



Regular Monthly Meeting June 9, 2026
Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and over Zoom
Commissioner Samuel Pastore, Chair

Minutes
Approved at ANC 6B Meeting July 14, 2026

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

Commissioner Pastore called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to adopt the agenda as proposed. At the motion of the following commissioners, and without objection, the agenda was amended as followed: Commissioner--

- a. Sobelsohn moved to add, to the Consent Agenda, the Capitol Hill Hotel's application to change the hotel's Certificate of Occupancy from an apartment building to a hotel.
- b. Hughes moved to delete, from the Consent Agenda, a vote on a proposed alcoholic-beverage license-settlement agreement with CIVIC. On Eighth., 501 8th St., SE (ABRA-134549).
- c. Gorman moved to change the date of the next Public Safety Committee meeting to June 29.
- d. Wolanin moved to delete consideration of an ANC 6B response to a DC Department of Transportation letter regarding transportation around the Shirley Chisholm Elementary School.

The motion, as amended, passed 8-0

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0. The Consent Agenda included the following:

- a. May 12 minutes: Adoption of the May 12, 2026 minutes as proposed. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ANC6B-May-Full-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.
- b. Official acceptance, of written reports and minutes of action since May 12, from the following committees: from the Committee on--
 - 1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ANC6B-06-2026-ABC-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.
 - 2) Planning and Zoning: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ANC6B-06-2026-Transportation-Committee-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.
 - 3) Transportation: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ANC6B-06-2026-Transportation-Committee-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.
- c. Transportation Committee recommendation: to urge the DC Council to name, as "Matthews Court," the alley between 14th and 15th Streets, SE, and between E and G Streets, SE, parallel to Kentucky Ave., SE.
- d. Miscellaneous ANC business.
 - 1) Approval of ANC 6B participation in the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Independence Day parade on Barracks Row July 4.
 - 2) Support for the Capitol Hill Hotel's application to change its Certificate of Occupancy from "apartment building" to "hotel" to reflect its historical use as a hotel, not an apartment building. According to Eric DeBear, hotel counsel, the application does not seek approval of any physical change to the hotel.

3. Announcements by--

- a. Commissioners Pastore: Commissioner Pastore announced--
 - 1) Upcoming ANC meetings.
 - a) In-person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom: meetings of the--
 - 1-- Southeast Library Task Force, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 15.
 - 2-- Public Safety Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 29.
 - 3-- Full ANC 6B, 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 14.

- b) Virtual only, over Zoom: meetings of the--
 - 1-- Executive Committee, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 30.
 - 2-- Committees on--
 - a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 7.
 - b-- Transportation 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.
 - c-- Planning and Zoning 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9.

All links to be posted at anc6b.org.

2) Independence Day parade: ANC 6B will gather under the freeway overpass at I and 8th Streets, SE (south end of Barracks Row) for the parade, scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

3) May Executive Committee meeting: The ANC 6B Executive Committee had planned to vote, at its May meeting on whether to support the alcoholic-beverage license application of CIVIC. On Eighth., at 501 8th St., SE. For reasons explained below in the report of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee, to vote was cancelled.

b. Other DC government representatives: by--

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

a) Community Development Grants: the deadline for applying to the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs for a Community Development Grant is 5 p.m. Monday June 15.

b) Mayor Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP): The MBSYEP will begin Monday, June 29, and end Friday, August 7, 2026. The six-week program consists of 29 days of work. The plans to hire 850 employees this summer. Applicants should go to summerjobs.dc.gov.

c) DC Career and Technical Education (CTE) program: CTE learners harness their passions, prepare for life after high school, and connect to the continuously-changing world of work. Learners can earn high-school credit. Hot careers these days are cybersecurity and nursing. Those interested should go to careertechdc.org.

d) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program changes: As required by federal law, starting June 1, the DC Department of Human Services will start screening SNAP applicants to determine if they meet new work requirements. For further information go to dhs.dc.gov.

e) Caribbean Heritage Month: The Mayor's Office on Caribbean Community Affairs will host the annual Caribbean Cultural Concert to honor the Caribbean Heritage Month's 20th anniversary on Friday, June 26, from 4-10 p.m. at 1110 Oak Dr., SE.

2) Erik Salmi, of the office of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen.

a) DC Budget.

1-- The DC Council has revised the mayor's Fiscal Year 2027 budget. The total is \$21.2 billion. Half comes from local DC tax dollars. The other half is federal, from Medicare and Medicaid.

a-- The Pay Equity Fund and the Child Care Subsidy Fund are both funded.

b-- Paid family leave for workers has been re-funded at prior levels and expanded to allow 8 weeks to care for a newborn.

c-- WMATA is fully funded with \$300 million budget for upgrades to the Stadium-Armory Metrorail station.

d-- Garfield Park has been funded for a skating park and the Watkins Recreation Center has been funded for a spray park.

e-- Eastern Market Metropark has been funded for maintenance, including live jazz and mental-health outreach.

2-- Revenue: The Council's amendments did not require raising new revenue but will only last for Fiscal Year 2027. The Council did that by not extending all the new federal tax breaks passed by Congress in 2025, and by using \$100 million from one of the DC reserve funds.

b) Protected bike lane: The Council has approved constructing a protected bicycle lane between Lincoln Park and I-695.

c) Tenant relief: The Council passed Councilmember Allen's proposal to prohibit landlords from imposing a separate fee for air-conditioning common areas.

3) Captain Adam Crist of the Metropolitan Police Department.

a) Crime statistics: The month has seen no violent crimes, no assaults with a deadly weapon, no robberies, and no carjackings.

1-- Motor-vehicle thefts have dropped to 2, compared with 18 for June 2025.

2-- Property crime has dropped 5% for the year.

b) Recruitment: Starting salary is \$75,000 per year, plus a \$25,000 signing bonus, but separations, including retirements, are still outpacing new hires.

c) National Guard: Captain Crist called the National Guard "sometimes" helpful and gave an example. He claimed its presence "may" deter crime and has had "no negative effect other than community concerns."

4. Fast-Food Outlets: Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to send an ANC 6B letter to the mayor, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, and our Ward Six Councilmember criticizing current DC law governing fast-food outlets as not effectively dealing with fast-food outlets' problems of litter, liquid grease, noise, traffic, volatile exhaust, and attraction to vermin, bacteria, and mold; and proposing legislative solutions to those problems. As part of the motion, Commissioner Mareino would prepare a first draft of the letter, then circulate that draft to all ANC 6B commissioners, each of whom would have two weeks to submit suggested changes to Commissioner Mareino. Commissioner Wolanin moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to amend the motion to also send the letter to current DC Councilmembers and to all candidates for DC mayor and Council this November. The motion to amend passed 8-0. The underlying motion passed 8-0.

5. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Committee reports: from Committees on--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC): Application of CIVIC. On Eighth, 501 8th St., SE, for a tavern liquor license (ABRA #134549).

a) Status: Committee Chair Commissioner Hughes reported that, because the ANC's January, 2026, protest letter did not specify protest grounds, on June 1 the ABC Administration dismissed the ANC's protest for insufficient justification for the protest.

b) ANC 6B responses.

1-- The ABC Committee recommended that the ANC--

a-- Move to reinstate the ANC protest.

b-- Send a letter to DC Councilmembers urging an amendment to the ABC law requiring the ABC Board or the ABC Administration to--

(1) Alert Advisory Neighborhood Commissions who protest a liquor or cannabis license in a "timely manner" if the protest has obvious errors and to--

(2) Provide ANCs a time period within which they can correct those errors.

2-- ANC motions.

a-- External action: Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to--

(1) File, by June 16, a motion with the ABC Board to permit ANC 6B to reinstate the ANC's protest. The motion passed 8-0.

(2) Prepare the DC Council letter recommended by the ABC Committee, with Commissioner Sobelsohn to draft the letter. The letter would identify the problem but not specify a particular solution. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to include, in the letter, amending the law to require the ABC Board or the ABC Administration to notify all protestors, not just ANCs, of obvious protest errors, and also to include possible solutions to the current problem with the ABC law. The motion to amend passed 8-0. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to further amend the motion, to change "obvious errors" to "facial errors." The motion to amend passed 8-0. As amended, the underlying motion passed 8-0.

b-- External action: Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to--

(1) Prepare a template for alcohol-license and cannabis protests.

(2) Amend the ANC's standing rules to require that--

(a) All ABC protests follow that template, adapted to fit the particular protest.

(b) The ANC, before filing a protest, submit the draft protest letter for review to the chair of the ANC's ABC Committee and the commissioner who represents the address of the applicant.

(3) Instruct staff to post that template, and all ANC 6B protest letters, on the ANC 6B website, easily found by anyone who searches for them.

2) Transportation: Commissioner Wolanin reported the committee's recommendation that the ANC resolve to support ANC 7B regarding the Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and Minnesota Ave., SE, Intersection Safety Improvement Project; to call for a priority bus lane on the John Philip Sousa (Pennsylvania Ave.) Bridge, in order to enhance continuity of priority bus-lane infrastructure on both sides of the Anacostia River; and asserting that ANC 6B is an interested party in bridge traffic on the Sousa Bridge. The draft resolution can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ANC6B-06-2026-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf>. The motion passed 8-0.

3) Planning and Zoning: Wingstop/Emerald Wings application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA #21438). Emerald Wings wants to open a fast-food outlet, Wingstop, at 406 8th St., SE. Emerald Wings has applied to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a usage special exception for a fast-food restaurant, required on Barracks Row (8th St., SE), and also for a special exception from the dumpster regulations. In negotiation with neighbors on and behind the west side of 8th St., SE, Emerald Wings has agreed (among other things) to close at midnight Sundays-Thursdays, to stop accepting walk-ins Fridays and Saturdays at 1 a.m., and to stop accepting customers Fridays and Saturdays at 2 a.m. The final agreement, captioned a "Memorandum of Agreement," can be found at [insert URL here]. Commissioner Gorman moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to support Emerald Wings' applications, depending on the Emerald Wings' filing the final

agreement with the Board of Zoning Adjustment, and the Board inclusion of that agreement in its order approving the exceptions, both of which in turn depend on agreement between 6B03 resident Linda Elliott and Wingstop counsel Leila Batties on what the motion calls “technical” matters. The motion passed 7-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed.

b. Report from Southeast Library Taskforce: Taskforce Chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported that the library system (DCPL) promises to announce, by mid-July, its timetable for reopening the Southeast branch and for closing the Arthur Capper Interim Library. DCPL has suggested that the branch will reopen sometime after September 1.

6. Financials: Treasurer Commissioner Krebs reported that the ANC has approximately \$72,000 in its bank account.

7. Adjournment: Commissioner Wolanin moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
ANC 6B Secretary