



**APPROVED Minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B**

**July 9, 2024**

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**June 9, 2024**

**Held In Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and Over Zoom**

**Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair**

**Participating: Commissioners Avery, D'Andrea, Durkit, Jayaraman, Ryder, Sobelsohn, and Sroufe**

**Absent: Commissioners LaFortune and Mareino**

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

1. Meeting Agenda. As requested by the following commissioners, and by unanimous consent, the proposed agenda was modified as follows: from Commissioners--

a. Avery: Move, from the report of the Public Safety Committee to the consent agenda, an ANC letter to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, regarding data transparency.

b. Sobelsohn: Add a presentation by Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) First District Captain Adam Crist.

c. Sroufe: Move, from the consent agenda to the report of the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce, the designation of a memorial bench for India Person.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to approve the meeting agenda as modified. The motion passed 7-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to approve the consent agenda as modified. The motion passed 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

a. Minutes of June 11 meeting as presented. Those minutes are linked to these.

b. Committee and taskforce recommendations: from the--

1) Planning and Zoning Committee: to support the following applications; regarding projects at--

a) 229 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE (ANC 6B02), to support a setback option, and including a modification responding to a flag test (HPA 24-237).

b) 629 South Carolina Ave., SE (ANC 6B03; RF-1 zone), to support building a rear addition, complete with cellar, to a current attached three-story residence with a cellar (HPA 24-328 & BZA 21158).

c) 1630 G St., SE (ANC 6B09; RF-1 zone), to support building a front porch on a current, semi-detached, two-story residence with a cellar (BZA 21140)

2) Public Safety Committee: that the ANC send a letter, drafted by committee chair Commissioner Avery, to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, regarding data transparency. That letter is linked to these minutes.

3) Transportation Committee: that the ANC send a letter, drafted by committee chair Commissioner LaFortune, to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), sharing various residents' comments on DDOT's New Jersey Avenue, SE and E Street, SE Annual Safety Program (NOI 24-146). That letter is linked to these minutes.

4) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force: to support the application of the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District (BID), to the DC Public Art Building Communities (PABC) program, for a grant to fund the 2<sup>d</sup> Street Underpass Artmaking Project in ANCs 6B01 and 8F03.

c. Financial report: to endorse the proposed Third Quarter Fiscal-Year 2024 Quarterly Financial Report, linked to these minutes.

### 3. Announcements.

a. Upcoming ANC meetings. Commissioner Ryder announced the following upcoming ANC 6B meetings.

#### 1) Committees and taskforces.

a) Monday, July 22 6:30 p.m.: Public Safety Committee.

b) Monday, August 26 6:30 p.m.: Southeast Library Task Force.

c) Tuesday, August 27 7 p.m.: Executive Committee.

d) Tuesday, September 3 7 p.m.: Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.

e) Wednesday, September 4 7 p.m.: Transportation Committee.

f) Thursday, September 5 7 p.m.: Planning and Zoning Committee.

#### 2) Full ANC: Monday, September 9 7 p.m.

To learn which meetings are in-person, which are exclusively virtual, and which are in-person with a virtual component, go to [anc6b.org](http://anc6b.org).

b. Other announcements: from Commissioners--

1) Sroufe: A reenactment of the Mary McCloud Bethune statue's installation in Lincoln Park will take place at the statue from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, July 13.

2) Ryder: Commissioner Ryder will host a safety walk with MPD and Councilmember Charles Allen Tuesday July 16, starting 5:30 p.m. from the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> St., K St., and Potomac Ave., SE.

3) Sobelsohn: All ANC 6B commissioners and committee and taskforce members are invited to a private boat tour on the Anacostia River, conducted by the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) president, starting at 2 p.m. Saturday September 14. Depending on capacity, the tour may be open to all ANC 6B residents.

4) Avery: Garfield Park will host Duddington Day on Saturday, September 28, starting at a time to be decided.

4. Presentations.

a. First District MPD Captain Adam Crist. Captain Crist leads Police Service Areas 105 and 106. In the First District, robberies have dropped by half over the past year, burglaries and assaults with a deadly weapon have remained the same as a year ago, and--though motor-vehicle thefts are down--thefts overall have increased, especially package thefts. Captain Crist recommends using Amazon.com lockers for package deliveries. He also reported a shooting in Potomac Gardens July 8, with one victim in critical condition. He assured the ANC that the Command Information Center will notify ANC commissioners about a shooting in our ANC, but only if a report comes in regarding a specific at-large armed suspect. Finally, he reported that MPD currently has 400-450 cameras around DC and expects to have 500-600 by the end of 2025, not counting DDOT cameras, BID cameras, and Kastle Systems cameras. He urged private organizations with cameras to share footage with MPD; recommended going to [cameraconnectdc.org](http://cameraconnectdc.org) for further information; and urged that anyone with a tip about criminal behavior call 202-727-9099 option 4.

Commissioner Avery, chair of the ANC 6B Public Safety Committee, invited Captain Crist to attend meetings of the committee.

b. DC Water's Sean Moore. Sean Moore, DC Water's Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager, made a presentation about Lead Free DC. DC Water has replaced 6,000 lead service lines so far. The company hopes to replace all 42,000 remaining lead-service lines by 2037. Homeowners have responsibility for pipes on their own property, but DC Water has funds to replace those pipes at no cost to the homeowner. To do so, DC Water would need the homeowner to sign a Right of Entry Authorization, and for the homeowner to remain at home all during the work, which would take up to 8 hours. For more information, or to learn if your home is connected to lead pipes, go to [dcwater.com/lead](http://dcwater.com/lead) or [dcwater.com/leadmap](http://dcwater.com/leadmap); call 202-787-4044 or 202-787-4049; or email [sean.moore@dcwater.com](mailto:sean.moore@dcwater.com).

In response to a question from Commissioner Sobelsohn, Moore promised to provide contact information for the DC Water staff in charge of keeping DC's tap water clean. In response to a question from Commissioner Jayaraman, Moore promised to research DC

Water's reason, when it replaced water pipes around 6B06, for skipping the north side of the 1400 block of Massachusetts Ave., SE.

## 5. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee: Renewal of class A liquor license, including a tasting endorsement, for DMV Liquors Wines and Beers, 643 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ANC 6B02; ABRA-127963). Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to support the application, based on a settlement agreement, signed by the applicant, that requires that the applicant store trash indoors, keep the front sidewalk clear, and ask anyone consuming alcohol on the front sidewalk to move on. The settlement agreement is linked to these minutes. The motion passed 7-0.

### b. Planning and Zoning Committee.

1) Navy Museum. The DC Office of Planning's Karen Thomas and Joel Lawson presented proposed new zoning for the eastern part of Navy Yard along the Anacostia River, in ANC 8F. Pursuant \*to a May 2, 2024 memorandum of understanding between DC and the U.S. Navy, the Navy plans to move its museum to, and build new housing in, the area just south of M St., SE, in the SE Federal Center, just east of 4<sup>th</sup> St., SE. In fall 2024, the Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Navy's application. As a party to the application, ANC 6B will get notice of the hearing from the Office of Zoning. For more information email [NavyYardEastZoning@dc.gov](mailto:NavyYardEastZoning@dc.gov).

2) Taco Bell, 411 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (BZA 21144). At an ANC 6B "special call" meeting June 25, the ANC voted, subject to an agreement reached between the applicant and nearby neighbors, to support the application of Taco Bell of America/Zusin Development for special exceptions from zoning regulations covering an MU-4/CHC zone. Committee chair Commissioner D'Andrea reported that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) rejected three provisions of the agreement, but that the nearby neighbors, led by Linda Elliott and John West, had secured Taco Bell's consent to a revised agreement. Commissioner D'Andrea moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send BZA a revised letter, to be drafted by Commissioners D'Andrea and Sobelsohn, supporting the application conditioned on the revised agreement. The motion passed 7-0. The revised letter and agreement are linked to these minutes.

c. Public Safety Committee. Interim committee chair Commissioner Avery announced that Lisa Matsumoto has resigned as committee chair. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to appoint Commissioner Avery as permanent chair. The motion passed 7-0.

d. Southeast Library Task Force. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported that the interim library facility at the Arthur Capper Recreation Center continues closed for air-conditioning problems. The taskforce is working on ways to increase use of the facility and to pressure the library system to open it on weekends.

### e. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force.

1) Sound Abatement Proposal. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sroufe reported on a bill pending in the DC Committee on Public Works and Operations, chaired by Ward One Councilmember Brianne Nadeau. The bill would regulate amplified sound in public parks, including the Eastern Market Metrorail Park. The bill would also require measuring the sound at the source, not--as under current law --in a neighboring residence. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to send a letter, supporting the bill, to all members of the committee. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to amend the motion to send the letter to all councilmembers, not just committee members. The motion was amended without objection. The underlying motion passed 7-0.

2) Public Toilet on Eastern Market Metrorail Park. Commissioner Sroufe announced that Throne Labs has installed a state-of-the-art public toilet on the southeast corner of the Eastern Market Metrorail Park. He suggested the ANC invite a Throne Labs representative to an ANC meeting.

3) Memorial Bench for India Person. The Capitol Hill BID has designed a bench and picked a location on the Eastern Market Metrorail Park to honor the memory of BID ambassador India Person. The BID wants to dedicate the bench on September 21. Commissioner D'Andrea moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to send a letter supporting the Capitol Hill BID's application to DDOT for a public-space permit to erect the bench. The motion passed 5-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn voting "no" and Commissioner Jayaraman abstaining.

4) Taskforce Vacancy. Commissioner Sobelsohn announced that Alessandro Milio has resigned from the taskforce and moved out of the DC area.

6. ANC 6B Administrative Matter. Commissioner Ryder reported that the ANC has ended its relationship with administrative assistant Tori Collins. He expects to post a Request for Proposals by the end of July.

7. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to adjourn. The motion passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn  
Secretary, ANC 6B