

APPROVED MINUTES

submitted at ANC 6B meeting February 11, 2025

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Special Call Meeting for Officer Elections

January 14, 2025

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

Ex-Commissioner Frank Avery, Chair *Pro Tempore*

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

Outgoing Chair Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. Former ANC 6B01 Commissioner Frank Avery chaired the rest of the Special Call meeting.

- 1) Commissioner Ryder nominated Commissioner Mareino as chair for 2025-26. Commissioner Mareino accepted the nomination. Commissioner Mareino warned that, because of his federal employment, he would recuse himself from signing letters to federal agencies. Commissioner Mareino was elected chair 9-0.
- 2) Commissioner Mareino nominated Commissioner Ryder as vice-chair for 2025-26. Commissioner Ryder accepted the nomination. Commissioner Ryder was elected vice-chair 9-0.
- 3) Commissioner Ryder nominated Commissioner Sobelsohn as secretary for 2025-26. Commissioner Sobelsohn accepted the nomination. Commissioner Sobelsohn was elected secretary 9-0.
- 4) Commissioner Sobelsohn nominated Commissioner Pastore as treasurer for 2025-26. Commissioner Pastore accepted the nomination. Commissioner Krebs nominated herself as treasurer for 2025-26. Commissioner Pastore withdrew as a candidate. His withdrawal was accepted unanimously. Commissioner Krebs was elected treasurer 9-0.
- 5) Commissioner Pastore nominated Commissioner Wolanin as parliamentarian for 2025-26. Commissioner Wolanin accepted the nomination. Commissioner Wolanin accepted, pending approval by the Library of Congress, his employer. Commissioner Wolanin was elected parliamentarian 9-0.
- 6) Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The Special Call meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Commissioner Vince Mareino, Chair

Participating: Commissioners Gorman, Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, Pastore, Ryder, Sobelsohn, Sroufe, and Wolanin. Commissioner Mareino called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Introductions.

2. Adoption of Agenda.

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

3. Consent Agenda.

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

a. Minutes of monthly meeting December 10, 2024. Those minutes are linked to these.

b. Administrative matters

- 1) Calendar for ANC 6B meetings in 2025 and January 2026. The approved calendar is linked to these minutes
- 2) Taskforce renewals. In accordance with ANC 6B bylaws article VII.1.C., ANC 6B extended the Southeast Library Task Force and the ANC 6B Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force through the ANC's monthly meeting in February 2026.
- 3) Notice of upcoming meetings. In accordance with DC Code § 1–309.11, under which the ANC can give notice of its meetings in “any other manner approved by the Commission,” ANC 6B approved giving notice of its upcoming meetings by an announcement at the ANC's monthly meeting.

c. Committees and taskforces.

- 1) Committee and taskforce monthly reports are linked to these minutes.
- 2) Committee appointment: Commissioner Krebs, chair *pro tempore* of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee, announced her appointment of former Commissioner Chander Jayaraman as a Resident Member of the committee, representing ANC 6B06.
- 3) Recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Committee.
 - a. 321 D St., SE (HPA 25-083). This two-story rear addition requires approval by the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Capitol Hill Restoration Society and multiple neighbors expressed support for the project. Commissioner Wolanin, whose district includes the project, reported no known opposition from his constituents.
 - b. 1900 Massachusetts Ave., SE (ZC 24-21). The Department of General Services proposes to build a new DC jail in ANC 7F08, which borders ANC 6B09. The Committee recommended general support for the project before the Zoning Commission, along with supporting the applicant's requests for special exceptions, variance, and waivers, with the following qualifications:
 - i. ANC 6B does not intend its support to diminish concerns raised by ANC 7F, or by ANC 7D, which (like ANC 6B) borders ANC 7F.
 - ii. When presented further designs, ANC 6B expects to have the chance to provide additional recommendations.
 - iii. ANC 6B urges the project team to continue its discussions with the Congressional Cemetery, including issues of stormwater management.

4. Announcements: from—

a. Commissioner Mareino.

- 1) Upcoming ANC 6B meetings: Commissioner Mareino announced the following upcoming ANC 6B meetings.

- a. Virtual meetings of the following committees.
 - i. Public Safety Committee January 27, 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. Executive Committee January 28, 7 p.m.
 - iii. Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee February 4, 7 p.m.
 - iv. Transportation Committee February 5, 7 p.m.
 - v. Planning and Zoning Committee February 6, 7 p.m.
 - b. In-person meetings of the following, all at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.
 - i. Task force on Public Parks and Recreation Spaces January 23, 7 p.m.
 - c. The following in-person meetings will also be live-streamed.
 - i. Southeast Library January 29, 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. Full ANC 6B meeting February 11, 7 p.m.
- 2) Watkins Elementary School meeting: Commissioner Mareino also announced that, at the Watkins Elementary School, 420 12th St., SE, on Thursday, January 30, at 6 p.m., the Department of General Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation will present their plans for Watkins renovation.

b. From outside the ANC.

- 1) Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCR) for Ward Six: Noah Glasgow announced and promised as follows
 - a. Inauguration fencing: at the joint request of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Secret Service, and National Guard, fencing around the Capitol Building will remain until January 22.
 - b. Trash collection: trash collection, suspended because of the recent snowstorm has resumed with triple overtime.
 - c. Snow removal: Glasgow—
 - i. Reported that the Department of Public Works (DPW) prioritizes snow removal as follows.
 - Interstate highways.
 - Snow-emergency routes to police and fire stations and hospitals.
 - Major arteries, including H St., NE, and Pennsylvania Ave., SE.
 - All other streets.
 - ii. Promised to research--
 - The DPW and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) experience regarding removing snow from bicycle lanes and protected intersections.
 - Who's responsible to remove snow and ice from--
 - Smaller streets, including I St., SE.
 - Sidewalks and street medians.
 - iii. Offered DC government help in removing snow when at least four inches falls. For snow removal, he advised residents to call 311 and contact their ANC commissioner and Glasgow himself, at noah.glasgow@dc.gov, with the resident's full name, street address, and telephone number.
- 2) Office of Councilmember Charles Allen: Kimberly Kennedy, of Councilmember Charles Allen's office, posted announcements in the Zoom chat. These included reports of—
 - a. New Council committee chairs: the following councilmembers will chair the following committees.
 - Charles Allen: Transportation and the Environment.
 - Janeese Lewis George: Facilities, including the Department of Parks and Recreation.
 - Matthew Frumin: Human Services, including DC's public libraries.
 - Zachary Parker: Youth Affairs.
 - b. Performance oversight hearings: In February, the Council will begin oversight hearings on the operations of DC's government agencies. For the schedule, go to dccouncil.gov.
 - c. Allen proposals: Councilmember Allen recently reintroduced two bills. They would—

- Require DC to identify outdoor public spaces that would benefit from the shade provided by solar panels.
 - Create a Youth Climate Council to comment on bills related to DC's climate-change plans.
- d. Inauguration: To sign up for alerts about the inauguration, go to hsema.dc.gov/alerts.

- 3) First District MPD Captain Adam Crist: Captain Crist reported ANC 6B's comparative crime statistics between 2023 and 2024, and preparations for the Inauguration January 20.
- Comparative crime statistics. In ANC 6B, most crimes declined from year to year: homicides down 50%, violent crime down 38%, robberies and carjackings down 40%, car theft down 13%, assault with a deadly weapon down 8%, burglaries down 4%. Only thefts overall (up 16%) and theft from auto (up 27%) increased. The reductions in police district 1D were generally steeper than those in ANC 6B, and much steeper than elsewhere in the city.
 - Inauguration. As far east as 3rd St., SE, from January 19-21 MPD will close Independence and Constitution Avenues. Crossing the National Mall west of 3rd St., SE, will require evidence of residence within the security perimeter, such as a DC driver's license or a copy of one's lease. Federal law-enforcement agents will have visible identification as federal agents. On January 20, at the Capital One Arena, up to 20,000 people will hold a pro-Trump rally, to include January 6 rioters not still in jail.
 - The city will handle visitor parking permits as usual; go to parking.dc.gov. Residents who want removal of a suspicious car should call 311 or, if the car looks stolen or dangerous, call 911 and email adam.crist@dc.gov. The website inauguration.dc.gov will have general information about the Inauguration.

5. Presentations

None

6. Other Concerns: ANC Letters to—

a. Board of Elections:

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to send 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, the letter to be written by Commissioner Sobelsohn with input from Commissioners Mareino, Gorman, Pastore, and Ryder. The motion passed 9-0.

b. Other Ward Six ANCs:

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to invite other Ward Six ANCs to an informal meeting to discuss issues of common concern. The motion passed 9-0.

7. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. ANC Committees

- Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis. Committee chair *pro tempore* Commissioner Krebs reported the committee's recommendation that, after hearing from the American Legion (trading as Kenneth H. Nash Post 8, 224 D St., SE), the ANC approve the American Legion's application for a Substantial Change to its retailers' class C license, to add a Games of Skill endorsement (ABRA-000643). After American Legion Commander David Carmichael assured the ANC that he had personally signed the application on the Legion's behalf, and that the Legion will limit the games to members, Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to endorse the application, conditioned on the Legion's limiting games to members. The motion passed 9-0. Commissioner Krebs will write the letter.

- 2) Transportation. Committee chair *pro tempore* Commissioner Hughes reported that, on January 27, and through December 28, 2026, the District Department of Transportation will implement a project to increase safety around the intersection of Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues, SE.
- 3) Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to appoint ex-Commissioner Corey Holman as chair *pro tempore*, at least until June 2025. The motion passed 9-0.
- 4) Public Safety Committee. Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to appoint Commissioner Gorman as chair *pro tempore* through February 11, 2025. The motion passed 9-0.

b. Taskforce and external-committee reports.

- 1) Southeast Library Task Force. Commissioner Sobelsohn reported the ongoing taskforce work to expand the hours of the Arthur Capper Interim Library, especially the flyer produced by the taskforce's Arthur Capper Promotion Working Group.
- 2) Report for the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force and the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC). Commissioners Sroufe and Pastore reported on recent work of the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force and the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee, including a December 19, 2024, meeting on the future of the Rumsey Aquatic Center. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to write DDOT, with copies to EMCAC, the Department of General Services, and Councilmember Allen, reminding everyone 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, with Commissioner Pastore to write the letter. The motion passed 9-0.

7. ANC 6B Administrative Matters.

Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to amend the November 2024 minutes, approved at the ANC's December 2024 meeting, to delete, under the heading "Navy Yard East project before Zoning Commission," the phrase "consideration of this application," and to replace it with the phrase "further discussion of this project." The motion passed 9-0.

8. Adjournment.

Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.