



Capitol Hill / Southeast

Regular Monthly Meeting February 11, 2025

Held Exclusively over Zoom

Commissioner Vince Mareino, Chair

Minutes

Approved at ANC 6B meeting March 11, 2025

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

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

1. Adoption of Agenda.

At the request of the following commissioners, the following changes were made to the proposed agenda: to the--

a. Consent Agenda.

1) To add: by Commissioner--

a) Hughes: ANC support for the May 18 Capitol Hill Classic run.

b) Krebs.

1-- Fourth quarter 2024 financial report.

2-- Approval of ANC debit-card authorized vendors.

c) Sobelsohn: authorization for himself and Southeast Library Taskforce Vice-Chair Claire August, with input from Commissioners Mareino, Ryder, and Krebs, to draft and present, on behalf of the ANC, testimony before the DC Council Committee on Human Services at its oversight hearing February 28.

2) To remove, both under Administrative Consent: by Commissioner--

a) Sobelsohn: amendments to standing rules.

b) Sroufe: a proposed bylaws amendment to article VII subsection 3.B., leaving the other proposed bylaw amendments on the Consent Agenda.

b. Elsewhere in the agenda: at request of Commissioner Krebs, to add a presentation by Mia Grosjean about a congressional proposal to eliminate the District of Columbia's home rule.

Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 9-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 9-0. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

a. Minutes of the ANC's officer-election meeting and monthly meeting, both January 14, 2025. For these minutes, go to <https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fanc6b.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2025%2F02%2FJan-2025-Minutes-reformatted.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>.

b. Administrative matters.

1) ANC 6B bylaws amendments, as follows:

a) Article IV § 4: change to read "No member may serve as the Chair of the Commission for more than six consecutive one-year terms."

b) Articles IV §§ 5.D. and 7.B.; VII (overall caption) and §§ 1.A. (2 times), VII 2.A. (3 times), 2.B. (5 times), 2.C. (2 times), 3.A., 3.D. (but see d) below), 4, 5, 7.A. and 7.B.: change phrase "task force" to word "taskforce," with no change in previous capitalization.

c) Article VII § 3.C.: change to read "Whenever they were appointed, the terms of all Resident and Alternate Resident Members expire at the end of the Commission's regular monthly February meeting following their appointment, with the following exceptions:

1) Any Resident Member or Alternate Resident Member may be removed from a committee or taskforce at any time by the Commission or by the Commissioner whose SMD that Resident Member or Alternate Resident Member represents.

2) If, before the scheduled end of his or her term, a Commissioner leaves office and a new Commissioner is elected, the new Commissioner can retain the prior Commissioner's committee and taskforce appointees by notifying the Commission in writing. If the new Commissioner doesn't so notify the Commission, the prior Commissioner's committee and taskforce appointees' terms expire at the end of the Commission's second monthly meeting after the new Commissioner takes office."

d) Article VII § 3.D.: repeal.

e) Article XII (new): add new article titled "ARTICLE XII. WAIVER OF BYLAWS," to read "By unanimous vote, the Commission at any time can suspend or waive the bylaws. Any suspension or waiver can cover only one issue and last only until the Commission's next monthly meeting."

For the complete up-to-date ANC 6B bylaws, go to <https://anc6b.org/anc-6b-bylaws/>.

2) Committee and taskforce appointments.

a) Resident members and alternates: to represent--

1-- 6B01, appointed by Commissioner Wolanin.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Amy Emmett as Resident Member.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Marsha Lea as Resident Member.

c-- Public Safety Committee.

(1) Michele Lieber as Resident Member.

(2) Frank Boudra as Alternate.

d-- Transportation Committee: Ghoncheh Lee as Resident Member.

e-- Library Taskforce: Claire August as Resident Member.

f-- Parks Taskforce: Steven Thomas as Resident Member.

2-- 6B02, appointed by Commissioner Sroufe.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: George Dee as Resident Member.

b-- Parks Taskforce: Marian Connolly as Resident Member.

3-- 6B03, appointed by Commissioner Sobelsohn.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.

(1) Anna Katherine Szafran as Resident Member.

(2) Chuck Burger as Alternate.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Whitney D.W. Smith as Resident Member.

c-- Public Safety Committee.

(1) Chuck Schmoyer as Resident Member.

(2) John Schwab as Alternate.

d-- Transportation Committee.

(1) Janice Kruger as Resident Member.

(2) Brian Kirrane as Alternate.

e-- Library Taskforce.

(1) Ana Unruh Cohen as Resident Member.

(2) Avery J.C. Kleinman as Alternate.

f-- Parks Taskforce.

(1) Anna Weinstein as Resident Member.

(2) Brian Ready as Alternate.

4-- 6B04, appointed by Commissioner Gorman.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.

(1) Kristen Hutchens as Resident Member.

(2) Michael McMullan as Alternate.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee.

(1) Frank D'Andrea as Resident Member.

(2) Nick Nowak as Alternate.

c-- Public Safety Committee.

(1) Anne Seymour as Resident Member.

(2) Elliot Mamet as Alternate.

d-- Transportation Committee.

(1) Kirsten Oldenburg as Resident Member.

(2) Matt Miller as Alternate.

5-- 6B05, appointed by Commissioner Pastore.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Ellen Opper-Weiner as Resident Member.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Maggie Daley as Resident Member.

c-- Public Safety Committee: Ann Keep as Resident Member.

d-- Transportation Committee.

(1) Mike Litt as Resident Member.

(2) Joel Sarfati as Alternate.

e-- Library Taskforce: Sarah Moore as Resident Member.

f-- Parks Taskforce: George Holman as Resident Member.

6-- 6B06, appointed by Commissioner Krebs.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Chander Jayaraman as Resident Member.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Leslie Chard as Alternate Resident Member.

c-- Public Safety Committee: Lisa Matsumoto as Resident Member.

d-- Parks Taskforce: Matthew Boyer as Resident Member.

7-- 6B07, appointed by Commissioner Mareino.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Jonathan Levy as Resident Member.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Brian Taylor as Resident Member.

c-- Transportation Committee: Brianne Eby-Stockert as Resident Member.

d-- Library Taskforce: Doug Layer, Jr. as Resident Member.

e-- Parks Taskforce: Dimitrios Vatakis as Resident Member.

8-- 6B08, appointed by Commissioner Ryder.

a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Russell Mawn as Resident Member.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Michael Bruggman as Resident Member.

c-- Public Safety Committee.

(1) Cinnamon Butler as Resident Member.

(2) Kelly Waud as Alternate.

d-- Transportation Committee: Jeffrey Menzer as Resident Member.

e-- Library Taskforce: Brian Ready as Resident Member.

9-- 6B09, appointed by Commissioner Hughes.

a-- Planning & Zoning Committee: Corey Holman as Resident Member.

b-- Public Safety Committee: Eric Miller as Resident Member.

c-- Transportation Committee.

(1) Joshua Peacock as Resident Member.

(2) David Barton as Alternate.

b) Committee and taskforce chairs.

1-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: Ellen Opper-Weiner.

2-- Planning and Zoning Committee: Corey Holman.

3-- Public Safety Committee: Commissioner Gorman.

4-- Transportation Committee: Commissioner Hughes.

5-- Library Taskforce: Commissioner Sobelsohn.

6-- Parks Taskforce: Commissioner Sroufe.

c. Committee and taskforce reports.

1) General: the ANC accepted the written committee and taskforce monthly reports without requiring anyone to read them aloud. For those reports go to <https://anc6b.org/meeting-minutes-and-committee-reports/>.

2) Specific items.

a) Planning and Zoning Committee: to support--

1-- Application of Nathan and Stephanie Kooi to build a two-story rear addition to their current two-story attached home at 321 D St., SE (ANC 6B01) in the RF-1 zone (BZA 21227; https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21227).

2-- Request that the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) defer, for one month, considering architect Will Teass's application (HPA 25-90) to build second-story additions to two existing alley dwellings at 4-5 Library Ct., SE in ANC 6B02, and meanwhile to--

a-- Urge Teass to--

(1) Continue discussions with affected neighbors, including taking their design feedback.

(2) Discuss with HPO a redesign so the additions better resemble the historic alley while avoiding "poorly executed historicism."

b-- Ask the Capitol Hill Restoration Society to clarify its position on the project's compatibility with the historic district.

b) Transportation Committee: support for the Capitol Hill Classic run, from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon on Sunday, May 18, 2025. The run course goes between 1st and 3rd Streets NE and SE, and between Constitution Ave., NE and Independence Ave., SE, and then east along East Capitol St. to Anacostia Ave., SE, and back. For a course map, go to <https://www.capitolhillclassic.com/course>.

c) Southeast Library Taskforce: authorization for Commissioner Sobelsohn and Taskforce Vice-Chair Claire August, with input from Commissioners Mareino, Ryder, and Krebs, to draft and present, on behalf of the ANC, testimony before the DC Council Committee on Human Services at its oversight hearing February 28.

d. Financial matters: the ANC approved--

1) ANC 6B's fourth quarter 2024 financial report. For the report, go to <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/ANC-6B-FY24-Q4-QFR-REVISED.pdf>

2) Four authorized vendors for the ANC debit card: Zoom, Amazon Web Services, FedEx Office, and Wordpress.

3. Announcements: by--

a. ANC 6B commissioners: by Commissioner--

1) Mareino.

a) Upcoming ANC 6B meetings: Commissioner Mareino announced upcoming ANC 6B meetings.

1-- Virtual meetings over Zoom of the following committees.

a-- Public Safety Committee February 24, 6:30 p.m.

b-- Executive Committee February 25, 7 p.m.

c-- Transportation Committee March 3, 7 p.m.

d-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee March 4, 7 p.m.

e-- Planning and Zoning Committee March 6, 7 p.m.

2-- In-person meetings at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, both livestreamed over Zoom.

a-- Southeast Library Taskforce March 3, 6:30 p.m.

b-- Full ANC 6B March 11, 7 p.m.

b) Follow-ups from January meeting: Commissioner Mareino also announced updates on actions taken by the ANC at its January meeting. At the January 14 meeting, the ANC--

1-- Authorized inviting commissioners from other Ward Six ANCs to an informal meeting, with ANC 6B commissioners, to discuss issues of common concern. Commissioner Mareino has delayed sending that invitation, in part because other ANCs had not yet elected their chairs.

2-- Supported the application, before the Historic Preservation Review Board, regarding a two-story addition to 321 D St., SE (HPA 25-083). With support from the Planning and Zoning Committee, Commissioner Mareino postponed sending a supportive letter to HPRB, pending the ANC's actions on the developer's application for relief before the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA 21227). At the February 11 meeting (see the Consent Agenda, above), the ANC voted to support that BZA application.

3-- Supported a proposal, by the DC Department of General Services (DGS), to build a new jail at 1900 Massachusetts Ave., SE (ZC 24-21), including supporting DGS's request for special exceptions, variances, and waivers, but with several qualifications. Commissioner Mareino has asked the Planning and Zoning Committee to draft the supporting letter, which the committee has not yet done.

4-- Authorized a letter to the DC Board of Elections, with copies to DC councilmembers, expressing ANC 6B's concern regarding how long it took BOE to certify the results of ANC's elections won by write-in candidates. Commissioner Mareino sent that letter. BOE has not yet responded.

5-- Conditionally supported the American Legion's application, to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board, to amend its retailers' class C license for Kenneth H. Nash Post 8, 224 D St., SE, to add a Games of Skill endorsement (ABRA-000643). Commissioner Mareino has submitted the ANC's conditional support.

6-- Authorize a letter, to be written by Commissioner Pastore, to the DC Department of Transportation with copies to the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC), DGS, and Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, reminding recipients of ANC 6B's outstanding request for the installation of static sidewalk bollards on 7th St., SE, near Eastern Market, and urging they be installed immediately. Commissioner Mareino reported that Commissioner Pastore is consulting with EMCAC on drafting that letter.

2) Pastore: Commissioner Pastore announced that, because of the February 11 snowstorm, residents of ANC 6B05 have lost electric power.

3) Sroufe: The DC Environmental Network, with the support of DC Voters for Animals, will hold a breakfast meeting February 27 at 8:30 a.m. at Madhatter, 1319 Connecticut Ave., NW, on the topic "Protecting DC wildlife, pets and people from rodenticide." All are welcome who register at https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/reuxuag?source_id=8d5dfad3-29b7-4587-8941-cfc1396259af&source_type=em&c=K7xx2H4pEfQyMGHvWe0u_lt1tw8bnlqT8gE5jbXxc_52nOBeJOjwg==.

4) Hughes: Friends of Kingman Park will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. February 20, at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, 330 21st St., NE, to discuss the future of the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium site.

b. Non-ANC 6B commissioners: by--

1) Kimberly Kennedy, on behalf of Ward Six Councilmember Allen, announced--

a) The Council's this month is holding oversight hearings for DC= administrative agencies. Anyone can register to submit testimony.

b) Her office has warned the Department of Employment Services to prepare for an increase in applications, from all recently fired federal workers, for unemployment insurance, which is based on the job's jurisdiction, not that of the worker's residence.

c) DC parents who, in 2024, earned less than \$60,000 qualify for DC's Earned Income Tax Credit, which DC will automatically provide taxpayers who file a DC return.

d) Small DC businesses who pay property taxes can qualify for a tax rebate of up to \$10,000 per year.

e) Councilmember Allen plans to reintroduce a bill prohibiting large landowners from charging mandatory fees for common areas, such as fitness centers, independent of the tenant's use of the space and not disclosed when tenants sign their leases.

2) Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, announced that the Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center, at 1200 Pecan St., SE, in Anacostia, will open April 15, 2025. He also encouraged everyone to use one of the free tax-preparation services available to DC residents, including the one provided by AARP at the Southwest library.

3) First District Metropolitan Police Captain Adam Crist reported a recent increase in robberies in ANC 6B, but an overall decrease in thefts. ANC 6D, but not ANC 6B, has seen an increase in thefts of expensive jackets. The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration has recently closed two illegal cannabis retailers on Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Capital THC at 1123 and Friends Smoke Shoppe at 1223.

4) Former ANC 6B Commissioner Chander Jayaraman encouraged everyone to join him as an umpire for Capitol Hill Little League (CHLL), for which ex-Commissioner Jayaraman is umpire-in-chief. Teenagers under 18 can get paid \$20 per game. CHLL adult umpires don't get paid, but those certified as umpires who work in other little leagues can make up to \$100 per game. Those interested should email chander@chlldc.org.

5. Presentation by Mia Grosjean of the Committee to Preserve Home Rule. Mia Grosjean reported that, on February 6, Congressman Andrew Ogles (R-TN) and Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced bills (HR-1089 and S-4695) to abolish DC's home rule and return direct DC control to the federal government. The ANC discussed possible strategies for combatting this proposal. Commissioner Mareino promised to discuss it with the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions that border ANC 6B.

6. Report of Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee. Attorney Dan Koffman made a presentation about the application of 7th St. Love, LLC, trading as Acqua AI 2, for a new-retailer class "C" restaurant license for a restaurant at 212 7th St., SE. The current protest deadline is March 3. Settlement negotiations are underway. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to protest the application, with the expectation that the ANC and the applicant will finalize a settlement agreement before the March 11 ANC meeting and that the ANC will then drop its protest. Commissioner Krebs and ABC Committee chair Opper-Weiner will write the protest letter. The motion passed 9-0.

7. Remaining Administrative Matters.

a. Monthly financial report. Commissioner Krebs, ANC, has filed a monthly financial report. For the ANC's financial reports, go to <https://anc6b.org/anc-6b-financials/finances/>.

b. Bylaw amendment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to adopt one more bylaw amendment, to amend article VII, section 3.B. to read:

"For each standing committee, Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members must continuously reside in ANC 6B. Commissioners who want to appoint a Resident Member who doesn't live in that Commissioner's SMD must first notify the ANC in writing that they have not found a Resident Member to appoint in that Commissioner's own SMD."

Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to substitute, for the pending motion, instead amending the current bylaw article VII, section 3.B. to read:

"For each standing committee, Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members must continuously reside in the same SMD as the appointing commissioner at the time of the appointment."

The motion to substitute failed 1-3, with Commissioner Sroufe voting "yes," Commissioners Hughes, Ryder, and Sobelsohn voting "no," and Commissioners Gorman, Krebs, Mareino, Pastore, and Wolanin abstaining.

The main motion passed 7-2, with Commissioners Pastore and Sroufe voting "no."

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
Secretary, ANC