



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

Committee Chair Brian Gorman, Commissioner, 6B04

AGENDA & REPORT

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.

Attendees

Brian Gorman, Chair and Commissioner 6B04

Kelly Waud, Vice Chair, RM 6B06

Frank Boudra RM alternate, 6B03

Ann Keep, RM 6B05

Eric Miller, RM 6B 6B09

Captain Adam Crist, MPD 1D

2. Crime Update (Captain Crist)

- **Violent Crime: No violent crimes** (robberies, assaults with a dangerous weapon, homicides, or sexual assaults) were reported in the preceding 30 days. Overall, violent crime is **down 64%** compared to the same time period last year.
- **Property Crime & Theft:** General thefts (package, retail, and bike thefts) have experienced a slight increase. However, **motor vehicle thefts are down 52% for the year** (with only 6 incidents in the last 30 days compared to 14 in the same period last year), and burglaries are down 33%. Theft from autos saw a slight 11% uptick, primarily north of Pennsylvania Avenue, though this has started to subside.
- **Notable Incident:** A burglary occurred at a business in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, where an individual was able to pull open a door due to a faulty locking mechanism and steal \$200 from the cash register. Police have video footage and have issued a "BOLO" (Be on the Lookout) alert.

2. Resident Concerns & Community Safety Issues

- **Shots 13th and L:** The committee raised concerns about two reported incidents of gunshots near the 1300 block of L Street. Captain Chris explained how MPD classifies these incidents based on evidence (e.g., "sounds of gunshots" if there is no physical evidence; "unlawful discharge" if shell casings or property damage are found). He confirmed an unlawful discharge occurred on Friday night around 1:30 AM, where **five shell casings were recovered**. No 911 calls or reports were logged for the Saturday night incident. The committee suggested exploring additional lighting in the area to deter future activity.

- **Drug Activity on K/L and Ives:** A resident reported open, persistent drug activity in the 1400 block of K/L Street and Ives, highlighting a suspected distributor driving a truck with Virginia plates and local dealers. She asked why MPD officers did not pull over the Virginia vehicle after a 911 call. Captain Crist explained that police cannot execute traffic stops based solely on a 911 tip; they must establish independent reasonable suspicion or witness a traffic infraction. He requested that the resident forward her videos to him so he could send them to MPD's Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) and the local Crime Suppression Team. The resident also reported that housing authorities had arrested a woman for drug possession near the area that Friday.
- **Cannabis Dispensary Closures:** In response to a query about Aloha on Barracks Row being denied an ABCA license due to criminal activity tied to its ownership in Virginia, Captain Crist noted that MPD's Violent Crime Suppression Division works closely with ABCA to execute search warrants and close non-compliant establishments.
- **"Teen Takeovers" and Youth Activity:** Captain Crist discussed how late-night events sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) have helped manage youth gatherings by channeling them into controlled environments (such as a recent event at the St. Elizabeths campus that drew 1,000 kids). He noted that while the events themselves run smoothly, the "let out" phase near transit stops remains a period of "controlled chaos". He added that Eastern Market and Barracks Row have largely avoided these popup events because they lack the large open spaces or waterfront draws found in areas like Navy Yard or the Wharf.

3. Judiciary & Council for Court Excellence (CCE) Update

Ann Keep shared updates from the Council for Court Excellence regarding staffing and funding challenges at the DC Superior Court:

- **Judicial Vacancies:** The U.S. Senate recently advanced a resolution for the block certification of nominees, which includes **eight nominees for the DC Superior Court**. This is expected to bring immediate relief to a court heavily strained by long-standing vacancies.
- **Budget Reductions:** CCE is currently addressing significant decreases in the court's trial and operational budgets. Ann plans to share a sign-on advocacy letter with the committee to distribute to residents and promote increased funding.

4. Committee Planning & Future Agenda Items

The ANC and the Public Safety Committee will not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled for **late September**, and the committee discussed several focus areas for the fall:

- **Traffic Safety & Enforcement:** The committee plans to invite representatives to discuss enforcement, potentially including someone from Councilmember Charles Allen's office who worked on the STEER Act, representatives from MPD, or the Office of the Attorney General. Additionally, Ann raised a safety concern regarding illegal two-way bicycle and scooter traffic in front of the post office on Pennsylvania Ave.
- **Jail Redevelopment Funding:** Following a discussion on the pulled funding for the DC Jail redevelopment, the committee agreed to research the current funding status and progress of the multi-phase redevelopment project.
- **Agency Outreach:** The committee plans to coordinate with the Department of Public Works (DPW) on parking enforcement issues and follow up on outreach initiatives with the Office of Unified Communications (OUC). They will also continue to track the certification status of the city's crime lab.



The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.