



**ANC 6B April 2026 Public Safety Committee Report  
for the hybrid meeting held on April 27, 2026, from 6:30 – 8:30p.m.**

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

**REPORT**

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Attendees

Brian Gorman, Chair and Commissioner, 6B04  
Gerald Sroufe, Commissioner, 6B02  
Samuel Pastore, Commissioner, 6B05, ANC6B Chair  
Cinnamon Butler, RM 6B08  
Frank Boudra, RM 6B01  
John Schwab, RM 6B03  
Eric Miller, RM 6B09  
Ann Keep, RM 6B05  
Captain Adam Crist, MPD 1D  
Deborah Shore, Director, Sasha Bruce Youthworks

**I. MPD Crime Reports and Local Trends**

Captain Adam Chris of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) provided a year-to-date (YTD) update on crime in the 6B area.

- **Overall Crime Trends:** Robberies are down (3 YTD compared to 10 last year), and motor vehicle thefts have dropped 34%.
- **Property Crime:** Theft from autos saw an early spike but has decreased recently, with 5 reported in the last month compared to 9 the previous year.
- **Significant Recent Incidents:**
  - A shooting occurred outside Cafe 8 on March 29 following a fight; one suspect was arrested.
  - An Airbnb burglary on 15th Street was linked to several stolen Ring cameras; police have identified a suspect.
  - An unusual residential burglary on Pennsylvania Avenue occurred where only a microwave and toaster oven were stolen.



- **Bar Closing Hours:** In response to committee questions, Captain Chris noted that most neighborhood issues and violent crimes occur during the "let out" period between 11:30 PM and 3:30 AM. While earlier closings might ease neighborhood nuisances, he noted that more data analysis would be required to determine if it significantly reduces violent crime

## II. Sasha Bruce Youthwork Presentation

Debbie Shore, founder of Sasha Bruce Youthwork, discussed the organization's 40-year history of supporting at-risk and homeless youth in DC.

- **Services and Reach:** The organization operates 12 locations throughout the city, providing shelter, case management, life skills, and job placement. Their 8th Street drop-in center served 800 young people last year.
- **Budgetary Challenges:** Shore expressed deep concern over significant budget cuts, including a 14% reduction in the DC government's youth homelessness budget and potential federal cuts from HUD.
- **Youth Insights on Violence:** Research conducted with "Child Trends" found that local youth prioritize safe spaces, gun control, and better schools as keys to preventing community violence. They also expressed mixed feelings regarding police presence and curfews, often feeling targeted rather than protected.
- **Preventative vs. Punitive Measures:** Shore argued for "upstream" preventative investments, noting that it is far less expensive and more effective to support youth early than to manage the long-term costs of chronic homelessness or incarceration.

## III. Discussion of Barracks Row Public Safety Resolution

The chair raised a draft resolution aimed at addressing safety and nuisance issues on Barracks Row.

- **Proposed "Cooling Off Period":** One idea involves rolling back business hours to midnight for a period following any incident of gunfire or assault with a deadly weapon in the immediate area to encourage business self-regulation.
- **Delivery Driver Congestion:** The committee discussed delivery drivers double-parking on 8th Street. The Fire Department is concerned that this congestion impedes emergency vehicle access.
- **Fast Food and Late-Night Activity:** There is concern regarding late-night fast-food establishments (staying open until 3:00 AM) contributing to noise and neighborhood disturbances.
- **Next Steps:** The committee emphasized the need to engage Barracks Row Main Street and local business owners to find a balance between public safety and maintaining a vibrant commercial corridor.



The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM