



Regular Monthly Meeting May 12, 2026
Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and over Zoom
Commissioner Samuel Pastore, Chair

Minutes

Approved at ANC 6B Meeting June 9, 2026

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

Absent: Commissioner Ryder.

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

1. Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to adopt the agenda as proposed.

a. Commissioner Wolanin moved to delete, from the Transportation Committee report, discussion of a proposed resolution on a Pennsylvania Avenue (John Philip Sousa) Bridge priority bus lane. Without second or objection, the item was deleted from the proposed agenda.

b. Commissioner Pastore moved to delete, from “ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns,” any discussion on a proposed resolution to improve public safety on Barracks Row. Without second or objection, the item was deleted from the proposed agenda.

c. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes moved (after Charles Allen arrived), to add, between the reports of the committees on Transportation and on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis, a presentation by Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen. (These minutes report that presentation under “Presentations.”)

As amended, the motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Sroufe did not vote.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained. The Consent Agenda included:

a. April 14 minutes: Adoption of the April 14, 2026 minutes as proposed. Those minutes can be found at

<https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ANC6B-5-2026-Full-Meeting-Minutes-Corrected.pdf>.

b. Official acceptance, of written reports and minutes of action since April 12, from the following committees and taskforce: of the--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: report at

<https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ANC6B-5.2026-ABC-Committee-Report.pdf>.

2) Planning and Zoning Committee: report at

3) Transportation Committee: report at
<https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ANC6B-5-2026-Transportation-Report.pdf>.

4) Public Safety Committee: report at
<https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ANC6B-5.2026-May-2026-Agenda-Packet.pdf>.

5) Southeast Library Taskforce: minutes at
<https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ANC6B-4-2026-SE-Library-Minutes.pdf>.

c. Authorizing ANC 6B to march in the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District's annual July 4 Barracks Row parade, the needed forms to be filled out by Commissioner Pastore on the ANC's behalf.

3. Announcements by--

a. ANC Commissioners: Commissioner--

1) Pastore announced upcoming meetings: of the--

a) ANC itself.

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

a-- Public Safety Committee, 7 p.m. Monday, May 18.

b-- Full ANC, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9.

c-- Southeast Library Task Force, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 15.

2-- Virtual only, over Zoom: meetings of the--

a-- Executive Committee, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26.

b-- Committees on--

(1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2.

(2) Transportation 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3.

(3) Planning and Zoning 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

3-- In-person only, at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, of the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce 7 p.m. Monday May 25.

b) Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee in-person and livestreamed 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27 in the Eastern Market North Hall, 225 7th St., SE.

2) Mareino announced the resignation of former ANC 6B commissioner Frank D'Andrea as vice-chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee, which Commissioner Mareino chairs. The position is currently vacant.

b. Other DC government representatives: by--

1) Tre Bracey, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) announced that--

a) DC tourism set a record in 2025, with 27.2 million visitors.

b) Restaurant and retail stabilization grants: the mayor has announced a restaurant and retail stabilization-grant program, with grants of up to \$50,000 to each local retailer, with preferences to businesses that, from 2024-25, lost 10% of their revenue. The deadline to apply

is June 5 at 11:59 p.m. More information is available at obviouslydc.com.

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c) The mayor's fiscal-year 2027 budget includes a truism-reduction measure to deal with chronic absenteeism at DC's public schools.

2) Captain Adam Crist, of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), announced that--

a) In ANC 6B, violent-crime reports have decreased 43% since the same time in 2025. Motor-vehicle thefts have dropped sharply in that period.

b) MPD has recently increased patrols in Barracks Row, especially around E and 8th Streets, SE, but the Special Operations Division has called away officers to guard protests elsewhere in DC.

c) He has no comment on--

1-- A book recently co-authored by former MPD sergeant Charlotte Djossou with the title *Sex Badges & Bodies: Surviving Inside the Narcissistic Culture of America's Most Dangerous Boys Club*.

2-- Recent allegations about discrepancies between actual crime data and MPD's crime-data reports.

3) Kimberly Kennedy, of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen's office, reported that she has not yet received a response from the National Park Service regarding benches NPS has removed from Seward Square.

4. Presentations by--

a. Mark Hudson, executive director of Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E St., SE, about the cemetery's new master plan. The master plan took 18 months to reach final approval by the board of directors in February 2026. Full implementation will cost \$9.4 million and will take ten more years. The plan focuses on improvements around the main entrance on E St., SE, and at the southern and eastern ends of the cemetery. It will include, behind the current gatehouse, a new building for public programming and educational outreach. Throughout the cemetery's 35 acres, and to keep up with the increased trend towards cremation, it will also add new columbaria and scatter gardens. The cemetery has no plans for special 2027 programming to commemorate Emancipation Day or Juneteenth. Hudson promised to email the ANC the slides he showed the ANC during its May meeting, and to return to the ANC in June to discuss the cemetery's plans for public art installations.

b. Charles Allen, Ward Six Councilmember, about pending matters before the DC Council.

1) Budget. Now that the mayor has submitted her proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget, finalizing the 2027 budget is the Council's top priority.

a) Economic situation. Because of a combination of inflation and job losses, DC's expenses are far outpacing its economic growth. For the first time in 25 years, DC unemployment has risen above the national average.

b) Mayor's proposed budget. Councilmember Allen called it the "hardest" DC budget he's ever seen. It cuts funding for health care, family leave, housing investment, and child care. It nearly dismantles the Department of Energy and the Environment. Meanwhile, it asks nothing of those with higher incomes, who have seen large capital gains but no tax increases.

2) Southeast Library: The library system is targeting late July for reopening the renovated library. However, the mayor's proposed budget has nothing for staffing the Southeast branch, a shortfall of \$500,000. The library system has also made no commitment regarding keeping the Arthur Capper interim library open past June.

3) Zoning: Councilmember Allen looks to the ANC for "enforcement" and will support the ANC only after the ANC transmits to him its views on a zoning matter.

4) Transportation. Councilmember Allen agrees that double-parking poses a serious problem. He called food delivery "here to stay" and called for DC to incentivize delivery by bicycles and scooters. He reported that, in other cities, Automated Curbside Management System (ACMS) has reduced double-parking. He called on the ANC to urge him to lobby the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to include Barracks Row in an ACMS pilot project. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to urge Councilmember Allen to lobby DDOT to include Barracks Row in an ACMS pilot project, with Commissioner Hughes to draft the letter with Commissioner Sobelsohn. The motion passed 8-0.

5) Government efficiency.

a) Single-call solution. So businesses don't get conflicting answers from different DC agencies, Councilmember Allen proposed a change in DC law to offer businesses one place to call to learn the regulatory limits on a business proposal.

b) GRID Act. Councilmember Allen has introduced the Guiding Renewable Interconnection and Distribution Amendment Act of 2026. The Act would speed up approval for connecting new homeowner-installed solar panels to the local power grid, and implement other measures to reduce electricity bills.

5. Committee Reports: of Committees on--

a. Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis.

1) Cannabis-license application: Tobacco King/Aloha, 539 8th St., SE. Committee chair Commissioner Hughes reminded the ANC that the ANC has voted to protest this cannabis application.

2) Liquor-license application: CIVIC. On Eighth. With a roll-call hearing scheduled for June 1, and with negotiations proceeding on a settlement agreement, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to delegate to the executive committee the decision whether to approve whatever settlement has been worked out by the executive committee's next meeting. the motion passed 8-0.

b. Planning and Zoning: Wingstop/Emerald Wings application for a special exception to open a "fast food" outlet on Barracks Row, at 406 8th St., SE (BZA #21438). Commissioner Mareino, chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that Wingstop's counsel has conceded that the building's bathroom ceiling can support a pollution-control unit (PCU) to deal with the odor of fried chicken, and recognizes that the ANC will oppose the exception without assurance of a PCU. The BZA hearing is currently scheduled for June 16.

c. Transportation.

1) Naming of Pennsylvania Ave./14th St., SE traffic circle. Commissioner Hughes reported that the DC Council will make the decision on a name for the circle, that the committee has narrowed the names to three--Roberta Flack, Bobby Mitchell, and Elizabeth Catlett--and that the committee's next step is canvassing neighborhood residents, prior to sending the DC Council a letter with the name the ANC proposes.

2) 11th St. bike lane. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to join ANC 6A, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, and Hill Family Biking in a letter to DDOT, with copies to the mayor and councilmembers, urging creation of a protected bicycle lane on 11th St., SE, between M St., SE, and East Capitol St., SE, the letter to be drafted by Commissioner Hughes and sent after review by the other ANC 6B commissioners.

6. Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Krebs, ANC 6B treasurer, reported that the ANC bank account currently has a balance of about \$73,000.

7. Adjournment. Commissioner Wolanin moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
ANC 6B Secretary