

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
September 10, 2026**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Roberta Shapiro, Ben Hammer, Morgan Conley, and Scott Burger were present. Commissioner Kimberley Butler-Spires was absent.

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

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes of the July ANC 6A meeting were accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary. The agenda for the September 2026 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

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

Election of Vice Chair

- Commissioner Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion to elect Commissioner Ben Hammer as Vice Chair of ANC 6A. The motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

- ANC 6A protest a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license for Indochine Cuisine and Lounge, LLC, 1025 H Street NE, 1st Floor (ABRA-136346), unless a settlement agreement is reached, and if a settlement agreement is reached, ANC 6A write a letter of support for a stipulated license for the establishment.

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

- ANC 6A approve a \$500.00 increase to the annual community grants budget.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A withhold support from the applicant at 1226 F Street NE (Square 1006, Lot 0026) (BZA# 21475).
(The applicant proposes to construct a third story addition to an existing, detached, two-story, 4-unit, apartment house in the RF-1 zone. Requested relief for rear yard and lot occupancy. Yard sign posted May 30, 2026; there are 14 letters of opposition. Presented at June 17, 2026 EDZ meeting in which applicant was asked to negotiate a compromise with neighbors who raised objections. At the July 15, 2026 EDZ meeting, by unanimous vote, the EDZ declined to support or oppose this application pending further negotiations between the applicant and the neighbors. Absent that, the EDZ recommends that the ANC withhold support on September 10, 2026. Applicant notified neighbors by mail postmarked Friday, August 14 to attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, which 8 neighbors attended. No agreement was reached. BZA hearing is September 16, 2026.)

Officer Reports:

1. Commissioner Hammer moved and Commissioner Scott Burger seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the September 2026 Treasurer's report. The September 2026 Treasurer's report presented by Commissioner Shapiro reviewed the August opening and closing balances reported by OANC, which were \$32,787.36 and \$32,512.36, respectively. The decrease is due to the August payment for notetaking services. The motion passed 5-0.
2. Commissioner Morgan Conley moved and Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the FY 2027 Budget Plan. There is no change in the per capita allotment, so the income is the same as last year - \$18,500. The budget remains very similar to last year and accounts for inflation, increasing slightly the amounts for Hill Rag advertising, web hosting, business management software, and administrative services. The Community Outreach Committee requested a \$500 increase in the grant budget, which is included though it did not get fully spent this year. OANC is offering a new website that they would host, but the Commission is waiting until the new year as there will be turnover in Commissioners. In total, budgeted expenses for FY2027 are \$22,115, which represents a deficit of \$3,600 if everything is spent and the Commission would have to dip into saved money. If there is an unexpected event any time through the year, the Commission can vote to change the budget. The motion passed 5-0.

Standing Committee Reports:**Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**

1. The August 2026 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 22, 2026 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The July 2026 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 21, 2026 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The July 2026 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A refrain from comment on the request by applicant at 800 10th Street NE (Square 1035, Lot 065) (BZA# 21502) for special exceptions in regards to rooftop elements, lot occupancy, and penthouse setback. (The applicant has completed construction on rear three-story plus penthouse and cellar addition, and convert to a flat, an existing semi-detached, three-story plus cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. Yard sign posted July 13, 2026. Three letters of support from 1) both adjacent neighboring business and 2) across-the-street neighbor. By unanimous vote at its July 15, 2026 meeting, the EDZ declined to weigh-in on a request for special exception to building elements that have already been built in a non-conforming manner; such comment would be inappropriate for the EDZ. BZA hearing is October 7, 2026.) The motion passed 5-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 16, 2026 (3rd Wednesday)

Community Outreach (COC)

1. The July and August 2026 committee reports were accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, September 28, 2026 (4th Monday).

New Business:

- **Report - 2026 Mobility Survey**
Commissioner Shapiro presented findings of the 2026 mobility survey, which received 349 individual responses, 98% of which lived in the H Street District. 94% of respondents reported frequently or very frequently walking as a means of getting around the city, highlighting how important safe walkability is to residents. There were more than 300 open-ended comments which fell into three broad categories: 191 comments about sidewalk safety due to bike and scooter operations, 100 comments about infrastructure such as protected bike lanes, and the rest about a lack of enforcement for those disobeying rules, whether they are in a car or on bikes or scooters.
- Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Burger seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the Greater H Street BID Association, with copies to Councilmember Charles Allen, Phil Coppage, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Nina Albert and Director Rosemary-Suggs Evans, Department of Small and Local Business Development, in support of formation of an H Street Business Improvement District (BID). The motion passed 5-0.
- Commissioner Hammer moved and Commissioner Conley seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the appointment of Daniel Aboagye to the Community Outreach Committee (COC). The motion passed 4-0-1; Commissioner Shapiro briefly stepped away and abstained.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Burger (6A01) reported that a constituent was out of their home for most of a week due to a building collapse from a storm. DOB finally came and certified that the property is structurally sound, allowing the resident to go back to their home. There is a water seep on I Street that DC Water should be coming to address in the next week. The Commissioner is appreciative of Councilmember Allen's staff helping with these issues.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) noted that there was a community meeting about the \$3.6M allocated to repairs at Sherwood Rec Center; there is a preliminary plan and once there is pricing there will be another community meeting. The Commissioner is grateful to W.S. Smith, who operate the Avec building, and who are continuing to provide free parking for 16 SWS teachers. There was a lot of storm damage and several cars were totaled; DDOT was very responsive but the community is now waiting on one issue which is a downed tree on private property that has two broken limbs resting on a sidewalk. The Commissioner is receiving a lot of neighbor correspondence about a store that opened on the corner of 8th and F Streets, which used to be a bodega and is now a 24-hour store, and is causing neighborhood disturbances. The Commissioner is trying to get DLCP and DOB involved. Finally, the Commissioner noted that part of the SMD received notice that water would be shut off today which the community prepared for, only for DC Water not to show up. The Commissioner appreciates everyone that helped organize the Back-to-School Family Biking event.

Commissioner Conley (6A05) congratulated everyone who helped with the Hill Family Biking event and reported a lot of damage from the storm and many 311 requests for wires and trees down; DDOT has been very responsive. The Kingman Dog Park grand opening is Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 3:00-5:00 pm. The Commissioner would like to table and will pick up

the banner from Commissioner Shapiro. The Friends of the dog park are looking for vendors and businesses that would like to get involved. Though the celebration is in October, the dog park is already officially open.

Commissioner Hammer (6A06) echoes praise for DDOT's responsiveness after the storm; if there is a pink ribbon anywhere, that means DDOT knows about the issue and has deemed it a non-urgent request. On October 21, 2026, Councilmembers Allen and Felder will be joining a walk starting at 4:45 pm at the triangle park across from Chick Fil A. Neighbors have reported that the relationship between themselves and Transmission has improved. The Commissioner has been interested in making Narcan more available, especially in places where there have been overdoses like bus stops; the Commissioner will continue reaching to WMATA and working with the owner of Transmission.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) also reported several trees down after the storm and encouraged 311 requests. The Commissioner attended a meeting about transportation between the new RFK and Union Station and looks forward to helping make sure that gets designed the right way. There is a Hill Family Biking ride on September 26, 2026 and MPD is interested in reviving movies in Lincoln Park.

Commissioner Butler-Spires (6A02) met many constituents during the storm and is working on cleanups. The Commissioner hopes to meet many neighbors during upcoming Art All Night and the H Street Festival.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo from Councilmember Allen's office shared some announcements, including that DDOT is continuing to remove trees downed by the storm and that the fall legislative session begins next week. It will be a busy fall cycle with Councilmember Allen advancing several bills including for bottle redemption, autonomous rideshare vehicle operation, and easier access to solar panel installation. The H Street Festival is on September 19, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.