

ANC 6B Southeast Library Taskforce  
March 9, 2026 Minutes

The meeting started at 6:37pm in a hybrid capacity.

Attending

ANC 6B Commissioners: David Sobelsohn, Anna Krebs

ANC 6B Staff: Jamie Quinn

Taskforce members: Brian Ready, Eliza Wiant, George Holman, Jayme Johnson, Marc Mayerson, Sylvia Randolph

DC Public Library (DCPL) Representatives: Jaspreet Pahwa, Samantha Dure

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

Community Member: Elissa Feldman

Press: Larry Janezich (Capitol Hill Corner)

Interim Secretary: Commissioner Anna Krebs

1. Introductions: Participants introduced themselves. Elissa Feldman joined as a community member.
2. Approval of--
  - a. March 9th Agenda: adopted unanimously
  - b. January 26th Minutes: edited to reflect the name change from “Morris” to “Mars Eagleson” under DC Public Library Representatives, then adopted unanimously.
3. Appointments: Taskforce Chair Sobelsohn appointed--
  - a. Secretary: Commissioner Anna Krebs as secretary for this meeting.
  - b. Vice-Chair: Claire August as Vice-Chair for 2026.
4. Renovation Update.
  - a. Construction Update: Jaspreet Pahwa presented the latest construction update (in print at [https://dcdgovict-my.sharepoint.com/personal/samantha\\_dure\\_dcpl\\_dc\\_gov/\\_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fsamantha%5Fdure%5Fdcpl%5Fdc%5Fgov%2FDocuments%2FCapital%2FActive%20Projects%2FSOUTHEAST%2FConstruction%20Updates%2FMarch%205%202026%20Southeast%20Library%20Construction%20Update%2Epdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fsamantha%5Fdure%5Fdcpl%5Fdc%5Fgov%2FDocuments%2FCapital%2FActive%20Projects%2FSOUTHEAST%2FConstruction%20Updates&ga=1](https://dcdgovict-my.sharepoint.com/personal/samantha_dure_dcpl_dc_gov/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fsamantha%5Fdure%5Fdcpl%5Fdc%5Fgov%2FDocuments%2FCapital%2FActive%20Projects%2FSOUTHEAST%2FConstruction%20Updates%2FMarch%205%202026%20Southeast%20Library%20Construction%20Update%2Epdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fsamantha%5Fdure%5Fdcpl%5Fdc%5Fgov%2FDocuments%2FCapital%2FActive%20Projects%2FSOUTHEAST%2FConstruction%20Updates&ga=1)).
    - 1) Work is progressing as expected. They have completed the fence work with adjoining neighbors.
    - 2) Landscape prep has been started, which will result in a slight uptick in traffic
  - b. Tours.
    - 1) Sylvia asked if there is a possibility for a councilmember tour. She spoke with someone that worked with the Council’s committee for libraries about this idea. Jaspreet said she would return with a follow up.
    - 2) David asked about timing for a tour by the taskforce. Jaspreet has said that this jobsite is a bit difficult but that they have taken in his comment and request.
  - c. “Staff”: Library volunteers would have access to staff spaces including the showers.
  - d. Southeast Library Post-Renovation Management: Jonathan Banks will be taking over library management after renovation is finished. Jaspreet can introduce us to Jonathan and his new engineers and the branch managers.
  - e. Parking Enforcement: Whiting-Turner has spoken to the Department of Public Works’ Jonathan Gaither about cars parked illegally on D St., SE, just west of 7<sup>th</sup> St., SE.. His email address is johnny.gaither@dc.gov. This is especially a problem on Saturdays and Sundays. David Sobelsohn will reach out to Johnny Gaither and Councilmember Allen’s office.
  - f. Timetable: Jaspreet assured that renovations were on schedule to finish by the end of June 2026, and that it would take 45 days after that for the new Southeast Library to open.
5. Arthur Capper Interim Library.
  - a. Anna Krebs will reach out to Councilmember Allen’s office to clarify dates the Arthur Capper interim library will remain open.
  - b. David Sobelsohn will contact Claire August to work on arranging a meeting with the DC Council Library Subcommittee. Anna Krebs will join the delegation.
7. Next Meeting: Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Jaspreet’s promise to distribute the latest renovation update on Thursday, April 23rd. Adopted unanimously.
8. Adjournment. Adopted unanimously at 7:56pm.