



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Agenda for June 11, 2009



- 7:00 pm Call to order, Adopt Agenda and Approve previous meeting's minutes.
- 7:05 Community Comments (2 minutes each)
- 7:05 Community Presentation - Urban Forestry Administration mission and how it works in the city. Simoun Banua, Lead Arborist. (15 minutes)
- 7:20 Officer Reports:
- Chair (2 minutes)
  - Vice-Chair (2 minutes)
  - Secretary (2 minutes)
  - Treasurer (2 minutes)
    1. Approve treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements.
    2. Report for the 2nd Quarter of FY09
    3. Approve monthly photocopying expenses.
- 7:30 Single Member District reports (2 minutes each)
- Standing Committee Reports:
- 7:45 Alcohol Beverage Licensing (pg. 18)
1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A not protest The Star & The Shamrock (1341 H Street NE) CT license application pending a signed VA in advance of the petition date.
  2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A not protest New York Liquors (1447 Maryland Avenue NE) Class A license application pending a signed VA in advance of the petition date.
  3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A not protest Family Liquors (710 H Street NE) Class A license application pending a signed VA in advance of the petition date.
  4. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A not protest Jumbo Liquors (1122 H Street NE) Class A license application pending a signed VA in advance of the petition date.
  5. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A not protest Master Liquors (1806 D Street NE) Class A license application pending a signed VA in advance of the petition date.
  6. Approve committee report.
  7. Next meeting - 7:00 p.m., June 16, 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
- 7:55 Economic Development and Zoning (pg. 20)
1. **Recommendation:** ANC6A support the applicant's request for HPRB approval of their plans for a 2-story addition to rear of their property at 217 10th St NE.
  2. **Recommendation:** ANC6A oppose the current design of 1400 Maryland Ave (BZA #17825) and authorize Commissioner Schultheiss to represent the ANC in this case before the BZA act and act as the ANC's agent to negotiate with the DAG Petroleum to resolve the remaining issues.



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3. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter to Linda Argo asking that electronic copies of approved building permits be distributed to ANCs at their request.
4. **Recommendation:** ANC6A request that HPRB designate the buildings at the NW and NE corner of H and 8th Streets NE as historic landmarks.
5. Approve committee report.
6. Next meeting - cancelled for June.

8:05 **Community Outreach** (pg. 24)

1. **Request:** ANC 6A commissioners provide their comments on ANC6A meeting agenda distribution proposal prior to the next COC meeting (June 15). In particular, commissioners who wish to have the agenda available at locations other than those listed are asked to identify those locations.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A commissioners provide a count of how many copies of the ANC6A meeting agenda they would want for their SMDs prior to the June 15 COC meeting so that the COC can finalize complete the proposal, including an accurate cost estimate.
3. Approve committee report.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 p.m., June 15, 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

8:15 **Transportation and Public Space Committee** (pg. 27)

1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter supporting the proposed Ward 6 Enhanced Residential Parking Zone legislation and requesting additional clarification on the visitor pass program, including an explanation for how it differs from the current process for obtaining visitor passes.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter suggesting revisions to the proposed valet parking regulations which would require permit applicants provide 30 days notice of the application to the effected ANC and the DDOT Public Space Committee to consider ANC input when reviewing permit applications.
3. Approve committee report.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 p.m., June 15, 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

8:25 **Public Safety Committee** (pg. 31)

1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A become engaged in a supply and volunteer drive for Rosedale Recreation Center.
2. Approve committee report.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 p.m., June 18, 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). Note change in location.

8:35 **Unfinished Business**

8:40 **New Business** (pg. 33)

Turning the Page - donation of books to the Rosedale Civic Association's youth library (Robinson)

8:45 **Community Comments II**, time permitting (2 minutes each)



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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Miner Elementary School**

### **Minutes**

May 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioners Alberti, Beatty, Fengler, Holmes, Mack, Marshall, Robinson and Schultheiss

#### **1. Approval of agenda**

Ms. Beatty asked to add a discussion of Capitol Liquors to the ABL Committee report. Mr. Holmes requested that a discussion of ANC representation at the HPRB hearing on Mead's Row (1305-1311 H Street NE) be added to New Business The agenda, as amended, was approved without objection.

#### **2. Minutes**

Mr. Holmes noted that Mr. Alberti's motion that the ANC give its support to the group to be a "park partner" did not receive a second, and that Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC give its support to RCA/RVI to be a "park partner". The minutes for the March meeting were approved, as amended, without objection.

#### **3. Community Comments**

Sondra Phillips Gilbert expressed concern about the process under which the Community Outreach Committee reached a decision about who the ANC is recommending to be a "park partner" for the Rosedale Recreation Center. She said that the public had been misled into thinking that DPR would only select one organization to serve in that role, and that wasn't true. She said that the Rosedale Youth Initiative (RYI) should be checked to see whether it is compliance with DPR regulations because its members may not be members of the community.

Nicothea Bower, president of the Rosedale Citizens Alliance (RCA) said they know they can't raise funds on the grounds of Rosedale, but they are just looking to be a support group.

#### **4. Community Presentation - Office of the People's Counsel**

Philip Harmon, of the Office of the People's Counsel, gave a presentation on the function of the office, which is the District's public advocate for utilities—natural gas, electricity, telecommunication. It has several functions: to present public programs to civic associations, ANCs, etc.; to handle consumer complaints with utilities; and to serve as District residents' legal representative when utilities seek changes in rates. The staff of the office is comprised of lawyers, economists and accountants. He presented folders with information on utilities and on the Office, which is an independent agency of DC government. He said the top three they deal with are billing, with hundreds of complaints, and the quality of service—with emphasis on "how do I reach a human being" questions. He mentioned, for example, that Washington Gas has sent a lot of its customer service operations overseas and it is difficult for people to get service.



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### 5. Officer Reports

#### Chair

The Chair did not have a report.

#### Vice Chair

Mr. Holmes reported that the DC Federal Teachers Credit Union (DCTFCU) Certificate of Occupancy matter (17842) has been delayed until June 9, first at his request because he had been provided with no written material and, second, at the request of DCTFCU stating that they had had an extraordinary assessment of over \$300,000 for credit union stability.

Once again, this month, he received nothing to allow him to present the matter for a vote by the ANC. He said he will continue, as the authorized representative of the ANC in this matter, to insist on the goals set forth in a motion already adopted by the Commission.

#### Secretary

The Secretary had no report.

#### Treasurer

Commissioner Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. The report shows that the opening checking account balance was \$21,179.08 and that the savings account balance was \$4,192.39. There was an interest payment to the savings account of \$1.07, leaving an opening balance of \$4,193.46 in the savings account. There were disbursements of \$240 to the United States Postal Service for post office box rental (Check #1411); \$122.40 to FedEx Office for photocopying (Check #1412), and \$4000 to EHT/Traceries for a grant to the Capitol Hill Restoration Society (Check #1413) leaving a balance of \$22,525.85 in the checking account, and \$4,193.46 in the savings account. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to approve the expenditures. The motion passed without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved /Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was approved without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Schultheiss seconded a motion to approve the Quarterly Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 09. The motion was approved without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Robinson seconded a motion that \$600 be approved for copying for ANC materials, and that up to \$60 be approved for copying for each Committee's materials and each SMD's materials for the next month. The motion was accepted without objection.

### 6. SMD Reports

**Mr. Marshall** reported that he had a well-attended SMD meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion of the proposed H Street mural that went really well, with comments by people who had lived on H Street for 50 years. The mural, he said, has come a long way since its original conception. He expressed his concern about the valet parking by Martini Lounge and the Atlas Theatre because cars are being parked on his side of the street. He said that people are putting up cones to reserve parking spaces, and he has talked with Councilmember Wells about it. He said that Damon Harvey is contacting people on H Street, and it should be resolved by the June meeting.



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**Mr. Alberti** reported on a quarterly meeting at Eastern High School to discuss the way forward on the renovations at the school, and the nature of the program they'll have when the school re-opens. He said the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders remaining at the school will be in modular units. The new 9<sup>th</sup> graders will begin in 2010.

He also reported that he has had comments from the community that the single sales corridor around C and 15<sup>th</sup> Street is noticeably quieter since the moratorium is in place.

**Mr. Schultheiss** reported that there was a sewer leak on Emerald Street and WASA responded very quickly.

**Ms. Mack** reported that she has been working on getting speed bumps in Rosedale for three years, and has had a frustrating time dealing with DDOT. She showed the long record of communications with the agency that have not been responded to.

**Mr. Robinson** reported that plans are being made at Rosedale and Sherwood Rec Centers for summer programs. He said that Turning the Page had made 100 boxes of age-appropriate books available to Rosedale. He said that there would be public safety drives at both centers for participants in their summer programs.

### 7. Committee Reports

#### ABL

##### Valet Parking on H Street

Ms. Beatty reported that the Committee viewed regulations regarding valet parking, and said that the committee had recommended that a statement be added to the standard voluntary agreement that the licensee will comply with valet parking regulations. **Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved/Mr. Robinson seconded a motion that the ANC accept the committee's recommendation to add a statement to the standard Voluntary Agreement stating that the licensee will comply with DC valet parking regulations.

Mr. Alberti said that compliance is the responsibility of the licensee. ABRA had jurisdiction in the past, but the City Council removed responsibility for enforcement from ABRA and gave it to DCRA. Ms. Beatty added that valet parkers have to be licensed. The motion passed 6-0-2, with Mr. Alberti and Mr. Holmes abstaining.

##### DC Express

DC Express, at 15<sup>th</sup> and East Capitol Streets is seeking an exemption from the single sales moratorium. Ms. Beatty reported that the committee recommended that the ANC not support the request. She said that people have seen a noticeable difference in the neighborhood since the moratorium has been in effect. **Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to oppose the granting of an exemption to the Ward 6 single sales moratorium to DC Express.

The owner reported that more than 100 people have signed a petition in favor of the exemption. He said there is a store one block away that is taking business away from him. He said that people know he's very responsible, and he has no control over people who hang out at the Chinese carryout next door.

Mr. Holmes said that the Commission relies on its committees to tell it what to do, and its judgment has to be relied on. Mr. Robinson asked how the committee considered the request, and



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he was told that it took testimony from residents, but the owner was not present. The motion passed 7-0-1, with Mr. Alberti not voting.

### Viggy's

**Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved/Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to not protest the license renewal for Viggy's at 409 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Ms. Beatty said that the ANC had protested Viggy's license in the past, but the new owner signed a Voluntary Agreement when the license was transferred, and he doesn't sell singles and follows the provisions of the VA. The motion passed 7-0-1, with Mr. Alberti abstaining.

### Capital Liquors

Ms. Beatty said that Capital Liquors has applied for an exemption to the single sales moratorium. She said they have drawn up a voluntary agreement that has a one-year limit, to see how it works, includes a ban of sales of single beer, malt beverages and ales, has a price point of \$5.99 for half pints, which should eliminate people who drink on the street. The owner has agreed to all the stipulations. She said that it is a well-run store which did not sell singles of beer before the Ward 6 moratorium. Mr. Alberti stated that the voluntary agreement has to be approved before it is signed, otherwise it had no force. Ms. Beatty explained that the owner could not agree and sign the voluntary agreement until the ANC approves the exemption because the VA is conditioned upon ANC approval of the exemption.

Mr. Holmes said he is in opposition to the committee's recommendation because it is too soon and the moratorium has not had time to work. Mr. Robinson asked how the \$5.99 price point had been determined and was told it was part of the negotiation and discussion with the owner. Mr. Holmes reminded the commission that Councilmember Alexander had specifically asked that there be no exemptions on Benning Road, directly across from Ward 7. Ms. Mack said that the store is close to Ward 7, but it's also close to Ward 5, and that we should not let other ANC's tell ours what to do. Mr. Marshall said that he is totally against softening the ban, but he tries to support the Commissioner whose SMD it is, and the Committee's recommendation. **Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved/Ms. Mack seconded a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to support an exemption from the single sales moratorium for Capital Liquors, contingent on the Applicant's signing the voluntary agreement, approved by the ANC with its provisions on a one-year limit and a \$5.99 sales price point. The motion failed 2-5-1, with Ms. Beatty and Ms. Mack in favor, and Mr. Alberti not voting.

The Committee's report was accepted without objection.

### Economic Development and Zoning

#### 1400 Maryland Avenue NE

It was reported that the owners of the proposed gas station at 1400 Maryland Avenue, NE had appeared before the committee, along with the Transportation Committee, and presented modified plans for the gas station, which, while improved, still has problems. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Schultheiss seconded a motion that the ANC accept the committees' recommendation that it oppose the current plans for 1400 Maryland Avenue NE with respect to public space and traffic flow unless the applicant addresses the following concerns before the ANC 6A meeting scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

- Encroachment on public space and loss of parking needed for fuel truck exit on 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE.
- Insufficient space to accommodate flow of traffic past the pumps.
- Insufficient space for queuing while waiting will lead to queuing on public space.



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- If built as planned, mitigation of our concerns will require annexing public space to the station to ameliorate the problems.
- Traffic exiting at Maryland Avenue will have to turn left across the median.
- If the applicant can address these concerns without incorporating public space, the Committee will ask the ANC to reconsider its recommendation. The motion passed without objection.

### Emergency Text Amendment to Zoning Regulations

Dr. Ronneberg said that currently the commercial properties at the east end of H Street are not included in the H Street Overlay, and the Office of Planning felt that the boundaries of the Overlay should not be extended while the Zoning Code Rewrite is in progress. But OP suggested it would support a map amendment that changed the current zoning to the land uses and densities shown in the Comprehensive Plan, which shows that all lots on Maryland Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and Florida Avenue which do not front H Street should be zoned residential (R-4) and that properties which front on H Street should be zoned low to moderate density commercial (C-2-A). Such a rezoning would make current commercial uses on Maryland Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Florida Avenue nonconforming in a residential zone. This means that owners could continue using the property for the current commercial use, but that if there were a change of use, the new use would have to be residential.

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to accept the committee's recommendation that the ANC propose an emergency text amendment to the Zoning Commission to rezone properties between Florida and Maryland Avenues and 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE that don't front on H Street as an R-4 zone, and properties that do front on H Street as a C-2-A zone. The motion passed without objection.

The Committee's report was accepted without objection.

### Community Outreach

#### Rosedale Recreation Center "Park Partners" Program

Elizabeth Nelson reported that the Community Outreach Committee had considered the issue of the Rosedale Citizens' Alliance (RCA) and the Rosedale Youth Initiative (RYI) serving as 'Park Partners' to the Rosedale Recreation Center for the second time, and heard from both citizens and Melissa McKnight of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Major concerns include the question of fundraising and whether just one group can be a park partner. It was made clear that the partner's organization does not have any more input into decisions about the Rec Center than any other group. Ms. Beatty expressed her concern about the ANC's role, and suggested that the ANC just stay out of it. Mr. Fengler also asked why the ANC was involved. Ms. Nelson responded that it is a new DPR procedure, and that park partners programs have to have ANC support.

Ms. Mack said that she did not get to see the proposal until seven days prior to the meeting. She also said that the ANC should not have oversight over the rebuilding of the Rec Center. Mr. Robinson said that activities listed in the application would put the ANC in the precarious position of supporting activities that are not legal, specifically fundraising on the grounds of the center. Mr. Fengler asked whether it was the question of fundraising at the Center. Mr. Robinson said it was the entire paragraph on fundraising. Ms. Nelson said that while things can't be sold at the Center, they should be able to do fundraising for programs.

Sondra Phillips Gilbert reiterated her charges that the public had been misled as to the rules under which park partners were chosen. Mr. Marshall asked whether the members of the RCA and the RYI were certified volunteers, and was told they were. Mr. Schultheiss said that fundraising was very important, and removing the fundraising plan was not necessary. He said that clarification about



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what can be done on the property and off the property would take care of it. He said that the RCA is an organization that has regularly scheduled monthly meetings, and also reiterated that the renovation of the Rec Center is within the purview of the ANC. Ms. Mack said that there can be multiple partners for the Center. She also said that she has been deeply involved in the remodeling of the Center and has served on several committees in Ward 5 and 7 as well as 6.

Mr. Marshall said he was the site manager at Sherwood Rec Center and the discussion had not focused on what's for the benefit of the kid. He said he often went into his own pocket to get things for the kids. He said that things have to change. Ms. Gilbert said there should be input from the community on what should be done, and Nicothea Bowens, the head of the RCA, said that everything was for the benefit of the children.

(Discussion was temporarily suspended to act on the H Street Mural—see below)

Mr. Robinson said that there have been a number of attempts to restart the process and bring all the groups together to see if there could be a consensus. Absent that, he said, it would be difficult to endorse one group.

Mr. Holmes said that DPR's language says that the ANC has to make a choice, and there is one applicant from a 501(c) (3) organization, the ANC has to make that choice. Mr. Alberti said that the ANC has received a lot of good information, such as that there can be more than one park partner. The Commission, he said, could have another application and consider all groups. He said he was predisposed to look favorably on any group that meets DPR requirements. Ms. Beatty said that the Pilgrim (alternative) group has applied directly to DPR as the program manager.

Michael Nelson said he is glad there are people in the community who are interested in working for the Rec Center. And a resident who lives right across the street from Rosedale said she sees the kids on the street, hanging out, waiting for the people at Rosedale to provide programs. Mr. Marshall responded that the staff is doing the best they can with the resources they have. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter of support to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the joint proposal of The Rosedale Youth Institute (RYI) and the Rosedale Citizens Alliance (RCA) to become "park partners" to the Rosedale Recreation Center. The motion passed 4-3-1, with Ms. Beatty, Ms. Mack and Mr. Robinson in opposition and Mr. Marshall abstaining.

### H Street Mural

**Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Marshall seconded a motion that the ANC accept the committee's recommendation to send a letter of support for the City Arts H Street mural project.

Mr. Marshall said there had been community meetings on the mural and it was changed and more reflective of the community. Mr. Robinson said he wanted to commend the City Arts group for its responsiveness in incorporating the views of the community. Mr. Marshall thanked them for listening. They hope to begin work on the mural in June. The motion passed without objection.

### New Committee Member

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to approve Jean Kohanek as a member of the Community Outreach Committee. The motion passed without objection.

The Committee's report was accepted without objection.





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### Transportation

Mr. Mahmoud said that the Transportation Committee had met with the Zoning and Economic Development Committee, and had no individual report.

The Committee's report was accepted without objection.

### Public Safety

(Ms. Beatty left at 9:05 p.m.)

Committee co-chair Rebecca Sibia presented two recommendations:

**Motion:** Mr. Robinson moved/Ms. Mack seconded a motion that the ANC support the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to the Director of the Roving Leaders Program to request an explanation of how staff resource allocation decisions are made, as well as to request a re-examination of need for the ANC 6A neighborhood. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Mr. Marshall abstaining.

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to accept the committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter to the Library Board in support of the construction of library space at the Rosedale Center site. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Marshall abstaining.

The Committee's report was accepted without objection.

## 8. New Business

### ANC Representation at HPRB on Mead's Row hearing

**Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Robinson seconded a motion that Mr. Holmes be authorized to represent the ANC at the HPRB hearing on the historic designation of Mead's Row (1305-1311 H Street NE). The motion passed without objection.

### Legal Representation for 1400 Maryland Avenue NE

Dr. Ronneberg said that Kirkpatrick Stockton had been assisting the ANC *pro bono* in the matter of 1400 Maryland Avenue NE. However, Rich Luna is no longer working for the firm.

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to authorize Omar Mahmud, Bill Schultheiss, Drew Ronneberg, and Rich Luna to represent the ANC in the matter of 1400 Maryland Avenue NE. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



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Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6A01  
Box 75115  
Washington, DC 20013



May 21, 2009

Mr. Gabe Klein  
District Department of Transportation  
2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Request for removal of curb cut and illegal fence at 1414 Maryland Avenue, NE

Dear Mr. Klein,

We write to request DDOT remove the curb cut and illegal fence located at 1414 Maryland Avenue, NE. Our ANC has been working hard to combat vacant property and we believe properties which have been vacant for long periods of time should lose the right to maintain curb cuts. This property has been vacant for over ten years, yet during the redesign of the H Street project, DDOT allowed the curb cut to remain. In June 2008, our ANC requested a review of all the curb cuts on the 1400 block of Maryland Avenue as there were many that existed to vacant property. All were removed except for this property – a decision made apparently because this property was well maintained as compared to the others.

Our ANC did not agree with this decision. The curb cut was reconstructed at city expense as part of the improvements to Maryland Avenue. We request that DDOT remove this curb cut. The presence of this curb cut at a vacant property has allowed motorists to drive on the sidewalk to park vehicles on the rear of their lots (fronting the 1400 block of H Street) creating a hazard to pedestrians. It has also removed two parking spaces from public use. The chain link fence is a danger to pedestrians as it overhangs the sidewalk. It is our belief that this fence is illegal both in its design and placement. We ask that DDOT work with the property owner to remove this danger or if the owner is unresponsive, for DDOT to remove the fence.

We are hopeful under your leadership that the protection of public space will be an important issue. There should be a high bar for the issuance of curb cut permits to private property. Vacant property owners should not be entitled to keeping curb cuts. This is particularly true on Capitol Hill where the majority of the “front yard” of properties is actually public space. We are anxiously awaiting your response and we are looking forward to working with you to improve our neighborhood. Please contact me or Commissioner Schultheiss with any questions.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joe Fengler  
Chair Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Omar Mahmud, Chair ANC Transportation Committee  
Commissioner Bill Schultheiss, ANC6A06



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1414 Maryland Avenue – Longstanding Vacant Property



1414 Maryland Avenue – Illegal fence protrudes into sidewalk endangering pedestrians



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May 21, 2009

Peter Feather, Chair  
Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
941 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 7200  
Washington DC 20002

Attn: Fred Moosally, Acting Director, Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration

Re: DC Express (1504 East Capitol Street, NE)

Mr. Feather:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2009, our Commission voted **not** to support an exemption to the "*Consolidated Mt. Pleasant, Ward 2 and Ward 6 Singles Sales Moratorium Act of 2008*" for East Capital Food, Inc (t/a D.C. Express).

Prior to our Commission meeting, on April 21, 2009, our Alcohol Beverage License Committee, which is chaired by Commission Mary Beatty and whose membership is comprised of ANC 6A residents, discussed the exemption and collected comments from our residents. At that committee meeting, several residents were opposed to the exception based on increased loitering and trash and others noted the close proximity to a school in their objections.

At the May Commission meeting, the applicant was present to present their reasons for an exemption. After further questions from the Commission and residents in attendance, the Commission voted to not support an exemption for East Capital Food, Inc.

For the record, the dates, times and locations for the April committee and the May Commission meetings were advertised in two local newspapers that serve Capitol Hill. Based on our public review and Commission vote, we request that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board deny the application and not issue an exemption for the single sales of liquor and sprits.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joe Fengler  
Chair Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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June 8, 2009

Ms. Ximena Harstock  
Acting Director  
DC Department of Parks and Recreation  
3149 16th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010

Ms. Harstock,

At our regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2009, our Commission voted to support the joint application of the Rosedale Youth Institute (RYI) and Rosedale Citizens Alliance (RCA) to become Park Partners to the Rosedale Recreation Center.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Melissa McKnight, Director, Office of Partnerships and Development ([Melissa.McKnight@dc.gov](mailto:Melissa.McKnight@dc.gov))



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June 8, 2009

G. Byron Peck  
Founder/Artistic Director  
City Arts  
1857 Lamont Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010

Mr. Peck,

On May 14, 2009, our Commission voted to support City Arts' proposal for the H Street, NE Community Mural at 1010 H Street, NE. The City Arts staff has worked with the Commissioners, committees, and residents over the past month to determine themes for the mural that are reflective of the H Street, NE community. We look forward to that work being reflected in the completed mural later this summer.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Councilmember Tommy Wells



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June 8, 2009

Mr. John W. Hill  
President  
District of Columbia Board of Library Trustees  
901 G Street NW  
Washington DC 20001

Mr. Hill:

At our regularly scheduled, public meeting on April 9, 2009, and with a quorum present, our Commission voted to request that the Board of Library Trustees support the construction of a library and library services as an integral part of the new Rosedale Community Center.

As you may know, the Rosedale Recreation Center is slated for a comprehensive modernization, which will raze the existing structure and build a state-of-the-art community center for residents. The inclusion of a public library on the grounds of the new social center will unify positive community engagement for our neighbors and serve to further unite the Rosedale community. Our neighborhood is being disproportionately affected by the potential closure of two neighborhood kiosks - R.L. Christian and Langston. In December, 2008, when responding to neighborhood concerns about these closures, the DC Public Library announced that they were considering the replacement of services through a possible co-location on the site of the Rosedale Recreation Center.

It is our understanding that the DC Public Library has not yet committed to exploring this option with officials from the Department of Parks and Recreation, who are swiftly moving toward final site design of the Recreation Center. We further understand from library staff that there is a requirement of only approximately 3,000 square feet of additional space beyond that planned for the Recreation Center in order to accommodate a robust library offering for our citizens. We believe that there is ample room on the Rosedale grounds and urge the Public Library to commit to joint planning with the Department of Parks and Recreation as soon as possible.

Please let me know if there is any information or action by the ANC that may assist your agency in fulfilling its commitment to include library services at this important community site.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Mayor Adrian Fenty  
Ms. Ginnie Cooper, Chief Librarian  
Councilmember Tommy Wells



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3149 16th Street NW  
Washington DC 20010

Dear Dr. Hartsock:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Acting Director for the DC Department of Recreation (DPR). The Advisory Neighborhood Commission looks forward to working closely with you as DPR continues to provide services for residents of all ages within our community.

We recognize that, as part of your new leadership, you will begin to examine programs within the Department of Parks and Recreation to determine internal resource reallocation, program expansions, and the like. We hope that as part of your examination, you consider with great weight expanding the Roving Leaders program.

The ANC recently spoke with program leadership about the opportunities associated with this program, particularly within our ANC. At the current time, we have two Roving Leaders who are providing juvenile outreach and crime prevention activities aimed at the most "at-risk" children and young adults in our neighborhood. The ANC would like to commend these individuals for the work that they are doing with our youth, but feel as if additional resources would assist in the overall reach of the program.

As you may be aware, our ANC, like other neighborhoods in Ward 6, is still plagued by juvenile crime, and has a high rate of gang activity. There are at least two active gangs in our ANC, and the neighborhood, despite vigilant policing strategy, still feels the effect of youth violence. We strongly believe that programs like the Roving Leaders can assist our community in turning the tide of juvenile crime by providing alternative and productive activities for our youth and identifying and working with young adults at risk and exposed to criminal activity. We hope that, in considering reallocation of resources, the agency consider doubling the number of Roving Leaders working in our ANC.

Please let me know if there is any information or action by the ANC that may assist your agency in fulfilling this promise.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Mayor Adrian Fenty  
Councilmember Tommy Wells





# Officer Reports



## ANC 6A Treasurer's Report May 2009

Period Covered:	05/01/09	-	05/31/09
<b>Checking Account:</b>			
Balance Forwarded		\$	22,525.85
<b>Receipts:</b>			
District Allotments (2nd Quarter FY09)		\$	6,019.50
Transfers from Saving Account		\$	-
Total Receipts		\$	6,019.50
Total Funds Available		\$	28,545.35
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Maury Elementary School PTSA (Grant)	Ck #1414	\$	550.00
Roberta Weiner (Mar. & Apr. '09 Minutes)	Ck #1415	\$	224.00
SABRA, WANG & Associates (Traffic Study)	Ck #1416	\$	1,500.00
Heather Schoell (Apr. & May '09 Agenda)	Ck #1417	\$	400.00
FedEx Office ( Apr. '09 Statement)	Ck #1418	\$	157.15
Total Disbursements		\$	2,831.15
Ending Balance		\$	25,714.20
<b>Savings Account:</b>			
Balance Forwarded		\$	4,193.46
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Interest (04/30/09)		\$	1.03
Transfers from Checking Account		\$	-
Total Receipts		\$	1.03
Total Funds Available		\$	4,194.49
Disbursements		\$	-
Ending Balance		\$	4,194.49

## ANC 6A Treasurer's Report May 2009

### PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Period Covered 05/01/09 - 05/31/09

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



## Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee



### ANC 6A ABL Committee April 21, 2009 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm.

Committee members present: Kelvin Robinson (ANC6A08 Commissioner, standing in as chair in Mary Beatty's absence), Derrick Figures, Tish Olshefski, Richard Sundberg

Committee members absent: Jeremy Marcus; Michael Herman, Mary Kosinski

Commissioner: Rafael Marshall (ANC6A0)

Community: Coralie Farlee (ANC6D ABC Chair); James Keo (Viggy's); Joseph Woo (Capitol Liquors); Mike Menard (Star & Shamrock); Mike Shuster (Star & Shamrock); G. Chu (Jumbo Liquors); James P. Briley (Master Liquors); Wanda Harris; Varinder Dutt

#### I. Housekeeping

- a. **Agenda** – Motion to accept agenda. No objections. Motion to accept minutes of last meeting. No objections.

#### II. Community Comment. None

#### III. Discussion/Updates

##### a. ANC Recommendations

- i. **Valet Parking Clause in VA** – ANC accepted the recommendation of the committee.
- ii. **DC Express Exemption** – ANC accepted the recommendation.
- iii. **Viggy's License Renewal** – ANC accepted the recommendation.
- iv. **Capitol Liquors Exemption Recommendation/VA** – ANC rejected that recommendation.

#### IV. New Business

- a. **Application – The Star & The Shamrock (1341 H Street NE)** – CT license. The establishment will be serving food but doesn't have a specific menu as of yet. Owners live in 6B. They have been working on the place for three months. Will seat 80 inside with about 10 to 15 seat outside within the legal limits for outdoor seating. Tables, bar service all with food served. Full bar, bottled beer, wine and a full menu. (Owners also own Pourhouse, 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment & Trusty's.) Entertainment planned but won't be there at the start--want the ability to have live acoustics, potentially a DJ on certain nights of the week. Hours: application is for full hours 8am to legal closing M-S and 10 am to legal closing in Sunday (2 am). Don't intend to be open those hours at the start. Planning to open in September. Q: Outside tables close to street and what about noise? A: within limits and no speakers out front. Q: Willing to negotiate a VA? A: Not yet negotiated a VA and intends to do so before the petition date. Q: Will there be trash cans outside the establishment. A: No. Q. Will any business be carryout? A: Can't say since new to the neighborhood. After discussion and other comments, noted that the VA may need to address removal of trash at the late hours (clanking bottles, etc.).



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- i. Tish Olshefski moves that we recommend to the ANC that we not protest this application pending a signed VA in advance of the petition date. Seconded by Derrick Figures. Unanimous.

### b. Renewals

- i. **New York Liquors (1447 Maryland Avenue NE)**. Do not currently have a VA but will be willing to sign one. Comments about trash.  
**Chair moves that we recommend to the ANC that we not protest this application pending a signed VA in advance of the petition date. Seconded by Richard Sundberg. Unanimous.**
- ii. **Family Liquors (710 H Street NE)** – no one present and no VA. AFTER RECONVENING: Mr. Jerome Bailey: Open at this location for 80 years, for past 15 years and have tried to forge a relationship with the community. Has concerns about the construction. Q: Are you willing to sign a VA with the ANC? A: Asks to view the VA. Community: in one person's view he is compliance.  
**Chair moves that we recommend to the ANC that we not protest this application pending negotiation and signed of a signed VA in advance of the petition date. Seconded by Derrick Figures. Unanimous.**
- iii. **Jumbo Liquors (1122 H Street NE)** – Q: why is there no VA with the ANC. Owner states they have a VA. Comment: drunk people in the area, not sure there is monitoring. A: Have no loitering signs and they call police if people are drunk, they also don't sell to anyone who appears drunk.  
**Chair moves that we recommend to the ANC that we not protest this application for renewal pending verification of a VA on file. Seconded by Tish Olshefski. Unanimous.**
- iv. **Master Liquors (1806 D Street NE)** – owners present and confirm they do not currently have a VA. Word is that your value goes down when you sign a VA. They are willing to discuss a VA. Comments from the audience reminding us that they would be part of the recognition program.  
**Chair moves that we recommend to the ANC that we not protest this application for renewal pending a signed VA in advance of the petition date. Seconded by Derrick Figures. Unanimous.**

- V. **Adjourn.** Move to adjourn 7:40 pm and then reconvened to consider Family Liquors. Readjourned at 8:52. Next meeting: June 16, 2009



## Economic Development & Zoning Committee



### REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING COMMITTEE OF ANC 6A May 20th, 2009

Present: Resident Members: Drew Ronneberg, Jeff Fletcher, Cody Rice, Jonathan Schradar  
Commissioners: David Holmes, Kelvin Robinson, Nick Alberti

**\*\*Meeting was conducted without a quorum of voting members\*\***

Drew Ronneberg chaired the meeting.

#### Community Comments

Cody Rice informed the committee that a cooperative of Hill residents had organized to purchase solar panels for their homes had reduced rates. The website of the cooperative is: <http://capitolhillenergycoop.googlepages.com/>

#### Status Reports

**1400 Maryland Ave (Proposed Gas Station):** Drew Ronneberg reported that the case was not on the May 28<sup>th</sup> Public Space Committee Agenda and would likely be on the June agenda.

**H Street Survey:** Drew Ronneberg reported that he had seen Traceries employees en route to starting the survey of H Street buildings.

**Zoning Code Rewrite:** Cody Rice reported that the OP would be presenting the results from the Sustainability Working Group to the Zoning Commission on Thurs. May 22.

**Vacant Properties:** No Activity

**1305-1311 H St NE:** David Holmes reported that the Historic Preservation Review Board would be considering this nomination at their May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### HPA 09-XXX (217 10<sup>th</sup> St NE)

Michael and Jennifer Soderman presented plans to construct a 10.5 foot 2 story addition to the rear of their property. The addition would not exceed the matter-of-right 60% lot occupancy. In addition, the structures on the neighboring properties (215 10<sup>th</sup> St NE and 221 10<sup>th</sup> St NE) would project further back than the proposed addition at 217 10<sup>th</sup> St NE. Finally, the Soderman's presented letters of support from the owners of both abutting properties.

**Recommendation:** The committee unanimously recommends that the ANC support the applicant's request for HPRB approval of their plans for a 2-story addition to rear of their property.

#### 1400 Maryland Ave - BZA #17825

Drew Ronneberg reported that he had contact Mr. Aguglia, the lawyer for DAG Petroleum, to see if the owners still intended on making changes to their plans discussed at the April ED&Z meeting. Mr. Aguglia replied that his client was willing to construct a structure with a brick façade and have install windows on the east end of the building and install a security camera to allow the attendant to observe the east end of the property. In addition, the sign for advertising the price of gas would be 16 feet high and located on private property. Finally,



Mr. Aguglia felt that the exiting of the gas tanker onto 14<sup>th</sup> St would not eliminate additional parking spaces.

Drew Ronneberg reported that Mr. Rich Luna was no longer working at Kilpatrick Stockton and that his excellent representation would be sorely missed on this case.

Ms. Edwige Stephen of the 14<sup>th</sup> Place Block Association spoke against the developer's plans and urged the ANC not to support the proposed gas station.

Members of the committee felt that the plans had improved over time but that they still had concerns with the proposal. Drew Ronneberg expressed concern that the ANC had lost an excellent advocate in Rich Luna and its capacity to continue fighting the case was diminished. He spoke in favor of empowering a representative to negotiate on behalf of the ANC to try to address the remaining concerns, while noting that this strategy has been successful in the 600 H Street and 200 H Street cases. David Holmes also noted that a favorable resolution in the Credit Union case was aided by the fact that he had been authorized to act as the ANC representative.

The committee felt in order to provide maximum flexibility in negotiations with the owner of DAG Petroleum, an individual should be authorized to act as the representative of the ANC in this case. The committee recommends that the following issues be addressed in negotiations:

1. Reducing the number of hours the business was open from the proposed 24 hour operation.
2. Removal of the bulletproof glass from the facility.
3. Reduction in the height of the sign.
4. Make sure that there is enough room on both sides of the pump to allow for full internal circulation of the automotive traffic on the site.
5. Prevention of queuing of cars of public space - analogous to parking on public space that was criticized by the Public Space Committee.
6. any other items of concerns noted by the representative.

**Recommendation:** The committee unanimously recommends that the ANC oppose the current design and authorize Commissioner Schultheiss to represent the ANC in this case before the BZA act and act as the ANC's agent to negotiate with the DAG Petroleum to resolve the remaining issues.

### **Electronic Distribution of Approved Building Permits**

In the past, DCRA distributed a spreadsheet of approved building permits that allowed ANCs to quickly identify properties within their boundaries. Recently, the list of approved building permits has only been distributed in hard copy, which is wasteful of paper and much harder to use.

**Recommendation:** The committee unanimously recommends that the ANC send a letter to Linda Argo asking that electronic copies of the approved building permits be distributed to ANCs at their request.

### **Nomination of Bank of America and PNC Bank Buildings at 8<sup>th</sup> and H for Historic Landmarks**

These two bank buildings are prominent stone structures that are currently not designated as historic landmarks. David Holmes informed the committee that recent work on the PNC bank



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had altered the rear windows in a way that was historically inappropriate. In addition, Mr. Holmes noted that the Comprehensive Plan makes it easier to designate these buildings and that the review before HPRB would be expedited.

Mr. Holmes also said that he had contacted Commissioner Marshall who had no objections to landmarking the buildings.

**Recommendation:** The committee unanimously recommends that the ANC request that HPRB designate the buildings are the NW and NE corner of H and 8<sup>th</sup> St NE as historic landmarks.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:**  
Tuesday, June 19th, 2009  
7-9 PM  
642 10th St NE  
Sherwood Recreation Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



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June XX, 2009

Mr. Tersh Boasberg  
Chairman  
Historic Preservation Review Board  
Office of Planning  
801 North Capitol Street, NE  
Suite 3000  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: HPA #09-XXX (217 10<sup>th</sup> St NE)

Dear Mr. Boasberg:

At our regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on June 11, 2009, our Commission voted X-X-X (with five commissioners required for a quorum) to support the above referenced application.

The applicants, Michael and Jennifer Soderman presented plans to our Economic Development and Zoning Committee for a 2 story rear addition that extends 10.5 feet beyond the back of the current structure. From the drawing and photographs it appears that the proposed addition will not extend past the rears of the abutting structures and therefore will not adversely affect their light and air of the neighboring properties. In addition, the Sodermans presented letters of support from both abutting property owners.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



## Community Outreach Committee



ANC6A Community Outreach Committee

May 18, 2009 Minutes

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Committee members present: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Jacqueline Aamot, Louis Barbash, Jean Kohanek, Mark Roy, Rose Williams

Commissioners present: Kelvin Robinson (ANC6A08)

Community members present: Rebecca Sibia, Co-chair, Public Safety Committee

- I. Agenda
  1. Updates to agenda. Motion to adopt agenda. No objections.
  
- II. Report from April ANC meeting:
  1. Recommendation for letter of support for Rosedale Youth Institute/Rosedale Citizen's Alliance park partners proposal - approved.
  2. Recommendation for letter of support for City Arts' H Street Mural project - approved.
  3. Jean Kohanek confirmed as COC member.
  
- III. Discussion of Lorree Murray grant:
  1. Commissioner Robinson and Ms. Sibia of the Public Safety Committee (PSC) outlined their intentions with regard to the purpose of the grant - that proposals should address one or more of these criteria:
    - a. Positive youth recreation activities.
    - b. Youth literacy.
    - c. Family engagement.
  2. Members of the COC outlined how grants are administered, some of the restrictions on organizations and grant purposes, and the support frequently needed by grant applicants. Activities such as those suggested by the PSC are frequently named in grant applications and youth crime prevention is often given as a benefit in that section of the application. The PSC hopes that the Murray grant will encourage more groups to focus specifically on youth crime prevention activities.
  3. The COC will announce the availability of this and other grants. The PSC will do outreach to the groups they encounter in the course of their own crime prevention activities. Potential applicants will be encouraged to contact the COC early in the application process so that they can receive guidance in determining their requests and assistance in completing the paperwork.
  4. Groups seeking the Murray grant must indicate that in their application. More than one group may receive the grant if the funds are not exhausted by the initial recipient.





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### IV. Discussion of ANC 6A flier

1. The purpose of the flier is outreach to community members who may not be aware of the purpose and, or even the existence, of the ANC. Basic information regarding the ANC, the contact information for Commissioners and Committees, the URL for the website, etc. should be made available to the public. In addition to distribution in hard-copy format, the flier is also available on the website as a concise reference guide.
2. There are two outstanding issues to be resolved before the flier can be finalized:
  - a. The flier includes a list of agenda distribution locations, so these must be determined before the flier itself can be completed
  - b. A distribution plan is needed for the flier, including allocation of funds for printing the flier.
3. Regarding the agenda distribution locations:
  - a. Agendas for the monthly ANC meetings should be available to the public seven days in advance. They are available on the website and the listservs but should also be available to those without ready access to those media.
  - b. The COC proposes that there be two types of hard-copy distribution points:
    1. indoor locations in public places where multiple copies might be placed and
    2. indoor or outdoor locations where a single copy can be posted.
  - c. The COC has identified five possible multi-copy locations (Sherwood Rec Center, Rosedale Rec Center, NE Branch Library, Laundromat at 11th & C Sts, and Eastern SHS) and three single-copy locations (residences at 314 13th St., 1330 North Carolina Ave and 1349 F St.).
  - d. COC members will take responsibility for posting at these locations. In particular, Jacqueline Aamot will use the COC photocopy budget to make copies for the multi-copy locations - except for Eastern SHS, which Mark Roy will stock. Ms. Aamot will deliver to all other multi-copy locations, not to exceed a total of seven. Other committee members will take responsibility for printing and posting at one or two of the single-copy locations.
  - e. One impediment to the timely execution of this plan is that the ANC agenda (even in draft) is not consistently available seven days in advance. Committees are expected to forward their recommendations (and their reports/minutes) to be included in the agenda, two weeks prior to the ANC meeting but they do not always meet the deadline.
  - f. **The COC requests that commissioners provide their comments on this agenda distribution proposal prior to the next COC meeting (June 15). In particular, commissioners who wish to have the agenda available at locations other than those listed are asked to identify those locations.**
4. Regarding the distribution plan for the flier:
  - a. The fliers should be delivered door-to-door in each SMD. The commissioners themselves will have primary responsibility for this



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- activity but members of the COC will assist. The COC will also recruit youth groups, including the Eastern SHS Band, to earn community service hours in this way.
- b. Fliers will also be available at all ANC 6A meetings and committee meetings. Committee chairs will be provided with a supply of fliers for this purpose
  - c. The cost of fliers is expected to be \$185 per 2,000, if we can use the low bid - Ace Press at 910 17<sup>th</sup> St. NW. If we use Kinkos on Barracks Row, it will be \$528.75 per 2,000. If we order 10,000 copies, as we have in the past, we estimate that we can get it done for \$925 or \$1,078.65, respectively (plus tax). Quotes for 10,000 received subsequent to meeting. Final quotes will be developed after volume to be copied is determined.
  - d. **The COC requests that commissioners provide a count of how many copies they would want for their SMDs prior to the June 15 COC meeting so that the COC can finalize complete the proposal, including an accurate cost estimate.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting: June 15, 2009



## Transportation & Public Space Committee



ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes  
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)  
May 18, 2009

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:04 pm
- II. Introductions
  - A. Present: Lance Brown, DeLania Hardy, Commissioner David Holmes, Sean Lovitt, Marlon Smoker and Omar Mahmud (Chair).
  - B. Absent: Shane Artim and Diane Hoover.
- III. Community Comment
  - A. Commissioner Holmes announced a Capitol Hill Restoration Society event to be held May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm at Ebenezer's Coffeehouse (2<sup>nd</sup> and F Street NE).
    - i. The discussion will focus on public space issues as they relate to the proper use of residential front yards.
- IV. Announcements
  - A. Part of Lincoln Park to be closed for turf renovation
    - i. Mr. Mahmud announced that Department of Parks and Recreation is closing the center panel and southern center portion of the park for about two months or until the turf has been reestablished in those areas.
  - B. Final findings of Pedestrian Master Plan announced
    - i. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that the stated goal of the plan is to reduce the number of pedestrians killed and injured by motor vehicles and to enhance pedestrian access to city roadways. Mr. Mahmud conveyed the following information from the press release announcing the plan's findings:
      1. 46% of city workers commute by walking or public transit. Accordingly, DDOT is setting up a pedestrian task force (similar to the bike task force) to move the plan's recommendations forward.
      2. A pilot program to install pedestrian alert signals (rapid flash beacons) will be expanded.
      3. Other improvements include widened sidewalks, enhanced crosswalks, curb extensions, median islands, and bus stop relocations.



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4. Creation of Pedestrian Design Guidelines manual for use by engineers when building roadways.
5. More speed cameras and stepped up traffic enforcement to protect pedestrian safety.
6. The plan is available for viewing on DDOT's website.

### C. Electric vehicle and charging station partnership announced

- i. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that The Mayor's Office has announced a program designed to establish electric vehicle charging stations throughout the District. The program would also establish an electric vehicle fleet, which would help lower CO2 emissions and improve the environment.

## V. New Business

### A. Gynecologic Cancer Foundation Half-Marathon and 5K

- i. Race Director, Lisa Marie Ordakowski, briefed the committee on the race and handed out route information, street closure information and a draft community notice flyer.
- ii. Ms. Ordakowski also conveyed the following information:
  1. Although the race isn't until November 8, race organizers are meeting with ANCs early to get the word out and address community concerns ahead of time.
  2. The race will start at at 7 am. Since the race will be on a Sunday morning, race organizers have revised the course to lower the number of churches that will be affected and have provided information to churches on how worshippers can avoid street closures on their way to church.
    - a. The committee suggested race organizers do their best to do the same for residents impacted by road closures along the race route.
  3. Two to three thousand participants are expected. Race organizers anticipate the first runner should finish around 8:30 am.
  4. Street closure times are estimated now, but may change after meeting with MPD task force. Ms. Ordakowski committed to sending the ANC a final list of road closure and open times.
  5. Staff volunteers have been organized to help with community outreach efforts, including those requested by our ANC. The initial plan is to distribute flyers and email blasts, and to go door



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to door with “street teams.” Mr. Mahmud asked for more details on this effort and to see copies of the flyers. Ms. Ordakowski agreed to follow up.

- a. Mr. Mahmud asked about advertising in local media publications like The Hill Rag and Voice of the Hill. Ms. Ordakowski committed to doing that. The committee also suggested asking local blogs like Frozen Tropics to post notices about the race and information on street closings and other helpful information. Commissioner Holmes suggested that race information also be posted on local listservs.
  - b. Mr. Brown asked if MPD will allow vehicular crossing along the race route if no runners are present. Ms. Ordakowski indicated MPD would not.
  - c. Mr. Mahmud asked about efforts to determine the impact on public transit service and to notify riders of any such disruptions. He also suggested race organizers work with WMATA and DDOT to get service disruption information posted in buses and on bus stops. Ms. Ordakowski indicated that issue had not been explored yet, but that she would look into it and get back to the committee.
  - d. A resident in attendance expressed concern about not being able to get around during past road races in our ANC. She would like a better idea of what streets the race blocks off ahead of time. She also suggested a better map be provided to help guide her to routes out of the area.
6. There is no need for residents to remove their cars if parked along the parade route. However, the cars must then stay in place until the race is over.
  7. Ms. Ordakowski agreed to come back to our committee in July to discuss how race organizers have addressed the committee’s concerns.

### B. Proposed Ward 6 Enhanced Residential Parking Zone (Attachment A)

- i. Mr. Mahmud provided a brief summary of the proposed legislation.
- ii. Comments during discussion:
  1. Mr. Lovitt and some committee members expressed a concern about the fees being too high and punitive since the scaling up for additional cars in one household could be hard on large families, particularly since we are not in a car free society.



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- a. Mr. Brown countered that the cost is inconsequential to most and that the proposed structure is not a difficult expense to deal with. Other committee members agreed with this assessment, including Mr. Smoker who concluded this cost is not that high when compared to parking rates in private lots across the city.
  2. Messrs. Smoker and Brown did not see a need for a parking restriction on one side of the street.
  3. Committee members all agreed that more clarification is needed regarding the visitor passes briefly mentioned on page one of the proposed legislation.
- iii. Mr. Mahmud made a motion to recommend the Commission send a letter supporting the proposed legislation and requesting additional clarification on the visitor pass program, including an explanation for how it differs from the current process for obtaining visitor passes. The motion was seconded and passed by a margin of 3 for, 2 against, 1 abstention. Mr. Mahmud volunteered to draft the letter.*

### C. Proposed Valet Parking Regulations (Attachment B)

- i. Mr. Mahmud briefed the committee on the proposed regulations.
- ii. Mr. Mahmud expressed concern that the current regulations do not require a valet parking permit applicant to provide notice of their application to the effected ANC. In addition, he expressed concern that the proposed regulations do not afford effected ANCs an opportunity to weigh in when the DDOT Public Space Committee reviews applications.
- iii. Mr. Mahmud made a motion to recommend the Commission send a letter suggesting revisions to the proposed valet parking regulations which would require permit applicants provide 30 days notice of the application to the effected ANC and the DDOT Public Space Committee to consider ANC input when reviewing permit applications. The motion was seconded and passed without objection. Mr. Mahmud volunteered to draft the letter.*

### VI. Additional Community Comment

- A. Mr. Brown reported that the no parking signs our committee and the ANC requested at the triangle near Miner Elementary have been installed.
- B. Mr. Brown also reported on a fence fronting the public space of a Gales Street property and an imminent curb cut. A stop work order has been issued by DCRA. There is no curb cut or fence permit at the location.

### VII. Adjourn meeting at 8:35 pm.



## Public Safety Committee



ANC6A Public Safety Committee  
May 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes  
Options Public Charter School  
1375 E Street NE

Meeting called to order at 7:22 p.m.

Committee members present: Rebecca Sibia (Co-chair), Sharon Cochran, Patrice Ford, Brandon Lumm, Dan Wolff

Committee members absent: Commissioner Kelvin Robinson (Co-chair), Todd Hames

Commissioners present: Mary Beatty (6A05)

Community members present: Captain Terry Reynolds and Sergeant RB Shine, Jr. Fire/EMS Battalion 2.

### I. Agenda and Minutes

1. Motion to adopt agenda. No objections.
2. Motion to accept minutes of last meeting. No objections.

### II. Administrative, Ongoing and Old Business

1. Proposed ANC Juvenile Crime Prevention policies:
  - a. Rebecca Sibia informed Committee Members that she is still working on crafting these policies, and will send them to Committee Members in advance of the next meeting in order to allow for community discussion related to these policies.
2. Murray Grant Update:
  - a. Commissioner Robinson and Rebecca Sibia attended the May Community Outreach Committee meeting to discuss the Public Safety Committee's intent related to the use and purpose of the Lorree Murray Juvenile Crime Prevention grant.
  - b. They indicated to the Committee that this grant should be focused on core crime prevention activities, including positive recreation activities, family strengthening and parent training programs, and literacy initiatives.
  - c. The Committee discussed the process for receiving and reviewing these grant applications. The COC will release some advertising related to the grant availability, including publication in the Hill Rag and The Buzz newsletter. They urged the Public Safety Committee to find and encourage applicants, and, where possible, to refer them to the COC prior to writing the grant application.
3. Update and Discussion on Wish Lists for Sherwood and Rosedale Recreation Centers:
  - a. The Committee received the initial "wish lists" for supplies and equipment needed by both Sherwood and Rosedale Recreation Centers to ensure optimal operations during the summer months.
  - b. Committee members indicated their concern that these lists were not specific enough to understand the true needs of each Center, and asked that the co-chairs return to Recreation Center managers to request more specificity.
  - c. Committee members also expressed their interest in focusing on Rosedale needs for any equipment and volunteer drives, but were unsure of the process with donations may be made to Recreation Centers and the role that "Friends of..." groups may play in this activity.



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- d. **Motion: Rebecca Sibia moved, and Sharon Cochran seconded, the motion that the Committee will, pending further clarification on needs and process for donations, request the ANC's support to become engaged in a supply and volunteer drive for Rosedale Recreation Center. The motion passed without objection.**

### III. New Business

1. Discussion of with Fire/EMS on issues that relate to ANC 6A
  - a. Captain Terry Reynolds and Sergeant RB Shine, Jr. of Battalion Two attended the meeting to discuss general Fire/EMS policies, and how the agency and its organization serves our ANC.
  - b. They indicated that Fire/EMS has several community outreach programs, specifically noting the smoke detector program, wherein Fire officials will respond to requests from residents and provide free smoke detectors and installation services. However, this program is provided on an "As-needed" basis, and is conducted only upon request from residents or neighbors. Battalion Two does not have a stock of smoke detectors, therefore limiting their capacity to proactively advertise or solicit these services.
  - c. Committee members inquired about the status of the Florida Avenue Fire Station, which has been closed and under construction for several years, with no visible activity. Fire officials indicated that the bid process for this project became complicated when structural concerns became evident to the bidding firm, and the project had to be rewritten and re-bid. As far as they were aware, there was now an active contract on the fire house, and construction activity should begin shortly.
  - d. The status of this fire house affects our ANC, as it is one of the first responders to emergency calls for our neighborhood. Previously housing an engine and a truck, along with an ambulance, these resources have been diverted to other fire houses outside of our ANC.
  - e. When asked about public access to Fire/EMS statistics for the ANC, officials referred the committee to the Community Service Unit of the agency, who should be able to provide statistics including the number of calls and response times for our ANC.
2. Discussion on crime statistics and their role in the Committee's work
  - a. The Committee discussed the use of crime statistics to not only inform the work of the Committee, but also to provide an enhanced service to ANC Commissioners.
  - b. The Committee agreed to continue to pull statistics related to monthly crimes in our ANC, and to sort these crimes by SMD to provide specific information to Commissioners that is unavailable via other tools and sources.
  - c. These statistics will include trend analysis that includes the prior three months of crime activity, along with a comparison to last year's monthly crime statistics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at Sherwood Recreation Center (change of location)





## New Business



June 11, 2009

Jason King  
President  
Turning the Page  
1010 Vermont Ave N.W.  
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Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. King:

On behalf of the residents of ANC 6A, particularly those within the Rosedale community, I wanted to thank you for your generous donation of books to the Rosedale Civic Association's youth library, located at the Rosedale Recreation Center.

Not only were we pleased at the large quantity of books you provided, but also the large variety, including junior age and young adult level selections that will assist in our overall outreach to our youth. With the summer months fast approaching, we are thrilled that such options will be available to those who visit the recreation center.

We also commend Turning the Page for the important and vital work you are doing across the city to empower and support parental engagement, recognizing that parents are the key to sustained success in the lives of children.

We look forward to growing our association with Turning the Page and thank you again for your support of our community.

Sincerely,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Mayor Adrian Fenty  
Councilmember Tommy Wells