

ANC 6B
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Minutes

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 14, 2026

Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and over Zoom

Commissioner Samuel Pastore, Chair

Approved at ANC 6B meeting September 8, 2026

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

Vacant: ANC 6B08.

Commissioner Pastore called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs 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. Wolanin moved to delete, from the report of the Transportation Committee--

1) Parking hours in the school zone on South Carolina Ave., SE.

2) ANC input on a traffic-controlling-measures petition.

b. Mareino moved to add, to the Consent Agenda, approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee's recommendation to support Devon Hinojosa's application to expand his 1236 D St., SE, home by approximately 16 feet, with the goal of making the house a three-bedroom, three-bathroom residence.

c. Hughes moved to delete the Congressional Cemetery from Commission Announcements, while retaining the Congressional Cemetery as a presentation.

d. Sobelsohn to add, to Announcements, Commissioner Mareino's appointment of Commissioner Pastore as vice-chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The motion, as amended, passed 8-0.

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

a. June 9 minutes: Adoption of the June 9, 2026 minutes as proposed. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/ANC6B-6-2026-Full-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.

b. Official acceptance, of written reports and minutes of action since June 9, from the following committees: from the Committee on--

1) Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/ANC6B-7-2026-ABC-Committee-Report.pdf>.

2) Planning and Zoning: minutes at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/ANC6B-7-2026-PZ-Minutes.pdf>.

3) Transportation: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/ANC6B-7-2026-Transportation-Committee-Report.pdf>.

c. Other committee matters.

1) Confirmation of Commissioner Hughes's appointment of Haley Burnett as 6B09 Alternate Resident Member of the Public Safety Committee.

2) Approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee's recommendation to support Devon Hinojosa's application to expand his 1236 D St., SE, home by approximately 16 feet, with the goal of making the house a three-bedroom, three-bathroom residence.

3. Announcements by--

a. Commissioner Mareino--

1) For Commissioner Pastore, of upcoming ANC meetings:

a) In-person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom (with links to be posted at anc6b.org): meetings of the--

1-- Public Safety Committee, Monday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.

2-- Southeast Library Taskforce, Monday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.

3-- Full ANC 6B, Tuesday, September 8, 7 p.m.

- b) Virtual only, over Zoom: meetings at 7 p.m. of the--
 - 1-- Executive Committee, Tuesday, August 25.
 - 2-- Committees on--
 - a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Tuesday, September 1.
 - b-- Transportation Wednesday, September 2.
 - c-- Planning and Zoning Thursday, September 3.
 - c) In-person only, at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE: Taskforce on Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m.
- 2) For the Planning and Zoning Committee, which he chairs, his appointment of Commissioner Pastore as committee vice-chair.
- b. Other DC government representatives: by--
 - 1) Tre Bracey, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS).
 - a) Housing legislation: Mayor Bowser has introduced two housing-related bills, now under consideration by the DC Council.
 - 1-- Housing Investment Protection Act of 2026 (DC Bill B26-0758). HIPA would--
 - a-- Establish timelines for initial landlord-tenant court hearings.
 - b-- Modify eviction procedures related to illegal activity.
 - c-- Clarify a housing provider's right to enter rental units for inspections, maintenance, and repairs.
 - d-- Modify the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act regarding who qualifies as a "tenant."
 - e-- Expand the DC Housing Authority's power to relocate tenants during repairs.
 - f-- Expand the Local Rental Supplement Program for project-based vouchers.
 - 2-- Illegal Occupancy Enforcement Amendment Act of 2026 (Bill 26-0757). The IOEA would grant the Metropolitan Police Department power to remove tenants who overstay short-term rentals beyond the rental term. Bracey promised to get back to the ANC regarding MPD's input, if any, on this proposal.
 - b) RFK Master Plan. The mayor has released the June 30 draft of her Master Plan for redevelopment of 280 acres around the RFK Stadium site, including land across the Anacostia River. The public can comment on that plan through August 24. Bracey thought, but could not confirm, that the plan addressed multi-lease housing properties such as Air B&B & intern dormitories.
 - 2) Captain Adam Crist of the Metropolitan Police Department.
 - a) ANC crime statistics. Captain Crist reported that, compared to this time in 2025, violent crime is down 63%, robbery and carjacking are down 73%, motor-vehicle thefts are down 52%, but thefts from motor vehicles--most north of Pennsylvania Ave., SE--are up 15%.
 - b) Specific questions.
 - 1-- Handcuffs: Captain Crist reported that MPD training requires that the police not use handcuffs without a responsible suspicion that a crime has occurred and that handcuffs are needed for public or MPD safety.
 - 2-- Narcotics, loitering, and squatting on K St., SE, east of 14th St., SE. Captain Crist reported that without--
 - a-- Undercover work MPD has difficulty controlling the street distribution of narcotics stronger than marijuana.
 - b-- Complaints by the building owner MPD has difficulty enforcing laws against squatting. Regarding holdover tenants under the proposed Illegal Occupancy Enforcement Amendment Act of 2026 (Bill 26-0757), Captain Crist deferred responding about MPD input until the issuance of official MPD guidance.
 - 3-- Illegal auto-mechanic shops: Captain Crist referred this issue to the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection.
4. Congressional Cemetery Presentation. Cemetery Executive Director Mark Hudson and project curator Ashley Molese made a presentation about "The Seed Keepers," a work of art the cemetery hopes to install in spring 2027. To support the installation, the cemetery is applying for a \$125,000 grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities ("DCCA"). The grant would cover permitting, fabrication, and a \$25,000 fee for Nekisha Durrett, the artist. Modeled on granary baskets from West African weaving tradition, the artwork will consist of two urns, called "keepers," each consisting of 23 silver-gilded bricks, in a formerly segregated African-American section of the cemetery. Twenty-three unidentified bodies are buried between the proposed sites of the two urns. The cemetery will use this project in part to try to find descendants of those buried in that section, and has committed to keep the urns there for at least one year, after which the cemetery may return them to the artist. Commissioner Hughes moved/- Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send DCCA an ANC 6B letter of support for the grant. The motion passed 8-0.
5. Other ANC Concern: Increasing ANC Access to DC Agency Information. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to authorize Commissioners Hughes, Pastore, and Sobelsohn to draft a letter to the mayor and DC councilmembers to amend DC law to require DC agencies to provide agency records to ANCs on request without requiring the ANC to file a formal Freedom of Information Act Request, subject however to the limitations in the DC Freedom of Information Act. The motion passed 8-0.
6. Committee and Taskforce Reports: from--
- a. Committees on--
 - 1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis: Stacey Elouadihi and Ismail Ahmad have applied for a medical cannabis retail license, with delivery and tasting endorsements, for Lotus Wellness DC, to be upstairs at 1430 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-135555). The committee recommended support for this application but did not produce a signed settlement by the July 14 ANC meeting.

Commissioner Mareino moved/Commission Sroufe seconded to support the application. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained.

2) Transportation.

a) Contraflow Bike Lane on 500 Block of 2nd St., SE (NOI 26-256-MPDD). The committee recommends that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) move its proposed 2nd St. bike lane from the west side of the street to the east side of the street. Commissioner Tyler moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to endorse the committee's recommendation. The motion passed 8-0.

b) Raised crosswalk at corner of 2nd St. and South Carolina Ave., SE. DDOT is currently repaving South Carolina Ave., SE, just east of 2nd St., SE. The committee recommends that, as part of that repaving, the ANC urge DDOT to create a raised crosswalk on South Carolina Ave., just east of 2nd St., SE. Commissioner Wolanin moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to endorse the committee's recommendation. The motion passed 8-0.

c) Renaming of Potomac Avenue Circle. Commissioner Hughes reported that a majority of poll respondents voted to support naming the new Potomac Avenue Circle after Roberta Cleopatra Flack (1937-2015). Flack was a Howard University graduate who later taught at DC public schools. She got her professional start singing at Capitol Hill's own Mr. Henry's, 601 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and eventually earned 13 Grammy nominations, winning four plus a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to authorize Commissioner Hughes to write a letter, on the ANC's behalf to all DC councilmembers and the mayor, urging Council to name the circle after Flack, and including details of how the ANC reached its recommendation. The motion passed 8-0.

3) Planning and Zoning. The owners of 513 10th St., SE, have applied to the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve plans to convert a currently vacant 5-unit apartment building to a single-family home, and also to convert an adjacent garage into another single-family home (HPA 26-334). The project does not need approval from the Board of Zoning Adjustment, just from HPRB. The committee recommends the ANC file, with HPRB, a support letter with the following conditions: the applicant must first (a) perform, and give the neighbors and ANC 6B the results of, a shade study; (b) provide HPRB with a written estimate of construction timing; and (c) discuss, with HPRB, different options for work on the building's current awning. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to endorse the committee's recommendation. The motion passed 8-0.

b. Taskforces on--

1) Southeast Library. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported that the DC Public Library has announced that the renovated Southeast library will open on Thursday, September 10, but that the Arthur Capper interim library will close on July 31. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to urge the mayor and councilmembers to cause DCPL to keep at least a "holds" bookcase and a book-return bin at Arthur Capper through August, unless keeping just those two services available at Arthur Capper would relay reopening the Southeast library. The motion passed 5-0, with Commissioners Krebs, Mareino, and Wolanin abstaining. Commissioner Pastore moved to reconsider. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed and Commissioners Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, Sroufe, and Wolanin abstaining. Reconsidered, the motion again passed, this time 3-1, with Commissioner Mareino opposed and Commissioners Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, and Wolanin abstaining.

2) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces. Commissioner--

a) Sroufe, taskforce chair, reported that, regarding--

1-- Environmental effects of upcoming America 250 celebrations: the DC Department of the Environment has upcoming forums on this, on which Commissioner Sroufe will report at the September 8 ANC 6B meeting.

2-- Rumsey Aquatic Center renovation: the DC Department of Parks and Recreation will hold an update meeting Wednesday, July 22, 7 p.m. in the Eastern Market North Hall, 225 7th St., SE.

b) Wolanin agreed to ask the National Park Service the reopening day for Folger Park and report to the ANC at its September meeting.

7. Financials. Treasurer Commissioner Krebs reported that the ANC started July with approximately \$73,500 in its bank account; that the ANC earned \$9 in interest in July; that the ANC spent \$1,891 to rent meeting space in July and \$1,420 in July for administrative assistance; and that the ANC bank account now has a balance of \$70,221. The Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions has not sent ANC 6B its quarterly stipend since February. Commissioner Krebs will determine the problem and report to the ANC at its September meeting.

8. Election of New Vice-Chair: With the resignation of former ANC 6B Commissioner and Vice-Chair Ryder, the positions are now vacant. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to elect Commissioner Hughes vice-chair until the ANC elects a new vice-chair at its January 2027 meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

9. Adjournment: Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
ANC 6B Secretary