



**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for June 9, 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**
- 7:05 **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)
- 7:10 **Community Presentation:** Maury Elementary Principal Carolyne Albert-Garvey regarding plans for the school's extensive renovation
- 7:30 **Officer Reports:**
Chair (2 minutes)
Vice-Chair (2 minutes)
Secretary (2 minutes)
Treasurer (2 minutes) *pg. 11*
- 7:35 **Single Member District reports** (2 minutes each)
- Standing Committee Reports:**
- 7:50 **Community Outreach** *pg. 13*
1. Next meeting - 7:30pm, June 20, 2011 (3rd Monday)
- 7:55 **Alcohol Beverage Licensing** *pg. 14*
1. Next meeting - 7pm, June 21, 2011 (3rd Tuesday)
- 8:00 **Transportation and Public Space Committee** *pg. 15*
1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT and H Street Connection redevelopment team regarding the 8th St. NE driveway location
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support regarding Khan's BBQ (1125 H St. NE) public space permit application for sidewalk seating area
3. Next meeting - 7pm, June 20, 2011 (3rd Monday)



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8:05 Economic Development and Zoning pg. 19

1. Approve committee report
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support for a 2 story addition for HPA 818 C St. NE (HPA #11-288)
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support for a special exception and variance to construct a garage at 1231 F St. NE (BZA #18241)
4. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support for a variance from off-street parking requirements for 701 10th St NE (BZA #182XX)
5. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A authorize up to \$600 to be spent to flier residences between 8th St. NE, H St. NE, 15th St. NE and East Capitol St. NE that are currently not in the Capitol Hill Historic District about 2 meetings in September to consider nominating this area for expansion of the Capitol Hill Historic District
6. Next meeting - 7pm, June 15, 2011 (3rd Wednesday)

8:10 Unfinished Business

8:15 New Business pg. 22

1. Raze permit for 1310 East Capitol St. NE (Holmes)
2. ANC 6A authorize up to \$600 to be spent to flier residences/businesses about upcoming ABL Committee meetings to consider whether or not to impose a cap on the number of alcohol licenses on H St. NE (Healy)
3. Petition by residents for street sweeping on the 600 block of 10th St. (Ronneberg)

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

8:25 Adjourn



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Minutes Miner Elementary School May 12, 2011

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Healy, Holmes, Hysell, Lawler, Mack, Ronneberg, and Veenendaal-Selck
The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

1. Agenda

The agenda was agreed to as presented.

2. Minutes

The minutes were agreed to as presented.

3. Community Comments

There were no comments from community members.

4. Community Presentation

Councilmember Tommy Wells was introduced by Mr. Holmes who said that Rosedale may be the part of Ward 6 most at risk of being lost to another ward. No part of 6A is indifferent to the loss of our brothers and sisters in Rosedale and SMD 8. In fact, he said, he hopes that the Councilmember can reunite Kingman Park, ripped away in 2001, with the rest of the ANC.

The Councilmember began by saying that Ward 6 had gotten a lot of attention recently, because of the resurgence of the Ward's elementary schools, the amount of development going on—the Ward is now #2 in the amount of tax revenue it contributes to the District's coffers, and it had the greatest drop in crime of any Ward last year. He said the Ward works together, works with a ward-wide PTA organization, and works together on development. It has built one of the best communities in the country.

He gave a brief rundown the redistricting process: He said the population of the city is divided by eight, and each Ward is supposed to be within a range that is 5% higher or lower than that figure. Ward 6 is within its population range, but Wards 7 and 8 both need to grow and it has to be in areas where they can grow contiguously. The only thing the Redistricting Committee has talked about, he said, is taking the needed population from Ward 6. He used as an example what had happened to Kingman Park ten years ago when it was moved to Ward 7, and how isolated it is, from the rest of the ward, and has trouble with services.

He said that the only things that are negotiable as far as he is concerned are Penn Quarter, Chinatown and the Convention Center. He said he hadn't seen any discussion of Ward 5, and he can understand why others would want part of Ward 6. He said that Councilmember Barry would love to see Southeast moved to Ward 8, but that he doesn't want to give up any part of Ward 6.

He said there will be a map at the end of May, after which there will be a hearing. He said the ANC has great weight and has to weigh in. There will be two votes in the Council, and it's supposed to be done by July 15, after which each Councilmember will set up a committee to work out the ANC map.



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Ms. Mack asked whether Ward 6 had lost population. The Councilmember said that in fact the population had increased and had probably even gained since the census. Mr. Hysell asked whether anyone had suggested moving his SMD to Ward 5, and the Councilmember said there have been no proposals.

Sondra Gilbert said that Councilmember Mendelson had mentioned Rosedale in a newsletter, and Councilmember Wells responded that he will predict that east of 17th Street to Benning Road will be moved to Ward 7. He said that nobody has proposed anything yet, but he thinks the committee is looking for a minimum amount of work and taking a minimalist view. Ms. Gilbert asked what Mr. Wells can do to fight for Rosedale, to push for a move from Ward 5, and said that putting Rosedale into 7 is moving it to the poorest part of the City. She asked how to get the Council to be fair.

Mr. Wells said that what he's done is someone unprecedented and he hasn't bargained a single person away. Councilmembers Brown and Mendelson are elected by everyone, and have gone to every neighborhood and heard what residents say. They've gotten petitions about not moving anyone. He said that people should lobby them, and stand with him to not change anything. Ms. Gilbert said she felt that deals have been made.

The Councilmember said that the argument can't be about parking—they'll just offer dual parking stickers. Resident John Hill asked why Wards 7 and 8 couldn't be combined and was told there would be too many people. He reiterated that the first vote will be in June and the second in July, and the ANCs will be decided and voted on by the end of the year. He said he would get information on the maps out as soon as it is available.

A longtime resident said he has lived here all his life and feels he is about to be pushed away from his community. Councilmember Wells said that that was the reason he is fighting. His interest is in having the Ward stick together. He talked about how the PTA leadership organization was a Ward-wide organization, and you have to let the Committee know you don't want to be divided.

5. Officer Reports

Chair

Mr. Holmes reported that he testified on his own behalf against any possible taking of SMD 7 and/or 8 for Ward 7. He said that the ANC is at real risk, as a case must be made that the division of 7 and/or 8 makes less sense than alternatives, that geographic contiguity and fraternal and political ties should not be sundered. Having Kingman Park in Ward 7 makes the ANC area vulnerable to expansion westward, and the ANC should fight to reinstate the boundary at the River, a natural boundary line.

Treasurer

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. It shows that the opening checking account balance was \$23,163.80 and the savings account balance was \$4,204.53. There was an interest payment to the savings account of \$.18. There were disbursements of \$100 to DCAccess for a web ad (Check #1508); \$353.97 to FedEx Office (March 2011 statement) (Check #1509); \$180 to Roberta Weiner for taking and transcribing the March 2011 minutes (Check #1510); and \$200 to Heather Schoell for the March 2011 Agenda package (Check #1511), leaving a balance of \$22,329.83 in the checking account and \$4,204.71 in the savings account.



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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/Mr. Healy seconded a motion to approve the Quarterly Report for the 2nd Quarter of FY 11. The motion passed without objection.

6. SMD Reports

Ms. Veenendaal-Selck said she and Ms. Mack had done a community walk-through, which was very good. Among the things that emerged were the question of consistent traffic cameras and fencing at the Metro. She said her constituents are concerned about not splitting the SMD.

Ms. Mack reported that the Rosedale Health Fair was very successful. She also said that the walk with Ms. Veenendaal-Selck was great and it was good to see what was within her boundaries.

Mr. Hysell reported that the clean-up on 14th Place was excellent and included several other blocks as well. He also said that the 13th Street valet parking has shifted and that up to four spaces are being taken for parking on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He is meeting with Margaret Gentry to discuss it.

Ms. Lawler said she is having "office hours" at SOVA on Friday from 7 to 9 am.

Mr. Alberti reported that there is an increase in crime and drug sales at Constitution Ave. and 18th Street, and he is planning a walk-through.

Mr. Holmes reported that 1008 Massachusetts Ave. NE is being returned to the Vacant Properties list. He also said that there had been trash truck violations at the 7th Day Adventist Church. He reported that the Zoning Office was having a "Zoning 101" session at Ebenezer Baptist Church on May 31st.

Dr. Ronneberg reported that parking is being enforced in the 600 block of 10th and 11th Sts. He also reported that he is making progress on the removal of a curb cut at 701 10th St. NE.

Mr. Healy announced that he would have an SMD meeting on June 6 at Pilgrim Church. He said he is working with DPW on the condition of the alleys in his SMD. He said he has had complaints on the Bike Share stations.

7. Committee Reports

Community Outreach

Capitol Hill Garden Club

This is a grant request for \$650 from the Capitol Hill Garden Club to purchase bulbs in public areas within ANC 6A. Elizabeth Nelson spoke about the bulb-planting program which, she said, is very popular and well-received by community groups who are recipients of the bulbs. Vera Sisolak, president of the Garden Club, was present at the meeting. **Motion:** The committee proposed/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to fund the grant application for \$650. The motion passed without objection.



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Eastern High School PTSA

This is request from the Eastern Senior High School PTSA for up to \$4000 to purchase percussion instruments for the Eastern SHS band. Ms. Nelson introduced John Gibson of the PTSA, and pointed out that it is a worthwhile program that will benefit the whole school. She said that this year, because of the number of students at Eastern, they will incorporate students from Eliot-Hine middle school next door. She said the band is a popular activity, but DCPS cannot fund it. James Perry, the band director, was also present. **Motion:** The committee proposed/Ms. Veenendaal-Selck seconded a motion to fund the grant application for up to \$4000. The motion passed without objection.

Allocation for Hill Is Home Ad

This is a request for \$350 to renew the ANC's ad on The Hill Is Home e-publication. Ms. Nelson pointed out that the ad links directly to the ANC's website so that there is always up-to-date information available. **Motion:** The Committee recommended/Ms. Veenendaal-Selck seconded that the ANC approve the expenditure of \$350 on an ad on The Hill is Home. The motion passed without objection.

Father's Day Event at Sherwood Recreation Center

Ms. Nelson began by pointing out that Jordan Washington, representing the group wanting to hold an annual Father's Day event, had not come to the committee meeting to discuss it, and this was the first time it had been raised. She said there was negative feedback on the event, which has traditionally been held at the Sherwood Recreation Center, and there is a bad history of drunkenness, trash, public urination, etc. at the event. Mr. Holmes said he was uncomfortable approving anything that hadn't been fully vetted by the Committee. There is a long history of excessive noise, trash and the illegal blocking of city streets (with towing of neighborhood cars), and being an organization that is not organized as a 501(c)(3). Beyond that, Mr. Washington is not a resident of the community.

Mr. Washington said there is no record of these accusations, the permit has been denied "because of money, not behavior." On being asked, he said the name of his group is Project Greenspace.

Ms. Gilbert said that Mr. Washington runs this event every year, and the community needs a function that reaches out to youth, to male youth, and she asked what the Commissioners object to.

Dr. Ronneberg, in whose SMD the Recreation Center is located, said that Police Commander Kamperin has not supported the event this year. He said he lives a block away, and he has seen drinking in the street, urination in the alley. People come from out of the area. Last year, no DPR permit was issued for the event, and it was opposed by Rafael Marshall, the former ANC Commissioner who now is the director of the Rec Center.

Mr. Alberti asked for the full name of the organization, and Mr. Jordan said it was the Friends of Sherwood, the Sherwood Vets and it was registered with DPR. Mr. Alberti asked what their IRS status is.

Ms. Nelson said they could have made their case if they'd come to the Committee. They have no formal relationship with DPR or with Sherwood Rec Center. Such a relationship would have had to come through the ANC, and it never has.

Mr. Holmes said that his SMD directly abuts that block, and people complained to him that the block



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was closed. When he called MPD about it, they said there was nothing they could do because the street was full of people. **Motion:** The committee recommended/ Dr. Ronneberg seconded that the ANC oppose Mr. Washington's request for support of a 2011 Father's Day event at Sherwood Recreation Center. The motion passed 7-1, with Ms. Mack in opposition.

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee

Mr. Healy reported that there have been discussions at ABRA as to what constitutes "significant change" in a liquor license, and that the ABRA board has great latitude in making a decision. He asked for approval of a letter to ABRA as to ANC 6A's views on what constitutes a substantial change requiring public notice, placarding and community input. **Motion:** The committee recommended/Mr. Hysell seconded a motion to send a letter to the Chair of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board detailing what changes to an ABRA license should constitute a substantial change and subject to placarding and public comment. The motion passed 7-0-1 with Mr. Alberti not voting.

Mr. Healy said that he's heard from a number of individuals about the need to have a discussion about whether or not to consider imposing a cap on the number of alcohol licenses in 6A. The ABL Committee will work on scheduling an informational meeting where the ABRA director would be invited to give information about how a cap would work and ANC commissioners in other parts of the city with existing license moratoriums or caps to give their perspective of how they work. Details will be forthcoming.

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Economic Development and Zoning

H Street Festival Signature Waiver

This was a request from Anwar Saleem for support for a waiver from the requirement that the signatures of 90% of residents within 500 feet of the H Street Festival be obtained in order for permission for a street closing be approved. Mr. Holmes said that H Street is a commercial corridor and expectations that there may be closings are inherent. He said it is unreasonable to impose the signature requirement that is appropriate for a residential area. **Motion:** The Committee recommended/Mr. Healy seconded that the ANC send a letter to the Mayor requesting a waiver of signatures for closing H Street for the H Street Festival. The motion passed without objection.

601-645 H Street NE

This is a request for support of a two-year extension of variances and special exceptions for a project at 601-645 H Street NE. Because of the economic downturn and challenges at the site, the developer has been unable to secure financing for the project. The project has not changed. The project is located in ANC 6C, but 6A was granted party status at the time of the original application.

Mr. Holmes said that the 6A action duplicates that of 6C. There have been no changes to the plans previously approved by ANC 6A and 6C. Moreover, there has been no change in circumstances and no new development nearby that were not anticipated at the time ANC 6A approved the project. He said the H Street corridor's current reconstruction between 3rd and 15th Sts. NE in preparation for the streetcar, and other public space upgrades were planned in 2005, and thus considered at the time the project was being reviewed by the two ANCs.



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The gains obtained from the project by the ANCs and the communities, such as lowered rear massing, are at risk if this extension is not granted. In summary, approval of the extension request would not adversely affect or materially change the basis of the ANC's previous approval as the original application was filed subsequent to the District's planning for the streetcar, additional density and uses along the street, and on-going development and improvement of the H Street corridor.

The unique circumstances are that the tenants of the current buildings are DC agencies, and the City will not negotiate a new long-term lease, which has made it difficult to secure financing. **Motion:** The committee recommended/Ms. Lawler seconded a motion to support the two-year extension of BZA variances and special exceptions for the project at 601-645 H Street NE. The motion passed without objection.

Dr. Ronneberg raised the issue of a subsequent motion to send a letter to DRES asking them to extend the long-term leases with the city agencies at the building. Chip Glasgow, attorney for the developer, said that a long term lease is desirable, and the Councilmember is aware of the situation, and they are looking for at least a ten-year extension. The District has been there for over 20 years. Mr. Healy mentioned that most of DOES has moved and Mr. Glasgow said that one side of the building is basically empty. Mr. Holmes suggested setting aside the writing of the letter. Mr. Glasgow said he would rather have no letter than one that puts the city on the spot. Dr. Ronneberg said there was no motion on the floor, and the issue was closed.

710 10th Street NE

Dr. Ronneberg said he would like to table the motion in the packet and work with the developer on the issues of the curb cut, air conditioners, etc., so the issue was set aside.

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

8. New Business

Retirement of Commander Kamperin

David K. Kamperin, First District Commander since 2007, has announced his retirement, set for May 21. He has been very helpful to this ANC, and deserves its thanks. **Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Ms. Mack seconded a motion to thank Commander David Kamperin for his years of service to ANC 6A and the entire First District, and to wish him well in his retirement. The motion passed without objection.

Letter to City Council on Redistricting

Mr. Holmes said he has drafted a letter to the City Council on redistricting, from which he has borrowed deliberately from letters, listserv comments and e-mails from residents of ANC 6A and Hill East. He thanked Rob Stephens, Jim Myers and Charmaine Josiah.

He said that the ANC is very much at risk of losing SMD 7 and/or 8. In the Committee and the Ward 6 Democrats forum, it was stated plainly that Ward 6 is in play to increase the numbers needed by Wards 7 and 8. It is possible that Ward 2 may lose population to Ward 6, as they are required to shrink. There is no option here. Federal law requires that Wards 7 and 8 gain and Ward 2 shrink.



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Councilmember Mendelson continually asked why is your need to stay together as a Ward more important than say, Ward 5—the other Ward that could lose population to Ward 7. So, he said, he tried to marshal the best arguments he could—contiguity, community institutions, geographic barriers, the history of forged ties and relationships and the loss of racial and ethnic diversity. He said to be aware that Mendelson is also talking about possibly balancing ward populations, not just seeking to meet the federal requirement. Every ward stands to gain or lose if that happens. **Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Ms. Veenendaal-Selck seconded a motion to authorize a letter to the City Council strongly objecting to any proposal that moves Rosedale, Hill East or any parts of SMDs 7 and 8 from Ward 6 to Ward 7. The motion passed without objection.

Capitol Bikeshare Stations

Motion: Dr. Ronneberg moved/Mr. Healy seconded a motion to request a Capitol Bikeshare (CaBi) station at 10th and H Sts. NE. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Alberti had a suggestion for another CaBi station at Lincoln Park, but withdrew it pending other suggestions to be discussed at the next ANC meeting.

Letter to Amtrak on Trolley Issues

Mr. Holmes said that at a recent town hall meeting hosted by Mayor Gray, the question of the start-up of the trolley was discussed, and it was mentioned that the start-up could be delayed six months until the end of 2012. It was also stated that part of the problem is a delay in resolving some outstanding issues between Amtrak and DDOT. It was said that if there was a resolution of these issues within the next 30 days, the start-up could be as early as June 2012. **Motion:** Mr. Hysell moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to send a letter to Amtrak urging support of the trolley and a resolution of outstanding issues. Mr. Alberti said he supports the motion but would like to see the letter be done without pointing fingers at Amtrak, as there's no proof that it's their fault. He suggested sending the letter to both parties. Mr. Healy said that Scott Kubly, in charge of the trolley project for DDOT pointed at Amtrak. Mr. Alberti said he would like to see both parties to get it. Mr. Holmes said the letter will go to both. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.



Commission Letters of March 10, 2011 Meeting



NO LETTERS



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report May 2011

Period Covered 05/01/11 - 05/31/11

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 22,329.83

Receipts:

District Allotments: (1st Quarter FY11 Allotment)	\$ 4,836.27
Transfers from Saving Account	\$ -

Total Receipts \$ 4,836.27

Total Funds Available \$ 27,166.10

Disbursements:

Heather Schoell (Agenda Package May '11)	Ck #1512	\$ 200.00
Void Check	Ck #1513	\$ -
FedEx Office (May. 2011 Statement)	Ck #1514	\$ 263.31
Roberta Weiner (Minutes Apr. '11)	Ck #1515	\$ 180.00

Total Disbursements \$ 643.31

Ending Balance \$ 26,522.79

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 4,204.71

Receipts:

Interest (04/29/11)	\$ 0.17
Transfers from Checking Account	

Total Receipts \$ 0.17

Total Funds Available \$ 4,204.88

Disbursements \$ -

Ending Balance \$ 4,204.88

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Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report May 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 May 31, 2011



Committee Reports
Community Outreach Committee (COC)



NO REPORT



Committee Reports
Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



NO REPORT



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE) May 16, 2011

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:05pm without a quorum.
- II. Introductions - ANC 6A Chair David Holmes and Commissioner Drew Ronneberg; Committee member Omar Mahmud (Chair); DPW Director William Howland Jr.; and community members Marie-Claire Brown, Phil Toomajian and Randy Brandt.
- III. Community Comment - None
- IV. New Business
 - A. Discussion with Department of Public Works (DPW) Director William Howland Jr. regarding parking enforcement in ANC 6A, particularly along and near H St. NE
 - i. Mr. Mahmud thanked Director Howland for attending the meeting and presented an overview of the parking and public space concerns raised by community members including the need for effective enforcement and preventing parking on sidewalks.
 - ii. Director Howland provided a brief overview of DPW: About 400 employees issue 1.5 million parking tickets per year, generating about \$70 million of revenue for the District per year. DPW receives about 3000 calls per month requesting more parking enforcement, but it receives the highest number of calls per month for bulk trash pickup. Of the parking enforcement calls, most are for enforcement of residential parking permit (RPP) zones. DPW is trying to get more aggressive about RPP enforcement District wide.
 - iii. DPW is trying a couple new technological improvements: 1) Wireless technology: RPP is difficult to enforce because the car has to be observed twice (i.e. the car's tag number has to be put in the enforcement officer's handheld twice). The handheld won't generate ticket until the entered tag's time has elapsed. However, on occasion a car may be parked during a time that spans two officer shifts, which means the second officer's handheld does not have the tag information from when the car was first observed by the previous officer. Information about tags does not cross over between crews because handhelds don't communicate with each other. With wireless handhelds, information will be shared between officer handhelds. In addition, with wireless handhelds, people who move cars within zones to avoid being caught parking for more than the allowed time within a RPP zone will have information about their tags transferred to all other enforcement officer handhelds working in that zone, meaning this practice will also be limited. DPW is about a year away from the new wireless handhelds. 2) New license plate recognition technology system on cars: This technology allows parking enforcement cars to drive at normal speeds, enabling them to view about 5,000 - 6,000 vehicles per day which means officers can now cover much more territory. However, DPW is still working on the best way to issue tickets for observed RPP violations (i.e. have the monitoring car stop or have it report to another enforcement officer to come issue the ticket).



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



- iv. The perimeter of RPP zones will remain the same, regardless of whether ward boundaries shift. Director Howland does not see need to change the zones as political boundaries change. He also thinks zones should be smaller, according to neighborhood, not as large as whole wards as they are now.
- v. Mr. Toomajian asked about enforcement after calling 311 given he hasn't seen enforcement for a day or so on occasion and wonders if this is because of gaps in crew coverage. Howland said this concern should improve with new technology but that DPW enforcement should respond within two hours regardless. Better signs also mean more effective enforcement. Director Howland says his department prefers the zone 6 only parking signs given that the officer only has to come out once to issue a ticket upon observing a non-zone 6 car illegally parked. Director Howland will look into better enforcement for the area.
- vi. Commissioner Ronneberg indicated he has observed greater parking pressure build after 6pm each evening. During the day it's probably minimal. However, he has noticed officers out ticketing aggressively of late. Director Howland said this meeting is well-timed because he is reviewing beat coverage this Thursday. He didn't realize the nightlife had picked up around H Street so he will take this into consideration during the review.
- vii. Director Howland will detail a supervisor to monitor the valet parking operations on H Street given people have complained about valets parking in the neighborhood.
- viii. Commissioner Ronneberg pointed out that people are still parking on sidewalks. He gets the sense that officers don't like ticketing people for parking on sidewalks. Director Howland confirmed enforcement officers should be ticketing for these violations and encouraged us to call 311 to request enforcement.
- ix. Regarding parking in driveways. Although many times a person's driveway leading to a garage or some other off-street parking is on public space, if the car isn't blocking the sidewalk Director Howland indicated DPW isn't going to issue a ticket. Commissioner Ronneberg expressed an interest in enforcement for any parking in driveways. Officially the rule is you can't park in a driveway if it is on public space. Director Howland also indicated parking in alleys is enforced aggressively. Mr. Mahmud asked about getting the sidewalk parking enforcement increased as well. Director Howland confirmed he will.
- x. DPW will start documenting issued tickets with pictures of illegally parked cars, which will help lower the challenge rate. Aiming for a 1% challenge rate. Director Howland wants parking enforcement effectiveness similar to that of speed cameras (i.e. offenders get a ticket in the mail with a picture of the infraction, making it harder to challenge). DPW will also include a picture of the windshield so there cannot be a challenge based on having the appropriate placard or pass displayed. The photo will also force officers to look into the windshield when they issue the ticket.
- xi. Commissioner Ronneberg asked whether pay or bonuses are based on generating tickets. DPW once gave \$1000 bonuses based on ticket generation, but does no longer because of budget constraints. Bonuses worked before in Director Howland's opinion so he would like to reinstitute the bonus structure.



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



- xii. Parking enforcement sign installation is a DDOT issue. However, street sweeping signs are installed by DPW since DDOT decreased its sign crew due to budget constraints.
- xiii. DPW is currently evaluating whether to make street sweeping mandatory within the entire L'Enfant plan area. That would then include our ANC in the mandatory street sweeping area.
- xiv. Mr. Toomajian indicated he is working on a street sweeping petition right now. Director Howland indicated the street sweeping plan is already budgeted and implemented for this year so nothing will be done to implement street sweeping based on the petition this year. However, Director Howland thinks the ANC should still send along the petition once complete so it can be acted on for next year. Director Howland indicated the ANC can send the petition directly to him.
- xv. Mr. Mahmud mentioned that he has heard from residents that parking enforcement has increased recently and wonders if this is a current initiative. Director Howland confirmed this is not a current initiative, but that we will continue to see more enforcement going forward. He wants to get to 2 million issued tickets per year so our area is in the targeted enforcement area for achieving that goal.
- xvi. Commission Chair Holmes asked about enforcement during weekend church parking. Director Howland confirmed that enforcement on Saturdays and Sundays is targeted to certain areas (e.g. around stadiums) given limited resources that day. However, Director Howland agreed to look into doing something like the special detail he has for Adams Morgan for the H Street area as well.
- xvii. Commissioner Ronneberg reported that a business near the NE corner of 12th and H (not sure which one) is ruining the new sidewalks by dragging greasy garbage out to the corner instead of having commercial trash pickup as is required. Director Howland indicated he will look into this. DPW will give the businesses fair warning then start issuing \$150 tickets for not complying, which go up with each violation (\$300, \$600, \$2000). DPW goes through street trash cans to see if there's identifying information with the garbage in order to identify offenders. DPW will start blitzing this corridor. The idea behind the fines is to make it cheaper for these businesses to obtain commercial trash pickup service than to get tickets.
- xviii. 311 should be called to report graffiti and request removal. Friday is the "great graffiti wipeout" at DPW. Director Howland agreed to email Commission Chair Holmes and Mr. Mahmud the next day, Tuesday to let them know how far DPW is in the graffiti removal backlog. DPW will even go in and do graffiti cleaning if there is no waiver from the homeowner. However, DPW does not clean graffiti from DDOT installations because DDOT doesn't like the way DPW cleans.
- xix. Mr. Mahmud asked about effective community engagement. Director Howland pointed out the Helping Hands program. Community members can call DPW and request Helping Hands supplies for a neighborhood cleanup day. DPW supplies the bags, rakes, mulch etc. At the end of the day, DPW will come by to pick up the collected garbage. Call 202-673-6833 to get directed to the correct person for this program.



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Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



- xx. Mr. Mahmud again thanked Director Howland for attending and providing a great deal of helpful information.
- B. Consider letter to DDOT and H Street Connection redevelopment team regarding property ingress along 8th St. NE
 - i. Mr. Mahmud introduced neighborhood resident, Randy Brandt, who is interested in getting a letter of support for an 8th St. driveway entrance option at the redeveloped H Street Connection site.
 - ii. Mr. Brandt would like developers and DDOT to approve “option two” which moves the driveway a little further from the side of his home, which is directly adjacent to the site. He indicated Councilmember Wells has already sent a letter supporting option two.
 - iii. ***Given that option two did not seem to have a substantial impact on the site design or traffic flow, Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC send a letter of support similar to that of Councilmember Wells. Commissioner Ronneberg seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***
- C. Review of public space permit application for 1125 H St. NE (Khan’s BBQ)
 - i. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee this business seeks a dining area on the very wide sidewalk area adjacent to its property. Given that this space is specifically intended to be used for this purpose in H Street plan documents and the streetscape redesign, Mr. Mahmud endorses the use.
 - ii. Mr. Mahmud showed the application and plan drawings provided by the applicant, which everyone in attendance viewed favorably.
 - iii. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC send a letter of support for the application to DDOT. Commission Chair Holmes seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***
- V. Old Business
 - A. Follow up regarding request to make information related to public space usage requests available on the ANC website (i.e. modeled on the new construction guidance provided by the ANC’s Economic Development and Zoning Committee)
 - i. Commissioner Ronneberg agreed to send Mr. Mahmud his committee’s guidelines for zoning. Commission Chair Holmes suggested the committee look at the public space guidelines for ANC 6B on Norm Metzger’s website.
- VI. Additional Community Comment - None
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm



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Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)



Report of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee of ANC 6A May 18, 2011

Members Present: Jeff Fletcher, Phil Toomajian, Dan Golden
Commissioners Present: Drew Ronneberg, Sharee Lawler, David Holmes

Drew Ronneberg chaired the meeting except during consideration of 701 10th St. NE, when Drew recused himself and Sharee Lawler chaired the meeting.

Community Comment

Drew Ronneberg reported that on May 25 there would be a DDOT meeting regarding the location of bike share bike stations on the eastern end of H St. NE, near H and 10th or H and 11th Sts. NE and encouraged everyone to attend. The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be held at Judiciary Square, 441 4th St NW.

Status Reports

Resolution of Previously Heard BZA/HPA Cases: David Holmes reported that the case involving 1245 G St. NE went before BZA and no one showed up to the hearing on behalf of the property owner. As a result, the hearing was postponed. It was noted that it appears construction has begun on the site with the pouring of concrete and that a demolition permit is on file for the property.

Vacant Properties: Phil Toomajian reported that he had heard rumblings that the owners of 1000 C St. NE wanted to reach out to discuss the status of their property. He also has heard second-hand that the owner of 1362 H St. NE, another source of blight, was interested in un-blighting the property, although possibly leaving it unoccupied.

Zoning Rewrite: Drew Ronneberg reported that it appears a 10-year review of campus plans is currently underway.

H Street Business Liaison Report: Sharee Lawler reported that a series of business education programs would be scheduled for H St. NE this summer. In addition, Barracks Row Main Street is going to discuss their experience conducting a business survey with Sharee and Charmaine Josiah, so that Sharee and Charmaine can craft their own survey for use on H St. NE.

New Business

1. **HPA # 11-288 (818 C St. NE).** The owner seeks to build a two-story addition in the Capitol Hill Historic District. The addition complies with the zoning requirements.

Mike Fowler of Fowler Architects gave a short presentation. During the presentation he provided letters from the adjoining neighbors located at 816 C St. NE, 300 9th St. NE, 302 9th St. NE, 304 9th St. NE, 306 9th St. NE, 308 9th St. NE, and 310 9th St. NE, all of whom supported the addition. He indicated that during the construction, the owner also would be addressing grading and foundation issues.



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Drew Ronneberg asked whether the use of aluminum windows on the rear sides of the building, which the plans indicate, was permissible. Mr. Fowler indicated that aluminum clad windows were acceptable in those locations.

Motion: Move that ANC 6A write a letter in support of this case. Passed 5/0.

2. **BZA #18241 (1231 F St. NE):** The owner seeks a special exception for lot occupancy requirements (§ 223.1) and a variance from § 2500.4 to construct a new garage with basement and “pop up” stair structure for roof access. The variance is required because the height of the garage structure exceeds the 15’ maximum specified in § 2500.4.

Vanessa Manchester, the property owner, and Patrick Rog, an architect who had reviewed the plans, gave a short presentation. Mr. Rog noted that they intended to increase the lot occupancy from 59.2% to 65.9% and that those numbers had been confirmed by DCRA. Mr. Rog argued that both the special exception and the variance were justified by the unique characteristics of the property, specifically the fact that the grade in the back yard is 6.7 feet lower than the grade in the alley. In support of the application, letters from the property owners at 1225 F St. NE, 1227 F St. NE, 1229 F St. NE, and 1233 and 1235 F St. NE were introduced. The Committee observed that the proposed special exception and variance would not appear to have an adverse impact on the privacy of those neighboring properties.

Dan Golden acknowledged the unique aspects of the property, but indicated that he felt that constructing a pop-up structure above the garage roof line to permit access to the roof was not justified by peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship such that granting a variance was appropriate.

Motion: Move that ANC 6A write a letter in support of this case. Passed 4/1.

3. **BZA #18241 (138 12th St. NE):** The Northeast Neighbors for Responsible Growth (NNRG) filed an appeal to DCRA seeking that DCRA vacate its decision to revoke building permits for the AppleTree site.

Joseph Jorgens II and Margaret Holwill spoke on behalf of NNRG. Ms. Holwill noted that there were two recent incidents in which the alley behind the property was blocked by eighteen-wheelers unloading steel beams. MPD came over during the second incident and directed the trucks to leave, stating that they will be issued a citation if they return without a public space permit. The trucks have not returned since.

Mr. Jorgens said that he had been informed that the Office of Zoning had combined the NNRG appeal with the ANC 6A appeal. Therefore, there was no action for the ED&Z committee to make.

4. **BZA #182XX (701 10th St. NE):** The owner seeks a variance from § 2101.1 that requires 2-unit structures (flats) to have one on-site parking space. The site does not have alley access, but was granted a curb cut and driveway by DDOT in 2005 over the strenuous objection of ANC 6A. If the variance is granted, the curb cut will be removed.

Drew Ronneberg abstained from consideration of this case due to his having assisted in the preparation of the materials provided to the Committee on this issue. Sharee Lawler chaired the Committee during the vote on this issue.

The owner of Redshift LLC was present at the meeting and indicated that he had agreed to put \$50,000 in escrow prior to submission of his application for a variance. If the variance is granted, he will seek a



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public space permit, and if the public space permit is granted he will then remove the curb cut. In the event the applications are denied, he will instead apply to have the curb cut reduced from 24 feet to 12 feet. The funds will not be released from escrow unless the curb-cut removal/mitigation efforts are fully pursued. The Committee agreed that recommending a variance to allow the additional parking space on these facts was appropriate, particularly in light of the fact that the initial curb cut permit had improperly been granted and because removal of the curb cut would be of significant benefit.

Motion: Move that ANC 6A write a letter in support of this case. Passed 5/0 (David Holmes participating in the vote in lieu of Drew Ronneberg).

5. Historic District Expansion Meetings: Planning for special public meetings regarding whether ANC 6A should seek to have the Capitol Hill Historic District extended to H St in the north, 15th St. to the east and East Capitol St. to the south. It was clarified that the historic district would include only residential areas leading up to H St. and not any properties on H St. itself.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that it would be critical to solicit public input on this issue and that a series of two or three public meetings in quick succession, perhaps one to two weeks apart, would be desirable. It was decided that meetings in September would be best, likely on two different weeknights. The earlier meeting or meetings would focus on having public officials on hand and providing factual information. The later meeting or meetings would provide residents with a chance to discuss the issues fully.

It was agreed that residents in the areas where the expansion would take place should have their homes flyered to provide them with notice of the meetings and that we should seek funding from the ANC 6A budget for the flyerling.

Motion: Move that ANC 6A fund up to \$600 for flyerling. Passed 5/0.

Additional Community Comment

Drew Ronneberg reported the owner of 1242 H St. NE has indicated that he has spoken with two potential tenants for his property and that they are only interested in renting from him if they can occupy the entire building. The upstairs, however, may only be used for residential purposes. Members of the committee suggested that the owner should seek a tenant who was willing to live above the establishment so that the residential floors would be occupied.

Phil Toomajian reported that there would be another planting project on Saturday May 21 at Sherwood Recreation Center from 10am to 1pm.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 7-9 PM
640 10th St. NE
Sherwood Recreation Center, 2nd Floor**



Application, Procedures and Street Sweeping Services

Procedures for the application for the residential street sweeping program and installation of the **NO PARKING SIGNS FOR STREET CLEANING** are as follows:

- 1) A petition must be completed for each street location. A **minimum of three blocks** is required to be considered for the program.
- 2) Petitions filed must have the signatures of individuals representing at least **80%** of the residences on the block.
 - *If an apartment building is located within the block, then each apartment unit is to be counted as a separate residence.*
- 3) The Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Administration (DPW/ SWMA) will inspect the blocks, taking into consideration the amount of litter, the total number of residences and to determine the feasibility of mechanically sweeping. DPW/SWMA will verify all signatures. DPW/SWMA will also inspect the blocks for proposed designated locations of poles and signs.
 - *In cases where poles need to be installed Miss Utility will need to be notified. (This may cause some **delays in the process.**)*
- 4) For traffic safety reasons, petitions will not be considered in the middle of a one-way street, rush hour restriction roadways and commercial corridors roadways.
- 5) DPW/SWMA will notify the local ANC commission and the Block Captain, if any, of a particular block requesting Street Sweeping and the approval of a petition. The local ANC office will be allowed an opportunity to advise the government on this issue as required by District of Columbia Law.
- 6) Upon a decision on the petition, DPW/SWMA will notify the local ANC, the Block Captain, and the citizen generating the petition of the determination. DPW/SWMA will reserve the right to deny any petition. If approved, the notification will indicate the date on which the **NO PARKING FOR STREET CLEANING** signs will be installed.
- 7) Department of Transportation (DDOT) will install the **NO PARKING FOR STREET CLEANING** signs and DPW/SWMA will notify the affected residents of the date when sweeping will begin.
- 8) Department of Public Works (DPW), Solid Waste Management Administration (SWMA) will monitor location to assure that scheduled services are being provided and regulations are followed. Each location that does not conform to rules and regulations will be released from the Street Sweeping Program.
- 9) At any time when services are not rendered, contact Mayor's Citywide Call Center at 311.
- 10) Mechanical Street Sweeping services is **temporarily** suspended every year during December, January, February and the first part of March, when temperatures traditionally drop below freezing. Parking restrictions related to street sweeping are lifted during the suspension.





New Business



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For
"Alternate Side"
Mechanical Street Sweeping

To: Anthony Duckett
Chief, Street and Alley Cleaning Division
Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Administration
2750-South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20032

We the undersigned abutting residents of the 600 hundred block of 10th Street _____ (Street Name), NE (quadrant) petition the Department of Public Works to install the **NO PARKING FOR STREET CLEANING** signs to provide for routine street cleaning on weekly posted schedule.

We agree to the following in efforts to support DPW in maintaining the streets clean.

- To move our car(s) accordingly on scheduled service days. However, we are aware that if our cars are not moved during the posted street cleaning times, we will receive a "parking" citation.
- To maintain public space free of debris from property line and extending eighteen inches (18in) from the curb line into abutting roadway-(Section 702.1)

The attached signatures represent 80% or more of the affected residence. Petition expires January 2013. Location will be required to resubmit petition.

The ANC and Block Captain who will serve as a point of contact with the Department of Public Works is:

Drew Ronneberg 646 11th St NE 431-4305 ANC6A-02
ANC Name Signature-(Required) Address & Telephone Number ANC Area

Emily Kuiken 625 10th St NE 369-0745 ANC6A-02
Block Captain Name Address & Telephone Number ANC Area

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<input type="checkbox"/> Approval / <input type="checkbox"/> Denial Signature					Sign Installation		
Signature:		Date			Signature:		Date
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri.	AM	PM	Service Effective Date

