ANC 6B
Capitol Hill / Southeast

Minutes

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 13, 2026
Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and over Zoom
Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

Approved at ANC 6B meeting February 10, 2026

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

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

1. Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to adopt agenda as proposed. The motion passed 9-0.

2. Election of Officers. Commissioner Edwards moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to appoint Chuck Burger, ANC 6B03 resident, to officiate the election of 2026 ANC 6B officers. The motion passed 9-0. The following commissioners made the following nominations: as--

a. Chair: Commissioner Ryder nominated Commissioner Pastore.
b. Vice-Chair: Commissioner Pastore nominated Commissioner Ryder.
c. Secretary: Commissioner Ryder nominated Commissioner Sobelsohn.
d. Treasurer: Commissioner Sobelsohn nominated Commissioner Krebs.
e. Parliamentarian: Commissioner Sobelsohn nominated Commissioner Wolanin.

The ANC approved all the nominations without dissent.

3. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained. The items on the Consent Agenda included:

a. Minutes: Adoption of the December 9, 2025 minutes as proposed. Those minutes can be found at https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/12-2025-ANC6B-Full-Meeting-Minutes.pdf.
b. Written reports or minutes, of meetings of ANC 6B committees and taskforces between the full ANC's December, 2025, and January, 2026 meetings.
1) The report of the Committee on--
a) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis is at https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/1-2026-ANC6B-ABC-Report.pdf.
b) Planning and Zoning is at https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/1-2026-ANC6B-PZ-Report.pdf.
c) Transportation is at https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/1-2026-ANC6B-Transportation-Report.pdf.
2) The report or minutes of the taskforces on--
a) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces is at https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/1-2026-ANC6B-Public-Parks-and-Recreation-Spaces-Report.pdf.
b) Southeast Library are at anc6b https://.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/12-2025-ANC6B-SE-Library-Taskforce-Minutes.pdf.

The Public Safety Committee did not meet between December 9, 2025, and January 13, 2026.

c. Appointment: By Commissioner Wolanin of John Albertson as Alternate Resident Member for 6B01 on the Transportation Committee.

4. Announcements.

a. Commissioner Ryder announced upcoming ANC meetings.

1) In-person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed: meetings of--
a) Committees on--
1-- Public Safety Monday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.
2-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Tuesday, February 3, 7 p.m.
b) Southeast Library Taskforce Monday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.
c) Full ANC 6B: Tuesday, February 10, 7 p.m.
2) Virtual only.
a) Executive Committee Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m.
b) Transportation Committee Wednesday, February 4, 7 p.m.
c) Planning and Zoning Committee Thursday, February 5, 7 p.m.

b. Other announcements: by--
1) Other DC government representatives.
a) Tre Bracey, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCR), made the following announcements.
1-- Noah Glasgow, former MOCR for the Capitol Hill portion of Ward Six, has been promoted to MOCR manager for all of Ward Six. Bracey is Glasgow's replacement.
2-- On Tuesday, January 6, 2026, following the resignation of former chief Pamela Smith, Mayor Bowser swore in Jeffery W. Carroll as interim Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Chief of Police. Bracey promised to report back to the ANC on how long Carroll can serve in an interim capacity, and whether the mayor is considering him for a permanent appointment as police chief.
3-- Bracey also reported--
a-- A 17.5% year-over-year reduction in DC crime.
b-- That, since medical-cannabis licenses became available last year, the MPD and the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration have closed 100 illegal cannabis retailers.
4-- Bracey promised to report back to the ANC on--
a-- What repercussions, if any, Marcus Hunt, director of the DC National Guard and a DC government employee, will face for having circulated, from his DC email address, but without clearing it with anyone else in the DC government, the DC National Guard's offer to aid in DC "beautification."
b-- Why Richard Reyes-Gavilan, executive director of the DC public library, insists it will take the library system 2 months after renovation of the Southeast branch to reopen the branch.
b) Kimberly Kennedy made the following announcements on behalf of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen.
1-- Replacement of at-large councilmember. At-Large Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie has resigned. On or about Tuesday, January 20, the Council will appoint his interim replacement, to serve until June 16, when DC voters will elect a successor to serve until after the November general election.
2-- Oversight hearings. In February and March, the Council will conduct performance-oversight hearings. Councilmember Allen will chair hearings about the work of agencies that deal with transportation, energy, and the environment. Anyone wishing to testify should email Kennedy at kkennedy@dccouncil.gov.
3-- Traffic cameras. Councilmember Allen opposes a move by the United States Department of Transportation to remove DC's traffic cameras, which he credits for reducing traffic deaths.

4-- Rumsey Aquatic Center. On Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the north hall of Eastern Market, 225 7th St., SE, the Department of Parks and Recreation will hold another community meeting about the future of the Rumsey Aquatic Center, 635 North Carolina Ave., SE. The $35 million design includes two pools and a second floor.

5-- DC's Winter Restaurant Week is scheduled for January 19-25. There's further information at https://www.ramw.org/restaurantweek.

c) Metropolitan Police Department: First District MPD Captain Adam Crist reported on a 42% drop in violent crime and a 7% drop in motor-vehicle thefts for 2025 over 2024. He also reported that 1st District Commander Colin Hall has begun training at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. He will remain there until March 23. Veteran police officer Christopher Dorsey will take over a commander for those 10 weeks. Captain Crist also warned that thieves are using cloned keyfobs to steal cars, and that expensive winter coats remain a popular theft target. Finally, Captain Crist denied that MPD works "directly" with the National Guard, or patrols with them, but admitted "they call us if they need something."

2) Other DC residents.

a) Union protests at The Duck and the Peach, 300 7th St., SE. Roberta Blanchard asked the legal parameters for sidewalk protests, when the protesters use bullhorns constantly for over two hours.

b) Indoor gardens. Fahim Muhammad spoke about the DC Agricultural Initiative Program. The program promotes indoor urban farming. Anyone interested in linking up with the program should email f.muhammad@dcaip.org or info@dcaip.org.

c) Popeye. Jamar Byrd reported a problem he had with a job at the new Popeye's on Barracks Row, 409 8th St., SE. Commissioner Mareino promised to provide Byrd with contact information for Popeye's land-use attorney.

5. Other ANC Concerns.

a. Public Service Award. Commissioner Ryder presented the 2025 ANC 6B Outstanding Public Service Award to Chuck Burger.

b. Interim Police Chief. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded for the ANC to express concerns to the DC Council and the mayor about Jeffery Carroll's appointment as interim MPD police chief, and also to ask about the process of naming a permanent MPD chief. The motion passed 9-0.

c. Reauthorizing ANC 6B taskforces. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to reauthorize the two ANC 6B taskforces, that on Public Parks and Recreation Spaces and on the Southeast Library, until the ANC's February 2027 meeting. The motion passed 9-0.

6. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Committee reports: of Committees on--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis.

a) Specific applications: for--

1-- New license: CIVIC. On Eighth, 501 8th St., SE (ABRA-134549). Rhonda Foxx presented her proposal for a Retailer's Class "C" tavern license, with an entertainment endorsement. She hopes to establish a "beverage destination," with "light bites"--soup, pastries, and coffee--during the day, adding cocktails in the evenings. The committee recommended that the ANC protest the application, to provide time to work out a settlement, and in the meantime to support a stipulated license. Commissioner Pastore, committee vice-chair, moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion passed 9-0. Commissioners Pastore and Sobelsohn will work on the settlement agreement.

2-- Renewal license: Ambar, 523 8th St., SE (ABRA-090240). Commissioner Pastore reported that settlement negotiations are continuing, and that, meanwhile, the parties have agreed on moving for a continuance.

b) Barracks Row Roundtable. Commissioner Pastore reported that work is continuing on plans for a community roundtable on ways to maintain commercial diversity on Barracks Row, including the possibility of a moratorium on new cannabis licenses and fast-food outlets. The committee hopes to hold the event in April 2026.

2) Planning and Zoning.

a) Spotify, 406 New Jersey Ave., SE. Spotify Technology has applied to the Historic Preservation Review Board for a permit to renovate 440 New Jersey Ave., SE. At its November 12 meeting, the ANC authorized Commissioner Wolanin, whose district includes 440 New Jersey Ave., SE, to organize a group to seek a settlement agreement to secure commitments regarding potential use of the property. Commissioner Wolanin reported that Spotify has resisted some of the ANC's demands, and that he is consulting with nearby neighbors.

b) Wingstop, 406 8th St., SE. Commissioner Mareino, chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the committee is negotiating a settlement with Wingstop's parent company. The main hurdle is the area's chronic rat problem, and the need to involve, in negotiations, neighbors who live across the alley from Wingstop's planned dumpsters.

b. Taskforce reports: of taskforces on--

1) Southeast Library Taskforce. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported the library system's projected timeline for reopening the library after completion of renovations.

2) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces.

a) Rumsey Aquatic Center, 635 North Carolina Ave., SE. Commissioner Sroufe, taskforce chair, reported that anyone who wants input into the renovations can email christopher.dyer@dc.gov. The ANC could also make a formal modification request after the town meeting January 14.

b) St. Elizabeth's. Commissioner Sroufe also expressed concerns about the renovation of the St. Elizabeth's Anacostia hospital complex. According to the National Trust for Historic Prevention and the DC Preservation League, some St. Elizabeth's buildings may merit historic preservation. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to authorize an ANC 6B letter urging that renovation consider issues of historic preservation. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to table the motion. The motion to table passed 9-0.

7. Report from the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Chuck Burger, EMCAC chair, reported that, though DC has authorized over $2 million to install bollards on 7th St., SE, and though the mayor has given this project a priority, DC is stalling the installation. One unresolved question is who would control the bollards.

8. Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Krebs moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to request, from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions' Technical Assistance Fund, funds sufficient to buy a 360° video-conferencing camera, commonly called an "owl." The motion passed 9-0.

9. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David Sobelsohn
Secretary, ANC 6B