ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
FEBRUARY 2025 FULL MEETING AGENDA
February 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Full Meeting Join Information:
Meeting link: https://dc-gov.zoom.us/j/84553273545?pwd=aihUSH2nOnHIWbwLqKyxme1Rbtin2O.1
Meeting Password (Computer or App): ANC6BFeb!!

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Meeting ID: 845 5327 3545
Meeting Passcode (Phone): 2101648474

AGENDA

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    1. January 2025 Minutes
    2. Alcohol Beverage & Cannabis Committee Consent Items
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    3. Transportation Committee Consent Items
        1. Report for the Transportation Committee
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        1. Approval of **BZA 21227: 321 D St SE** [6B01] Hearing 2/26. https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21227
        2. Deferral of **HPA 25-90** 4-5 Library Ct SE [6B02] Second story additions to two existing alley dwellings.
        3. Report for the Planning & Zoning Committee
    5. SE Library Taskforce Consent Items
        1. Report for the SE Library Taskforce
    6. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force
        1. Report for the Task Force
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        1. Amendments to Standing Rules and Bylaws
        2. Committee and Task Force Appointments
            a. Appointment of Resident Members and Alternates to all Committees & Task Forces
            b. Appointment of Committee and Task Force Chairs
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    1. Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates
    2. External Updates:
        1. MOCRS Representative
        2. Representative from Councilmember Charles Allen's Office

    3. Metropolitan Police Department
5. **Presentations**
    1. No Presentation in February
6. **ANC 6B Input on Other Items of Concern**
7. **Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee**
    1. **ABRA-131013** — 7th Street Love, LLC t/a Acqua Al 2, 212 7th Street, S.E.
8. **Transportation Committee**
9. **Planning & Zoning Committee**
10. **Public Safety Committee**
11. **Southeast Library Task Force**
12. **Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force**
13. **Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC)**
14. **Financials**
    1. Monthly Financials
15. **ANC 6B Administrative Matters**
16. **Adjournment**

PLEASE NOTE: At regular Commission meetings, any item may be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda at the request of a single Commissioner. All ABC, BZA, Zoning, and Historic Preservation cases may be added to this agenda. For additional information, email 6b@anc.dc.gov, or visit ANC 6B's website: www.anc6b.org.

The ANC 6B Executive Committee will meet on February 25th at 7:00 PM to set the March 2025 agenda. This meeting will be a Hybrid meeting. Meeting link TBA.

PROPOSED MINUTES
to be 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.

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.

Commissioner Mareino nominated Commissioner Ryder as vice-chair for 2025-26. Commissioner Ryder accepted the nomination. Commissioner Ryder was elected vice-chair 9-0.

Commissioner Ryder nominated Commissioner Sobelsohn as secretary for 2025-26. Commissioner Sobelsohn accepted the nomination. Commissioner Sobelsohn was elected secretary 9-0.

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.

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.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The Special Call meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

PROPOSED MINUTES
to be submitted at ANC 6B meeting February 11, 2025

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2025
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. Adoption of Agenda.

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

2. 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:
1-- 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.
2-- When presented further designs, ANC 6B expects to have the chance to provide additional recommendations.
3-- 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.
1-- Public Safety Committee January 27, 6:30 p.m.
2-- Executive Committee January 28, 7 p.m.
3-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee February 4, 7 p.m.
4-- Transportation Committee February 5, 7 p.m.
5-- Planning and Zoning Committee February 6, 7 p.m.
b) In-person meetings of the following, all at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.
1-- Task force on Public Parks and Recreation Spaces January 23, 7 p.m.
2-- The following in-person meetings will also be live-streamed.
a-- Southeast Library January 29, 6:30 p.m.
b-- 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--
1-- Reported that the Department of Public Works (DPW) prioritizes snow removal as follows.
a-- Interstate highways.
b-- Snow-emergency routes to police and fire stations and hospitals.

c-- Major arteries, including H St., NE, and Pennsylvania Ave., SE.
d-- All other streets.
2-- Promised to research--
a-- The DPW and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) experience regarding removing snow from bicycle lanes and protected intersections.
b-- Who's responsible to remove snow and ice from--
(1) Smaller streets, including I St., SE.
(2) Sidewalks and street medians.
3-- 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.
1-- Charles Allen: Transportation and the Environment.
2-- Janeese Lewis George: Facilities, including the Department of Parks and Recreation.
3-- Matthew Frumin: Human Services, including DC's public libraries.
4-- 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--
1-- Require DC to identify outdoor public spaces that would benefit from the shade provided by solar panels.
2-- 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.

a) 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.

b) 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. 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.

6. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. ANC Committees on--

1) 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 Matter. 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.

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE & CANNABIS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

REPORT

I. Introduction of Commissioners and Resident Members

Commissioners: Anna Krebs; Edward Ryder; Brian Gorman; Jerry Sroufe; Karen Hughes

Resident Members: Katherine Szafran, 6B03; Russell Mawn, 6B08; Ellen Opper-Weiner, 6B05; Chander Jayaraman, 6B06; George Dee, 6B02; Jonathan Levy, 6B07;

II. Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant Cases

1. ABRA-131013, 7th Street Love, LLC t/a Acqua Al 2, 212 7th Street SE, new Retailer Class "C" Restaurant license; protest petition deadline: March 3, 2025; [6B02]
   - Seeking Carryout and Delivery Endorsement.
   - Seeing Entertainment Endorsement.
   - Hours of Operation:
     i. Indoor: Sun-Thurs: 7AM – 2AM; Fri-Sat: 7AM – 3AM
     ii. Sidewalk Patio: Sun-Sat: 7AM – 1AM

Meeting Notes: Mr. Koffman gave an overview of the case for the full-service Italian Restaurant, including how Ari plans to enclose the sidewalk cafe. Acqua Al 2 is returning to the neighborhood after closing in 2020, although neighbors have concerns because this space shares a narrow alley with many residents. There was talk about alley space as well as trash and sound mitigation. The final verdict was to get a Settlement Agreement on paper that everyone can agree to and ultimately approve the case.

Motion: The Committee recommends that no position be taken pending negotiations with the applicant to craft a mutually agreeable Settlement Agreement. [Motion Passes 10-0-0]

2. Taooti Creative

Meeting Notes: Taooti Creative put in a garage door in 2021 which allows sounds to be heard from the back of the space until very late at night.

Motion: The Committee shall write a letter to Taooti about the noise levels. [Motion Passes 8-0-2]

III. Administrative Matter

IV. Adjourn

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Report

I. **Introduction of Commissioners and Resident Members**
   - **A.** Commissioners: Karen Hughes (Chair, pro-tem.), Edward Ryder, Samuel Pastore, Jerry Sroufe, David Sobelsohn, Anna Krebs
   - B. Resident Members & Alternates: Janice Kruger, Kirsten Oldenburg, Jeffrey Menzer, Joshua Peacock

II. **Potomac Metro construction update**
   - A. WMATA has confirmed that overnight construction on the Potomac Ave Metro will continue through Feb. 20. All demolition activities have been completed. The current phase of construction will conclude in early March, with the placement of a canopy over the Metro entrance planned for 2026.

III. Penn x Potomac construction follow-up:
   - A. Committee members discussed the challenges with relying on the National Park Service for maintaining public park spaces and the need for a clear management plan. Pathways forward include connecting with Friends of Lincoln Park, working with the NPS volunteer division, supporting/coordinating with Guerilla Gardeners, establishing an independent 501c3 that could accept donations, looking to businesses to support park maintenance through an adopt-a-block program.
   - B. Questions about the circle's design and construction include:
      1. In the design materials, it appeared that there was a circle of trees around the park planned between the sidewalk and the street. We have concerns about this plan, as it has the potential to obscure lines of sight for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. We should speak to NPS about this layout.
      2. How will the construction equipment be staged around the circle? Will it be placed on side streets? If so, which?
      3. What is the timing for each of the phases of construction for the project?
   - C. **Lincoln Park traffic Safety discussion, including collaboration with 6A:**
      1. The committee discussed past actions with regards to encouraging DDOT to do a study of traffic safety around Lincoln Park. A representative from ANC 6A was present to share that there was a meeting in 2023/2024 with DDOT where an agreement to conduct a traffic study was reached under the Vision Zero program, but no updates since then. The committee will follow up on the past letter.

2. A related update was shared: A hardening project is being undertaken to protect the bike lane on 13th NE, between E Capitol St and Constitution. Under Vision Zero, a hardening project near Maury elementary (in 6A) . 13th between E Cap and Constitution. Bike lane is going to be protected.

D. **Letter of Support for Capitol Hill Classic (draft letter at this link and included in text below these notes):**
   1. The committee voted unanimously to include a letter of support in the consent agenda for ANC 6B's Feb 11 full meeting. The motion passed 10-0-0.

E. **Priorities for 2025 - Taking stock and looking ahead (open discussion)**
   1. Two committee members volunteered to help do a review of the past two years of letters to facilitate efforts to follow up on previous requests and to prioritize the outstanding neighborhood needs.
   2. Other ideas and issues raised in the open discussion included:
      a) Rough traffic lately nearer the capitol and with changing Federal return-to-work policies.
      b) The 8th St SE Bus Priority project construction will begin in 2025. Some businesses have been concerned that the design may be difficult for businesses. In particular the grouping of short term parking onto the 700 block of 8th overestimates the distance delivery drivers will park from pick-up locations. There is existing bus space by the Miracle theater that could be repurposed to distribute short term parking to meet this need.
      c) Better Bus Network will be implemented in 2025, and changes to bus service in the neighborhood may raise issues to watch out for.
      d) Snow Removal from Bike Lanes. This proved to be a major issue this winter. Will the city address clearing bike lanes on Capitol Hill? Are there ways to design bike lanes differently.

F. ADJOURNMENT

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CAPITOL HILL CLASSIC

Clint Osborn, Director
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
2720 Martin Luther King Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20032

February XX, 2025

VIA EMAIL: clint.osborn@dc.gov

Re: ANC6B Support for May 18, 2025 Capitol Hill Classic

Dear Director Osborn,

At a properly noticed general meeting on February 11, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted X-X-X, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to express our support for the Capitol Hill Classic.

From the event organizer, we understand the following:

- The event will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2025.
- The hours will be 8:30-12 p.m., with the 10K race beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- Signs will be placed along the race route indicating no parking during the event.
- Race volunteers will be responsible for clean-up after the event.
- An estimated 4,000 runners and 2,000 spectators will participate

ANC6B supports this event because it is well-organized and supports the Capitol Hill DCPS Cluster Schools that serve children from ANC6B and other nearby communities. We value the joy of a communal sporting event and appreciate the close collaboration between race organizers and our community over many years.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6B. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to Karen Hughes, Chair Pro-Tem. of the ANC 6B Transportation Committee at 6B09@anc.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Vince Mareino, Chair of ANC 6B

ANC 6B February 2025 Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting

Commissioners: Sroufe, Sobelsohn, Pastore, Ryder
Resident members: Taylor, Jarboe, Bruggman, Robertson, Smith, Holman (Chairing)

1. **BZA 21227: 321 D St SE [6B01**]
   Application of: Nathan and Stephanie Kooi
   Architect: Lacy Brittingham
   Project: To construct two-story rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story, principal dwelling units in the RF-1 zone.

   https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21227

   Architect Lacy Brittingham presented on the BZA portion of a project that the committee reviewed lacy month for the HPRB hearing. The project is requested special exception relief for lot occupancy of 61% (60% allowed by right and 70% via special exception) as well as for a rear extension 21 feet past one adjoining neighbor (10 feet permitted by right, anything more by special exception), the attached property at 323 D Street SE who submitted a letter of support. The property's rear extension is six feet short than the unattached neighbor at 319 D St SE. The square does not have an alley but does share the square with St. Peter's school, with which lends to a very open feeling in the square. The lot is only 13 feet wide requiring a long full length addition to make usable space.

   There are letters of support from the attached neighbor and others in and around the project.

   Motion from Chair Holman to approve on Consent was passed by voice vote

2. **HPA 25-90** 4-5 Library Ct SE [6B02] Second story additions to two existing alley dwellings.
   Architect: Will Teass
   Project: Second story addition to two alley dwellings

   Will Teass presented plans to add a second story addition to two adjoining alley buildings. The project consists of a two bedroom dwelling at 4 Library Court and 3-bedroom dwelling at 5 Library Court. The second story addition is a modern addition that is architecturally distinct from the existing masonry garage-like structures.
   Committee and community questions discussed the use and past history of the owner. The project will comply with the zoning regulations and not need BZA review.

Comments on the preservation focused on the modern nature in an alley that has all historic buildings. Mr. Teass mentioned that the project is still undergoing review from the historic preservation office. Multiple committee and community members felt the design out of place for this specific alley, despite the Historic Preservation Office's general guidance that additions should be modern to clearly show it's not part of the historic fabric. The tight nature of the narrow alley, presence of so many alley building and accessory buildings and adjaency to the Library of Congress were noted as being atypical to the rest of the historic district. The committee also heard from numerous neighbors about lack of engagement on this specific project.

Hearing the concerns about engagement and the ongoing concerns about design, the committee broached the topic of requesting HRPB deferral for a month. Mr. Teass indicated a deferral would not be overwhelmingly detrimental to the project.

Motion from Commission Sobelsohn to request one month of deferral at HPO and provide the following comments to Mr. Teass:

1) Continue discussions with the affected neighbors
2) Return to HPO to discuss the possibility of altering the design to look more like the alley, to find a way to do a historic appearance with being poorly executed historicism. And to take any design feedback from neighbors.

Commissioner Pastore moved to amend the motion to request clarification from CHRS on their support, to see if they could provide more insight onto the project's compatibility with the historic district. That amendment was seconded and approved by voice vote

The amended motion to request deferral, provide comments, and seek clarification from CHRS was passed by voice vote.

Immediately after this vote, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to reconsider and amend the motion on the consent agenda. This reconsideration and motion was passed by voice vote.

Finally, I'm going to break character and include in this report a note that Ken Jarboe will be stepping down from 6B's Planning and Zoning Committee. After 25 years in serving the ANC, including 10 as a commissioner and Chair, I wanted to take this space to personally thank Ken for his service. His deep knowledge of historic preservation and zoning guidelines combined with his understanding of how the personalities and ins and outs of the cases that come before the committee work has been invaluable. But his impact isn't measured in motions and reports. It's visible in large project like Hine or the Hill Center or in small rowhouse renovations. And thanks to Ken, I'll never be able to see a stucco wall as just a stucco wall. Congratulations!

ANC 6B Southeast Library Task Force
January 29, 2025
Minutes Draft

The meeting started at 6:37 PM at 700 Penn Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room and over zoom.

Attending
ANC 6B commissioners: David Sobelsohn, Anna Krebs, Edward Ryder
Task Force members: Sarah Moore, Claire August, Ana Unruh-Cohen, John Schwab
DC Public Library (DCPL) representative: Jaspreet Pahwa, Sam Dure
Whiting-Turner (W-T) representative: Terri Bosnick

1. **Introductions**
2. **Approval of**
    a. January 29 agenda: adopted unanimously with addition of "Performance Oversight Hearing" topic
    b. December 16 minutes: adopted unanimously with two abstentions
3. **Renovation Update**
    a. DCPL representative Jaspreet Pahwa provided an update on construction at the Southeast Library by going through the DCPL January 28, 2025 Southeast Library Modernization Construction Updates document. (Available at https://www.dclibrary.org/news/southeast-library-modernization-project and specifically https://www.dclibrary.org/sites/default/files/files/2025-01/DCPL%20SENL%201.28.25%20Construction%20Update.pdf). DCPL and W-T representatives reviewed the construction progress since the prior Task Force meeting and previewed the upcoming work. There were no pedestrian safety updates. Ms. Pahwa noted that a recent Washington Gas leak was repaired and patched with a cold patch. This is outside the library property and DCPL's control. Ms. Pahwa provided an update on DC Water work. Much of the required work on D Street is complete. An additional outage is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd. Commissioner Sobelsohn noted that DC Water's communication on which addresses will be impacted was not clear. Ms. Pahwa requested Commissioner Sobelsohn follow up with DC Water directly and he agreed. DCPL and W-T are awaiting a quote from Washington Gas for the costs associated with relocation of utility lines, which were not included in the project plan due to mistakes in Washington Gas's as-built drawings. The team expects to receive a quote in the next week. Ms. Pahwa requested assistance from the ANC and DC council once the quote arrives. A citizen requested notice of noise a day or two ahead. Ms. Pahwa agreed. Commissioner Sobelsohn requested neighbors be notified ahead of time if work is expected to finish early or go past 5 PM. Ms. Pahwa agreed. Finally, Ms. Pahwa reviewed floor plans and pictures and discussed planned future work schedules. A citizen requested no work on Presidents' Day and Ms. Pahwa agreed. Ms. Pahwa requested the taskforce share their appreciation for the construction team at the upcoming Performance Oversight Hearing and the Taskforce agreed.
4. **Interim Library Facility**
    a. **Flyer Distribution**

i. Flyer distribution plans are available here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xuD9CNoxjlKgs30hiWIqavM4VsChKR1KCmfe9Kbzz8w/edit?usp=drive_link). Ms. Moore agreed to send Commissioner Sobelsohn an email to share with the full taskforce to recruit additional locations and help posting flyers. Ms. Moore agreed to work with Commissioner Ryder to post the flyer to the ANC website and raise it with the full ANC. Commissioner Sobelsohn shared a recent article in Hill Rag highlighting the Arthur Capper Interim Library and its impact on helping local students complete their homework. He has been in touch with the reporter regarding future stories about Arthur Capper. The story is available here: https://www.hillrag.com/2025/01/28/the-digital-equity-gap-persists/

b. Follow-up Erik Salmi (Office of Council Member Allen)

i. Arthur Capper days & hours

ii. Budget Report

iii. Performance Oversight Hearing - Schedule for February 28ths, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM in the Committee on Human Services chaired by Councilmember Matthew Frumin

1. The Taskforce discussed an outline of testimony to include praise for Ms. Pahwa and her team and the talking points used in the meeting with Council Member Allen's office. Ms. August agreed to prepare a first draft of the testimony by February 11th and get the Taskforce on the witness list. Commissioner Sobelsohn agreed to see if the ANC will authorize the testimony. Commission Ryder moved that ANC8B authorize Commissioner Sobelsohn and any designees from the Taskforce to draft testimony to be submitted and to testify at the Performance Oversight Hearing on February 28th and place it on the consent agenda for the February 11th meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Next meeting

a. March 3rd, 6:30 PM at 700 Penn Ave SE, 2nd floor conference room and over zoom: adopted unanimously

6. Adjournment

a. Adopted unanimously at 8:08 PM.

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Amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules

Article IV. Sec. 4. Limitation of Tenure of Chair.
Current Bylaw: "No member may serve as the Chair of the Commission for more than two consecutive one-year terms."

Proposal: "No member may serve as the Chair of the Commission for more than six consecutive one-year terms."

Reason for Amendment: This represents a compromise between those who, like me, think term limits are anti-democratic & self-defeating, & those who, like Karen, think term limits have merit for ANC chairs. I accept a six-year limit because that's about as long as nearly all ANC commissioners serve (it's 3 2-year terms). It's way longer than nearly anyone should want to chair an ANC. I still oppose term limits, but at least this gives our ANC the option of electing an experienced chair. Of course, each year we also have the option of electing someone else, & most ANC chairs won't want to hold that position indefinitely.

Article IV. Section 5 & Others: Term "Task Force."
Contrary to our bylaws, for awhile our website home page listed an upcoming meeting of the "Parks and Public Spaces Taskforce." The book "Elements of Style" points out that, in English, after first starting as two separate words, then getting connected by a hyphen, two-word noun phrases tend to become one word (e.g., "butter-milk," "to-day"). The two-word phrase "task force" is gradually becoming one word, "taskforce." It's a welcome development, reflected in what we had for awhile on our website homepage. But that wasn't consistent with our bylaws, nor with what we originally named the "Public Parks & Recreation Spaces Task Force," which resulted in our inconsistency. So I propose amending the bylaws so that we change each occurrence of "task force" to read "taskforce."

The phrase "task force" appears 21 times in the bylaws, in the following bylaw sections: Articles IV 5 D, IV 7 B, VII (overall caption), VII 1 A (2 times), VII 2 A (3 times), VII 2 B (5 times), VII 2 C (2 times), VII 3 A, VII 3 D, VII 4, VII 5, VII 7 A, VII 7 B.

Article VII ("RESIDENT MEMBERS"). Section 3.B.
Current Bylaw: "For each standing committee, Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members must continuously reside in the same SMD as the appointing commissioner provided, however, this provision shall not apply between January 2, 2024, and February 28, 2024."

Proposal: rewrite to read--

"For each standing committee, Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members must continuously reside in ANC 6B."

Reason for Amendment: First, the exclusion of the first two months of 2024 is dated. It doesn't belong in our bylaws. More fundamentally, yes, the current bylaw targets a worthy ideal. It's certainly best for commissioners to appoint their own constituents as Resident Members & Alternates. Geographic diversity is a worthy goal.

But all our committees have had vacancies for over a year. Neither the Transportation Committee nor the Public Safety Committee has anyone representing ANC 6B02. None of our committees has even a majority of our alternate positions filled. The Alcoholic Beverage &

Public Safety Committees each have only two alternates. Geographic diversity is a worthy goal. It's not served if no one represents that particular SMD.

Moreover, we each have a strong incentive to appoint our own constituents. Only our constituents can vote for us. Our constituents know best how something will affect our own SMD. We don't need a bylaw forcing us to do what we have a strong incentive to do anyway.

But some of us have difficulty finding someone in our own SMD to serve on a particular committee. We can address this difficulty by permitting us to appoint anyone in our ANC to a committee, just as we can appoint anyone in our ANC to a taskforce. It's not the best solution. That would be for each of us to appoint someone in our SMD. But it's a better solution than appointing no one at all.

At the opposite extreme, occasionally one of us may find a wealth of riches: we may actually have three constituents who would greatly help our ANC as a committee member. But each of us can only appoint two. The amendment would increase the chances that one of us, not representing that particular SMD, could appoint that worthy committee member from another SMD--& that the commissioner who makes that appointment can at least appoint someone. To take an analogy, because we set up the library taskforce without the SMD straitjacket, after his Resident Member passed away, the former 6B04 commissioner was able to appoint now-Commissioner Anna Krebs to the library taskforce, even though she lives in (& now represents) 6B06. As 6B04's Resident Member, Commissioner Krebs was a valuable member of the library taskforce. Her appointment was possible only because it was to a taskforce, not to a standing committee. Let's increase our talent pool by eliminating the SMD requirement for standing committees also. In the important work of our committees, let's involve more of our constituents, & get more constituent buy-in.

Someone might worry that letting us appoint anyone in ANC 6B to a committee would let one of us "stack" that committee. But no one proposes amending the bylaw that limits us to making two appointments each to a standing committee. Moreover, the ANC as a whole has power to veto any of our committee appointments. If the ANC thinks an appointment would "stack" a committee, the ANC can reject that appointment. And finally, the SMD limit doesn't apply to taskforces. There's no evidence anyone on the ANC has ever tried to "stack" a taskforce.

Article VII ("RESIDENT MEMBERS"). Section 3.C.

Current Bylaw: "All Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members should be appointed annually at the Commission's regular meeting in February. Any Resident Member or Alternate Resident Member appointed at a meeting other than in February shall serve until the next February. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members who represent ANC 6B05 shall retain their positions on ANC 6B committees and taskforces until the ANC's February 2025 meeting."

Proposal: rewrite to read--

"Whenever they were appointed, the terms of all Resident and Alternate Resident Members expire after 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 who appointed that Resident Member or Alternate Resident Member.

2) If a Commissioner leaves office before the scheduled end of his or her term, that Commissioner's committee and taskforce appointees' terms expire at the end of the Commission's first monthly meeting after that Commissioner's successor takes office.

This subsection 3.C. shall be deemed to have taken effect on October 8, 2024."

This revision would also require repealing 3.D., since it's now incorporated as 1) above.

Reason for Amendment: Bylaws govern us. They aren't just recommendations. Phrases like "should be" don't belong in bylaws. Moreover, the current bylaw only indicates when terms expire for committee & taskforce members "appointed at a meeting other than in February," not when their terms expire if they were appointed IN February. This needs clarification. If we make clear that their terms all expire in February, the bylaws needn't indicate at which meeting we appoint committee & taskforce members. If their terms all expire in February, unless we appoint them or their successors in February, we won't have committees & taskforces.

The second sentence addresses the problem that arises when a 6B commissioner moves or resigns before the end of his or her term. The bylaws (article VII 3.D.) currently provide that the commissioner who appointed someone to a committee can remove that appointee "at any time." But a commissioner who moves to another SMD, or who resigns, has no incentive to remove any committee appointees. Perhaps that commissioner's successor will welcome continued service by his or her predecessor's committee appointees. But each of us, whenever we're elected, should ourselves decide who represents our SMD, even if we're elected in a special election held only because our predecessor resigned or moved. Still, to make sure each SMD--even if its commissioner resigns-- retains a representative on our committees & taskforces, the prior commissioner's appointees should continue serving until a successor takes office & has the chance to appoint someone.

The final proposed sentence ensures the validity of anything our committees decided between October 8, 2024 & our February meeting. The problem arises because we have no bylaw addressing the problem of a commissioner's resignation. A commissioner resigned last year. But our attempt to address the problem of continued committee membership by that commissioner's appointees--with what is now the last sentence of article VII.3.C., language no one on the ANC had seen before we passed it at our October meeting--itself violated our bylaws (see bylaws article XI section 1). Moreover, as of February's meeting, that attempt will be moot. If it ever did, the sentence no longer belongs in our bylaws.

Finally, as Karen pointed out, the current bylaws--& my earlier draft amendment--were confusing. Karen agrees with me that this rewrite is clear, & supports it.

ARTICLE XII. WAIVER OF BYLAWS

Current Bylaw: None. This would be new.

Proposal: "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."

Reason for Amendment: OANC has pointed out that bylaws sometimes have a provision for waiving the bylaws in an emergency, but that ours don't. Requiring a unanimous vote will ensure that the ANC doesn't do this except in extreme circumstances. Limiting the waiver to one issue & one month ensures it won't affect our operations generally, just that one issue, & then only for a limited period of time.