renewal of its retailer CR liquor license (case # 25-PRO-00038; license #90240). ABC Committee chair Ellen Opper-Weiner reported that the ANC and Ambar are continuing negotiations over a settlement and have jointly requested a continuance while negotiations continue.

b) Tobacco King, trading as Aloha, upstairs at 539 8th St., SE, for a medical-cannabis license, with a delivery endorsement (ABRA-129362). A protest hearing is currently scheduled for December 10, 2025. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to maintain the ANC's protest. The motion failed on a tie vote, with Commissioners Sobelsohn, Pastore, Ryder, and Hughes in support; Commissioners Wolanin, Sroufe, Krebs, and Mareino opposed; and Commissioner Gorman abstaining. Commissioner Pastore moved to withdraw the ANC protest on condition that Aloha sign a settlement agreement negotiated by ANC counsel Kerry Verdi. The motion passed 8-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed. The settlement agreement is at http://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Aloha_Settlement_Agreement_FE.pdf.

c. Transportation: Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send Councilmember Allen a letter, to be written by Commissioner Mareino, supporting the ceremonial re-naming of the 400 block of 12th St., SE, in front of the Watkins Elementary School, 420 12th St., SE, in honor of Veola Jackson, the original principal of the Capitol Hill Cluster Schools. The motion passed 9-0.

5. Bylaw Amendments. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to adopt two amendments to the ANC 6B bylaws, both under "ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE," section 2, "POWERS." These amendments add a new--

a. Sentence in subsection "C.," after the first sentence, to read "For purposes of this subsection, 'emergency situations' shall include matters on which the ANC has not yet finally resolved, but which, if the Commission is going to act at all, it must act before the next regularly scheduled monthly Commission meeting."

b. Subsection "D.," to read "D. Even without an emergency, the Executive Committee shall also have the power to decide such matters delegated to it by the Commission at a Commission meeting, provided that the then most recent Commission meeting had this matter or these matters on its agenda and failed to resolve the matter or matters during its meeting"; and to reletter current subsection "D" as new subsection "E."

The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner Mareino abstained.

6. Adjournment. Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to amend. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
Secretary, ANC 6B

Prepared by: David Sobelsohn

Approved on: January 13th, 2026

Attested by: Edward Ryder

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Ryder', written in a cursive style.