

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
January 9, 2025**

Present: Commissioners Dave Wethington, Amber Gove, Roberta Shapiro, Jeff Giertz, Paul Spires, and Stephen Kolb were present. Commissioner Velasquez was absent.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order. The minutes for the ANC 6A December 2024 meeting minutes were accepted and the agenda for the January 2025 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

The community received meeting notice via listservs, the Hill Rag, ANC website, X, and Facebook.

Organizational Actions

1. Commissioner Gove called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.
2. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Giertz seconded the motion that ANC 6A edit the ANC 6A Standard Operating Procedure language (pg. 8) to read:

Prior Language:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABL) COMMITTEE

The ABL Committee advises the Commission on issues related to the DC government's Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). The ABL provides the community with the first opportunity to engage in all alcohol license issues in ANC 6A. As part of this effort, the Committee:

- Tracks applications for new licenses, license changes, and license renewals for ABRA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A;
- Works with appropriate SMD Commissioner(s) to negotiate and maintain settlement agreements on behalf of the ANC with ABRA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A;
- *Settlement agreements that address noise, safety, and/or trash management are required for each request for a new or renewal ABC license with ABRA.*
- Assists Commissioners and community members in addressing concerns pertaining to ABRA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A; and
- As appropriate, represents ANC 6A in ABRA proceedings.

Proposed Language:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CANNABIS (ABC) COMMITTEE

The ABC Committee advises the Commission on issues related to the DC government's Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA). The ABC provides the community with the first opportunity to engage in all alcohol license and cannabis issues in ANC 6A. As part of this effort, the Committee:

- Tracks applications for new licenses, license changes, and license renewals for ABCA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A;

- Works with appropriate SMD Commissioner(s) to negotiate and maintain settlement agreements on behalf of the ANC with ABCA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A;
 - Settlement agreements that address noise, safety, and/or trash management are required for each request for a new or renewal ABC license with ABCA.
 - In the case where the protest deadline for a Cannabis or alcohol license application, renewal or modification falls before the next regularly scheduled ANC meeting, the Chair of the ANC ABCA Committee or the ANC Chair or Vice-Chair is authorized to automatically request an extension of the protest deadline until a date at least 5 days after the next regularly scheduled ANC meeting. If the extension is not granted, the ANC Chair or Vice-Chair may call a special ANC meeting to consider the application, with preference for allowing at least five days before the protest deadline.
 - Assists Commissioners and community members in addressing concerns pertaining to ABCA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A; and
 - As appropriate, ABC represents ANC 6A in ABCA proceedings.
- The motion passed 6-0.
3. Commissioner Dave Wethington moved and Commissioner Stephen Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A adopt the Commission Rules: [Bylaws](https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Bylaws-01012022.pdf) (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Bylaws-01012022.pdf>), [Standard Operating Procedures](https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-SOP-updated-10162022.pdf) (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-SOP-updated-10162022.pdf>), [Code of Conduct](https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Code-of-Conduct-01012022.pdf) (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Code-of-Conduct-01012022.pdf>) The motion passed 6-0.
 4. Commissioner Kolb moved and Commissioner Paul Spires seconded the motion that ANC 6A elect officers: Chair - Dave Wethington (6A04); Vice Chair/Parliamentarian - Amber Gove (6A04); Secretary - Jeff Giertz (6A06); Treasurer - Roberta Shapiro (6A02). The motion passed 6-0.
 5. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2025:
 - Economic Development and Zoning Committee* - Joal Mendonsa (6A01) and Mike Cushman (6A04) - Co-Chairs; Ayisha Lockett (6A06), Becca Buthe (6A03), Ziad Demian (6A04), Russ Green (6A02)
 - Transportation and Public Space Committee* - Patrick Bloomstine (6A01), Chair; Shaun Lynch (6A01); Caitlin Rogger (6A07); Jeff Fletcher (6A07); Mark Sussman (6A04); Paul Angelone (6A05).
 - Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee* - Mike Velazquez - Chair (6A02); Erin Blumenthal (6A02); Monica Martinez (6A03); Steve Beam (6A04); Erik Lockett (6A02).
 - Community Outreach Committee* - Paul Spires (6A01) Chair; Adina Wadsworth (6A07); Gail Sullivan (6A01); Clare Dougherty (6A05); Andrew Frenkel (6A01); Christopher Lange (6A01); Brett Mills (6A01); Samantha Herman (6A01); Ashley Blake (6A03).
 The motion passed 6-0.
 6. Commissioner Kolb moved and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2025 (except August): February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12,

July 10, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11 and January 9, 2026. The motion passed 6-0.

Officer Reports:

1. The January 2024 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Gove reviewed the expenditures accrued in December and January: \$771.19 for webmaster services for each month, \$250 for notetaking for each month, and \$4,774 for a renewal of Capital Community News (checks #2137, #2139, #2138, #2040, and #2141, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$30,629.53. After accounts payable totaling \$9,661.75 the closing available checking balance is \$20,967.78. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the Fiscal Year 2024 3rd Quarter Report. This has already been reviewed and validated with OANC, this is just a formal vote at the ANC level. The motion passed 6-0.
3. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve a 10 percent increase in the compensation for services provided by the ANC 6A administrator and notetaker. (The last increase was approved in October 2020). The motion passed 6-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

1. The December 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, January 27, 2025 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

1. No report. ANC did not meet in December 2024.
2. Commissioner Giertz moved and Commissioner Spires seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application for Substantial Changes to a Class C Tavern license at Henceforth DC (ABRA-129163) at 1335 H Street, NE unless a settlement agreement is reached. ANC 6A authorizes the ANC Chair or the Chair of the ABC Committee, or their designee, to negotiate the settlement agreement. The motion passed 6-0.
3. Commissioner Spires moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application for a new Class C Tavern at Ethio Vegan at 1362 H Street NE (ABRA-130713) unless a settlement agreement is reached. ANC 6A authorizes the ANC Chair or the Chair of the ABC Committee, or their designee, to negotiate the settlement agreement. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Giertz seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application for a Medical Cannabis Retailer license for Dreamy DC (ABRA-130754) at 1111 H Street NE unless a settlement agreement is reached. ANC 6A will request formal confirmation from ABCA that the proposed location for Dreamy DC does not violate any of the proximity limits in the Medical Cannabis laws or regulations. ANC 6A authorizes the ANC Chair or the Chair of the ABC

Committee, or their designee, to negotiate the settlement agreement. The motion passed 6-0.

5. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application for a Medical Cannabis Retailer license for Proper Exotic, LLC (ABRA-128697) at 13 8th Street NE unless a settlement agreement is reached. ANC 6A authorizes the ANC Chair or the Chair of the ABC Committee, or their designee, to negotiate the settlement agreement. The motion passed 6-0.
6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 28th, 2025 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2024.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 (3rd Tuesday; usually 3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2024.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 15, 2025 (3rd Wednesday)

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Spires (6A01) shouted out his neighbors for a consistent 9:30 AM Sunday morning cleanup that different neighbors host and the Commissioner would like to spread this to other areas. There is an annual block party on 11th and I Streets during the first week of June. The Commissioner reported some package theft and break-ins and that lights got installed on I Street.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) noted that the holidays have interrupted work at Sherwood but sporadic work on the basketball and tennis courts is happening, though frustrations with maintenance responsiveness continues for indoor work. DC Water was out in the middle of 10th and F Streets on January 8th and turned the water off on January 9th without communicating to the community. The Commissioner had the opportunity to have breakfast with DDOT Director Kirschbaum and is thankful to other Commissioners for providing a list of pain-points throughout the Commission, like Tennessee Avenue and 10th Street.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) reported concerns about trash pickup during the snowstorm. DPW is suspending trash and recycling pickup for the rest of the week and some alleys are not cleared well. The Commissioner reminded the community to try and clear walkways.

Commissioner Giertz (6A06) has started outreach to contacts at DC government to build relationships and enhance constituent service needs. The Commissioner echoed comments about cleaning sidewalks of snow and was encouraged to see the responsiveness from DPW for plow requests. The Commissioner is also encouraged to see the amount of agenda items that relate to his SMD and development on H Street.

Commissioner Kolb (6A07) is attending an annual progressive dinner in his SMD and is hoping to get the community more involved. The Commissioner would like assistance building a survey to distribute to his constituents and had a long conversation with his predecessor to learn more about the issues in his SMD.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) got several emails from neighbors who were thrilled to meet Santa as represented by first district MPD team. Brown AME Church did a fantastic job not only shoveling their lot but the triangle park at Constitution Avenue and 14th Street. Seniors who need additional assistance with snow removal can submit 311 requests. The official rule is that sidewalks should be clear within eight daylight hours of the last snowflake. The Commissioner is grateful to have served as Chair of this Commission and is an expert in 311 requests and DDOT work and is happy to be a resource in these areas.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo from the constituent services staff of Councilmember Allen's office welcomed new Commissioners and appreciates the ones that have returned. Half the council was sworn in last week and had their first meeting. The upcoming performance oversight season is an opportunity for neighbors to provide testimony on any issues. The budget oversight process will happen in March. Ms. DeMayo can be reached at [jdemayo\[at\]dcccouncil.gov](mailto:jdemayo@dcccouncil.gov).

MOCR Marcus Manning welcomed new Commissioners and noted that the snow emergency was lifted on January 8th. If any streets or sidewalks need plowing and snow removal, neighbors and Commissioners should reach out; different agencies oversee different areas for snow removal. There is a meeting on January 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm for ANC Commissioners about the upcoming inauguration.

Community member JoAnn Sparacino voiced concerns about lack of retail establishments along H Street, and Commissioners and Ms. DeMayo

Community calendar: <https://anc6a.org/community-calendar/>

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.