



**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for April 14, 2011**



2nd Thursdays at 7pm, Miner Elementary, 601 15th St., NE
Public Meeting - All Are Welcome to Attend

- 7:00 pm **Call to order, Adopt Agenda, Approve previous meeting's minutes** *pg. 3*
- 7:05 **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)
- 7:10 **Community Presentation:** Greater Washington Sports Alliance representatives to review the March National Marathon with the Commissioners and community
- 7:30 **Officer Reports:**
Chair (2 minutes)
Vice-Chair (2 minutes)
Secretary (2 minutes)
Treasurer (2 minutes) *pg. 14*
 1. Approve treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements
- 7:35 **Single Member District reports** (2 minutes each)
Standing Committee Reports:
- 7:50 **Community Outreach** *pg. 17*
 1. Next meeting - 7:30pm, April 18, 2011 (3rd Monday)
- 7:55 **Alcohol Beverage Licensing** *pg. 18*
 1. Approve committee report
 2. Next meeting - 7pm, April 19, 2011 (3rd Tuesday)
- 8:00 **Transportation and Public Space Committee** *pg. 19*
 1. Approve committee report
 2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A give conditional support for Biergarten Haus valet parking application
 3. Next meeting - 7pm, April 18, 2011 (3rd Monday)



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8:05 Economic Development and Zoning pg. 22

1. Approve committee report
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A support the special exception request for a rear extension for 809 9th St. NE (BZA Case #18202)
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A oppose the special exception request for a child development center at 1329 N Carolina NE because of concerns about traffic, parking, noise and the fact that the property will no longer be a residence (BZA Case #18203)
4. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A appeal DCRA's most recent administrative action for 138 12th St. NE that vacated the revocation of improperly issued building permits for the property
5. Next meeting - 7pm, April 20, 2011 (3rd Wednesday)

8:10 Unfinished Business

8:15 New Business pg. 30

1. ANC 6A supports the H Street Festival, and asks the Mayor for a waiver of the signature requirement for the Festival, scheduled to take place September 17, 2011. This will allow the Festival to move forward without delay. (Holmes)

8:20 Community Comments Round II, time permitting (2 minutes each)

8:25 Adjourn



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2011



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Minutes Miner Elementary School March 10, 2011

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Healy, Holmes, Lawler, Mack, Ronneberg, and Lia Veenendaal-Selck

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Chair David Holmes

1. Agenda

Mr. Alberti requested that an item be added to the Treasurer's Report to allocate funds for the post office box. Two items were added to New Business: Neighborhood Investment Foundation (NIF) Grant for H St., and the question of construction permits for 138 12th Street NE (AppleTree). The agenda was accepted as presented by unanimous consent.

1. Minutes

The January and February minutes were approved without objection.

3. Community Comment

Phil Toomajian said there would be a tree planting on March 26 at 9 a.m. at Sherwood Rec Center and he would like volunteers. He said that he had undertaken Sherwood plantings and landscape as a project, and eventually would like to form a Department of Parks and Recreation Park Partners organization.

Commissioner Alberti announced the Maury at the Market fundraiser to be held at the North Hall of Eastern Market on March 26th, at 7 p.m.

4. Officers Reports

Chair

Mr. Holmes asked Commissioners to e-mail their ideas on issues that need to be raised with Councilmember Wells at the ANC Chairs' meeting. He mentioned that already on the list were completion of the streetcar line to Union Station and Minnesota Avenue; the timely completion of the Rosedale Rec Center, which has been torn down, but the work is just beginning; four-way stop signs, lights or traffic control solutions at 10th St. and Maryland Ave., 10th Street and Massachusetts Ave., and the intersection of D St., 7th St. and Maryland Ave. (Northeast Library); completion of the C Street modification; "I'd like bike racks in my SMD - though how about Lincoln Park? Is this still on the DDOT agenda? Working with National Park Service?"

There will be an ABC hearing on Club XII on March 16th.



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Mr. Holmes said that Councilmember Marion Barry wanted to hear what we want, some anecdotes. He says he wants to offer the ANCs a chance to sue agencies for non-performance.

He reported that Councilmember Cheh held a hearing about applying the Open Meeting Law to ANCs. Mr. Holmes said he had given personal testimony endorsing maximum openness, suggesting others follow complete disclosure as ANC 6A does. The bill's language would impose a three-day requirement for availability of meeting transcripts, and he said he spoke against that provision, as did the representative of ANC 6B.

He reminded Commissioners that he had sent them the new law about using Commissioners as part of the front line in case of disasters, and asked what their thoughts are on the issue. It requires the Mayor to "issue a plan on the inclusion of ANC Commissioners in emergency training services to assist in the mitigation of, preparedness for, response to and recovery from major disasters and other emergency situations in concert with District, federal and private sector emergency." He said we do some of this now—response to power outages, blocked street drains, downed trees. He said he was not interested in staying behind to coordinate responses in the event of radiation or biological agent release.

Treasurer

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. It shows that the opening checking account balance was \$21,343.06 and the savings account balance was \$4,203.91. There was an interest payment to the savings account of \$.36. There were disbursements of \$200 to Heather Schoell for the January 2011 Agenda package (Check #1497); \$100 to DC Access for a web ad (check #1498); \$190 to Roberta Weiner for taking and transcribing the January 2011 minutes (Check #1499); and \$237.15 to Vista Print for business cards (Check #1500), leaving a balance of \$20,615.91 in the checking account and \$4,204.27 in the savings account. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to approve the disbursements. It passed without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. It passed without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Ms. Lawler seconded a motion to allocate \$250 to for the annual rental of a post office box. The motion passed without objection.

5. Community Presentation

Mr. Holmes introduced ABRA Executive Director Fred Moosally and ABC Board Chair Charles Brodsky for a presentation, saying that the ANC wishes to encompass the maximum amount of community concerns in a voluntary agreement (VA) and ABRA seems to be restricting them far more tightly than in the past. He said it better serves the ANC 6A community to be encompassing.

Mr. Brodsky began with several specific items:

- Announcing that ABRA has moved to the Reeves Building at 14th and U Sts. NW, Suite 400 South.
- Saying that a stipulated license can be supported or not opposed, and if a protest goes into effect on that establishment, the stipulated license will be nullified.



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- ABRA is instituting Ward Enforcement Months during which a special emphasis will be placed on individual wards. July will be Ward 6's turn. He said that last year they had 11,000 cases of regulatory infractions and underage drinking. He said that the enforcement investigators are on duty until 2:30 a.m. during the week and 3:30 a.m. on weekends. The ABRA hotline is (202) 329-6347.
- ABRA is thinking of licensing promoters and will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 18, at 2 p.m. to solicit comments and information to give the ABC board guidance.

Mr. Moosally then spoke and said:

- Licenses are up for renewal on a rotating schedule: Retail Bs in September; Retail As next March. They are on a three-year schedule, so it's important for ANCs to review VAs and comment on the renewal; otherwise they lose the opportunity.
- There will be a review of how the single sales moratorium is working, and letters will go out in May asking ANCs how it's working.

Sondra Gilbert said she is concerned about the single sales moratorium and the fact that on one side of the street people can't buy singles and they can walk across the street and buy one. Mr. Moosally responded that Wards 2, 4, 6 and 7 have bans on single sales, and the others do not. In 2 and 6, licensees can request an exemption to the ban.

Dr. Ronneberg asked about the loophole of packaging two cans together. Mr. Moosally said there is a provision that deals with singles that says a licensee can't break apart manufacturers' packages, but is allowed to sell two or more cans. Manufacturers are now creating two-packs and four-packs.

Mr. Healy said that 6A has used VAs as a tool for partnership with the community, and asked whether Councilmember Graham is considering revamping VAs? Mr. Moosally responded that he couldn't speculate on that.

Mr. Holmes asked Mr. Brodsky to discuss VAs and his feelings about them. Mr. Brodsky responded that he has spent a lot of time reading VAs and he has found a lot of stuff that ABRA can't enforce. Years ago, he said, agencies were not performing well at enforcement and neighbors used VAs as a way to control a licensee. He said that he had 1728 VAs on file and there are 1728 deviations from the law, which makes it difficult to have a consistent policy.

Mr. Toomajian asked who would be responsible for banning doubles. Mr. Moosally said it would have to be done legislatively.

Coralie Farlee asked about applications for substantial changes and the new process for putting on file what the ANC wants to say about it. Mr. Brodsky said that a substantial change has to be placarded, and should contain the information about the change. Mr. Healy said that the Board has



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leeway in determining what a substantial change is, and a letter listing what is included would be helpful. Mr. Moosally said he would follow up on it.

Ms. Gilbert asked why there are restrictions in certain wards but not in others. For example, some establishments were allowed to open extra hours for the World Cup and the Inauguration and others were not. Margaret Holwill responded that people had to pay for the extra hours. Mr. Moosally said there was a cost for permits for the extra hours. Mr. Brodsky said that because VAs said 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. or 11 a.m., they couldn't legally open for extra hours without permits.

Mr. Alberti closed by saying that under Mr. Moosally, ABRA has become tops in public service and response to requests, and thanked him and Mr. Brodsky for coming.

6. SMD Reports

Ms. Mack reported that a BZA application for a variance to attach a garage at 617 16th St. to an existing one-family house has been withdrawn. She reported that Miner Elementary had had a Project about the Civil War and the Revolutionary War, "Through the Eyes of Young Souls", for early childhood through the 5th grade classes. She reported that there is a new construction permit on the front door of 737 15th St. She announced that Goodwill Industries has a grant for Green Pathways, a free 1-week pre-apprenticeship construction training program for DC residents of Wards 5, 7, and 8. Finally, she said there have been complaints about loud music on the patio of Langston Bar and Grill at 1831 Benning Rd., and its VA specifically says no loud music.

Ms. Lawler reported that she, Brittney Wheeler and Chris Fitzgerald, representatives of the Mayor's office, had done a walkthrough of her district and developed a list of things that needed to be done. She said that the Charter School Board, on February 28, had approved the satellite campus for the Options School. Finally, she announced that she would have a SMD meeting on March 21st at 7 p.m. at the Options School.

Dr. Ronneberg announced that there would be a hearing on XII on March 16th. He said that Khan's Barbeque would open in March. He reported that he wrote a letter of support for the Fashion Chamber of Commerce for a workshop program.

Mr. Healy reported that he had a very successful first SMD meeting, with about 50 people attending. The main issues of concern were, among others, parking and trash. He said he went to a training that ABRA had for ANC commissioners. He also said he provided written testimony on parking enforcement on H Street. Finally, he said he would be participating in an MPD ride-along.

Mr. Alberti said he was looking into a request for zoning relief for a building at 1329 N. Carolina Ave., which is for a program with 24 children and eight staff members in a residential area.

Ms. Veenendaal-Selck reported that she will be holding an SMD meeting the last week in March, and the information will be on her website. She also said she is working with the police on activity on 16th and 17th Streets.

7. Community Outreach

Elizabeth Nelson introduced Diane Douglas of the Maury Elementary School PTA and Ms. Albert-Garvey, Maury's principal, who presented a grant application on behalf of the PTA for three ELMO



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overhead projectors for use at Maury. She brought one of the machines with her and demonstrated how it works. The request is for \$1767 (three machines at \$589 each). **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to approve a grant of \$1767 to the Maury PTA. Mr. Alberti thanked Ms. Douglas for the demonstration. The motion passed without objection. The report of the Community Outreach Committee was accepted without objection.

8. Economic Development and Zoning

Reasonable Accommodation

Dr. Ronneberg raised the issue of abuse of “reasonable accommodation” requests made to DCRA and the BZA, and the agencies’ unwillingness to exercise jurisdiction in this area. This is a federal guideline that says that “reasonable accommodation” has to be made in the construction and renovation of property for disabled persons, and the guidelines are being abused by people who do not have disabilities. There is little recourse for appeal or transparency in the process. DCRA does not appear to have its own guidelines and has not made available the rationale for its decisions to grant these requests. There have been reports that these requests are being used by developers to circumvent the zoning process.

Mr. Holmes said that there had been a DCRA hearing on a property that is using the guideline and there was no discussion of the disability claimed by the Applicant. There is no public nexus between use of the guideline and the need for it. He said he was not looking to stop anyone who needs reasonable accommodation, but there is a need to have standards for invoking it. Ms. Mack said she had ADA concerns and was not going to vote on the resolution.

Motion: Dr. Ronneberg presented the Committee motion/seconded by Mr. Holmes that the ANC accept the Committee’s recommendation that the ANC send a letter to Acting DCRA Director Majett requesting that the DCRA publish guidelines for assessing “reasonable accommodation” requests by homeowners, that the guidelines provide relief that is tailored to demonstrate a nexus with the need for the accommodation, that ANCs be provided notice of such request and a public comment period be held prior to granting and that any accommodation be allowed to persist only so long as the need exists (i.e. removed if sold to a new owner who does not demonstrate similar need, etc.). The motion passed 6-0-1, with Ms. Mack abstaining.

H Street NE Zoning Overlay Questionnaire

Dr. Ronneberg said that the H Street Zoning Overlay has detailed requirements, such as 14’ ground floor ceiling heights, entrances fronting on H Street, translucent windows, and a number of other requirements that enhance the quality of retail space. These requirements can be difficult for DCRA to enforce, particularly because non-compliance of some items (e.g. non-tinted windows) can be difficult to discern from building plans. DCRA currently uses a questionnaire for eating establishments to distinguish between fast food, prepared food and restaurant establishments, and a similar questionnaire would help DCRA enforce the Overlay’s requirements before building permits are issued.



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Motion: Dr. Ronneberg presented the Committee's resolution/seconded by Ms. Mack: The committee recommends that the ANC send a letter to Zoning Administrator Matt LeGrant requesting that a building permit application with the H Street Zoning Overlay be required to fill out a questionnaire to determine compliance with the Overlay's requirements. Mr. Alberti said he liked that it would be used to educate people to the Overlay. Mr. Holmes said that it will help businesses more easily comply with the Overlay. Chris Fitzgerald of the Mayor's Office asked whether it was the same as the questionnaire ANC 6C is working on, and was told that it was. The motion passed without objection (7-0-0).

The report of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee was accepted without objection.

9. Transportation

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter of support to the Emergency Management Task Force supporting the 2011 Capitol Hill Classic race on Sunday, May 15th. Mr. Holmes said he is happy to support the race, in contrast to the National Marathon that he opposes. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud offered the Committee's recommendation that the ANC approve the 2011 goals of the Transportation Committee. The motion passed without objection.

The report of the Transportation Committee was accepted without objection.

10. Alcoholic Beverage Licensing

Mr. Healy said he had no committee recommendations this month but there is one technical matter:

HR 57

Mr. Healy reported that ABRA, after reviewing the VA for HR 57, returned it to the ANC to make certain that ABRA can unilaterally approve changes to the VA. They pointed out a provision that exceeds the scope of the law. The modified provision is as follows:

- Section 5 (modification) The first sentence in Section 5 should be modified to read as follow so that it is consistent with law: "This agreement can be modified only by mutual agreement of all the parties with the approval of the ABC Board or by the ABC Board consistent with DC Code §25-446."

He said that, with ANC approval, the change can be made without submitting a new VA. **Motion:** Mr. Healy, as committee chair, moved to accept the change to the VA for HR-57 as suggested by ABRA. The motion passed 5-0-2, with Ms. Mack and Mr. Alberti not voting.

The report of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee was accepted without objection.



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11. New Business

Neighborhood Investment Foundation Grant

Mr. Holmes asked for support for a Neighborhood Investment Foundation (NIF) Grant to a partnership between H Street Main Street and CHAMPS. The grant comes from funds from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, and is supported by Councilmember Wells.

Elizabeth Nelson pointed out that the funds are earmarked and won't be used for any other purpose. Chuck Burger of CHAMPS pointed out that it's the best use for the funds because they can't be used for any other purpose like police work. Mr. Alberti added that if they're not going to H Street, they will go somewhere else for some other community.

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that ANC 6A support the application for Neighborhood Investment Fund funds to the H Street Main Street and Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals. There are two elements to the grant sought, the first to create a small business seminar series with how-to clinics led by professionals targeting issues applicable to the businesses on H Street NE. Expected to be included are topics about DCRA permitting and licensing, zoning updates, small business accounting, and establishing social media work flow with Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, blogs, etc. It should facilitate best practices among the small businesses in need of this business development. The second part of the grant will create an interactive outdoor art experience; building on the success of the emerging H Street NE arts scene. The Chalk Walk will consist of local artists sponsored by H Street businesses, the art to be drawn on designated storefront areas of the sidewalk, along the length of H Street NE. The Chair is authorized to convey the ANC's support to the Mayor and Councilmember Wells. The vote was 6-0-1, with Mack abstaining.

138 12th Street NE (AppleTree Learning Center)

Mr. Alberti said that the current zoning laws are still being violated in the construction of 138 12th St., the AppleTree Learning Center. The owners of the property require new permits to undertake construction of their building, as the previous permits were issued prior to two years ago, which is how long the permits are effective. New permits are required after expiration when the regulations have changed. The permits were withdrawn and then re-instated. This is an issue that the ANC has discussed often and something has to be done. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion that the ANC appeal the DCRA decision to re-instate the permits for construction for 138 12th Street NE.

Ms. Lawler said that while this is clearly a questionable action on the part of DCRA, this issue has been brought to the Commission three times in the last five months without being on the agenda prior to the meeting. Also, four new members have joined the Commission since it was last discussed and we are not up to speed on the intricacies of the issue, so it would be useful for the discussion to be reviewed.

Dr. Ronneberg reiterated that DCRA had withdrawn the permits and then re-issued them, and said that it's hard to see, because the law is so clear, what's going on. Mr. Healy said he agreed with Commissioner Lawler that the new Commissioners should go through the normal process to learn



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about the issue. Mr. Alberti withdrew his motion. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to refer the issue to the Economic Development and Zoning Committee. The motion passed without objection.

12. Community Comment

Greater DC Cares

Andrea Sledd, of Greater DC Cares, announced two events that Greater DC Cares is undertaking with its partners in the Rosedale community. On March 28th, there will be community Scholarship fundraiser at Langston Bar and Grille, 1831 Benning Rd.; and on Sunday, April 3rd, from 2-5 p.m., there will be “Make a Pie Meet a Neighborhood” at the Atlas Performing Arts Center. She also announced the DC Cares Servathon on Saturday, April 16th, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Chris Fitzgerald

Chris Fitzgerald of the Mayor’s Office introduced himself as a liaison with the community. He said he has lived in 6A for eight years, and is delighted to be dealing with local constituents. He is planning to organize walk-throughs of every area to see what has to be taken care of. He said he can be reached at christopher.fitzgerald@dc.gov and welcomes calls.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Commission Letters of March 10, 2011 Meeting



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



March 21, 2011

Nicholas A. Majett, Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 4th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

RE: H Street NE Overlay provisions

Dear Director Majett:

On March 10, 2011 at its regularly scheduled and publicly noticed monthly meeting, the ANC voted 7-0 (with a quorum present) to request the creation of a DCRA questionnaire for any building permit applications subject to the requirements of the H Street NE Overlay.

The H Street NE Zoning Overlay requires that new construction have 14' ground floor ceiling heights, entrances fronting on H Street, translucent windows, and has a number of other requirements that enhance the quality of retail space. These requirements can be difficult for DCRA to enforce, especially because non-compliance of some items (e.g. non-tinted windows) often cannot be determined from the building plans.

DCRA currently uses a questionnaire for eating establishments to distinguish between fast-food establishments, prepared food shops, and restaurants. A similar H St NE Overlay questionnaire would help DCRA enforce the Overlay requirements before issuing building permits.

We make this request because we have seen new construction/rehabilitation that fails to conform to the requirements of the Overlay, failures that can be prevented in the future by use of a questionnaire.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair



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March 21, 2011

Don Montuori
Race Chair
Capitol Hill Classic 10K
602 North Carolina Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: 32nd Annual Capitol Hill Classic Race – May 15, 2011

Dear Mr. Montuori,

At Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A's regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting on March 10, 2011, the Commission voted unanimously to support the 32nd Annual Capitol Hill Classic Race scheduled for May 15, 2011.

As pointed out during the discussion of this event at the ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee meeting on February 21, our ANC would like to stress the importance of you working with MPD to devise safe cross routes during the race to allow vehicles to cross when runners are not nearby.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes, Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Tommy Wells, Ward 6 Councilmember



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March 21, 2011

Mr. Fred Moosally, Director
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration
2000 14th St NW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

RE: HR-57 (816 H Street, NE)

Dear Director Moosally:

In response to an ABC Board request on February 14, 2011 for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A (ANC) to modify its voluntary agreement with HR-57, ANC 6A has adopted modified language.

On March 10, 2011 at its regularly scheduled and publicly noticed monthly meeting, the ANC voted 5-0-2 (with a quorum present) to accept the Board's modification with a minor change (including a citation to the applicable section of the law) as shown below:

Section 5 (Modifications): The first sentence in Section 5 should now read: "This agreement can be modified only by mutual agreement of all the parties with the approval of the ABC Board or by the ABC Board consistent with DC Code § 25-446."

Per emails between the licensee and Commissioner Adam Healy, Chair of the Commission's Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee, the licensee agrees to this change in language to the voluntary agreement.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Commissioner Healy at 202.556.0215 or healyanc6a01@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report March 2011

Period Covered 03/01/11 - 03/31/11

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 20,615.91

Receipts:

District Allotments: (4th Quarter 2010 Allotment)	\$ 5,555.40
Transfers from Saving Account	\$ -

Total Receipts \$ 5,555.40

Total Funds Available \$ 26,171.31

Disbursements:

DC Access (Web Ad Mar. '11)	Ck #1501	\$ 100.00
FedEx Office (Jan. 2011 Statement)	Ck #1502	\$ 230.84
US Postal Service (Yearly PO Box Rental)	Ck #1503	\$ 250.00
Heather Schoell (Agenda Package Mar. '11)	Ck #1504	\$ 200.00
Roberta Weiner (Minutes Feb. '11)	Ck #1505	\$ 180.00
FedEx Office (Feb. 2011 Statement)	Ck #1506	\$ 279.67
ACP Direct (Maury ES PTSA Grant)	Ck #1507	\$ 1,767.00

Total Disbursements \$ 3,007.51

Ending Balance \$ 23,163.80

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 4,204.27

Receipts:

Interest (02/28/10)	\$ 0.26
Transfers from Checking Account	

Total Receipts \$ 0.26

Total Funds Available \$ 4,204.53

Disbursements \$ -

Ending Balance \$ 4,204.53

Prepared March 31, 2011



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report March 2011

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Balance Forwarded	\$	25.00
Deposit to Petty Cash	\$	-
Total Funds Available	\$	25.00
Disbursements:		
Total Disbursements	\$	-
Ending Balance	\$	25.00

Prepared March 31, 2011



ANC 6A FY11 Mid -Year Budget Review

EXPENTITURES SUMMARY

Expenditures	Fiscal Year Budgeted	Total Expenditures Oct. – Mar. 2011	Projected Spending Apr. – Sept. 2011
Photocopies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,609.90	\$ 1,390.10
Advertising	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,889.00	\$ 611.00
Minutes & Agenda Services	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 2,530.00
Other Contracted Services ¹	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 237.15	\$ 1,762.85
Post Office Box & Postage	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00
Grants	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,417.00	\$ 12,583.00
Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
ANC Security Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Amer. Sign Language Interpreter	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00
ANC Flyer	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 700.00
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 31,175.00	\$ 10,698.05	\$ 20,476.95

1/ ANC Business Cards

FUNDING SUMMARY

Total Funds Available as of March 31, 2011	\$ 27,368.07
Checking Balance as of 03/31/11	\$ 23,163.80
Savings Balance as of 03/31/11	\$ 4,204.27
Projected District Allotments for Remainder of Fiscal Year	\$ 19,341.00
Projected Funds Available for Remainder of Fiscal Year	\$ 46,709.07
Projected Spending Apr.–Sept. 2011	\$ 20,476.95
Projected Fiscal Year Ending Balance	\$ 26,232.12



Committee Reports
Community Outreach Committee (COC)



ANC6A Community Outreach Committee
Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE

NO REPORT



Committee Reports

Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee Meeting ANC 6A March 15, 2011

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm EST on March 15, 2011 at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th Street, NE Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Adam Healy, Chair (Commissioner, 6A01) and Katy Thomas

Committee Members Absent: Michael Herman and Anne Marie Koshuta

Commissioners Present: None

Community Members Present: Coralie Farlee, Mark Busby

Call to Order

Mr. Healy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm EST and Ms. Thomas recorded the minutes as meeting secretary. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business without a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

After review and discussion, Mr. Healy asked for acceptance of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the committee minutes from the February 15, 2011 meeting will be approved at a later date when a quorum is present.

II. Community Comment

Mr. Healy invited present community members to introduce themselves.

III. Review of ANC6A Actions re: ABL Recommendations

Mr. Healy provided a review of the recent ANC6A meeting relative to the following issues:

1. Resignation of Jaki Downs from the ABL was accepted by the ANC
2. Participation of ABRA and ABC Board at the previous ANC meeting

Discussion held

IV. New Business

Mr. Healy drafted a letter to Mr. Charles Brodsky, Chairman of the ABC Board relative to criteria for the ABC Board to use when considering what constitutes a substantial change to an existing ABRA license. Discussion held. Since there wasn't a quorum present, the letter will be considered at the next ABL Committee meeting.

V. Old Business

None

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm EST. The next committee meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)
March 21, 2011

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:11 pm (experienced some difficulty with the room reservation)
- II. Introductions - Community residents Sondra Phillips-Gilbert and Margaret Holwill; valet parking operator Efreem Techbel; Committee members DeLania Hardy, Sean Lovitt, Marlon Smoker and Omar Mahmud (Chair); ANC 6A Commission Chair David Holmes and Commissioners Andrew Hysell, Gladys Mack and Drew Ronneberg.
- III. Community Comment - None
- IV. New Business
 - A. Review of Valet Parking Application for Biergarten Haus at 1355 H Street NE
 - i. Mr. Mahmud introduced Mr. Techbel and thanked him for attending the meeting to review his pending valet parking application.
 - ii. Mr. Techbel informed the committee his parking lot at 1410 H Street NE has seven dedicated parking spots (with room for 14 parked cars by use of a parking attendant to park and remove cars), with entrances on the front side of the property on H Street and the backside of the property on Florida Avenue.
 - iii. Mr. Techbel is currently operating with a temporary valet parking permit.
 - iv. Mr. Mahmud went over the application requirements outlined in the DC Municipal Regulations (DCMR) and asked Mr. Techbel to address each requirement.
 - v. Mr. Techbel did not have the valet parking plan required by the DCMR, but orally described to the committee how valet parking operations will take place:
 1. Cars being dropped off in front of Biergarten Haus will be driven by the parking attendant east on H Street, make a sharp left turn on to Florida Avenue, then make a left into the backside of the parking lot from Florida Avenue.
 - vi. Mr. Techbel agreed to provide Mr. Mahmud with a valet parking plan.
 - vii. Mr. Techbel has yet to notify adjacent property owners per the DCMR requirements, but he plans to do so and will provide Mr. Mahmud with an update.
 - viii. Comments and questions for Mr. Techbel from those in attendance:
 1. Commissioner Hysell asked if Mr. Techbel has to pay the city for use of two street parking spots on H Street for valet parking drop off and pick up. Mr. Techbel indicated the city will charge him for the use of these two street parking spots.
 2. Commissioner Ronneberg raised a concern about the operation's ability to fit 14 cars in the parking lot between H Street and Florida Avenue. Mr. Mahmud similarly raised a concern about the ability to fit so many cars in the lot and move them safely without moving dangerously about adjacent sidewalks and roadways. Mr. Mahmud asked that the valet parking plan address how parking and moving 14 cars about the lot can be done safely. Mr. Techbel indicated the lot has yet to fill so moving cars about a full lot hasn't been a concern so far. Mr. Mahmud asked that he still address this concern in the plan should this be an issue in the future.



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3. Commissioner Ronneberg expressed a concern about the operation using two street parking spots for its valet staging area, but withdrew the concern after Mr. Mahmud pointed out that two street parking spots will be necessary to pull a car in to the valet staging zone safely without needing to parallel park.
 4. Ms. Holwill indicated she has found the valet parking service helpful thus far and asked whether it is only for use by Biergarten Haus patrons. Mr. Techbel confirmed the service is only for Biergarten Haus patrons.
 5. Commission Chair Holmes expressed additional doubt about the operator's parking lot being able to fit 14 cars. Mr. Techbel again indicated he doesn't think the lot will ever fill up given there are typically two waves of customers (early evening and late evening).
- ix. Mr. Mahmud summed up the discussion and reaffirmed for Mr. Techbel that he should get Mr. Mahmud a copy of the valet parking plan and notification to adjacent property owners required by the DCMR. Mr. Techbel agreed to provide these items.
 - x. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the Committee recommend the ANC send a letter of support for the Biergarten Haus valet parking operator's application provided the operator first provide (1) an acceptable valet parking plan and (2) proof of notification of the application to adjacent property owners, as required by the DCMR. Mr. Lovitt seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***
- B. Review of Valet Parking Application for Atlas Performing Arts Center at 1333 H St. NE
- i. This item was removed from the agenda per Commission Chair David Holmes.
- C. Discuss 2011 Committee Proposals
- i. The committee discussed taking on the following tasks:
 1. Requesting that DPW better enforce no parking restrictions, particularly parking on sidewalks in our ANC. Ms. Holwill expressed concern that no parking signage is unclear since it's constantly changing due to construction. Commissioner Mack indicated she is in favor of increasing the maximum fine for parking on sidewalks to \$300 per offense. Commissioner Ronneberg indicated the committee should ask Councilmember Wells for assistance in getting someone from DPW assigned to help us resolve enforcement issues. Commission Chair Holmes informed the committee that Linda Grant is the ANC coordinator for DPW. Mr. Mahmud agreed to contact Ms. Grant about how to address enforcement issues and possibly get DPW to attend a future meeting.
 2. Commissioner Ronneberg indicated he wants to ensure there is a well-defined pedestrian crosswalk for 10th Street and Maryland Avenue in the upcoming DDOT Maryland Avenue study.
 3. Commission Chair Holmes asked about getting information related to public space usage requests on the ANC website so that it can easily be accessed by business owners and residents. He would like to model this on the new construction guidance provided by the ANC's Economic Development and Zoning Committee. Commissioner Ronneberg agreed to send this guidance to Mr. Mahmud so he could use it as guidance.



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4. Ms. Holwill asked how the ANC can better address the graffiti removal problem. Commissioner Ronneberg indicated it is also the property owner's responsibility to remove graffiti on buildings. Commission Chair Holmes informed the committee there is a problem with new gang graffiti in the east end of the ANC. Mr. Holmes thinks it may be helpful to invite the District agency responsible for addressing graffiti problems to a future meeting.

V. Additional Community Comment - None

VI. Adjourn meeting at 8:08 pm.



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MINUTES

ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee
Wednesday March 16, 2011, 7-9:00 PM
Sherwood Recreation Center (640 10th St, NE)
2nd Floor Community Room

Attendees

Commissioners: Drew Ronneberg (Chair), David Holmes, Nick Alberti

Committee Members: Jeff Fletcher, Barbara Halleck, Charmaine Josiah, Dan Golden, Sharee Lawler, Phil Toomajian

Call to order

Status Reports

1. Resolution of previously heard BZA/HPRB cases
2. Vacant Properties (Dan Golden/Phil Toomajian):
DCRA released its vacant/blighted/exempt lists for Spring 2011. If you are aware of any vacant or blighted properties let us know. ANC commissioners have been asked to survey the list for any discrepancies within their single member districts. The list is available online at [this location](#) and a document containing all the listed properties within ANC6A follows.
3. Zoning Regulations Rewrite (Drew Ronneberg):
No update.
4. H Street Business Liaison Report (Charmaine Josiah/Sharee Lawler)
Met with the representative of the fashion chamber of commerce who had applied for a grant for incubator space for designers. We are looking into the status of the grant, hoping that this will help make the properties more accessible to retail.

7:20 Old Business - None

7:20 New Business

1. BZA #18202 (808 9th St. NE). The owner is seeking a special exception to allow a two story rear addition with roof deck to an existing one-family row dwelling under section 223, not meeting the court (section 406) requirements in the R-4 District.

Jennifer Flower of Fowler Architects represented the owner of this property. The property is non-conforming in that the "court" (dogleg) is only 4' wide. The 4' wide "court" is the reason this special exception is needed. The property is 18' wide.

The addition will keep the dogleg rather than fill it in, maintaining the light and air between 808 9th St. NE and the adjacent property.

Motion: Move that ANC6A write a letter in support of this case. Passed 5/0.

2. BZA #18203 (1329 N. Carolina Ave. NE). The owner is seeking a special exception permit for a child development center (24 children with nine (9) infants from zero (0) to twenty-four (24) months old and fifteen (15) children from two (2) to twelve (12) years old and eight (8) staff under section 205) in the R-4 District.

Owners Sergio and Ximena Cespedes presented their case to the committee.



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Mrs. Cespedes has been doing day care for seven children at 1329 North Carolina Ave. NE for some time, including their own four children. They would like to convert the home to a full-time day care center and move to another location as their family has outgrown this residence. Mr. Cespedes relayed that he spent a substantial sum remodeling the house and doesn't want to impact anyone's property value.

The day care center is really intended to support a total of eighteen children even though the application calls for 24 children. They don't intend to make any change to the overall look of the residence. They elected to apply for a 24-child permit on the advice of the permitting office.

Number of Children

They expect to have 10 children ages 2 and up and 8 infants. The infants will be cared for in the basement. A total of 8 staff will support the care of the 15 children. As a matter of right, they can have up to 16 children; to exceed that number requires a special exception.

Traffic and Drop-off Parking

The center will provide a valet service and they have already talked to parents. Anyone dropping children off will pull up by the house and one of the staff will retrieve the children; alternatively, parents have been asked to walk to drop their children off. Usually there are spaces available nearby for parents to use, especially on A Street. They had talked to DOT about having a drop zone but they were told that it is not necessary because the parking regulations allow anyone to park for up to 2 hours. They will also ask parents to sign a contract requiring that they not double-park.

Residents' comments:

1. The street is now completely full now that Constitution is 2-way and having parents circle to find parking or waiting for valet would add to the congestion.
2. Going forward, we don't see how the use of public transportation or walking to the center could be enforced—the community would have no recourse.
3. The church at 13th and N. Carolina has summer camp that also causes parking issues. This would add to that.
4. Neighbors have seen parents parking in the opposite direction in order to pick up their children.
5. There is more traffic during the day than people realize.

Staff Parking

Mr. Cespedes: There are three spaces behind the house that can be used for staff parking. Only one or two drive currently and others use public transportation. Mrs. Cespedes emphasized their request to the staff that they not park on the street and that they should use public transportation to get to work.

Residents' Comments:

1. Nick Alberti reminded the Cespedes' that now that if the address becomes a commercial space the parking rules change. Cars cannot pull in behind each other in the configuration that would allow for 3 cars to park behind the house. In addition, space for commercial waste would be required.
2. There will be a substantial amount of waste with that many infants and small children—each child uses 8-10 diapers per day.
3. Going forward, we don't see how the use of public transportation or walking to the center could be enforced—the community would have no recourse.



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Hours of operation

Hours of operation would be somewhat flexible from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., no later.

Access

They would install a ramp in the back for handicapped access. However, it was pointed out that this access would not be available due to the parking requirement in the back of the building.

Noise

Residents' comments

1. Noise is already a concern. Neighbors who work from home can hear the noise next door. They cannot work with the noise.
2. What about weekends?

Fence

A wrought iron fence similar to those on neighboring property would be added as a safety feature for any children in the front yard.

Residents' Comments:

If you have a fence, it most likely will have to be different than the wrought iron fences at the neighbors; it will have to be higher and no spaces for the safety of the children. Mr. Cespedes believes their planned fence would be sufficient.

Zoning

The address would not be zoned commercial but would stay residential. Another day care center could go into the space at a later time but not another/different business.

The special exception is good for three years. The business owner would have to reapply in 3 years.

The Committee was asked to consider the conditions for special exceptions:

1. Meet code/licensing requirements
2. Located and designed not to cause unsafe traffic conditions
3. Sufficient off-street parking
4. No objectionable impact such as noise, including on-side play areas
5. Measures to mitigate the impact of noise and other objectionable conditions on neighboring properties
6. No endangerment of children when accessing offsite play area.
7. No more than one other child care center within 1000 feet unless permitted by the BZA

Committee Comments

1. The additional traffic and likely double-parking is not acceptable.
2. Cyclists will also be impacted by the additional cars, potential double parking on bike lanes.
3. 18 children will undoubtedly create noise that would negatively impact the neighbors.
4. Several of the residents are concerned about lowering home values due to the child care center nearby. In addition, having the place empty on the weekends was a concern of some residents.



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5. Putting a commercial business in the middle of a residential area is a bad idea that will set a precedent for others to attempt to convert their homes to businesses.

Motion: Move that ANC6A oppose the application for special exception to establish a child development center at 1329 North Carolina Ave. NE as the application does not meet the requirements for a special exception for the reasons below:

1. Increase in traffic and dangerous conditions for cyclists and children being dropped off at the center
2. Insufficient on-site parking
3. Noise and other conditions not mitigated
4. Travel to main play area at Lincoln Park is unsafe
5. The property has effectively been turned into a commercial use.

Motion passed 7/0.

3. At the March 10th ANC meeting, the Commission referred discussion about the issuing of building permits for 138 12th St. NE (AppleTree) to the ED&Z committee. Some Commissioners are concerned that the Zoning Administrator issued the permits in error because the zoning regulations only allow building permits to be valid for 2 years and it has been 3 years since the building permits were originally issued.

The ANC6A ED&Z Committee invited DCRA to this meeting to discuss/explain the events surrounding the issuance of building permits for the AppleTree school. However, as there may be pending litigation, DCRA declined to attend.

From the perspective of the ED&Z Committee, it appears that there are irregularities with the permits.

Motion: Recommend that ANC6A proceed to appeal the revocation of the revocation (or the most recent administrative action which was reinstatement of the permit that was already revoked). Passed 8/0/1 abstention.



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Mr. Clifford Moy
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustments
Office of Zoning
441 4th St NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Case 18203 (1329 N. Carolina Ave NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on April 14, 2011, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the request for a special exception to permit a child development center (24 children with nine (9) infants from zero (0) to twenty-four (24) months old and fifteen (15) children from two (2) to twelve (12) years old and eight (8) staff under section 205, in the R-4 District.

The Commission notes that at the March 16th, 2011 meeting the ANC's Economic Development and Zoning Committee, the applicant stated that their application would be amended to reduce the request to 18 children.

The Commission opposes this application because it does not meet the tests for the special exception. Specifically, it does not meet the following requirements:

205.2 The center of facility shall be capable of meeting all applicable code and licensing requirements.

The applicant will be unable to provide the required outdoor play area. The applicant proposes to use the small front yard as the play area (the applicant has committed all available space in the rear yard to parking). Title 29 Ch 367 of the DCMR requires that the front play area be surrounded by a fence and gate that is a minimum four feet and one-half feet (4.5 ft) tall and requires that the fence be designed to discourage climbing. The applicant is unable to meet this requirement since the property lies within the Capitol Hill Historic District which limits front yard fence heights to three and one-half (3.5) feet tall and requires fences with an open design. Additionally, the applicant is required to install a ramp for handicap access to front the entrance. There is insufficient space in the front yard to accommodate both the play area and a handicap entrance ramp.

205.3 The center or facility shall be located and designed to create no objectionable traffic condition and no unsafe condition for picking up and dropping off persons in attendance.

The proposed child development center will be located on a heavily trafficked street; the 1300 block of N. Carolina Ave., which is a major commuter thoroughfare. Westbound traffic is routinely backup the entire length of the block from 7 am to 9 am. There are few available on street parking spaces with a block of the facility during the peak hours of drop off and pick up. As a result, the Commission believes that most of the center's clients will double park on N. Carolina Ave. to drop-off and pick up their children, which will create objectionable traffic conditions and unsafe conditions for their children.



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205.4 The center or facility shall provide sufficient off-street parking spaces to meet the reasonable needs of teachers, other employees, and visitors

Although the plans show three parking spots, they are not legal spaces because the parking is stacked and does not meet the required dimensions. The ANC believes that there is only one legal parking spot at the rear of the structure while Section 2101 of the Zoning regulations requires two parking spaces. Additionally, all of the on street parking within one mile of the facility is restricted to two hour parking for non-residents or is metered parking.

205.5 The center or facility, including any outdoor play space provided, shall be located and designed so that there will be no objectionable impacts on adjacent or nearby properties due to noise, activity, visual, or other objectionable conditions.

The applicant proposes to use the play area at Lincoln Park, but access to that play area requires crossing major streets. The Commission believes that the front yard will be heavily used as a play area but the applicant has not addressed how noise and visual impacts would be minimized. In addition, the proposed center shares party walls with two neighboring properties. Yet, the applicant has not proposed soundproofing or other means of reducing the elevated levels of noise that the center will produce. In addition, the applicants have not appropriately addressed how they will dispose of the large volume of waste including diapers that the Center will produce.

205.7 Any off-site play area shall be located so as not to result in endangerment to the individuals in attendance at center or facility in traveling between the play area and the center or facility itself.

Accessing the play area at Lincoln Park will require crossing North Carolina Ave or East Capitol Street which are both heavily trafficked during commutes. The Commission believes that these conditions will endanger the Center's children.

205.8 The Board may approve more than one (1) child/elderly development center or adult day treatment facility in a square or within one thousand feet (1,000 ft.) of another child/elderly development center or adult day treatment facility only when the Board finds that the cumulative effect of these facilities will not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood due to traffic, noise, operations, or other similar factors.

There is another child development center within 1000 feet of the proposed center, located at the Lincoln Park United Methodist Church – 1301 N. Carolina Ave NE. Because the applicant incorrectly stated that they were the only center, they failed to address the cumulative effect of the centers in the application.

In addition to the reasons cited above, the Commission is concerned that the applicant no longer plans to reside at the property – in effect converting it to commercial use. The Commission believes that the original intent of permitting Child Development Centers in residential zones was to allow for day care to be located in a primary residence rather than permitting a fully commercial use in a residential zone.



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Please be advised that Nick Alberti, David Holmes and Dan Golden are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposed of this case. Commissioner Alberti can be reached by phone at 202 329-1193 or by email at alberti6a04@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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Mr. Clifford Moy
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RE: BZA Case 18202 (808 9th St. NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on April 14, 2011, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a special exception in the above referenced case to allow a two story rear addition with roof deck to an existing one-family row dwelling.

The Commission notes that the applicant presented letters of support from the abutting properties at the ANC's March 16th Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting. In addition, the Commission believes that extending the existing dogleg will provide greater light, air and privacy to the abutting property than would an addition that filled in the dogleg as a matter of right.

Please be advised that Terres (Drew) Ronneberg and Dan Golden are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposed of this case. Dr. Ronneberg can be reached at ronneberg6a02@gmail.com or (202) 431-4305.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



New Business



Mayor Vincent Gray
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 316
Washington, DC 20004

RE: ANC 6A Support for the H Street Festival and Request to Waive the Signature Requirement

Dear Sir:

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on April 14, 2011, which was properly noticed and with a quorum present, the Commission voted 0-0-0, both to support the 2011 H Street Festival and to ask that signature requirement be waived for the Festival, scheduled to take place September 17, 2011. This will allow the Festival to move forward without delay.

The H Street Festival is an annual street festival designed to showcase the unique and vibrant qualities of the entire H Street NE corridor. It was attended by over 35,000 people last year. It showcases the renovation of the streetscape and the rebirth of H Street as an exciting place to live, work, and seek entertainment, art galleries, and excellent food.

This festival is not only a mainstay and an established community event for residents and businesses, but also provides economic stimulus for many of its businesses which in years past have experienced their best gross receipts for the entire year on the day of the H Street Festival. It is for this reason, along with the fact that there have been many challenges experienced by local businesses and patrons due to the construction along the corridor making it very difficult to gather the manpower normally used to collect signatures, that the ANC voted unanimously to request that a waiver of the signature requirement for the H Street Festival be granted. We believe that this event will spur economic growth, and that it is within the public good for the H Street Festival to proceed without delay.

The signature requirement was waived for last year's event.

Sincerely yours,

David Holmes
Chair

cc: Allen Y. Lew, City Administrator
Tommy Wells, Councilmember, Ward 6