

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Zoom Meeting  
December 11, 2025**

**Present:** Commissioners Dave Wethington, Jeff Giertz, Stephen Kolb, Amber Gove, and Roberta Shapiro were present. Commissioner Paul Spires was present but did not vote throughout the meeting.

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

The community received meeting notice via listservs, the Hill Rag, ANC 6A website, X, and Facebook.

**Community Presentation:** Mr. Robert Hoyle, New Site Manager for Sherwood Recreation Center

New site manager of Sherwood Recreation Center Mr. Robert Hoyle introduced himself, noting that he has served at various recreation centers in DC for eight years. Mr. Hoyle is aware that Sherwood needs improvement and reported that 95% of equipment in the fitness room has been replaced or repaired. As of December 1, 2025, there is a new program for young children from 3:30-6:00 pm Mondays through Fridays; the Tiny Tots program is being revamped. Programming for seniors is also in the works. Mr. Hoyle encourages neighbors to take advantage of all DPR services, even those outside of Sherwood. There are several outstanding work orders, including finishing stairwell painting and installing basketball court lights. Mr. Hoyle will place an order for wipes for the fitness room equipment.

**Consent Agenda:**

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

**Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

- ANC 6A send a letter to BZA in support of a special exception for the roof top or upper floor element requirements at 1378 C Street NE; Square 1032, Lot 41; (BZA 21401); submitted by Eric Konopka to construct front and side additions, to an existing, semi-detached, two-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

**Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT urging action to reduce traffic speeds and accidents along 11th Street NE between Florida Avenue and East Capitol Street. The letter will also reference ANC 6A's prior requests on this street.

**Officer Reports:**

1. The December 2025 Treasurer's report submitted by Commissioner Roberta Shapiro reviewed the expenditures accrued in November: \$275 for September and November notetaking and \$846.19 and \$846.20 for September and October administrative services. After these distributions totaling \$2,242.39, the closing uncommitted funds available at the end of November as reported by OANC were \$28,161, down from the opening balance of \$30,403.39. The savings account has a balance of \$100.05. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Stephen Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
2. Commissioner Shapiro noted that it is time to pay the budgeted expense of \$3,172.50 for 12 monthly meeting announcement ads in the Hill Rag and one ad in the annual Fagan Guide. The Commission reaffirmed the importance of supporting local media.

**Standing Committee Reports:****Community Outreach (COC)**

1. No report. COC did not meet in November 2025 due to the lack of a quorum.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, December 29, 2025 (5<sup>th</sup> Monday, usually 4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

**Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**

1. No report. ABC did not meet in November 2025.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 16, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday; usually 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

**Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**

1. The November 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, December 15, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

**Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

1. The November 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, December 17, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

**New Business:**

- Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Jeff Giertz seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize Commissioners Wethington, Gove, and Giertz to finalize its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025. The motion passed 5-0.
- Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the testimony that was presented to the DC Council Committee on Facilities on December 3, 2025 regarding Bill 26-113 "Department of Parks and Recreation Hours Expansion Amendment Act of 2025" and other issues related to the Sherwood Recreation Center. The written testimony is to be submitted to the Council by the ANC prior to December 17, 2025. The testimony included the need

for extended hours and more maintenance and programming; there was overall a lot of scrutiny of DPR. The motion passed 5-0.

- TPS Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine recommended and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize 6A04 Commissioner Gove and/or Patrick Bloomstine, Chair of the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee, to testify at the DC Council Committee on the Environment and Transportation hearing concerning transportation to the RFK site redevelopment. This coincides with much of the work the Committee has been involved in, including bike lanes and Streetcar replacement options. The motion passed 5-0.
- Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve Rachael Loper as a member of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee. The motion passed 5-0.
- Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Giertz seconded the motion that ANC 6A change its' January 2026 meeting date from January 8, 2026 (2nd Thursday) to January 15, 2026 (3rd Thursday). The motion passed 5-0.

### **Single Member District reports**

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) has spent a lot of time inventorying areas of improvement at Sherwood and had a community cleanup in November 2025. There is an ABCA issue raised by another ANC and the Commissioner is working to get clarity on this. The buildings at 1000-1014 H Street continue to be vacant, boarded up and graffitied. DOB has an exception to the vacant/blighted tax status as the buildings are for sale but that is expiring and there is an inspection scheduled for December. There are apparently building plans filed not shared with the ANC, and the Commissioner is seeking an update on the situation.

Commissioner Amber Gove (6A04) noted that any residents interested in the Ward 6 Strategic bike Plan should submit comments online. There were many overflowing public litter cans in the neighborhood last weekend; DPW response has been lacking and the neighbors should continue documenting this issue. The Commissioner attended the Brickie Awards and appreciates all the work that went into the evening. Eastern High School won the DC State SAA Class AA Championship and there will be a holiday bike ride this Saturday starting at Watkins Elementary and ending at the Roost for free hot chocolate.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2025/12/06/eastern-coolidge-dcsaa-class-aa-football/>

Commissioner Jeff Giertz (6A06) noticed an abundance of beautiful holiday lights in the neighborhood. The Commissioner reminds residents that DC requires residents to shovel their sidewalks, and volunteers can sign up to shovel neighbors' sidewalks or informally help as well.

Commissioner Kolb (6A07) is finding a solution for a neighbor who has a seemingly vacant neighboring property; the Commissioner is working with the Department of Buildings (DOB) and will reach out to MPD.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) encourages people to come hear DC Water on Monday about the Color the Curb issue. There is still work happening at Kingsman Dog Park. The Commissioner will likely be relocating at the end of January and will continue service to this ANC as long as possible, but January will probably be his last meeting.

### **Community Comment**

Ms. Jen DeMayo from Councilmember Allen's office shared the success of the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Brickie awards. Councilmember Allen's emergency Streateries bill passed, making it less expensive and restrictive to operate a "streatery". The Council also extended juvenile curfews with limits. There was a hearing on expanding recreation center hours and opening more DCPS fields for youth sports. Tomorrow morning will be Councilmember Allen's last office hours of the year at Tango Pastry between 8:30-10:00 am.

MOCR Noah Glasgow shared two updates: Mayor Bowser's last day in office will be January 2, 2027 and the Mayor and State Superintendent of Education are hosting the second weekend of EdFest for pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This is DC's annual public school fair where community members can hear from all of DC's public and public charter schools. It will be at 415 Rhode Island Avenue NE from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturday. Anyone interested can also register at [www.Myschooldc.org](http://www.Myschooldc.org). The 2024-2025 DC School Report Card was released and found that the 24/25 school year had the highest reported graduation rate ever in DC at 78.7%, an 18% jump from 15 years ago.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.