

ANC 6B Southeast Library Taskforce
700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and Over Zoom
December 8, 2025

Minutes Approved January 26, 2026

Attending

ANC 6B commissioners: David Sobelsohn (Chair), Anna Krebs, and Edward Ryder

Taskforce members: Jayme Johnson, Ana Unruh Cohen, Sylvia Randolph, John Schwab, Mark Smith

Also attending: Marc Mayerson and Sundari Baru.

DC Public Library (DCPL) representatives: Jaspreet Pahwa and Mars Eagleson

Whiting-Turner representative: Terri Bosnick

Interim Secretary: Anna Krebs

Commissioner Sobelsohn called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Appointment of Interim Secretary. Commissioner Sobelsohn appointed Commissioner Krebs as interim secretary for this meeting.

2. Approval of--

a. Agenda: Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to approve the agenda as proposed. The motion passed 8-0.

b. Minutes of October 27 meeting: Resident Member Unruh Cohen moved/Resident Member Randolph seconded to approve the proposed minutes. According to subsection 3.d. of the proposed taskforce minutes, Jaspreet Pahwa, director of DCPL's Capital Planning and Construction, said she expected general contractor Whiting-Turner to "complete renovation by June 20, 2026, the last day of spring." At Director Pahwa's request, Commissioner Ryder moved/Resident Member Johnson moved to change this language to report instead that Director Pahwa had said Whiting-Turner would "complete renovation by the end of spring 2026, subject to unforeseeable delays." The motion to amend passed 8-0. The motion to approve the minutes, as amended, passed 8-0.

3. Renovation Update. Jaspreet Pahwa and Terri Bosnick updated on Southeast Library renovation. Their written report can be found at <https://shorturl.at/rm8GQ>.

a. Immediate neighbors. Pahwa shared photos of the new alley west of the library, with updated fencing and pathway. Southside-alley fencing will continue over the next few weeks.

DCPL has send post-construction surveys to the immediate neighbors.

b. Washington Gas. Leaking gas pipes at 7th and D Streets, SE, have been cold patched.

c. Sinkhole: A sinkhole on South Carolina Ave., SE, and 7th St., SE, has also been cold patched. However, a pile of bricks has been left by the stop sign at that corner.

d. Communication. Neighbors reported that Whiting-Turning has not been communicating to neighbors in a timely manner. DCPL and Whiting-Turning claimed that their policy is to give neighbors at least 1 business day's notice. Resident Member Smith agreed to track dates and times of any discrepancies moving forward.

e. Library Hiring. Resident Member Randolph requested that the ANC ask DCPL when they plan to start hiring for the renovated library, to avoid spending time, after renovations, focused on hiring. Resident Member Unruh Cohen recommended that that the ANC ask DCPL leadership to attend a taskforce meeting or at least start a conversation about their timeline. Commissioner Sobelsohn will ask Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCR), about DCPL's timeline for hiring and for final tasks.

4. Issues of Concern to Immediate Neighbors.

a. Parking. Spaces near the construction site have "No Parking" signs yet drivers park cars there around the clock. Commissioner Ryder will ask the chair of the ANC's Transportation Committee, Commissioner Karen Hughes, to include this issue on the committee's upcoming agenda.

5. Arthur Capper Interim Library.

a. Flyer distribution. Commissioner Sobelsohn offered to provide flyers, promoting use of the interim library, to anyone willing to distribute them. They are also available in the ANC 6B mailbox on the second floor of 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.

b. Days & Hours. Commissioner Sobelsohn has reminded MOCR Noah Glasgow that the ANC wants the interim library open on evenings and weekends.

6. Next meeting: Commissioner Krebs moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to hold the next taskforce meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 26, 2026. The motion passed 8-0.

7. Adjournment: Resident Member Unruh Cohen moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. Resident Member Johnson did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.