

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
June 12, 2025

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

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 May 2025 meeting were accepted subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary. The agenda for the June 2025 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

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

Community Presentation

Mayor Bowser's FY26 Budget - Mr. Stephen Miller, Chief Technology Officer, Government of the District of Columbia

Mr. Stephen Miller presented the mayor's 2026 Grow DC FY26 budget, noting that, with a population of over 700K last year, the District was growing faster than all 50 states with an improving urban school district, more than 26M visitors, 28 consecutive clean audits and 29 consecutive balanced budgets. Building the FY26 budget was particularly challenging because of the Continuing Resolution passed by the House, dictating that DC was required to reduce its previously approved budget by \$1.13B. The transformational growth agenda leans in on sports, entertainment, and technology and focuses on bringing the Commanders back to RFK, transforming Capitol One Arena, renovating National, Lincoln, and Howard Theatres, reviving the Qualified High Technology Companies tax incentive, investing in tech incubators, supporting start-ups, and expanding gaming opportunities. The budget will also support DC's downtown by hosting activations during the construction of Capital One Arena, launching the Gallery Place Cultural District, increasing new office conversions, implementing citywide retail incentives, and developing a mixed-use community south of the National Mall. DC's FY26 General Funds budget is \$13B and the Capital budget is \$2.6B; the largest share of capital funds continues to be invested in DDOT, DC Public Schools, and WMATA (27%, 20%, and 14%, respectively). The FY26 budget includes \$2.8B invested in public and charter schools, including \$270M for pay raises for staff, \$2B for 30 school modernizations, \$10.7M to replace and modernize technology equipment, and \$3M to continue High Impact Tutoring. The budget also focuses on building a safer DC with a \$30M increase for MPD to hire more officers, \$2M for Safe Commercial Corridor grants, a \$7.3M increase for FEMS, and \$1.3M to raise salaries of 911 and 311 call takers. \$4.6M has been allocated to support the Clean Corridors initiative and \$2.3M to expand curbside composting; \$5.1M is

allocated for stormwater management infrastructure. In terms of housing and economic development, HPTF is back at \$100M for FY26, and \$52.4M is allocated to support DC housing improvements. \$166M will be used to complete the modernization of six libraries and \$188M to support modernization of 22 recreation centers, pools, and parks. \$76M of additional funds are allocated to WMATA and \$6M to transportation of students in Wards 7 and 8. In Ward 6 specifically, \$57M will be used to build more permanent supportive housing and shelter space within Federal City Shelter; \$223M to renovate Amidon-Bowen, Brent, J.O. Wilson, and Shirley Chisolm schools; \$40M to renovate Randall, Rumsey, Sherwood, and RH Terrell recreation centers; \$24M to replace Northwest One Library with a full service neighborhood library; \$402M to maintain streets, sidewalks, and alleys citywide; \$199M for interventions to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety; \$237M to reconstruct the H Street Bridge; and \$19M for a new pedestrian tunnel and entrance to the NoMa-Gallaudet metro station. Commissioners raised concerns that several items such as truancy and violence interruption were not addressed in the budget and found it frustrating that the budget mentioned increases in certain line items but did not cite the baselines.

More information on the general budget here: <https://mayor.dc.gov/page/mayor-bowser-presents-grow-dc-our-fiscal-year-2026-budget>

Consent Agenda:

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

- ANC 6A protest the renewal of a Class C restaurant license for Focus DC 1348 H Street NE (ABRA-118015) unless a settlement agreement is reached and that the ANC Chair and Vice Chair and the ABC Chair represent the ANC in this matter.
- ANC 6A send a letter to ABRA supporting a stipulated Class C restaurant license for Feru at 1128 H Street NE
- ANC 6A renegotiate the settlement agreement with Montana Liquors at 710 H Street NE and that ANC Chair and Vice Chair and the ABC Chair represent the ANC in this matter.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support and suggested modifications to DDOT NOI 25-115-TSA regarding the 800 & 900 blocks of West Virginia Avenue NE.
- ANC 6A send a letter to the Mayor, City Administrator, Deputy Mayo for Economic Planning and Development, DDOT, and Council Member Charles Allen in support of the H Street NE bus priority lanes.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for use variance and special exception on parking requirements to allow a seasonal outdoor patio at 1382 East Capitol Street, NE; Square 1035 at Lot 0814 (BZA 21334), Della Barba Pizza, LLC.

Officer Reports:

1. The June 2025 Treasurer's report submitted by Commissioner Roberta Shapiro reviewed the expenditures accrued in May: \$846.19 for webmaster services and \$275 for notetaking. The opening uncommitted funds available on June 1 were \$30,144.96. After accounts payable, the closing available checking balance is \$29,023.77. The savings account has a balance of \$100.05. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

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, June 23, 2025 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

1. The May 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, June 25, 2025 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The May 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Stephen Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting they include TSI 25-00296033 concerning the 900 block of Street NE in future quarterly prioritizations. This motion passed by a 6 yea -1 abstain vote in Committee. Neighbors report that the area, right off Lincoln Park, sometimes sees diverted and backed-up traffic from the larger surrounding roads. Some have proposed adding bollards or planters to block along the route which would maintain parking but keep the crossings safe from excessive speed and volume. The motion passed 5-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 16, 2025 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The May 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, June 18, 2025 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business:

- Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A draft a letter to be sent to the DC Council regarding its concerns about Mayor Bowser's FY26 Budget. The draft letter will be placed on the July 2025 ANC 6A meeting agenda to allow for community input and a vote by the Commission.

The Commission will authorize Commissioner Shapiro to draft the letter and seek community input on the matter. The motion passed 5-0.

- Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve Scott Kilbourn as a member of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee. The motion passed 5-0.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Paul Spires (6A01) reported a decrease in crime in the area, although there was a high-speed chase that ended in a crash at 11th and I Streets; community members cleaned up the debris from the incident. There will be a celebration of the opening of Feru and a tasting. The Commissioner received a call from H Street Main Street as they are applying for a grant to beautify H Street and the Commissioner would like to draft a letter of support for the project.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) reported ongoing pipe replacements across the District and recognized Jen DeMayo for her support throughout the process. There are several neighbors who have suffered power surges and Ms. DeMayo is now helping them get restitution. The Commissioner attended two RFK meetings and noted that the plan is to have the current stadium demolished by fall 2026, though there are no implosion plans and the stadium will continue to be taken down in chunks. The Commissioner is saddened and horrified by the tragic murder of SE resident Marcellus Smith and is looking forward to engaging with neighbors at Open Streets DC

Commissioner Jeff Giertz (6A06) noted that the main resident concern in his SMD is ongoing public safety regarding the 700 block of 15th Street; neighbors have continued to complain about drug dealing and use, litter, noise, and other quality of life concerns in the area. To address this, the Commissioner and neighboring ANC Commissioner Marc Friend organized a public safety walk with Councilmember Allen, MPD commanders, and representatives from the mayor's offices and offices. There was a shooting in broad daylight at the bus stop at the north end of 15th Street (an area that was included in the safety walk).

Commissioner Kolb (6A07) is grateful to have a relatively quiet neighborhood to represent; the Commissioner attended two block parties over the past month, both of which complained about DDOT issues with sidewalk paving. The Commissioner offered to help but has received no response to 311 requests.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) is also grateful to represent a relatively quiet neighborhood and in the past month has been working to stay updated on RFK. Many concerns are from those who use the field frequently and are worried about the impact of construction. The city would not commit to keeping the fields open during construction but would do what they can to maximize access to them. There are also concerns about parking and the potential addition of a metro stop. At long last, there is a restoration of a raised crosswalk at the intersection of 14th and E Streets and the neighborhood is waiting for bike lanes to be restriped. Finally, any groundbreaking on Kingsman dog park is delayed until at least August.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo from Councilmember Allen's office noted that the Council is holding public hearings now and residents can still testify for budget hearings that have not occurred. <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Hill Center is the annual budget town hall with Councilmember Allen; most of the evening is dedicated to community input.

There is still time to RSVP:

https://www.charlesallenward6.com/2025_ward_6_budget_town_hall

Open Streets is happening on June 28, 2025. The Annual Ward 6 Week will be at the end of July and will feature free events across the Ward for different age groups and partnering with several local businesses.

Ward 6 MOCR Marcus Manning is excited for Open Streets DC as well as the annual Barbecue Battle on June 21-22, 2025: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-33rd-annual-giant-bbq-battle-the-ultimate-summer-kickoff-festival-tickets-1114127428129?discount=SummerBBQMayorsGuestED>

Mr. Manning will follow up with a code for discounted entry and will work with Commissioner Giertz on some community issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.