

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Zoom Meeting  
January 15, 2026**

**Present:** Commissioners Dave Wethington, Jeff Giertz, Stephen Kolb, Amber Gove, and Roberta Shapiro were present.

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

The minutes for the ANC December 2025 meeting were accepted subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary. The agenda for the January 2026 meeting as amended was accepted by unanimous consent.

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

**Organizational Actions**

1. Commissioner Dave Wethington called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum.
2. Commissioner 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>), Standard Operating Procedures (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-SOP-updated-10162022.pdf>), Code of Conduct (<chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Code-of-Conduct-01012022.pdf>). The motion passed 5-0.
3. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A elect officers: Chair - Amber Gove (6A04); -Vice Chair - Stephen Kolb (6A07); Secretary/Parliamentarian - Jeff Giertz (6A06); Treasurer - Roberta Shapiro (6A02). The motion passed 5-0.
4. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A elect members and leaders of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee for 2026: Rachael Loper (6A02) & Mike Cushman (6A04) - Co-Chairs; Ayisha Lockett (6A06), Becca Buthe (6A03), Russ Greenfield (6A02). Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion to amend the list to add Scott Kilbourn. The motion as amended passed 5-0.
5. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A elect members and leaders of the Transportation and Public Space Committee for 2026- Patrick Bloomstine (6A01) - Chair; Shaun Lynch (6A01); Caitlin Rogger (6A07); Jeff Fletcher (6A07); Mark Sussman (6A04). The motion passed 5-0.
6. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A elect members and leaders of the Alcohol Beverage & Cannabis Committee for 2026: Jeff Giertz - Chair; Members: Erik Lockett (6A02).

Commissioner Amber Gove moved and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion to amend the list to add Monica Martinez, Steve Beam, and Erin Blumenthal to the list of ABC Committee members. The motion as amended passed 5-0.

7. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A elect members and leaders of the Community Outreach Committee for 2026: Ashley Blake (6A0?)- Chair. Commissioner Gove moved to amend the list to include Lorena Gil as a member. The motion as amended passed 5-0.
8. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Gove second the motion that ANC 6A adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2026 (except August): February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 and January 14, 2027. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Community Presentation Introduction of Candidates for ANC 6A01 Vacancy: Scott Burger and Lorena Gil**

Lorena Gil introduced herself, noting that she became a resident of the community in late 2020 and would like to serve and meaningfully give back to the neighborhood. Ms. Gil is a member of the Washington DC 9<sup>th</sup> Street Northeast neighborhood group, which hosts monthly neighbor meetups. Ms. Gil has heard many concerns about trash, litter, and pests in the neighborhood and will prioritize this as Commissioner. She hosts and participates in cleanups to address these issues and appreciates that these efforts show pride and collaboration within the community. Ms. Gil has attended many ANC 6A and COC meetings; prior to moving to 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Ms. Gil lived in Logan Circle, and since moving to ANC 6A01 has found community. Ms. Gil holds a master's degree in economics and community development and spends her work hours learning how to streamline processes and effect change. Ms. Gil will listen to residents, advocate for community members, and seek practical and collaborative solutions that strengthen the community space.

Scott Burger introduced himself, stating that he is a DC native and has been in the neighborhood for eight of the last 13 years. Mr. Burger's family spent some time in Germany and moved back to DC, about a block from where they initially lived. Mr. Burger is in a community group, participates in neighborhood cleanups, and is well aware of trash issues in the area. Mr. Burger would be glad to have the opportunity to have input into the city's vision for the neighborhood and echoes residents' concerns about street and neighborhood safety and cleanliness. He wrote an opinion piece for the Hill Rag about the next generation of the Streetcar, noting the limitation of the city's buses. Mr. Burger is looking to make this neighborhood the best it can be as the city reevaluates what H Street is, making sure it is a place for residents. Professionally, Mr. Burger is an aerospace engineer and works at the Pentagon.

Kimberly Butler, who was not scheduled to speak on the agenda due to not having been officially certified yet as a candidate, is an ANC 6A02 candidate and shared her

contact information for interested neighbors: 240-702-3686 or at [iambuildingavillage\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:iambuildingavillage@gmail.com).

Special Election for ANC 6A01 and 6A02: Saturday February 7, 2026 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Per DC Statute § 1-309.06(d)(6)(E)(i), ANC 6A will host an in-person special election for the 6A01 seat on Saturday February 7 from 10 AM to 2 PM at 1300 H Street NE in the space formerly occupied by Ephemeral Tattoo. If more than one candidate for 6A02 is confirmed by the Board of Elections, we will host the in-person election for that seat at the same time and location. All registered voters who are residents of 6A01 and 6A02 are encouraged to vote.

For more information please see:

<https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/code/sections/1-309.06>

<https://dcboe.org/candidates/anc-advisory-neighborhood-commissioners>

### **Consent Agenda:**

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

#### **Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**

- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application for renewal of a Class C tavern license with Entertainment and endorsements at The Haymaker 1015 H Street NE (ABRA-084689).
- ANC 6A take no action with regards to the application for a retail Class B Beer and Wine by US Spirits, LLC at 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE Suite M118 (ABRA-134406).
- ANC 6A protest the application for the application for a new license for a Class C Restaurant by Africa Kitchen, LLC DBA Open Crumb at 822 H Street NE (ABRA-134513) 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.

#### **Officer Reports:**

1. The January 2026 Treasurer's report submitted by Commissioner Shapiro reviewed the expenditures accrued in December: \$275.00 for notetaking, two payments of \$846.19 each for administrative services, and \$3,172.50 for a year of advertising in the Hill Rag and Fagon Guide. ANC 6A also received a quarterly allotment from OANC in the amount of \$4,624.95. After these distributions totaling \$5,139.88 and the allotment, the closing uncommitted funds available at the end of December as reported by OANC were \$27,646.07, down from the opening balance of \$28,161. The savings account has a balance of \$100.05. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
2. Commissioner Shapiro also presented the ANC 6A Quarterly Financial Report for Q1, noting the same big expenditures: \$3,172.50 for advertisement of meetings and \$4,484.77 for a quarter of administrative services and notetaking.

Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion to approve the FY26 Q1 financial report as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Community Outreach (COC)**

1. No report. COC did not meet in December 2025.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, January 26, 2026 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

#### **Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**

1. No report submitted for December 2025 ABC meeting.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A take no action with regards to the application for a substantial change request to a Class C Tavern to change hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales and service for the Summer Garden by 816 Dirty Water, LLC DBA Dirty Water at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-125771). Commissioner Shapiro noted that since February 2024, there have been eight investigated cases filed by ABCA investigators concerning this property on a wide range of issues, some of which include sales to minors and increased occupancy without approval. Given this and the applicant's minimizing of these issues, the Commission amended the motion to protest the application for a substantial change request. The motion as amended passed 5-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 27, 2026 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

#### **Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**

1. The December 2026 TPS meeting report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 20, 2026 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

#### **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2025.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 21, 2026 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

#### **New Business:**

Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **Single Member District reports**

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) regrettably does not have a Sherwood report to share from DPR but is hopeful that there will be new program offerings in the spring. There has been work at SWS redoing a foundation wall which will be completed by next week and hopefully the playground equipment in front of the school will be restored as well. The Commissioner has been communicating with DOB about the 1000-1014 block of F Street NE, which has been tagged and vacant, and DOB did a reinspection. There was an exemption from up taxing because the property was supposedly for sale or rent, but DOB found that the property was both vacant and blighted. The owner

has not remediated within their given 30 days and DOB has asked that they be taxed at a higher rate. H Street continues to be challenged; Joy in Motion has closed as they were unable to complete a four-year lease. They are a tenant of Atlas Arts Center. There is a Mardi Gras planned on H Street for February 26, 2026 from 12:00-4:00 pm. The Commissioner hopes to collaborate and engage earlier in the planning process in the future.

Commissioner Amber Gove (6A04) shared the testimony from December 17, 2025 hearing on public transit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clc9ZAzB-HA>. There is a lot of discussion about transit and it will continue to be a priority as the neighborhood transforms to accommodate a new Commanders Stadium in the next four years. There was an announcement of a new planning committee on H Street, though no ANC Commissioners were notified. The Commissioner has been working with neighbors in the 1300 block of East Capitol Street who are on their fourth power surge and dealing with tens of thousands of dollars of equipment damage. There will be an in-person meeting with Councilmember Allen at Northeast Library. Hill Family Biking is hosting a biking to ice skating event. The Commissioner is grateful to Chair Wethington for his service and commendable chairing of the Commission.

Commissioner Giertz (6A06) is moving within ANC 6A and will be required to resign from the Commissioner position. He is looking forward to being the chair of the ABC Committee and to being a constituent of Commissioner Kolb. He wishes Chair Wethington luck and is grateful for his leadership and service.

Commissioner Kolb (6A07) echoed gratitude for Chair Wethington's service. The Commissioner attended the Al and Mary Arrighi Way dinner and solidified some relationships. There appears to be a vacant building in the 200 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE, and the Commissioner contacted DOB, who found that the building is in compliance with the law and there is one occupant within the eight units. The resident seems to be using public trash receptacles to the chagrin of neighbors. The Commissioner received a request for assistance with the unused bus stops along East Capitol Street, where people are receiving parking tickets. DDOT is planning to resolve these issues.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) is grateful to all of his neighbors and fellow Commissioners and encouraged community members to run for the 6A05 ANC seat.

### **Community Comment**

Ms. Jen DeMayo from Councilmember Allen's noted that at-large Councilmember McDuffie resigned, and the Council is responsible for filling his seat in the interim until a special election is held. Performance oversight is about to begin; the schedule of the hearings is being finalized and will be shared when available. The Federal Department of Transportation is considering a proposal to remove all the traffic cameras in DC; Councilmember Allen does not support this and believes the cameras are key to safety. There were 50% fewer traffic deaths in DC in 2025 than in the previous year. Winter Restaurant Week is coming up and there are more than 20 Ward 6 restaurants participating. There was a meeting about the Rumsey Aquatic Center

renovations, which will cost about \$35M and includes two pools, dedicated lap lanes, and more. Councilmember Allen joined Mayor Bowser to close DC's 100<sup>th</sup> illegal marijuana shop.

MOCR Noah Glasgow shared some updates: on January 6, 2026, Mayor Bowser swore in Jeffrey Carroll to be the interim police chief through the remainder of the mayor's term. Chief Carroll has been with MPD since 2002. In 2025, the District saw a 17.5% reduction in crime from 2024, building on a 30-year low in crime. Thanks to extensive lobbying, the mayor secured increases to the DC Tuition Assisted Grant, which allows DC students to attend out-of-state schools. The most recent bipartisan spending bill from Congress also includes a \$90M increase in public safety and prevents a freeze of DC local funds in the case of another continuing resolution. The Office of Planning selected a planning firm for a new neighborhood planning project on the H Street corridor with a goal of gathering community input and supporting arts and culture. The final report is expected at the end of September 2026.

Community member Lisa Raymond introduced herself and noted that she is running for DC Council At-Large. She has 30 years of public service experience and was president of the DC State Board of Education, education advisor for former chair Kwame Brown, and chief of Staff to Attorney General Racine. She was a board member of Capitol Hill Little League and currently works at Covenant House Greater Washington. Those interested can learn more here: <https://lisaraymondfordc.com/>

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.