



Capitol Hill / Southeast

Regular Monthly Meeting April 14, 2026

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

Commissioner Sam Pastore, Chair

Minutes

Approved at ANC 6B Meeting May 12, 2026

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

Absent: Commissioner Ryder.

Commissioner Pastore called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to adopt the agenda as proposed. The following commissioners moved to amend the proposed agenda as follows: by Commissioner--

a. Hughes: Add to "Consent Agenda," authorizing testimony, on the ANC's behalf, by the following commissioners before the following DC Council committees on the following subjects, on the condition that both commissioners, before delivering their testimony, circulate drafts of their proposed testimony to the rest of the commissioners for those other commissioners' input.

1) Commissioner Hughes, to testify before the Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment regarding the inadequacy of the DC Department of Transportation's Better Bus Project's infrastructure planning.

2) Commissioner Pastore, to testify before the Council's Committee on Public Works and Operations and the Council's Committee on Business and Economic Development on the need for uniform standards for cannabis licensing and enforcement.

b. Pastore: Eliminate oral report of Planning and Zoning Committee and instead include, under "Presentations," a discussion of BZA #21438, Emerald Wings' application for a fast-food exception to open a chicken-wings takeout outlet, to be called "Wingstop," at 406 8th St., SE.

c. Sobelsohn: Add, to Consent Agenda, acceptance of the written minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting of the Southeast Library Taskforce.

Without objection, the proposed agenda was so modified. The motion to approve the agenda, as modified, was passed 7-0. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as modified by the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained. The Consent Agenda included the following:

a. March 10 minutes: Adoption of the March 10, 2026 minutes as proposed. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ANC6B-March-2026-Full-Meeting-Minutes.docx.pdf>.

b. Official acceptance of written reports and minutes, of action since March 8, of the following committees and taskforce: of the--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ANC6B-04-2026-ABC-Meeting-Minutes.-pdf>.

2) Planning and Zoning Committee: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ANC6B-04-2026-Planning-and-Zoning-Minutes.-docx.pdf>.

3) Transportation Committee: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ANC6B-04-2026-Transportation-Report.docx.pdf>.

4) Southeast Library Taskforce: minutes at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/ANC6B-3-2026-SE-Library-Minutes.pdf>.

c. Authorizing testimony, on the ANC's behalf, by the following commissioners before the following DC Council committees on the following subjects, on the condition that both commissioners, before delivering their testimony, circulate drafts of their proposed testimony to the rest of the commissioners for those other commissioners' input:

1) Commissioner Hughes, to testify before the Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment regarding the inadequacy of the DC Department of Transportation's Better Bus Project's infrastructure planning.

2) Commissioner Pastore, to testify before the Council's Committees on Public Works and Operations and on Business and Economic Development

regarding the need for uniform standards for cannabis licensing and enforcement.

d. Approval of the Transportation Committee's recommendation that the ANC endorse the Kitchel Injury Law Capitol Hill Classic, scheduled for Sunday, May 17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The route, on line at <https://www.capitolhillclassic.com/course>, enters ANC 6B on 1st St., SE, south of East Capitol St.; traverses Independence Ave. to 3rd St., SE; turns north on 3rd St., SE; goes past East Capitol St., SE; from 3rd St., SE, takes East Capitol St., SE, east; exits ANC 6B at 15th St., SE; then retraces back to 3rd St., SE. A letter supporting the Capitol Hill Classic can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ANC6B-Letter-on-Capitol-Hill-Classic-Final.pdf>.

3. Announcements.

a. Upcoming meetings: announcements by ANC 6B commissioners.

1) ANC meetings: Commissioner Pastore announced ANC meetings--

a) In-person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom: meetings of--

1-- Southeast Library Taskforce Monday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.

2-- Committees on--

a-- Public Safety Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.

b-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m.

3-- Full ANC 6B: Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m.

b) Virtual only (over Zoom).

1-- Executive Committee Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.

2-- Transportation Committee Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.

3-- Planning and Zoning Committee Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.

2) Board of Elections briefing: Commissioner Sroufe announced that the Board of Elections has postponed its community briefing about ranked-choice voting from the previously announced April 16 to Monday, May 11, 7 p.m., and relocated the briefing to the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. (corner Independence Ave.), SE.

b. Announcements by other DC government representatives: by--

1) Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCR): Noah Glasgow announced--

a) Emancipation Day: the DC government will be closed Thursday, April 16, to commemorate the anniversary of the 1862 abolition of slavery in DC. A parade will leave Franklin Park at 1 p.m., followed by a concert.

b) Ward Six Clean-Up: The DC government will conduct a Ward Six clean-up on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th St., NE.

c) Mayor's budget: The mayor's submitted her proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget, posted at ocfo.dc.gov/budget. The mayor has cut \$21.2 billion from the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. The 2027 budget makes no cuts to Medicaid or the Alliance Plan, and maintains the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program for 3- and 4-year-olds. The budget is balanced and contemplates no tax increases.

d) Glasgow's future: Glasgow is leaving MOCR to serve as the ward Six liaison at the DC Department of Transportation.

2) Office of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen: Kimberly Kennedy announced--

a) The DC Council's budget-oversight hearings will start the week of April 20.

b) The councilmember's Ward Six cleanup will take place in thirty different Ward Six sites at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, followed by a 12 noon lunch at The Roost, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., SE. The office will distribute supplies at Eastern Market Friday, April 17.

c) The Council has postponed, to June 21, its vote on extending the DC juvenile curfew, an extension Councilmember Allen doubts the Council would support in its present form. Allen prefers more efforts to engage DC youth in positive activities.

4. Presentation: Barracks Row Fast-Food Application. DC law requires a special exception to open a new fast-food outlet on Barracks Row. At the ANC meeting, residents expressed concern about Emerald Wings' application for an exception to open Wingstop, a chicken-wings takeout outlet, at 406 8th St., SE (BZA #21438). Already over 200 residents have signed a petition to stop the opening of new fast-food and cannabis outlets on Barracks Row. After months of negotiation, Emerald Wings' application still raises two particular concerns: (a) Emerald Wings has not yet agreed to install a device, called a "pollution-control unit," to (almost entirely) avoid permeating residents' homes with the smell of chicken grease, which would attract

rodents and make nearby backyards and rooftops unusable; and (b) with vehicles that serve other Barracks Row fast-food outlets, vehicles arriving to pick up Wingstop chicken wings could impede emergency response by the fire station at 414 8th St., SE, which (as a result) has officially protested the Wingstop application. The Board of Zoning Adjustment is currently scheduled to hear the application on June 17.

5. Use of Residential Property for Commercial Purposes. Commissioner Wolanin moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to authorize Commissioner Wolanin to circulate to fellow commissioners, then (after time for feedback), to send to DC mayoral candidates and councilmembers, on the ANC's behalf, a letter expressing concern about Capitol Hill residential property's use for lobbying rather than residences. The letter will include concerns about (a) houses that sit empty during the week, (b) absentee owners who fail to support local schools and parks, and (c) loss of city revenue when the city taxes property used for commercial purposes at the lower tax rate for residential property. The letter will also (d) urge that the city require sale ads for residentially zoned property to include that the property is residentially zoned; and (e) oppose rezoning, as commercial, residential property used by advocacy organizations for lobbying. The motion passed 7-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed.

6. Committee Reports: of Committees on--

a. Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis: Tobacco King application to sell cannabis at 539 8th St., SE, under the trade name "Aloha." The committee recommended that the ANC write the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board urging a thorough investigation and immediate and decisive action against Tobacco King, whose owner was recently arrested for violating Virginia drug laws in Fairfax County, that decisive action to include rejecting Tobacco King's application to sell cannabis at 539 8th St., SE. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to support the committee's recommendation, with Commissioners Sobelsohn and Pastore to collaborate on the letter. The motion passed 8-0.

b. Transportation.

1) The Freedom 250 Grand Prix. DC currently plans an "Indy-style" car race around the National Mall on August 21–23, 2026. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to contact our Ward Six

councilmember, the mayor, the DC attorney general, and the National Capital Planning Commissioner to protest this plan, citing the event's noise and its risk of causing accidents and damaging historic buildings and city structures; and a second communication to the DC Department of Energy and the Environment, urging it to analyze the damage this event will cause the DC environment. The motion passed 8-0. The first communication (protesting the race) can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ANC6B-IndyCar-Letter-Final.pdf>.

2) 15th Street, NW, bicycle lane. The National Park Service and the Federal Highway Administration have announced plans to eliminate the bicycle lane on 15th St., NW. Commissioner Wolanin moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to adopt a resolution opposing that federal interference with a bike lane that's proven extremely successful in improving traffic safety on 15th St., NW, and also to oppose removal of other DC bicycle-safety infrastructure without community input and in compliance with federal and local laws. The motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Wolanin and Mareino abstained. The resolution can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ANC6B-Resolution-Opposing-Federal-Removal-of-Protected-Bicycle-Facilities-in-DC.pdf>.

3) Naming of new circle at Pennsylvania Ave. and 14th St., SE. Commissioner Hughes reported on the Transportation Committee's work to recommend a name for which the ANC could urge using to name the new traffic circle at the intersection Pennsylvania Ave. and 14th St., SE. Commissioner Hughes expects to have a final committee recommendation by its June meeting.

c. Public Safety: Committee chair Commissioner Gorman reported the formation of a subcommittee to develop recommendations, to present to the ANC at its June meeting, regarding a DC youth curfew. Resident Member John Schwab will chair the committee, which will also include Resident Member Cinnamon Butler and Commissioner Gorman.

d. Southeast Library Taskforce: Taskforce chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported that library renovation is scheduled for completion by June 21, that the library will reopen by Labor Day, and that the committee is working to ensure access until then to the interim library at the Arthur Capper Community Center.

e. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce: Taskforce chair Commissioner Sroufe announced that his taskforce is considering meeting next

on April 27 but is also considering meeting instead on April 30, either time at 7 p.m. and in person only.

7. Financial Report. Treasurer Commissioner Krebs reported that the ANC currently has a bank balance of \$73,954, and that the major unreimbursed expenditure was to **pay** our attorney, Kerry Verdi. The ANC also paid \$1,099 for a second “owl” to facilitate hybrid meetings; the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions reimbursed the ANC for that expense.

8. Administrative Matter: The ANC discussed occasionally holding a meeting of the full ANC elsewhere other than 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.

9. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Mareino did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David Sobelsohn
ANC 6B Secretary