



Capitol Hill / Southeast

Regular Monthly Meeting December 10, 2024

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

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

APPROVED Minutes

Approved at ANC 6B Meeting January 14, 2025

Participating: Commissioners Avery, D’Andrea, Jayaraman, LaFortune, Mareino, Ryder, Sobelsohn, and Sroufe

Vacant: 6B05

Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Meeting Agenda.

At Commissioner D’Andrea’s request, the proposed Consent Agenda was modified to add a Proposal to Amend Something Previously Approved. Specifically, as approved at the ANC’s November meeting, the October 8, 2024, minutes, under the report of the Planning and Zoning Committee--which Commissioner D’Andrea chairs--the approved minutes reported, regarding “Text and Map Amendments to Create Navy Yard East Zone (ZC 23-27),” that “Commissioner D’Andrea moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to postpone, until the November ANC meeting, consideration of sending a letter of general support for the project to the Zoning Commission. The motion passed 8-0.” Commissioner D’Andrea’s Proposal to Amend would replace those two sentences with “Commissioner D’Andrea moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send a letter, to the Zoning Commission, expressing ANC 6B’s general support for the project. The motion passed 8-0.”

At Commissioner Sobelsohn’s request, Amendment of Standing Rules was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D’Andrea seconded to approve the agenda as so modified. The motion passed 8-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jayaraman moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0. Items on the Consent Agenda include:

a. Minutes of meetings of--

1) November 12, 2024. Those minutes are linked to these.

2) October 8, 2024. Proposal to Amend Something Previously Approved. Replace, under the report of the Planning and Zoning Committee, the sentences “Commissioner D’Andrea

moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to postpone, until the November ANC meeting, consideration of sending a letter of general support for the project to the Zoning Commission. The motion passed 8-0” with the sentences “Commissioner D’Andrea moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send a letter, to the Zoning Commission, expressing ANC 6B’s general support for the project. The motion passed 8-0.”

b. Administrative Consent Items.

- 1) 2024 Annual Report for ANC 6B: the report is linked to these minutes.
- 2) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee administrative items.
 - a) January meeting: reschedule the committee’s January meeting from January 7 to January 6, to avoid conflicting with Orthodox Christmas January 7.
 - b) Appointment, by Commissioner and committee chair Jayaraman, of Commissioner-Elect Anna Krebs as Resident Member for ANC 6B06.

c. Committee and taskforce--

- 1) Written reports are linked to these minutes.
- 2) Recommendations from ANC 6B committees on--
 - a) Transportation: letters to the District Department of Transportation to--
 - 1-- Request a stop sign at the corner of 1st and F Streets, SE.
 - 2-- Convey ANC 6B’s pedestrian-safety concerns regarding the 12th St., SE, crosswalk on the south side of Lincoln Park.

These letters are linked to these minutes.

- b) Public Safety Committee: letters to--
 - 1-- The DC Council--
 - a-- Regarding the DC Gun Violence Reduction Strategic Plan.
 - b-- Supporting both the--
 - (1) Vocational Education for a New Generation Act of 2024 and the--
 - (2) Youth Mentorship Through Community Engagement Act of 2024.
 - 2-- DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb to invite him to a 2025 committee meeting.

These letters are linked to these minutes.

3. Announcements.

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

- 1) Virtual meetings: of the following ANC 6B committees.
 - a) Executive Committee December 17, 7 p.m.
 - b) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis January 6, 7 p.m.

- c) Transportation January 8, 7 p.m.
- d) Planning and Zoning January 9, 7 p.m.
- e) Public Safety January 27, 6:30 p.m.

2) In-person meeting: a live-streamed (hybrid) meeting of the full ANC 6B on January 14, 7 p.m., on the ground floor of 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.

The ANC 6B website, anc6b.org, includes links to these meetings.

Commissioner Ryder also announced the cancellation of the Public Safety Committee's December meeting.

b. Other upcoming events.

1) Commissioner Sroufe announced that, on December 19, at 6:30 p.m., the Department of Parks and Recreation will hold an in-person community meeting, in the Eastern Market North Hall, 225 7th St., SE, on the future of the William H. Rumsey Aquatic Center, 635 North Carolina Ave., SE.

2) Commissioner Sobelsohn announced two upcoming citywide ANC parties: on--

a) December 12, 5 p.m., hosted by Mayor Bowser and the DC Council at the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.

b) December 14, 5 p.m., hosted by the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Library, 901 G St., NW.

c. Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services--

1) Announced that, on--

a) December 11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., the DC Armory, 2001 East Capitol St., SE, will host the 25th annual DC seniors holiday fest.

b) December 19, at 6:30 p.m., his office plans a virtual briefing for Wards 2 and 6 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions on security issues between the January 6 certification of the presidential-election results and the January 20 inauguration.

2) Warned that leftover pumpkins can attract rats.

3) Invited anyone to report--

a) Graffiti on commercial or public property to him at noah.glasgow@dc.gov or his colleague marcus.manning@dc.gov, and to the Department of Public Works (DPW).

b) New construction suspected of illegal operation as an Air BNB to him or Manning and to the Department of Buildings.

d. Kimberly Kennedy, of the Office of Ward Six Councilmember Allen--

1) Announced--

a) A DC Council hearing December 10 on the Secure Apartments for Everyone (“SAFE”) Act, to empower the Office of the DC Attorney General to force owners of large residential buildings to make certain safety improvements.

b) That December 17 is 2024’s final DC Council meeting.

2) Promised to update the ANC on the proposed \$62 million tax abatement for 1633 H St., SE.

4. Presentations.

a. First District Captain Adam Crist briefed the ANC on current plans for road closures and other national-security measures for January 2025. Streets will close as early as 2 a.m. January 5 and reopen by January 7, and then close again January 18 and reopen by January 21. To facilitate travel within the security zone, Captain Crist advised local residents to bring proof of residence, such as a utility bill or lease. Regarding ANC 6B streets, he advised avoiding Constitution and Independence Avenues, and 2nd and 3rd Streets. Captain Crist indicated that tour buses should all park at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium but offered no specific plan for making sure that will happen.

b. Connor Laughland, a volunteer with Democratic Socialists of America, briefed the ANC on a proposed Green New Deal for Social Housing. Laughland expects Ward Four Councilmember Janeese Lewis George to introduce legislation in 2025. Under the proposal, the DC government, through a new Office of Social Housing, would develop, manage, and own new residential property. Of the units, 40% would go for market rate, to subsidize the remaining 60%, half of which would target residents at 30% area median income or below. Laughland expects projects to self-fund and cites projects under study or already underway in Austria, Singapore, Maryland’s Montgomery County, California, New York, Seattle, and Boston. He also expects Council support for rezoning to encourage residential development around Metrorail stations. He anticipates seeking ANC support in February 2025.

5. Other Items of Concern.

a. Presentation of 2024 Outstanding Public Service Award. Commissioner Ryder, on the ANC’s behalf, presented the 2024 ANC 6B Outstanding Public Service Award to Lisa Matsumoto, the inaugural chair of the ANC 6B Public Safety Committee. On January 10, 2023, the ANC revived the committee as a Special Committee, then made it a Standing Committee on December 12, 2023. Resident Member Matsumoto chaired the committee from its initial meeting in March, 2023, to her resignation as chair in June, 2024.

b. Initiative 83 Implementation.

In the November 2024 election, nearly 73% of DC voters supported Initiative 83. Initiative 83 created a semi-open primary system allowing voters unaffiliated with a political party to vote in

a party primary election. It also established, beginning in 2026, ranked-choice voting for DC elections. Implementation requires funding. Commissioner Mareino/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to send the DC Council a letter, drafted by Commissioner Mareino and linked to these minutes, recommending that Council fully implement Initiative 83. The motion passed 8-0.

6. Committee and Taskforce Reports and Recommendations: of the--

a. ANC 6B Committees on--

1) Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis.

a) **Election of Chair Pro Tempore.** Outgoing Commissioner Jayaraman, committee chair, reported the committee's election, pursuant to bylaw section VII 2.B., of Commissioner-Elect and Resident Member Anna Krebs as committee chair pro tempore, to serve through the committee's February 2025 meeting.

b) **Application of Café Bistro Med, LLC, trading as Café 8, 424 8th St., SE (ABRA 077797).** Café 8 has asked to make substantial changes in its alcoholic-beverage license and in its original ANC 6B settlement agreement, specifically to expand its allowable capacity from 88 to 180 customers. In exchange, Café 8 has agreed to a security plan that (1) requires that customers be seated before getting served alcohol, (2) ends live music an hour before closing and 30 minutes before the end of alcohol service, (3) excludes customers under 30 years of age after 8:30 p.m. The committee recommended supporting the changes. Commissioner D'Andrea moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to support the recommended substantial changes, and also to authorize Commissioner Jayaraman to make any "technical changes" in the settlement agreement needed to satisfy the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) and to include the new security plan in a message to ABCA. The motion passed 8-0.

2) **Transportation.** Outgoing Commissioner LaFortune, committee chair, reported the committee's election, pursuant to bylaw section VII 2.B., of Commissioner-Elect and Resident Member Karen Hughes as committee chair pro tempore, to serve through the committee's February 2025 meeting.

3) Planning and Zoning.

a) **Election of Chair Pro Tempore.** Outgoing Commissioner D'Andrea, committee chair, reported the committee's election, pursuant to bylaw section VII 2.B., of Resident Member Corey Holman as committee chair pro tempore, to serve through the committee's June 2025 meeting.

b) **Popeye's, 409 8th St., SE.** The franchisees, the Parikh Network, have a building permit. Construction is underway. Because indoor trash storage effectively addresses rodent infestation, close-in neighbors negotiated with the Parikh Network so that, instead of having two restrooms, the Parikhs would have one unisex restroom and use the second restroom space for trash storage. But the Department of Buildings (DOB) so far has insisted on two restrooms, despite an exception in DC law. The committee recommends that the ANC send DOB a letter urging DOB to

invoke that exception in order to address the problem of rodent infestation. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to support the committee's recommendation and send that letter, both to DOB and to Ward Six Councilmember Allen. The motion passed 8-0. That letter is linked to these minutes.

4) **Public Safety.** Outgoing Commissioner Avery, committee chair, reported on the November 14 community forum on gun violence, organized by committee vice-chair Jody Kent Lavy.

b. **Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force and Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee.**

1) **Rumsey Aquatic Center:** Commissioner Sroufe reported that the Department of Parks and Recreation plans a second story to the Rumsey Aquatic Center.

2) **Yard waste:** Commissioner Mareino reported that DPW has removed the accumulated yard waste from the intersection of 14th and D Streets, SE.

7. **Administrative Matters.** Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to table discussion of both potential bylaws amendments and standing-rules revisions until the ANC's February meeting. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioners Avery, D'Andrea, Jayaraman, and Mareino abstained.

8. **Adjournment.** Commissioner Ryder moved to adjourn. Without opposition, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
Secretary, ANC 6B