

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Zoom Meeting  
May 8, 2025**

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

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

Commissioner Dave Wethington called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC April 2025 meeting were accepted subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary. The agenda for the May 2025 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

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

**Consent Agenda:**

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

**Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**

1. ANC 6A take no action on the following:
  - Renewal of a Class C restaurant license with entertainment and summer garden endorsements at Maketto, 1351 H Street NE (ABRA-090445)
  - Renewal of a Class C multipurpose license with at Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H Street NE (ABRA-085207)
  - Renewal of a Class C restaurant license with dancing entertainment and summer garden endorsements at Stable, 1324 H Street NE (ABRA-105439)
  - Renewal of a Class C restaurant license with sidewalk cafe endorsements at Taqueria al Lado H, 809 12th Street NE (ABRA-119979)
  - Renewal of the renewal of a Class C restaurant license at Milk and Honey Café, 1116 H Street NE (ABRA-119672)
  - Renewal of a Class C restaurant license with dancing entertainment sidewalk cafe and summer garden endorsements at Bens Chili Bowl/Bens Next Door/Ben's Upstairs, 1001 H Street NE (ABRA-131844)
  - Renewal of a Class C restaurant license with sidewalk cafe endorsement at Pascual 732 Maryland Avenue NE (ABRA-126404)
2. ANC 6A protest the renewal of a Class C restaurant license with cover charge and entertainment endorsements at The Upper Room, 1360 H Street NE (ABRA-128599) unless a settlement agreement is reached and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC and Commissioner Velasquez be authorized to represent the ANC on this matter.

3. ANC 6A protest the renewal of a Class C restaurant license with entertainment and sidewalk endorsements at Choongman, 1125 H Street NE (ABRA-108755) unless a settlement agreement is reached and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC and Erin Blumenthal be authorized to represent the ANC on this matter.

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

1. ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting a comprehensive traffic study of the neighborhood street grid bounded by 10th and 13th Streets NE and Maryland Avenue and Florida Avenue NE.

#### **Officer Reports:**

1. The May 2025 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Roberta Shapiro reviewed the expenditures accrued in April: \$846.19 for webmaster services and \$275.00 for notetaking. The opening uncommitted funds available on May 1, 2025 were \$31,266.15. After accounts payable, the closing available checking balance is \$30,694.96. The savings account has a balance of \$100.05. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Amber Gove moved and Commissioner Jeff Giertz seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the revised Fiscal Year 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report; though the Commission approved this last month, OANC requested approval of a revised report due to an internal OANC error. The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Wethington had technical difficulties at this time and did not participate in the vote)

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

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

1. The April 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, May 28, 2025 (4th Wednesday; usually 4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

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

1. The April 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Commissioner Mike Velasquez moved and Commissioner Stephen Kolb seconded the motion that ANC6A protest the Renewal of a Class C restaurant license with entertainment endorsement at Lydia's Restaurant and Lounge at 1427 H Street NE (ABRA-119312) and that Commissioner Velasquez seek enforcement information from ABCA. A resident spoke on behalf of several residents, noting that the establishment's music and patio are loud and not in compliance with their established settlement agreement. The motion passed 7-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 27, 2025 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

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

1. The April 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 19, 2025 (3rd Monday)

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

1. No report. EDZ did not meet in April 2025
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 21, 2025 (3rd Wednesday)

### **New Business:**

1. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Council and the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) to provide ABCA the authority to release to ANC Commissioners the contact info for owners of establishments seeking to renew an alcoholic beverage or medical cannabis license. ABCA will share contact information from initial applications but not for renewals, which presents a problem. The motion passed 7-0.
2. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Council, the Department of Buildings, the Office of Zoning, the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), requesting an explanation why residents of large buildings, with more than X units, that do not have adequate parking for residents, as determined by a ratio of X/Y spaces per apartment, are currently allowed to obtain a Resident Parking Permit (RPP) stickers. The ANC understood that previously, residents of large buildings without adequate parking were not to be permitted access to RPP stickers and, also, that residents of buildings with addresses on commercial streets were not allowed RPP stickers. The Council et. al. is asked to clarify the status of these previous restrictions and reinstate them if not currently in effect. Commissioner Shapiro is meeting with potential developers of the 1000 block of H Street and has had questions from constituents about the parking for these new buildings. Residents of large buildings without parking, if they are in an RPP block, do qualify for RPP stickers. The rules are confusing and the ANC would like clarity and to encourage residents to use different modes of transportation. The motion passed 7-0.
3. Commissioner Paul Spires moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve Nikki Del Casale as a member of Community Outreach (COC) Committee. Ms. Del Casale has lived in ANC 6A since 2020 and has volunteered for HIPS for several years. The motion passed 7-0.

### **Single Member District Reports**

Commissioner Spires (6A01) reported a false alarm about a missing child who ended up being in their mother's car and the Commissioner and neighbors are gearing up for a block party on May 31, 2025 on the 900 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) is grateful for several community members including Larry Janezich, ANC 6A's administrator, and committee chairs.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) is happy to report that the basketball and tennis courts at Sherwood are open, along with the new field which is heavily in use already. There was a meeting on safe routes to school focused on SWS and the Commissioner sent in the Commission's request to consider four-way raised crosswalks between F Street and Maryland Avenue. Sasha Bruce house is hopefully going to receive \$500,000 to repair the house which has significant water infiltration problems.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) notified neighbors of two survey opportunities, one about RFK and the other about DC 2050. MPD movie nights are back in Lincoln Park. DC residents can get \$5.00 baseball tickets to Nationals games. There is a Prancing club meeting in the mornings around Lincoln Park and bringing community members together.

Commissioner Giertz (6A06) has received an increased number of resident concerns about the 700 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE and the intersection of G and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets related to a Preventative Measures facility on the corner and loitering, littering, and noise. The Commissioner is trying to mitigate the issues and working with ANC 7D. They are close to securing a meeting with a representative from Preventative Measures and have requested increased policing in the area from MPD. The Commissioner is in touch with Councilmember Allen's office and in talks about a community walk in the area with MPD.

Commissioner Kolb (6A07) reported that there will be oral arguments at ABCA on June 11, 2025 about a medical cannabis dispensary at 313 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) recognized former Commissioner Laura Gentile who assisted neighbors with an extensive rodent issue on Duncan Street. Kingsman Academy Public Charter School is going through their charter renewal process. 257-259 Warren Street NE is currently vacant and there will be work done in the alleyway there. The Commissioner reached out to DDOT Director Kershbaum about the ongoing missing traffic calming measures on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and is hoping for progress.

### **Community Comment**

Ms. Jen DeMayo from Councilmember Allen's office reported that there is no update yet on the budget, but once there is, the office will schedule a budget town hall. There will be a public hearing on Councilmember Allen's bill to end common area utility fees in large buildings on May 28, 2025. The next 6A office hours will be at 8:30 am at Hiraya on May 16, 2025.

Noah Glasgow, Ward 6 MOCR, shared updates from Mayor Bowser, including that the Mayor is confident the district's federal medical assistance percentage will remain at its current level of 70%. The Mayor will be sharing the entirety of her budget in the coming days. The Washington Commanders intend to come back to DC; the District will be paying for horizontal construction, not vertical, for the revitalized sports complex. The Commissioners are skeptical about this being the best way to support

and bring jobs to the District. Mr. Glasgow can be reached at Noah.Glasgow[at]dc.gov or (202) 341-3659.

More information on RFK and the budget here:

<https://ourrfk.dc.gov/>

<https://mayor.dc.gov/page/fiscal-year-2026-transformational-growth-agenda-stronger-dc>

A community member wonders what is causing the delays on Aldi's opening on H Street and how the neighborhood is going to welcome and absorb the increased traffic in what is already a busy neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.