



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for December 13, 2007



7:00 pm **Call to order**, adopt agenda and approve previous meeting's minutes - starts on page 7

7:05 **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)

7:05 **Community Presentation**

Neighbors United, 5 minutes

Jerry May, Executive Director

Will Cobb, Chairman of Board

Pilgrim Baptist Church proposed transition home, Pastor Jones, 5 minutes

15 minutes provided for community comment and questions regarding proposal

7:30 **Officer Reports:**

Chair (2 minutes)

Vice-Chair (2 minutes)

Secretary (2 minutes)

Treasurer (2 minutes) - *starts on page 18*

1. Approve treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements.
2. Approve monthly photocopying expenses.

7:35 **Single Member District reports** (2 minutes each)

Standing Committee Reports:

7:40 **Alcohol Beverage Licensing - starts on page 19**

1. **Recommendation:** budget \$300.00 for purchase of voluntary agreement recognition stickers.
2. **Recommendation:** not protest the following license renewals scheduled for hearing on January 9th, 2008:
 - i. H Street Country Club, 1335 H Street NE
 - ii. Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H Street NE
 - iii. The Pug, 1234 H Street NE
 - iv. Show Bar, 1210 H Street NE
 - v. H Street Martini Lounge, 1236 H Street NE
 - vi. Rose's Dream Bar and Lounge, 1370 H Street NE
3. **Recommendation:** approve a stipulated license for Naby's
4. **Recommendation:** continue to study framework for a moratorium of CT/CN liquor licenses on H Street.
5. Next meeting: 7:00 p.m., December 18, 2007(third Tuesday).
6. Accept Committee Report



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7:40 **Economic Development and Zoning - starts on page 31**

1. **Recommendation:** approve moving the monthly TPS meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
2. **Recommendation:** appoint Drew Ronneberg, Annie Swingen, Rich Luna and Barbara Halleck to represent the ANC in negotiations over the redevelopment of the H Street Connection site. The negotiators should seek to
 - i. reduce the mass of the building to what is called for in the H Street Strategic Development Plan
 - ii. concentrate the massing toward the center and rear of the building
 - iii. ensure that the proposed architecture fits into the context of the existing buildings on H Street
 - iv. encourage verticality in the design and
 - v. encourage the architects to visually break up the structure so that it appears to be multiple buildings.
3. **Recommendation:** conditionally support the lot area and lot width variance for 615 16th St. if the developer obtains letters of support from the owners of the adjacent buildings and shows that the construction of the structure does not violate code requirements for the neighboring structures with respect to neighbors' windows on the side walls.
4. **Recommendation:** authorize Annie Swingen, on behalf of the ANC, to seek postponement of HPRB cases when there has been insufficient notice provided to make a recommendation; and, if the case is not postponed, to oppose the HPO application.
5. **Recommendation:** grant \$4000 to co-sponsor a historic survey of the buildings on H Street that are within the boundaries of ANC 6A and the H Street Overlay.
6. Next meeting: 7:00 p.m., January 2008 (fourth Tuesday).
7. Accept Committee Report

8:00 **Community Outreach - starts on page 35**

1. Committee Membership: Accept the resignation of Maurice Cook
2. **Recommendation:** Approve a grant of \$1,250 (not to exceed) to Spingarn SHS PTSA for the purchase of uniforms and uniform storage bags for the Spingarn Pep Squad.
3. **Recommendation:** Approve a grant of \$601 to Trees for Capitol Hill to purchase additional treegators for use on street trees in ANC 6A.
4. **Recommendation:** Approve a grant of \$3,454 to (not to exceed) Eastern SHS PTSA for the purchase of uniforms for the "Blue & White Marching Machine", the auxiliary squads that accompany the band.
5. **Recommendation:** Approve a grant in the amount of \$225 (not to exceed) to Friends of the Northeast Library to purchase supplies and equipment for the Children's Room at the Northeast Branch Library.



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6. **Recommendation:** Continue the monthly ad in *Voice of the Hill* at a cost of \$2,166
 - i. the Voice of the Hill has added 2 drop locations in the eastern part of ANC 6A - 409 15th St. & 1804 D St. NE
 - ii. the Hill Rag has added boxes, at the corner of 8th & K Sts and at the corner of 12th & H
7. **Recommendation:** Continue the monthly ad in the *Hill Rag* and purchase an ad similar to last year's in the Fagon Guide for a combined cost of \$3,689
8. **Recommendation:** Approve funding - \$250 (not to exceed) - for two ¼ page ads in the *Buff and Blue* (Gallaudet student newspaper) to be used for ANC 6A events of particular interest to students residing on the Gallaudet campus.
9. Next meeting - 7:30 p.m., December 17, 2007 (third Monday)
10. Accept Committee Report.

8:10 **Public Safety - starts on page 49**

1. Next meeting - 7:00 p.m., January 16, 2008 (third Wednesday)

8:10 **Transportation and Public Space Committee - starts on page 50**

1. **Recommendation:** approve moving the monthly TPS meeting to the 3rd Monday of the month.
2. **Recommendation:** send a letter to DDOT with the motion presented by David Holmes.
3. **Recommendation:** send letter to DPW and DOH requesting alley cleaning for all alleys between the 1200 and 1500 blocks of H Street NE, bounded on the south by G Street and on the north by I Street, and then have these alleys placed on a regular cleaning and maintenance schedule.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 p.m., January 21, 2008 (third Monday)
5. Accept Committee Report.

8:20 **Unfinished Business**

1. ANC 6A bylaw changes regarding committee membership:

Proposed standards for committee memberships:

- 1) Committee members can be nominated by a commissioner or committee chair to serve for a term of 1 year.
- 2) Committee members may be nominated for subsequent 1 year terms. If nominated by the chair of the committee, a simple majority of commissioners will be required for confirmation. If nominated by a commissioner, without approval of the committee chair, confirmation will require the vote of 6 commissioners.
- 3) If a committee member misses 3 consecutive meetings, the member will be removed from the committee at the request of the committee chair.



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Reinstatement will require the nomination of the committee chair or the vote of 6 commissioners.

- 4) Committee members must be legal residents of ANC 6A. If registered to vote at another address, declaring the homestead exemption at another address, or filing federal or district taxes from another address disqualifies the individual.

8:30 New Business - starts on page 54

1. Pilgrim Baptist House, 820 8th Street, NE (Marshall)
2. National Marathon race course - Concerns & comments (Alberti)
3. Appeal of permits for 138 12th St NE, AppleTree property (Alberti/Holmes)



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Reference potential discussion regarding 820 8th Street, NE:

You can find the regs for R-1 through R-4 Districts at dcoz.dc.gov . Look on the left-hand menu for Zoning Regs. Look at Title 11 Ch 2 and 3

Below is a summary of the matter of right uses for Community Base Residential Facilities (CBR). This summary consolidates all of the relevant regs that effect R-4 districts taking into account the regs for the R-1 thru R-3 districts that apply.

Matter of right uses in R-4 are:

- Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) for the Disabled - any size. Substance abuse is not a disability.
- CBRF, Not a Rehabilitation Facility - up to 8 residents (not counting staff) as long as there is no other CBRF in the same square or within 500 ft.

Special Exceptions in R-4 are:

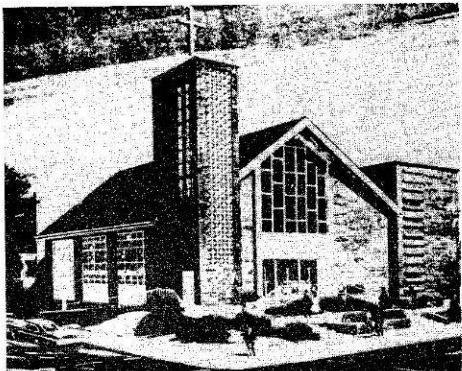
- CBRF, Not a Rehabilitation Facility - 9 to 15 persons as long there is no other CBRF of size 7 or larger within the same square or within 500 ft.
- CBRF, Rehabilitation Facility - up to 15 persons as long as there no other CBRF of size 7 or larger within the same square or within 500 ft.

Additionally, we understand that DCRA is not enforcing the geographic density requirements (number of facilities with a specified distance). Apparently a discrimination suit has been brought against the city because of those geographic density requirements. If the facilities under review do not service disabled persons, DCRA may still enforce the requirements.

A matter of right use development and construction can not be stopped. A Special Exception will allow the community to provide formal input regarding the use with the Zoning Commission.



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PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

700 Eye Street, Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 547-8849/50

Reverend Louis B. Jones II, Pastor

September 27, 2007

Ward 6A ANC
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, D.C. 20013

RE: Letter Regarding Pilgrim Baptist Church Properties
818 & 820 8th Street, N.E.

We are in receipt of your letter and your inquiry as to the status of properties owned by Pilgrim Baptist Church at the aforementioned addresses.

The property located at 818 8th Street is occupied periodically throughout the week and on the week-ends. It is used to house small group meetings and classes.

The property at 820 8th Street is soon to be refurbished. The property has been deemed the A.S.P.I.R.E. HOUSE (Active Solutions Propelling Individuals To Reach Excellence). We are finalizing exterior and interior plans and usage. We will keep you abreast of our plans. If possible, I would like to be placed on the agenda for your meeting on October 11th to answer any questions and provide information. Please let me know if that is possible.

We appreciate your inquiry. It's always heartwarming to find people who are working toward the same goals that the Pilgrim Baptist Church has worked for in this community for the past 40 years. We are a non-profit organization and we are always appreciative of any donations of time, talent, and resources that you and your constituents may wish to give.

For Christ,



Pastor Jones



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Minutes Miner Elementary School

The meeting began at 7:05 PM.

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Beatty, Fengler, Holmes, Mack, and Schultheiss

Absent: Commissioners Nixon and Marshall

1. Agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

2. Minutes

The minutes were adopted without objection

3. Community Comment

Bob Kabel, Chair of the DC Republican Party, spoke about DC Voting Rights and the plans of the local party to make voting rights an issue in the Republic presidential campaign.

4. Officer Reports

Chair

Mr. Fengler raised the issue of the scheduling of Committee meetings, saying that the meetings are late in the month, which often makes it difficult to have the agenda packets and minutes ready in a timely fashion. He suggested that the meetings should be completed by the end of the third week of the month, and asked the other Commissioners to think about it for discussion at the December meeting. Ms. Beatty pointed out that people don't sit on more than one committee so that more than one committee could meet on the same night. Mr. Alberti suggested reconsidering what goes into the packet and Mr. Schultheiss said that there should be enough time to read the packet prior to the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Schultheiss seconded a motion that committee chairs think about changing the committee schedule and be prepared to discuss the issue at the December meeting. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair

Mr. Holmes reported that he had attended a meeting at the Office of Planning, which covered the proposed zoning review process, historic preservation, the new DC Comprehensive Plan and the possible establishment of a DC Planning Commission. He presented comment forms so that ANC members could add their thoughts.



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He also said he had met with Congresswoman Norton on the issue of Public Charter Schools.

Treasurer

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance of the checking account was \$24,324.72. The savings account had an opening balance of \$4,173.65, and there was an interest payment of \$1.03, for a balance of \$4,174.68. The following disbursements were approved: \$1,000.00 to Maury Elementary School for a grant for the School Libraries Project (Check #1334); \$143.50 to Roberta Weiner for transcribing minutes (Check #1335) and \$63.83 to FedEx Kinko's for copying expenses (Sept. 07 invoice) (Check #1336). The closing balance was \$23, 546.22.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Fengler seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was approved without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Fengler 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.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Fengler seconded a motion to approve the quarterly report for the 4th Quarter of FY 07. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: (this motion was made at the end of the meeting) Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Fengler seconded a motion to allocate \$6500 for local advertising for monthly meetings. He reported that last year's expenditure was \$5700, and this allocation allows a little extra. The motion was amended to specify the Hill Rage and the Voice of the Hill as specific publications. The amendment passed 4-1. Elizabeth Nelson said that the extra money could be used for Gallaudet publications and the Fagon Guide. The amended motion passed without objection.

FY08 Budget

Mr Alberti presented the FY08 budget. Mr. Fengler introduced the concept of issuing task orders to perform routine commission work such as taking and transcribing minutes for committees and the ANC, assembling agenda packages, drafting letters, preparing treasurers reports, and updating the commission website, all of which would enable commissioners to spend more of their limited time advocating for the neighborhood.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion that commissioners explore the idea of issuing task orders and discuss it at the next meeting. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to approve the FY 08 ANC budget. Elizabeth Nelson said that she may have more grants than the amount of money allotted for them, and was told that the budget is a guideline and can be adjusted for additional grants. Annie Swingen also noted that there will be a \$4000-\$5000 grant for the historic building survey for extension of the historic district. The motion passed without objection.



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5. Single Member District Reports

Ms. Mack reported that the Mayor did a walk-through of the Rosedale community, and plans to return by the end of November. Ms. Mack said she pointed out DCRA violations in the area, but gave up after 25. She also reported that there will be a meeting of on Benning Road redevelopment on November 14th. She said she had met with the Department of Parks and Recreation on the renovation of the Rosedale Rec Center, for which \$1 million has been appropriated.

Ms. Beatty reported that there was an armed robbery adjacent to Lovejoy Lofts, and she was working on getting the lights turned on in Lovejoy Park.

Mr. Fengler reported that the Office of the Attorney General has approved the contracts for the H Street streetscape redevelopment, including the streetcar. He said that PSA 102 would be dealing with the elimination of a gang at 10th and G Streets NE.

He reported that the Office of Property Management had asked the ANC for ideas for the use of the old police station and the firehouse that have been the focus of community attention for years, and he suggested that interested people read the many letters posted on the ANC's website.

He also reported that there is a lot of illegal construction going on in his SMD, but he has been unsuccessful in reporting much of it because the relevant peoples' mailboxes are full and calls don't go through.

Mr. Alberti reported that the Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) had conducted a tour of the historic properties in his SMD, and he hope that they were doing the same in other SMDs.

He suggested that another avenue of reaching DCRA is through e-mail. He noted that he has asked DCRA to investigate two instances of permit fraud at 1405 North Carolina Ave. NE, but was ignored by DCRA. He has now contacted the Mayor's office, and suggested that the Economic Development Committee invite DCRA to appear at a meeting. He said he is crafting a letter to DCRA head Linda Argo, which will be followed by letters to the Mayor and the Councilmember.

Mr. Holmes reported that there are too many accidents on Constitution Avenue and C Street, and suggested that the Transportation Committee look into the possibility of curb extensions or other measures which could improve public safety.

6. Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing

Motion: Ms. Beatty moved/Mr. Fengler seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Derrick Figures to the ABL Committee. The motion passed without objection.

Ms. Beatty gave an update on the discussions about a moratorium on CT licenses on H Street. She said they are looking at caps on the number of bar licenses. She explained the difference between a CT (tavern) and CR (restaurant) license and that some licensees apply for a CT because they don't want ABRA to conduct an audit on their food receipts. She said that a similar moratorium in Adams



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Morgan took two years to implement. Mr. Schultheiss said that the bulk of the establishments under discussion are in his SMD, and his constituents are concerned about the future character of the development on H Street and its impact on the neighborhood. Mr. Alberti said that planning for the future will be a very difficult discussion.

Ms. Beatty encouraged everyone to come to the Public Hearing on this issue on November 20.

Motion: Ms. Beatty moved/Mr. Schultheiss seconded a motion that the ABL Committee explore a possible moratorium on CT licenses for the ANC 6A part of H Street. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Ms Beatty moved/Mr. Fengler seconded a motion to accept the Committee report. It was accepted without amendment.

Economic Development and Zoning

Mr. Ronneberg reported on 1137 C Street NE, where a developer, Pius Mutah, plans to add a three-story addition to the back of an existing structure. The proposed building will cover nearly 100% of the lot, partly constructed on public space, have three garages accessible from 12th Street, and add three units to the current two, for five units in total.

Mr. Ronneberg reported that the building is out of scale with the surrounding properties, and its construction should be opposed at HPRB because would require a variance from lot occupancy requirement, a variance for a multi-unit building and a variance because the building does not meet the lot area requirements. Mr. Fengler said that the ANC had received less than 12 days notice of the HPRB hearing.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to HPRB opposing the request for an addition at 1137 C Street NE. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to accept the Committee report. It was passed without objection.

Community Outreach

Ms. Nelson presented a grant proposal for the Maury Elementary School PTSA for \$504.45 for the purchase of periodicals and graphic novels. She introduced Heather Schoell, representing the PTSA.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to approve the Committee's recommendation and provide a grant of \$505.00 to the PTSA of Maury Elementary School. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to accept the report of the Community Outreach Committee. The motion passed without objection.

Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee is on hiatus, and will meet next on January 16, 2008.



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Transportation

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Committee member Victor McCoy; and to cancel the committee's December meeting. The motion passed without objection.

Lance Brown, in the absence of the Committee's chair, presented the Committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter of support for the new dog park regulations with two amendments, one striking "double" from the provision governing the gating of dog parks; and the second striking a sentence requiring that dogs be off-leash within a dog park.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to support the committee's recommendation to support the new regulations, but to strike the language in both sections of the regulations. **Amendment:** Mr. Schultheiss moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to strike the amendments. The amended motion passed without objection.

Mr. Alberti presented a letter to Mayor Fenty prepared by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens of Eastern Washington requesting a comprehensive and updated community mobility study that would include all the land use changes and developments proposed for the communities flanking the Anacostia River in Wards 6,7, and 8. He said that he has been speaking with people from the Coalition, and thinks the ANC should support the study. He said there are conflicting assumptions among existing studies and that the Coalition is asking for a study that takes a broader view.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to send a letter of support to the Mayor and DDOT requesting the study.

Mr. Schultheiss said that studies don't take all issues into account, and predicting traffic for 20 years out won't work. Further, he said, the comment period on the 11th Street Bridge is still open, and it would link the ANC with the 11th Street bridge project. He recommended that the committee look into the issue further. Mr. Holmes enthusiastically supported the motion, believing that such a study is needed. Vanessa Ruffin also said that the quality of life is deteriorating because of the traffic problems and the study is needed. Chris Herman, a member of the coalition added that the concern is to get on top of the integration of all the changes in traffic.

Mr. Fengler said that he feels more comfortable returning it to the Committee, and the ANC shouldn't be doing the Committee's work. Tom Graeme, also of the Coalition, said the study would cost \$300,000-\$400,000. Mr. Alberti said that the outcomes of the traffic projections will be felt in the 6A area, and it's a serious topic. **Amendment:** Mr. Fengler offered an amendment to return the issue to the Committee and it be brought back to the full ANC at its December meeting. The amendment passed 3-2, with Mr. Alberti and Mr. Holmes in opposition. The motion as amended passed 6-0.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to accept the report of the Transportation Committee. The motion passed without objection.



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7. New Business

By-Law Changes

Mr. Fengler proposed modifications of the by-laws in the area of committee membership. They will be discussed and voted on at the December meeting.

The proposed changes to the bylaws are as follows:

Proposed standards for committee memberships:

- 1) Committee members can be nominated by a commissioner or committee chair to serve for a term of 1 year.
- 2) Committee members may be nominated for subsequent 1 year terms. If nominated by the chair of the committee, a simple majority of commissioners will be required for confirmation. If nominated by a commissioner, without approval of the committee chair, confirmation will require the vote of 6 commissioners.
- 3) If a committee member misses 3 consecutive meetings, the member will be removed from the committee at the request of the committee chair. Reinstatement will require the nomination of the committee chair or the vote of 6 commissioners.
- 4) Committee members must be legal residents of ANC 6A. If registered to vote at another address, declaring the homestead exemption at another address, or filing federal or district taxes from another address disqualifies the individual.

Pilgrim Baptist House

Mr. Alberti said that this is matter for the Vacant Property Task Force, as the Pilgrim Baptist Church has a currently vacant property at 820 8th Street NE. The church says it is refurbishing the house and turning it into a location for a program it is running. He said he would like to defer to Commissioner Marshall, and move it to unfinished business at the December meeting.

Support for Historic Survey Grant Application

Annie Swingen reported that there is a group planning a historic building survey of the Rosedale area, from 15th to 19th Street, from H Street and Benning Road to East Capitol Street. They would like to apply to the Office of Planning for a grant to fund their survey, and would like to partner with the ANC and CHRS in their efforts.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion the ANC become a partner with CHRS in supporting an Office of Planning grant for an historic survey of the Rosedale area. The motion passed without objection.



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Change in ANC Law to facilitate the Obtaining of Documents

Mr. Holmes offered language to amend the DC Code §1-309.10(i)(1) to read each Commission shall have access to District government official documents and public data pursuant to ~~§ 2-531 et seq.~~ that are material to the exercise of its development of recommendations to the District government, and add, after the word data “provided that no fee shall be charged a Commission when requesting documents or data pursuant to the section.” and the following language will be added after the period: “Commission requests shall be given immediate priority.”

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Fengler seconded a motion to support a change in the ANC law, and to encourage District agencies to follow the law.

Mr. Holmes said that access to government documents is hindered because some agencies seek to apply FOIA requirements, agencies impose charges, and document and data requests go to the back of the line.

Mr. Alberti said that he was troubled by the line that says “immediate priority” and it is overreaching to put the ANCs at the front of the line. He suggested “Commissions’ requests shall be fulfilled in a timely manner.”

Mr. Fengler said it should be immediate, so that agencies are responsive.

Motion: Mr. Alberti offered an amendment that either the sentence be amended or that the word “expeditiously” be substituted. The amendment failed 2-3. The original motion passed 5-1 (Alberti opposed).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.



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November 9, 2007

Office of the District of Columbia
717 14th Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20005

Re: Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A for Fiscal Years 2005 through 2007, as of March 31, 2007

Ms. Deborah Nichols:

Thank you for your thorough and detailed audit report of our Commission's financial accounts. We have carefully reviewed the report and while we concur with the overall positive assessment of our financial record keeping, we have serious reservations about the accuracy of two specific findings.

First, we dispute the first statement of findings that 'disbursements totaling \$7,995.98 or 15.2% of total disbursements were not supported by adequate documentation'¹. We believe that this finding is not supported by the D. C. Code 1-309.13(j)(1). Additionally, the conclusion contradicts a subsequent finding in the report which states that 'All disbursements were supported by adequate documentation'²

This unsupported disbursement finding appears to be based on the fact that our Commission failed to submit the grantee's statement of use for 9 grants.³ While we accept that grantees must provide the Commission a statement of the use of funds as required by D. C. Code 1-309.1(m) and while we will honor your request to provide copies of the missing statements, we dispute that those statements are required to adequately document disbursements for grants.

The DC Code 1-309.13(j)(1) specifies in detail which documents must be included in the quarterly reports to support ANC disbursements. These are 'canceled checks, bank statements, grant request letters and grant disbursements, invoices and receipts, executed contracts, requires'. This is an exhaustive list of the required documents, so it is clear, by its absence from list, that the grantee's statement of use is not require nor acceptable as documentation that funds were appropriately disbursed. This is understandable since those statements, without receipts, are of little value in showing the funds were used appropriately.

¹ Audit Report Page 4, ANC 6A Substantially Complied with D.C. Code, Section 1-309.13 (j) (1) by Maintaining adequate Documentation to support a Majority of Disbursements.

² Audit Report Page 10, Internal Controls were Adequate to Produce Reliable Financial Information and Ensure that Assets were Properly Safeguarded

³ Audit Report Page 7, ANC 6A Grant Disbursement Did Not Comply Fully with the ANC Act



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Our quarterly reports include receipts for all grant expenditures, copies of the grant application and the minutes of the meetings at which the grants were approved. As the report confirms,⁴ those receipts document that all grant disbursements have been used for purposes consistent with the stated purpose of the grant. For these reasons we believe that all of our disbursements are supported by adequate documentation, including all grant disbursements.

Second, the report also finds that receipts for a grant to the PTSA Maury Elementary School are missing from our records.⁵ We believe that those receipts were included in the audit materials and perhaps were inadvertently over looked. Nonetheless, we have attached copies of those receipts along with the grant application.

We ask that you amend the audit report to reflect the inaccuracies we have noted or, if you disagree with our conclusions, provide an explanation as to why you believe the findings in question are accurate. We would greatly appreciate a response indicating your intent within 60 days of receipt of this letter.

The report finds that our Commission did not fully comply with the D.C. Code because we lacked copies of the grantee's 'statement of use' for 9 grants.⁶ We have attached copies of those statements for X grants. The remaining X statements will be forthcoming as we are currently working to obtain those statements.

The report finds that our Commission submitted four of the quarterly financial reports more than 20 days late. This was caused by deficiencies in our procedures for compiling the necessary documents (receipts, bank statements, etc) and delays in getting the required officer signatures due to unavailability of Commission officers. Beginning in 2007, we made substantial improvements to our procedures and have ensured that the reports are submitted timely.

We look forward to your response to the issues we've addressed.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

⁴ Audit Report Page 7, '...the receipts were consistent with the purpose of grants...'

⁵ Audit Report Page 8, Table IV

⁶ Audit Report Page 7, ANC 6A Grant Disbursements did not Comply with the ANC Act



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December 4, 2007

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

Re: ANC 6A requests reconsideration of HPRB Order #07289

Dear Mr. Boasberg:

On November 8, 2007, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A, at its regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting and with a quorum present, voted unanimously to oppose the proposed addition at 1137 C Street, NE (HPA #07-289) and ask HPRB to reconsider their decision in this case.

We oppose the proposed addition at 1137 C St. NE for several reasons. First, the massing and density of the project is out of scale with the surrounding neighborhood. It is our understanding that HPO staff did not inform the Board that the project will require at least 3 zoning variances: a variance to exceed 70% lot occupancy (the project is at almost 100% lot occupancy), a variance to construct more than 2 units in a R-4 zone (the applicant proposes 5 units) and a variance from the minimum lot area of 4500 sq feet for a 5 unit building. Second, the applicant proposed that a significant part of the structure be built on public space. We are very concerned about the precedence that this action would set for future cases. Third, we believe that the design of the façade does not fit with the character of the surrounding buildings. Finally, we understand that the applicant was unable to produce letters of support from neighbors and/or the Capitol Hill Restoration Society for committee review.

Given the serious zoning, public space and design issues, as well as the lack of demonstrated support from the immediate neighbors or community associations, ANC 6A urges HPRB to reconsider this case and reverse its decision to delegate the authority to grant final approval for this project to HPO staff.

It should be noted that we undertook repeated efforts to postpone the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) hearing for this case until after a formal vote could be taken at ANC 6A's scheduled November 8 meeting. However, HPO staff member Jonathan Mellon informed the commission that the case was to remain on the October docket. Although it was explained that HPO was in clear violation of DCMR 10A, 325.3 which states that ANC's are to be given at least 45-days notice of "a case involving matters of significance to neighborhood planning and development", and can request deferral due to a DC agencies' oversight in proper notification, the case was heard by HPRB on October 25, 2007.

Given the fact the community has had little to input on this case and the outstanding zoning implications of the existing design, we formally request that HPRB reconsider this case.

On behalf of the Commission,



Approved Letters from November 08, 2007



Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Councilmember Tommy Wells

December 12, 2007

Clark Ray, Director
DC Department of Parks and Recreation
3149 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Director Ray,

On November 8, 2007, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A, at its regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting and with a quorum present, voted unanimously to support the proposed dog park regulations published in the DC Register on October 12th.

These regulations will finally bring to a close the frustratingly drawn out process of developing reasonable regulations to establish dog runs. This is an issue of great importance to our neighborhood and with each passing year there is an ever growing demand for this recreational opportunity. This commission has a long history of supporting the concept of off leash dog parks as a community amenity that will strengthen and build neighborly friendships and decrease tensions within our community.

Our ANC is looking forward to working with community groups and DPR to establish locations within our ANC to accommodate this use in the near future.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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ANC 6A Treasurer's Report November 2007

Period Covered: 11/01/07 - 11/30/07

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded		\$	23,546.22
Receipts:			
District Allotments (4th Quarter FY07)		\$	5,794.42
Credit - Cancelled Check #1315		\$	173.44
Transfers from Saving Account		\$	-
Total Receipts		\$	5,967.86
Total Funds Available		\$	29,514.08
Disbursements:			
Bill Schultheiss (Business Cards)	CK #1337	\$	257.12
Capitol Community News Inc. (11/07 Ad ABL)	CK #1338	\$	500.00
Roberta Weiner (10/07 Minutes)	CK # 1339	\$	120.00
FedEx Kinko's (10/07 Statement)	CK # 1340	\$	163.20
The Current Newspapers/Voice (11/07 Ad ABL)	CK #1341	\$	451.80
Bank fee for Cancelled CK # 1315		\$	30.00
Total Disbursements		\$	1,522.12
Ending Balance		\$	27,991.96

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded		\$	4,174.68
Receipts:			
Interest (10/31/07)		\$	1.06
Transfers from Checking Account		\$	-
Total Receipts		\$	1.06
Total Funds Available		\$	4,175.74
Disbursements:			
Total Disbursements		\$	-
Ending Balance		\$	4,175.74



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ANC 6A ABL Committee November 20, 2007 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Committee members present: Mary Beatty, Tish Olshefski, Jeremy Marcus, Michael Herman, Richard Sundberg (new member/rejoined). Absent: Derrick Figures, Mary Koszinski.

ANC Commissioners present: Bill Schultheiss, ANC6A06 Commissioner; Nick Alberti, ANC6A04 Commissioner

Community members present: James Delgtants; Coralie Farlee; Scott Magnum; Sharen Pine; Eulonda Lea; Jesse Kari; Jesse Rauch; Victor McKoy; H. Martin (Naby's); Marlon Martin (Naby's); Tancred Dickens; James Melonas; Ryan Velasco; Mark Stato; A. Corte; Cindy Cequit; J. Westrick; Joe Englert; John Picano; Anne Eeg; Kara Burke; R. Setel; Mark Thorp; Kelly Sheehan; Edwige Stephen; Terry Herbert; Katie Busbee; James Standish, John Mitchell, Sr., Anwar Saleem, Robert Pittman, Frank Hankins, Omar Mahmud, Rose Williams (& 10-20 others who did not sign in)

- I. a. **Welcome/Introductions** - Committee members introduced themselves.
- b. **Agenda** - Motion to accept agenda as amended. Addition of discussion of Recognition of licensee's with VA's and the order of the agenda was changed - CT licenses first and then the public hearing. No objections.
- c. **Acceptance of Minutes** - Motion to accept October minutes. No objections.

II. Community Comment

None

III. Discussion-Old Business

A. **Viggy's Protest - Update (September 19 Hearing)**

1. No change in the update since last month. Viggy's is going to be sold (15th & C, NE) so our protest is being held pending the resolution of the sale. We have a Voluntary Agreement with the prior owner and the new owner indicates that he will sign at the conclusion of the sale. Our protest is still active.

B. **Recognition program of licensees who sign VA's.**

1. Update from Jeremy. Two options - 3x8 inch with 4 color, 125 stickers is 250 + shipping.; 50 stickers for \$139 & shipping.
Motion by Mary Beatty to recommend that the ANC budget \$300.00 for purchase of recognition stickers. Seconded by Tish Olshefski. Unanimous Vote.

New Business

A. **Review of CT License Renewals**

- a. **H Street Country Club, 1335 H Street NE, Hearing Date: January 9, 2008**
 - i. No comments from community or committee.
Recommendation: Mary Beatty moves that the committee recommend that the ANC not protest this license. Seconded by Jeremy Marcus. Unanimous vote.
- b. **Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H Street NE, Hearing Date: January 9, 2008**



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on a moratorium the request (area and our justification) goes to ABRA for a ruling. Chair Beatty provided a summary of current CT and CR licenses along the corridor in relation to other potential types of businesses, but warned that the numbers of storefronts was a rough estimate since it was her count from a satellite Google map. Based on this count, we currently have approximately 146 storefronts between 700 and 1400 block. There are 2 CR licenses along this part of H street and 1 pending; 6 CT and 5 pending. Within a matter of months we'll have 11 CT licensees in ANC6A's side of H Street .

Questions on the explanation:

- i. What does a moratorium mean? It's not a ban, it's more like taking a a break for a certain period of time. There are many options for when it would start, at what threshold it would start, etc.
- ii. What would be the reasons for ABRA to support or not. Can it be economic? They could but it's more likely to be an impact on peace, order and quiet.
- iii. Is 6C doing the same thing. No.

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- The people who own these buildings are not willing to make any sensible real-estate deals. There really isn't a lot of interest in H Street citywide to come and open up businesses. We're really looking at 8 to 10 years. (Joe Englert)
- ANC6C - commissioners are hesitant to consider at this time although they have had discussions.
- Sounds as if we have to have a moratorium that states a certain percentage or number but would rather consider something like a percentage of all the buildings. It's important that we have some type of plan so that we have an equal balance. (Victor McKoy)
- Speaker is concerned about sending a message out that we want to put a limit on growth on H Street. How can we pinpoint the type of businesses we want? Anwar Saleem (H Street Mainstreet) is working on bringing developers into the corridor.
- From my perspective and for many people who have young families, the fewer bars and clubs we have the better. Don't want public drunkenness and violence and don't want people driving through the neighborhood. The more we fill up with bars the less space there will be for retail. Many of us have to go out of the city to get retail. Encourage the ANC to move towards a moratorium, the lowest percentage that is feasible the better. More entertainment that is family options. (James Standish)
- Don't support a moratorium at this time, think it is way too early, too many things going on that will bring people in but we are going to limit the options that bring people to the neighborhood. Should do a planning study to figure out what is a good mix of development. What are other types of neighborhoods and cities doing? (Jesse Rauch)
- With any development type project like H Street, at any point you have to assess the current situation and make a decision "are we going in the right direction?" Committee should set up meetings yearly, quarterly, to keep track of where we are. Does the community agree with where we are going and is it time to make a decision about where we are going. Did other areas take this step?
- One of the things the area is now missing is sit-down restaurants. We really need a mix and need to encourage a mix. Thinks that the bar licenses might be pushing out



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the restaurants. Have to be sure to not lose our community retail. 10% bars is quite fine.

- Was a 4 year homeowner in Trinidad. Nine years ago this is what U street looked like. Had 3 bars and walked 5 blocks before there was anything. Tavern licenses came first, restaurants came next and then the boutiques. That should seem like a model. U Street was organic. H Street can be the same way. (Mark)
- What is the ANC doing to attract restaurants? Response by Ms. Beatty: That is not something that an ANC normally does, but ANC6A is business friendly. The city, particularly Great Streets, works to attract all types of business along the corridor. Follow-up Question: Would it make sense to add that function? Response by Ms. Beatty: Our ANC has an Economic Development and Zoning Committee that is very active, but the type of business development that the speaker suggests is the responsibility of other parts of the government, in particular, the executive or Mayoral office.
- Less regulation will encourage development. There is a plan that the city has put together. Baltimore has a development corporation. Having more bars is a precursor to having other businesses. Have to be realistic about what is likely to happen. (Joel/a real estate developer)
- Commissioner Schultheiss stated that his single member district is basically the arts & entertainment district. People in the area have had concerns that are more related to parking than anything else. Residents in his area do not necessarily agree with the sentiments stated at the hearing. A lot of concern that we don't want to be Adams Morgan. They recognize this is a site that has a lot of concerns and problems. Look to 8th street SE as a model. (We should investigate the number of bars vs. restaurants in this area and also in old town.)
- Want to comment on the restaurants issue. Would prefer to be able to go to restaurants in this area. Comes to Atlas and there may be one sit down restaurant. (Member of new ABL committee in SE)
- Comments in line with those who believe that bars are what pave the way for the others. Aren't going to get those until the bars bring a critical mass of people to the area. What is the ANC doing to lean on the people who are sitting on their properties? (Dave Lauder) Response: ANC6A has a Vacant Properties Task Force and are working on a vacant properties initiative. Ms. Beatty asked: Do you think there is ever a point when there is a tipping point? Mr. Lauder: Thinks the market will take care of that.
- Question/comment on Adams Morgan. Problem is that some of the bars have gotten CR licenses and are really functioning more as bars than restaurants. (Lori Crouch) RESPONSE from Ms Beatty: That is true. ABRA is now, finally, beginning to enforce the rules.
- Resident of the area and owner of SOVA that just opened. CT licensees are trying to fill a void. Want to attract theater goers. Opening a coffee bar as well as a wine bar to fill that void. (Frank Hankins)
- Discussion is really good and this is the kind of discussion that needs to take place. Thinks it is premature to put out a moratorium right now. Saturation point: defer to the experts and the research. (Omar Mahmud)
- Personally torn over the idea. To be selfish, like the idea of a moratorium but to look at the big picture see the potential of having a monopoly of one potential bar owner. Don't believe that we have done enough research to have some numbers that people



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can look at. The survey can be considered to be padded. Thinks there can be a better way to manage growth in the area. (Robert Pittman)

- Haven't lived in this neighborhood very long. In the course of his work has had to move a lot. Watched development in a lot of different places. Never seen anyplace where sit down restaurants open up where there wasn't foot traffic already. Survey is hard to answer as it seems context-dependent. Not enough information to make a judgment.
- Echo the comments made previously. Deciding to have a moratorium or not is way too early. Want a good mix of bars and restaurants and putting a limit isn't the way to go.
- Lives a block and half from Argonaut. Against the moratorium at this time. Made the choice to live in the city. It's an important part of a vibrant neighborhood. (John Picano)
- Would like to register opposition to a moratorium. It's a blunt instrument and may never be really appropriate. There should always be other ways to try first to get the kind of mix that you want. There is a category missing from the survey and that is "vacant." Even if you tie it to a percentage, it's a percentage of what? What are you measuring it against?
- Never been to one of these meetings. Echo the people who agree that sit down restaurants are lacking. Development should be a complement to existing conditions. Shouldn't do a rash of development to change it. It takes away from our neighborhood. (Rose Williams)

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

- Michael Herman - talked about mix of bars vs. restaurants. How many people have actually gone to the restaurants listed? (Majority raised their hands).
- Mary Beatty - The ANC has few tools to shape development along the corridor. A moratorium is one of those.
- Tish Olshefski - We can only deal with the licensees that come to us. We were frustrated when we converted Liquid from a CT to a CR.
- Jeremy Marcus summarized contents of two letters opposing the moratorium. (He asked that the comments be included in the minutes and they are attached at the end of the minutes). If we don't pursue a moratorium, it doesn't mean that we can't revisit it in the future. Plenty of time to go through this process. When we're there we might recognize it. It won't happen overnight. Opposing tavern licenses doesn't mean that the owner will open a restaurant.

SECOND ROUND OF COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- b. Really for planned development. Discussion is really good. Suggest that the committee look into other projects in the city to see if there was a percentage before the project started to come up with pros and cons.
- c. When the H Street development started there were 50% vacant properties. What got us here was the growth. Last 3.5 years 65 new businesses - 1/6th of properties are vacant now. Along with that we've worked on crime (the other moratorium is addressing that). We have a couple of sit-down restaurants opening soon. Tropicana and Napa. Please patronize them. Will soon be holding a retail summit to find out what kind of businesses are wanted/needed in the area. (Anwar Saleem)
- d. There are people here - give us places we want. This isn't about pro-development vs. anti-development. Question is what kind of development? Now is the time to make the decision. How can others have their comments heard? (James Standish)



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- e. This is not our only opportunity to consider a moratorium. Why don't we have a plan for how often we will review the issue.
- f. A lot of what is driving this is the issue of ample on-street parking. Have to ask ourselves are we an urban environment or a suburban environment. Stop comparing Adams Morgan to H Street.
- g. As far as a study of a community that has the same kind of issues - Clarendon, Ballston - held on to vacant properties. What caused a breakthrough there? Should study this.
- h. Wants to speak up in defense of Adams Morgan. It's a great place with some problems. Don't wish us to have the problems but they have a lot of good things going on. U Street is a good model. Especially on the side without the multi-unit dwellings.
- i. In addition to everything that has been said, perhaps it is time for this committee to start looking at developing criteria for license renewals.
- j. Would be good to have these continuing discussions. Get the data and then hold another discussion.
- k. Mary Beatty asked how people heard about this hearing (only about 1/3 of original audience still present): Flyer - 6; Hill Rag/Voice of the Hill - 5; Blog - 5; Last month minutes - 1.
- l. Commendation of the Committee for being proactive on the issue and felt that the meeting was very well-run. (ABL Committee member from SE)

Mary Beatty moved that we recommend to the ANC that the ABL committee continue to study the moratorium along H Street. Richard seconds.

Chair Beatty explained that the intention would be to look at some of the ideas that were raised by community members. Several stated that more information was needed, including a study of why and/or how other areas of the city have pursued moratoriums. Jeremy thinks it is important to continue to study economic development and not a moratorium. Michael not sure that we need a motion at this point. Passed 3 to 2.

C. Naby's Stipulated License

- a. Naby's has contacted the committee to get ANC approval of a stipulated license that will allow them to operate before they get their actual license. We have already signed a voluntary agreement. Naby's owner is here. The ABRA board recommended that they seek the stipulated license. It will likely be February before they get a hearing. They have been waiting since October and had to wait for this meeting to ask for the stipulation. They were unaware of any problems with their application until they talked to ABRA. ABRA says the application wasn't complete. Owner has submitted all the information that they need. Committee has only ever had one other requests like this and it was granted.
- b. **Mary Beatty moved that the committee recommend to the ANC to approve a stipulated license for Naby's. Seconded by Jeremy Marcus. Unanimous vote.**

V. Adjourn. Move to adjourn 9:00 pm. Next meeting: December 18, 2007.



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Attachment I

November 20, 2007

PUBLIC COMMENT

Re: Potential moratorium on H St Taverns

Dear Board Members,

As a resident of the H St NE neighborhood, I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed moratorium on new taverns on H St. I do not believe that a moratorium is the best way to address the needs of local residents and improve our neighborhood.

As you know, H St is in desperate need of economic revitalization. Well planned taverns that are carefully reviewed during the permitting and licensing process can bring much needed dollars and investment to H St, without negative impacts to local residents. H St is in the very early stages of revitalization, and a moratorium at this stage of the game would send the wrong signal to potential investors.

I realize that poorly planned tavern development can adversely affect neighborhoods. However, the ABL will continue to have the authority to approve or disapprove a license for each tavern application individually, which will help ensure that taverns are designed and regulated in a way that is suitable for the neighborhood.

Taverns bring social benefits as well: instead of dark, barren streets that are attractive to criminals, taverns help create a more inviting, social atmosphere that can improve neighborhood safety for people of all ages.

I encourage you not to impose a moratorium at this time.

Thank you,

Hannah Muller
K St NE resident

Via email to Jeremy Marcus:

As a two-year resident of the community, I frequently enjoy nights out in the establishments cropping up along the H Street corridor. In my experience, these businesses tend to be high-quality, and attract a diverse, professional crowd. I also understand that rapid development creates some inevitable friction in any neighborhood. I am concerned by the prospect of a cap limiting certain types of businesses from becoming established in this vibrant business district. Imposing such a cap now will only prevent the right mix of businesses from evolving, and could even send the message to entrepreneurs that their investments are less welcome here than in other neighborhoods around town. It could deter people from refurbishing storefronts, renovating interiors and attracting more dollars from those who come from around the area to spend their evenings on H Street. A better option is to wait and let bars, taverns and restaurants establish a "critical mass" of clients who come to H Street because of the multiple options available. This is the best strategy to allow the Atlas



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District to become a bustling entertainment area that creates quality jobs and skyrocketing property values.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Luke Engan

OTHER COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO ANCA COMMISSIONERS OR COMMITTEE:

Bill:

I didn't realize there were so many taverns and bars on H Street. So, I'm against new ones opening up. Moreover, I'll try to get to the meeting next week. Thanks -

Darlene

Bill.

At the risk of sounding wishy-washy, I really don't care how many new establishments of that type spring up on H Street. That area has been disinvested for so long, it was downright scary to walk to Safeway or take the H Street bus with any visible sign that money was being carried. That is no longer the case, and I am grateful for the investors willing to take a chance on this area. There aren't an awful lot of other uses that are economically viable right now, and I am willing to take what is being offered.

The only concern I have is about the patrons' parking (and, no, this is another whiney NIMBY complaint). The intersection of H, Florida, Bladensburg, etc. is not pedestrian friendly even in broad daylight; there isn't even a crosswalk on H Street at that location. If patrons start using Hechinger Mall parking (which makes a lot of sense), and have their courage fueled with a few adult beverages, it could be a disaster.

That's it. Jackie

Commissioner Holmes,

I lieu of my attendance tomorrow night at the public hearing regarding the potential limitation of bars on H Street, please note that I support allowing the continued expansion and growth of the Atlas District.

Thank you, Greg

Dear Mary,

I am writing you to let you know that I am concerned about the number of bars that have opened or are about to open on H Street. In light of this I would support a moratorium on the opening of new bars.

Obviously the development of H Street into a lively *and safe* commercial area would be a considerable plus to the entire Capitol Hill neighborhood. But in the context of this development it is crucial that bars constitute only one of many business ventures on H Street and be limited to a



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certain percentage of the overall number of businesses. Converting H Street into an 18th Street like development would not be an improvement over its current state and would not further the continued development of Capitol Hill as a premier residential and family friendly neighborhood.

With kind regards, Elisabeth

Dear Mary and Bill,

Thank you both for representing us as neighbors.... We live ...right off Maryland Ave. between 13th and 14th. The time is now to limit the number of bars that will open on H St. We are fine so far with what is there now, but it is time to make serious limits on how much more one strip of development can take.

Perhaps there should be some equation that balances how many seats the Atlas and H St. Playhouse can hold in one night in some ratio to how many people can occupy the current establishments (assuming they all want to drink before and/or after a performance). I was at the box office today and there are plenty of seats available this weekend so it isn't likely we will have sold out crowds clamoring for beer and standing in line outside the present establishments anytime soon. If they did it might be for the food (mussels and frites are really something else just a block away from us). I sincerely doubt real theater enthusiasts will avoid the Atlas and Playhouse because there aren't already enough drinking establishments - but I for one will avoid these performances if there are too many.

I am about to become a board member for the H St. Community Market food coop and would much rather see this kind of food store than any more bars. The real estate seems to only be getting more inflated on H St. so if we let in more bars how are any more community minded stores going to afford to buy them out later? A few weeks ago I spoke to one of the owners of Granville Moore's and he was almost salivating at the idea of a store that sells quality spices on H St. He was sure that chefs from all over the city would come and demonstrate as well as buy for their restaurants.

Let's work together to make H Street a community destination for all generations not a watering hole for a limited crowd of people.

Thanks,

Jen

Dear Mary,

I read in the Voice of the Hill and in the recent ABL Committee report about our ANC's interest in a moratorium on tavern licenses on H Street NE. I live four blocks from the heart of the emerging Atlas District and have patronized several establishments there. I write to express strong disagreement with a moratorium at this time on new tavern licenses on H Street.

The genesis for this movement appears to be the recent approval of a similar effort in the Adams-Morgan nightlife corridor. I disagreed with the anti-nightlife regulations in AdMo, but even supposing



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that their moratorium was appropriate, I certainly question the comparability of problems there with the issues raised on H Street. Specifically, I believe there are two key differences:

- To begin with, H Street's higher-density character and its existing and proposed urban infrastructure make it far better positioned to support relatively high-traffic commerce (including nightlife) than 18th Street/Columbia Road. The street is wider, has parking throughout, and is served by high-capacity buses (and, in the future, streetcars). Permitted development density is also greater in places. Overall, U Street is probably a better parallel to what H Street is, or can become, than Adams-Morgan.
- Secondly, it is very early in the redevelopment of H Street to be concerned about possible problems. Quite telling was the description of AdMo's vibrant entertainment culture -- referenced in the ABL Committee report -- which listed nearly 100 taverns or restaurants within the neighborhood. I dare say we are not even close to that number, applied to a corridor that is longer and more spread-out than Adams-Morgan. Simple geography suggests that establishments on H Street will never cluster as densely than Ad-Mo, and what exists now is something far less.

I agree it is appropriate for -- even incumbent upon -- the ANC to keep an eye on licensees and, of course, to use voluntary agreements to mitigate potential future problems. However, there appears to be some sentiment, expressed in the Committee report, that it is simply "too hard" to regulate negative impacts from taverns on a case-by-case basis. In contrast, the blunt instrument of a moratorium is simply abdicating oversight duties.

If, despite valid objections, the ANC decides to support a global limit on tavern licenses, then I propose that an outright moratorium (a "zero cap") is arbitrary and unsupported by any rational basis. There remains considerable room along H Street for expansion of nightlife venues. Halting *all* new licenses would be unwarranted by our historical experience with existing venues. Furthermore, even a temporary moratorium would send a negative signal that would make all prospective owners think twice before investing in our community. I don't believe you jump-start restaurant construction by blocking other businesses that help attract people to the area. Adams-Morgan's leaders made the questionable decision to reverse nightlife development in their neighborhood, but they already had a robust district. We are not pressed by similar issues, and we should not make the mistake of following suit.

Given that our neighborhood is not facing anything like the scale of problems that occasioned the Adams-Morgan moratorium, I am very concerned that moratorium supporters merely view taverns as being per se undesirable. I represent the opposite perspective, and felt it was important for representatives on my ANC to hear the other viewpoint. I know I am far from alone. H Street is emerging as an exciting new entertainment destination for music and nightlife variety, witnessed by glowing reviews in the *Washington Post* arts and style section, and taverns are an important part of that scene.

Please keep me informed of developments on this topic. I would be pleased to make a statement in person at an upcoming meeting if possible.

Sincerely yours,



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John S. Mitchell, Jr.

Mr. Schultheiss, I live in the 800 block of 13th Street between H and I and think that we have enough bars and clubs on H Street. Parking is a big, big problem already with the number of establishment that have opened, adding new ones is unthinkable. I have a prior commitment for Tuesday, 20th, but would like to go on record against issuing out any more liquor licenses for taverns and bars. Enough is enough. Thank you.

Grozelia Herring

Dear Mary:

I was very surprised to hear that there was voiced strong opposition to a moratorium on bars on H Street at the recent ANC event. Perhaps part of the reason for that was that people with financial interests in such growth were present at the meeting. I am writing to urge you to take steps to make sure that growth happens but does not overwhelm us.

H Street is still in growth phase; no question about that. There is a great deal of progress yet to be made, and it is not yet clear what the street will ultimately look like. It may be that normal market and social forces create an attractive and pleasant street for everyone. But it is also possible that excessive presence of bars and clubs will create a neighborhood like Adams Morgan --- which is fun but which is also dirty and a nuisance for residents there.

If we want to be another Adams Morgan, then we can let that happen. I do not mean that facetiously. We can grow our neighborhood however we like --- but I would suggest that a moratorium allows us the freedom to choose either path. Slow the growth and create an opportunity for some other businesses to come in; we can see what happens. There will always be an opportunity to open the doors to more bars and clubs. But if we do not put any limits on, then the opportunity to have some control over the process will have bypassed us.

As you know, it is easier to keep liquor licenses from coming in than it is to remove them if they are excessive.

I am not opposed to liquor or liquor licenses. But I am opposed to a neighborhood that is noisy and dirty and not the sort of place where I can take a walk with my daughter.

Warmly,
-Micah Salb

Ms. Beatty,

Thank you for accepting comments on the H St., NE bar moratorium. I do agree with James, who recently attended a meeting on this topic that the balance of businesses should be monitored to make H St., NE a great resource for the whole community, and not just a nightlife-centered area. I would encourage careful planning to ensure that it does not just become another Adams-Morgan-- perhaps with a designated percentage of licenses to guarantee commercial diversity as James refers to in #3 below.



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Thank you,
Stacy Leff
(Resident of 14th Street, SE)

- 1) Bars bring people to H St. People will come to H St. if there are businesses that meet their needs. Thus the question is whether we want to build a hardcore bars/clubs district to attract the Adams Morgan bar hopping crowd to H St., or whether we want retail and entertainment that will attract Hill residents to H St. I believe H St. should be developed with the needs of Hill residents in mind, not with the goal of creating another Adams Morgan with all the associated problems that go with it.
- 2) Bars are key to development. Maybe at some point DC was so bereft of investment that bars and clubs were the only entities that would build here. That time is passed. Indeed, a hard core bar and club district is a barrier to the development of retail and entertainment that appeals to families.
- 3) While there may be need for limitations at some future date, it is not yet time. If not now, then when? Once the eastern end of H St. is already converted into a bar and club district, it will be exceedingly difficult to undo. Now is the time to think about what we want and to make plans accordingly. If we don't want a bar/club district on our door steps, now is the time to put a moratorium on granting licenses to them. At the very least, we should peg a percentage of development we want to dedicate to bars/clubs. If we don't, we will have decades in which to regret this missed opportunity.

Dear Mary,

I am writing you to let you know that I am concerned about the number of bars that have opened or are about to open on H Street. In light of this I would support a moratorium on the opening of new bars.

Obviously the development of H Street into a lively *and safe* commercial area would be a considerable plus to the entire Capitol Hill neighborhood. But in the context of this development it is crucial that bars constitute only one of many business ventures on H Street and be limited to a certain percentage of the overall number of businesses. Converting H Street into an 18th Street like development would not be an improvement over its current state and would not further the continued development of Capitol Hill as a premier residential and family friendly neighborhood.

With kind regards, Elisabeth Huybens (mother of Matteo, 652 E. Capitol Street NE).



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Economic Development and Zoning (ED&Z)



REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING COMMITTEE OF ANC 6A November 23, 2007

Present: Commissioners: Nick Alberti, David Holmes, Gladys Mack
Resident Members: Drew Ronneberg, Annie Swingen, Jeff Fletcher, Linda Whitted,
Barbara Halleck, Rich Luna

Drew Ronneberg chaired the meeting.

Community Comments

None

Status Reports

Vacant Properties. The Commissioners of ANC 6A and 6C were asked to verify vacant properties in their SMD.

Historic District Expansion/Creation. Annie Swingen reported that she met with CHRS and the Rosedale Citizen's Alliance about a historic survey of buildings between 15th and 19th St., Benning Road and Barney Circle.

1383-1835 H St NE. Drew Ronneberg reported that the case was continued at the BZA hearing because the owner did not have the necessary documentation to support his request for the variances and special exceptions.

Condo Conversion and Warranties. Barbara Halleck reported that the committee should 1) better understand the other legal requirements for condo conversions 2) learn where enforcement of these regulations is insufficient and 3) check with other ANCs on their experiences.

Old Business

None

901 H St. NE

Mr. Chip Glasgow of the law firm Holland & Knight and Mr. John Torti and Ms. Sarah Alexander of the architecture firm Torti Gallas presented conceptual plans for the redevelopment of the H Street Connection site with an 8 story building. Torti Gallas was the architects of City Vista at 5th and K NW, The Ellington on U Street, and the Steuart building at 3rd and H NE. Mr. Rappaport, the owner of the H Street Connection, was also on hand to answer questions from the community.

The site currently has a 1-story structure set behind a parking lot that fronts H Street. The lot is the only C-2-B zoned lot in ANC 6A's portion of H Street NE. As a matter-of-right, structures in C-2-B zones can be 65 feet high with a floor-area-ratio (FAR) of 3.5. If the development goes through the planned unit development (PUD) process, which exchanges community amenities for additional height and density, the structure is permitted a maximum of 90 feet and a FAR of 6.0.



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Torti Gallas presented 3 conceptual plans for the site. All the plans called for an 8-story building with an FAR of approximately 5.5. The building would house 50,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail and 7 floors of residential (350 units). Three levels of underground parking were proposed with approximately 500 spaces (3 spaces per 1000 sq. ft. of commercial and 1 space per residential unit). The entrances to the parking garage would be located off 8th and 10th St. and the building's loading docks would be located at the rear of the building. Mr. Glasgow claimed that the building would meet the inclusionary zoning requirement for 8% of the units set aside for affordable housing. The building would also be LEED certified.

The first conceptual design was the most horizontally oriented with the stepdowns to 6 stories on the edges. Bay windows were prominent features in this design. The second design lacked the stepdowns at the edges but had regular projections like the Ellington on U Street. The third alternative did not have a unified design, but rather appear more like two separate buildings with the eastern half having a design similar to the Ellington on U Street and the western half having a curved glass façade.

The discussion centered around two issues: massing and design. Mr. Glasgow said that the developer was using the Capitol Hill Towers building behind the H Street Connection site as the reference point for the proposed height. Neighbors on 8th and 10th St. were concerned that the building would be too tall for the area and asked that the massing be concentrated toward the interior of the building. Several residents expressed that the building would be more appropriate for the area if it were less than 6 stories. Dr. Ronneberg said that the H Street Strategic Development Plan called for a 3-4 story building on the site. Mr. Glasgow said the Plan was inconsistent with the associated Design Guidelines because the site was a Type I development which called for buildings that were 4-8 stories tall. Ms. Marta Wagner said that there is no inconsistency between the Plan and the Guidelines if the building was 4 stories tall. Mr. Rich Luna expressed concern that a large development would increase the land speculation in the Eastern End of H Street and encourage business owners to keep their 2-3 story buildings vacant in hopes of their land would be purchased by a land consolidator. Mr. Anwar Salem said that it was important to attract more residents to H Street and that a large development would help the economic development of the area. Mr. Derrick Woody of the Office of Planning said that the Plan's call for a 3-4 story building was based on market assumptions that were no longer true and that increased density should be encouraged.

For design issues, several neighbors expressed concerns about the modern features of the 3rd design. Commissioner Mack described this design as looking like a "boat". Many residents and committee members mentioned that they wanted a design that fit into the architectural context of H Street. Mr. Torti was asked if he understood the architecture of the surrounding area. Dr. Ronneberg said that in the previous 2 large cases on H Street (600H and 200H), there was a general consensus that 1) designs should fit into the architectural context of H Street 2) designs should emphasize vertical elements and 3) the community encouraged designs that made it look like the site possessed multiple buildings.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously recommends that the ANC appoint Drew Ronneberg, Annie Swingen, Rich Luna and Barbara Halleck to represent the ANC in negotiations over the redevelopment of the H Street Connection site. The negotiators should seek to 1) reduce the mass of the building to what is called for in the H Street Strategic Development Plan, 2) concentrate the massing toward the center and rear of the building, 3) ensure that the proposed architecture fits into the context of the existing buildings on H Street, 4) encourage verticality in the design, and 5)



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encourage the architects to visually break up the structure so that it appears to be multiple buildings.

BZA 17712: 615 16th St. NE

Mr. Mohammed Sikder presented plans to construct a 2-story townhouse at 615 16th St. NE on what is currently an empty lot. Variances are required because the minimum lot size is 1800 sq. ft. while the actual lot is only 1360 sq. ft. and the minimum lot width is 18 feet, while the actual lot width is 17 feet. Mr. Sikder said that most of the lots on the street do not meet the minimum requirement for building as a matter of right and that his lot was not unique.

The lot currently attracts trash and other questionable activities. The adjacent buildings have windows that face the vacant lot and these windows would need to be covered if the building was constructed. The committee asked Mr. Sikder if he had letters of support from the adjacent neighbors. Mr. Sikder replied that he had not been in contact with them. The committee told Mr. Sikder that it was difficult for the ANC to offer its support without hearing from the neighboring owners. Commissioner Mack was concerned that constructing a new building might harm the adjacent buildings or make them violate fire codes. Mr. Sikder replied that there would be no basement constructed at the site so the structural integrity of the adjacent buildings would not be undermined. He also said that he would be willing to provide information that the construction of his building would not cause the adjacent building to violate appropriate codes.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously recommends that the ANC conditionally support the lot area and lot width variance for 615 16th St. if the developer obtains letters of support from the owners of the adjacent buildings and shows that the construction of the structure does not violate code requirements for the neighboring structures with respect to neighbors' windows on the side walls.

Lack of ANC 6A notice in HPRB cases

During the October ED&Z meeting, the committee recommended that the ANC oppose the HPRB case at 1137 C St. NE. However, the case was heard before the ANC could act. The ANC has requested an IG investigation of HPO for failure to provide proper notice in accordance with the ANC Act of cases that affect our ANC.

Several committee members thought that the ANC should be able to oppose cases like 1137 C St. NE but the lack of notice required that the ANC invest this standing authority in an individual. Discussion ensued on how this authority could be granted and who should receive it.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously recommends that the ANC authorizes Annie Swingen, on behalf of the ANC, to seek postponement of HPRB cases when there has been insufficient notice provided to make a recommendation; and, if the case is not postponed, to oppose the HPO application.



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Survey of Historic Buildings on H Street

In July, the ANC passed a resolution supporting the survey of properties anywhere in ANC 6A for potential inclusion in a historic district. Some of this survey will be paid for by the Dreyfus PUD which will survey properties in ANC 6A from 8th to 15th south of the H Street. ANC 6A also recently supported CHRS in its bid to survey properties in the Rosedale neighborhood.

The commercial buildings on H Street are not included in the current survey effort. CHRS has stated that they would like to see community support for a survey before one is conducted. Ms. Swingen said that the cost estimate to survey all the commercial buildings on H Street within 6A would cost \$8000 if performed by Traceries.

Ms. Swingen said that the survey would generate important information that would augment the current effort to develop a Heritage Trail on H Street. Dr. Ronneberg stated that the survey would take time but that it was important to document the buildings for the context statement about the area's history. He also said that he had talked to Joe Englert, who favored a Historic District on H Street.

The committee decided to recommend that the ANC pay for ½ of the cost of the survey.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously recommends that the ANC grant \$4000 to co-sponsor a historic survey of the buildings on H Street that are within the boundaries of ANC 6A and the H Street Overlay.

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
Tuesday, January 20, 2007
7-9 PM
640 10th Street, NE
2nd Floor - Sherwood Recreation Center



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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) Report for November 19 2007

The Committee convened at 7:30 PM, at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE.

Attending COC members: (no quorum)

- Rose Williams
- Sylvie Lee
- Elizabeth Nelson (chair)

Absent COC members:

- Maurice Cook (submitted letter of resignation prior to the meeting)
- Kenneth Wicks
- Louis Barbash

Community members:

- Mark Grace, Trees for Capitol Hill
- Darlene Gros, Friends of Northeast Library
- Rosalind Lyle, Spingarn SHS PTSA (pep squad coach)
- Ria King, Eastern SHS PTSA (Flag coach and alumnus)
- Mark Roy, Eastern SHS PTSA
- John Gibson, Eastern SHS PTSA (PTSA president)

I. Follow-up to prior COC meeting:

1. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Nelson received notice from the *Voice of the Hill* that two drop locations in the eastern part of ANC 6A had been added. Also, Mary Kay Williams sent a list of distribution locations for posting on the ANC 6A website so that residents can more easily learn where to find them. The list has been posted.
2. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Nelson visited the two new locations for the *Hill Rag* and verified that boxes are now in place at the intersection of 8th and K Sts. NE and in front of Horace and Dickies at 12th and H Sts. NE. Andrew Lightman, managing editor, is still working on an updated list of locations for posting on the ANC 6A website.
3. Mr. Lightman has offered to attend an ANC 6A meeting to address any questions/comments the commissioners may have regarding *Hill Rag* distribution.

II. Grant application from Trees for Capitol Hill

1. Mark Grace presented a grant application from Trees for Capitol Hill (TFCH) requesting \$601 to purchase treegators for use in ANC 6A.
2. Ms. Williams asked if the treegators purchased with the previous grant had been deployed. Mr. Grace said that they had and that all of the trees where they were placed had survived. Many of those without the bags, died this summer due to the extreme drought. Mr. Grace also noted that trees cost upwards of \$200 apiece but that the bags only cost about \$20 and can be reused for several seasons, so he feels that it is a good investment. He is in the process now of collecting those bags for winter storage and will replace them on the same trees next summer as they will need supplemental watering for their first 2-3 years. He also said that more bags were needed because TFCH had just planted several new trees in the immediate area and that many of the



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neighbors were asking if they could have bags for these and other new street trees, including those planted by the City.

3. Ms. Lee observed that it is important to have tree lined streets in our area because it improves the quality of life for the residents.
4. The committee agreed, unanimously, to recommend approval of the grant application.

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A

Approve a grant of \$601 to Trees for Capitol Hill to purchase additional tree trunks for use on street trees in ANC 6A.

III. Grant application from Spingarn SHS PTSA

1. Rosalind Lyle presented a grant application from the PTSA at Spingarn SHS requesting \$1,250 (not to exceed) to purchase uniforms and uniform storage bags for the Pep Squad at the school. She explained that pep squads build school morale which is needed at Spingarn where school spirit is poor. They need more excitement and student involvement. Also, the pep squad is very important to the girls who participate in it. They are expected to maintain a 2.0 average and are given the support they need to achieve academically. But they are not required to “try out” for the team as they would be for the cheerleaders. Anyone who wants to participate can, so long as they keep their grades up. Students who don’t fit the image of a cheerleader or are unable to perform those stunts can participate successfully in the pep squad, which mostly does chants. Many of the girls are self conscious about their size or appearance; looking nice in their uniform would make them feel better about themselves and reinforce good behavior. In Ms. Lyle’s word “uniformity brings about conformity”. Currently they have no uniforms and are using borrowed cheerleader uniforms. Ms Lyle would like to purchase uniforms (20) in a sufficient range of sizes to fit the current team and those who want to join. She would also like to have storage bags to keep the uniforms together and in good condition. While the school is not physically located in ANC 6A, it is just across the boundary and has many students who live in ANC 6A. DCPS does not provide uniforms.
2. Ms. Williams asked what support the parents were providing and where the items would be stored. Ms. Lyle responded that while the parents had initially agreed to provide shoes and undergarments but that most had not followed through; the staff at the school had paid for much of it themselves. She said that the uniforms and bags would be kept at the school.
3. The COC members discussed the importance of this as a behavior management tool and the benefits in promoting the girls’ self esteem, especially for those who don’t fit the stereotype image of a cheerleader. The Eastern SHS representatives also said that, based on their experience, it would be very beneficial to the participants, the school and the surrounding community.
4. The committee agreed, unanimously, to recommend approval of the grant application.

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A

Approve a grant of \$1,250 (not to exceed) to Spingarn SHS PTSA for the purchase of uniforms and uniform storage bags for the Spingarn Pep Squad.

IV. Grant application from Eastern SHS PTSA

1. Ria King, Mark Roy and John Gibson presented a grant application from the PTSA at Eastern SHS requesting \$3,454 to purchase uniforms for the “Blue and White Marching Machine”, an auxiliary team that accompanies the band at the school. The school is located in ANC 6A and many of its students live there. DCPS does not provide uniforms. The uniforms currently in use



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were hand-sewn by a volunteer but there are not enough for all the participants. Many students who work hard and practice faithfully cannot perform at events only because there are not enough uniforms for all of them. Also, uniforms are considered an integral part of the performance and are included in the judging at competitions. One of the reasons there aren't enough uniforms is that the school recently absorbed a large influx of 9th grade students when the middle-school system was realigned. The band and auxiliary teams practice both together and separately and promote the discipline that improves academic performance. Also, it helps both the participants themselves, and their classmates, to have a more positive image of the school.

2. Ms. Lyle (of Spingarn) noted that the Eastern band (incl. Marching Machine) had attended Spingarn's Homecoming. She said that their presence had meant a great deal to her students. Everyone was excited to see them there; despite the rivalry between the two schools there was no "beefing"; the students interacted in a positive way. She feels that these activities are very beneficial to all youth in the area, not just the students at one school or the other. She encouraged the COC to recommend funding for this grant as well as the one from Spingarn.

3. Ms. Williams suggested that the school needed more publicity. Ms. Nelson will see if the *Rag* can give additional coverage and (if the grant is approved) will post photos on the ANC 6A website (same for other successful grant applicants).

4. The COC discussed the benefits of the band/marchers. It is indeed a beloved institution that encourages discipline and hard work among the participants, promotes a positive learning environment for all students at the school, and is a source of pride to the surrounding community. It is sad to think of the students working so hard to perfect their skills but being unable to perform for want of proper uniforms.

4. The committee agreed, unanimously, to recommend approval of the grant application.

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A

Approve a grant in the amount of \$3,454 to Eastern SHS PTSA for the purchase of uniforms for the "Blue & White Marching Machine", the auxiliary squads that accompany the band.

V. Grant application from Friends of Northeast Library

1. Darlene Gros presented a grant application from the Friends of the NorthEast Library (FONEL) requesting \$225 (not to exceed) to items for use in the Children's Room at the Northeast Branch Library.

2. The library usually receives \$200 annually to pay for miscellaneous items. This is not enough to cover all of the arts and crafts and other supplies and materials to address the needs of their youngest patrons. Especially in the winter months, when it is dark in the evening, many children come because it is a safe, warm place to be. The librarians make imaginative use of what little they have and pay for many items out of their own pockets but there are many basics they still lack. They would like to have crayons and markers for art projects used to enhance story times, some simple musical instruments and a CD player to replace the one that was recently stolen. While the library is not within the ANC 6A boundaries, a very large number of its patrons reside there.

3. The COC discussed the importance of this institution to the community. Ms. Williams, who has two children, is a regular patron herself and attested to both the quality of their offerings and the desperate need for supplies.

4. The committee agreed, unanimously, to recommend approval of the grant application.



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Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A

Approve a grant in the amount of \$225 (not to exceed) to Friends of the Northeast Library to purchase supplies and equipment for the Children's Room at the Northeast Branch Library.

VI. Advertising of ANC 6A events

1. Mary Kay Williams at *Voice of the Hill* submitted a bid of \$2,166 to continue the monthly ads, same size, placement and frequency. The COC quickly and unanimously agreed that this bid should be accepted. ANC 6A is required to make public notice of its meetings and advertising in this publication, which has a wide circulation, is a good way to do so.
2. Andrew Lightman submitted a combined bid of \$3,689 for another year of advertising in the *Hill Rag* and inclusion in the Fagon Guide. The COC quickly and unanimously agreed that advertising in the *Rag* should continue, although the price is very slightly higher than last year. As with the *Voice*, advertising in this publication is an effective way to do so. There was additional discussion of the merits of the Fagon Guide. Ms. Williams pointed out that she, like many others in the community, prefer to use the Fagon Guide instead of the regular phone book. The additional cost is small and other ANCs advertise in it so 6A should be in it also.
3. Kent Turner of *The Buff and Blue (BnB)* submitted a rate sheet for advertising in the Gallaudet student newspaper. The subject of advertising in this newspaper was already in discussion because Commissioner Beatty had expressed interest in advertising therein for the ABL meeting regarding a possible moratorium on new bar/tavern licenses on H St. Ms. Nelson was able to contact the publication and attempted to place an ad, but their response was not timely. As a consequence, the ad was not placed. In the course of her email exchange with the *BnB* staff, she learned that the publication is delivered to the mail boxes of students living on campus. The COC discussed whether ANC 6A should advertise in the *BnB* and, if so, under what circumstances. An option would be to place the "standard" ad twice a year (at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters). One argument for doing so is that it would be outreach to more community members. However, the publication is distributed primarily to those living in Ward 5. Gallaudet students, whether living on campus (in Ward 5) or in ANC 6A have the same access to the *Rag/Voice* as other residents. The residential students are no more likely to have a particular interest in 6A's routine affairs than residents in the nearby Ward 7 community. It would be more appropriate for them to become involved in their own ANC. That said, there may very well be topics/events in ANC 6A that are likely to affect the residential students (the ABL meeting, for example). For that reason, the COC believes it would be wise to pre-approve funds that can be used for advertising such activities. The cost of two ¼ page ads would be \$200 plus possible some tax or handling fee.

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A

- 1) Continue the monthly ad in *Voice of the Hill* at a cost of \$2,166
- 2) Continue the monthly ad in the *Hill Rag* and purchase an ad similar to last year's in the Fagon Guide for a combined cost of \$3,689
- 3) Approve funding - \$250 (not to exceed) - for two ¼ page ads in the *Buff and Blue* (Gallaudet student newspaper) to be used for ANC 6A events of particular interest to students residing on the Gallaudet campus.

VII. General discussion of grant applications

1. Mr. Barbash was unable to attend the COC meeting but did a thorough review of all the grant applications prior to the meeting, paying particular attention to the statues governing grants. He noted in an email that "they all seem like good things to do at reasonable prices". That opinion is shared by the COC members present at the meetin



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2. Ms. Lee noted that the total amount of all grants being considered would be a significant percentage of the ANC 6A grant budget. She asked if the COC would need to prioritize the various grants as she felt that all were worthy of funding in the amounts requested. This question was raised by Ms. Nelson at the November ANC meeting because several of the grants had already been received at that time. The response from the commissioners was that the grants should each be evaluated, and a recommendation formed, on their own merits - not relative to the others.

VIII. Outreach to grant applicants

1. The DC Auditor's report on ANC 6A indicated that acknowledgement letters had not been received from all grant applicants. Such letters are not included in the list of items that the ANC 6A is required to provide and a letter from ANC 6A is being sent to the auditor calling this fact to his attention. However, Ms. Nelson contacted those grant recipients identified by the auditor and requested that they provide letters. This required significant follow up but all letters have now been received.
2. Ms. Nelson has been contacted by the PTSA at Miner ES, Joy of Motion dance studio on H St., Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) and Rosedale Citizens Alliance on behalf of Rosedale Recreation Center. However grant applications from these organizations have not been received.

IX. Audio/Visual recording of ANC meetings - deferred due to lack of time

X. Membership

1. Wendy Glenn has decided not to join the COC.
2. Maurice Cook has resigned for health reasons.

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A

Accept the resignation of Maurice Cook with thanks for his prior service.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.
Next meeting is December 17, 2007.
Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Nelson



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Grant Request Application Form

1. DATE OF APPLICATION

11/09/07

2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

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3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS

SPINGARN PTSA - 2500 Benning Road N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

4. CONTACT NAME

Rosalind Lyle

5. TITLE

Pep Squad Coach/PTSA President

6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

4528 Clay Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20019

7. TELEPHONE

(202) 724-4525

8. FAX

(202) 724-8746

9. E-MAIL ADDRESS

rosalind_lyle@hotmail.com

10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY

The Spingarn Senior High School PTSA would like to request a grant in the amount of \$1,250 to purchase 20 Pep Squad uniforms and 20 Pep Squad uniform bags. The group is just starting out so we are very few in number and our supplies are very limited.

11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST

\$1,248

12. AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$1,250 (not to exceed)

13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES)

- Spingarn PTSA has been very instrumental with getting the Pep Squad started this year. We have provided bake sales and sponsorship for the team to get started.
- The Spingarn Staff has also given generous sponsorship for the young ladies.

14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY)

First and foremost, the staff at Spingarn Senior High School feels that everyone including the students will benefit greatly from having a new addition to the school. The Pep squad will provide the school with extra school spirit along with the Cheerleaders but being able to provide these young ladies with uniforms will also bring about conformity. Being able to have structure for these students will help the school climate. It will also bring about unity. When we bring about unity a foundation will be set and we can then begin to build upon that. Participating in the pep squad helps girls from ANC 6A build their self-esteem and experience health benefits from the increased physical activity. The squad gives their families and other community members the opportunity to see their children participate in a positive activity

THE PTSA PROPOSAL FOR SPINGARN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PEP SQUAD

Spingarn Senior High School is full of great potential. I am currently the PTSA President for Spingarn Senior High School. I was recently asked to Sponsor a group at the school which is now the Pep Squad. I recognized the fact that our school spirit was little to none which is the reason I accepted this position. Yes, I must say this is a challenge but I am ready and open to the challenge.

The pep squad is a group of students, typically girls, who cheer during school events. Pep squads are generally found in high schools, middle schools and sometimes elementary schools. The Pep Squad's main duty is to promote school spirit. Pep Squad members make posters, cheer for the school sports teams, and help with Pep Rallies. During games, Pep Squads lead cheers and chants. A Pep Squad is very similar to a cheerleading squad. Sometimes Pep Squads replace cheerleaders at certain events. Sometimes they tumble and do stunts with the cheerleaders, but Pep Squads typically operate independently. Schools often recommend Pep Squad for those who want to participate in school events but are not or cannot be cheerleaders, often because of physical limitations. Pep Squads and cheerleaders often perform the same or similar routines. Although, the uniforms, pom-poms, hair ribbons, and even squad size is usually different. Pep squad uniforms vary by school. A traditional uniform is a skirt and a top in school colors and sometimes they use pom-pom.

As you can see being a member of the Pep Squad is just as important as being a member of the cheerleader squad. Our role is very similar; however there may be times when we will have to take the whole role of promoting school spirit. Our climate here at Spingarn Senior High School has not been as promoting as it could be. I believe that by bringing in another enthusiastic group into the school things can't do anything but get better. The increased activity improves the physical health of the children and the additional structure and discipline improves their academic performance. This is particularly important for many of our girls who are struggling with body image and self esteem issues.

Budget cuts in the school system do not allow for us to purchase anything with school money at this point. School athletics' is almost always affected when it comes to budget cuts. It is a proven fact that uniformity brings about conformity. Currently, 12 girls are enrolled but we expect several more to join if we can purchase enough uniforms. Also, there is a wide range of sizes among the student population so we need to have "extra" uniforms to accommodate future participants. Therefore, I am requesting funds to purchase 20 sets, plus the bags necessary to keep them in good condition.

It is our goal to bring more school spirit and also encourage others to participate without having the pressure of going through a humiliating tryout phase. I would

like to see if we can purchase uniforms and bags for the young ladies, I believe that this would make them feel as though they are just as important as any other organization in the school.

It is my hope and prayer that you all will be part of this exciting event for the betterment of our school. Support from our community leaders will allow the students to see their leaders in action. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to any and all of our upcoming events to see our newest addition to the school in action. Again, thank you in advance for your generous support. We look forward to many years of working together with you.

Respectfully submitted by Rosalind Lyle, PTSA President/Pep Squad Sponsor

BUDGET

Uniform Package @ \$43.95 Per Uniform * Quantity (20) = \$879.00

Lettering Per Uniform = \$3.50 * Quantity (20) = \$70.00

Total Cost For Uniforms Including Letter Package = \$949.00

Pep Squad Bags \$9.95 per bag * Quantity (20) = \$199.00

Lettering Per Bag = \$5.00 Per bag * Quantity (20) = \$100.00

Total Cost For Pep Squad Bags = \$299.00

Total, uniforms & bags: \$1,248.00

Amount Requested: \$1,250.00 (not to exceed)



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1. DATE OF APPLICATION 11/12/2007	2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY School YR. 07-08
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3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS Eastern Sr. High School PTSA on behalf of the Blue & White Marching Machine 1700 E. Capitol St. NE, Washington, DC 20003
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4. CONTACT NAME James Perry Mr. John Gibson	5. TITLE Band Director PTA president
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6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

7. TELEPHONE (202) 698 - 4559 (MR. PERRY)	8. FAX (240) 478 - 2145 (MR. GIBSON)
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9. E-MAIL ADDRESS Easternhighschool_pta@yahoo.com

10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY The Eastern PTA request a grant of \$ 3,454 to purchase uniforms for the marching band's dance, flag and color guard squad.
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11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST \$ 3,454	12. AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ 3,454
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13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES) The Band Parents Committee of the Eastern PTA cleans uniforms twice a year @ \$860 each visit. Additionally, the Band Parents Committee hosts fundraisers throughout the year to assist with trips to competitions and colleges.
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14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY) The marching band assists students from our ANC in their educational and social development by focusing on key areas like character development, self-esteem, leadership skills, and the value of team work. Students who participate in marching band are more likely to pursue post-secondary education and are more disciplined and focused on academic achievement than the general population at Eastern High School. Our Band has and continues to be an enormous sense of pride for this community.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Grant Request Application Form

The Eastern High School Marching Band has been the heartbeat of Eastern High School and the Capitol Hill Community for almost 30 years. The band has represented this community nationally and internationally having been selected to perform in three Presidential Inaugural Parades and the recipient of numerous first place awards, citations and accolades at various national competitions. Comedy Central, MSNBC and C-SPAN have all done featured stories on this storied musical program. The marching band was the opening act during NBC's Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts marking the first time an urban high school marching band was featured on a live nationally broadcast program.

The majority of Eastern's band members reside in ANC 6A. Due to the elimination of junior high schools and the influx of 9th graders, predominately from ANC 6A, our band has increased in size from 50 members last year to 75 this year with an expected additional 25 members at the start of the second semester which will bring the band's membership to 100 students. This increase in membership has put a strain on already limited resources as there aren't enough uniforms to outfit the new band members thus requiring many of them to abstain from performances. DCPS does not provide auxiliary uniforms or band uniforms; band directors are responsible for raising funds for such purposes.

The marching band has already been invited to represent this community at several national events along the east coast within the next couple of months. As we proudly serve as "good-will ambassadors" when representing the District of Columbia Public Schools and the Nation's Capitol during our performances, it would be a great boost to our morale to be awarded this grant.

Eastern Senior High School
Marching Band Auxiliary
Uniform Requests

Flags (Females) - 8 members

Liberts: 1-800-624-6480

Preferred ID Customer# 149749

Item 10079	White	2 small-adult	19.95 ea	39.90	
		2 medium-adult	19.95 ea	39.90	
		2 large-adult	19.95 ea	39.90	
		2 x-large-adult	25.95 ea		51.90
			Subtotal		
Item 10078	White	2 small-adult	22.95 ea	45.90	
		2 medium-adult	22.95 ea	45.90	
		2 large-adult	22.95 ea	45.90	
		2 x-large-adult	28.95 ea		57.90
			Subtotal		
Item 2393	Silver	2 small-adult	22.95 ea	45.90	
		2 medium-adult	22.95 ea	45.90	
		2 large-adult	22.95 ea	45.90	
		2 x-large-adult	28.95 ea		57.90
			Subtotal		
Item 2607	White	2-small-adult	12.95 ea	25.90	
		2-medium-adult	12.95 ea	25.90	
		2-large-adult	12.95 ea	25.90	
		2-x-large-adult	18.95 ea		37.90
			Subtotal		

Flags (Females) 8- members

Band Shoppe: 1-800-457-3501

Item GU132	Black	2-small-adult	17.95 ea	36.90	
		2 medium-adult	17.95 ea	36.90	
		2 large-adult	17.95 ea	36.90	
		2 x-large-adult	17.95 ea	36.90	
			Subtotal		
Item GU996	N/A	2 small-adult	14.95 ea	29.90	
		2 medium-adult	14.95 ea	29.90	
		2 large-adult	14.95 ea	29.90	
		2 x-large-adult	14.95 ea	29.90	
			Subtotal		

Flag (Females) 8 - members

On Line Dancewear 1-800-410-1556

Item T10314	Royal	2 small-adult	26.95 ea	53.80	
		3 medium-adult	26.95 ea	53.80	
		3 large-adult	26.95 ea	53.80	
				Subtotal	161.40
Item T13015	Royal	8	11.95pr	95.60	
				Subtotal	95.60
Item 733	Royal	2 small-adult	23.95 ea	47.90	47.90
		2 medium-adult	23.95 ea	47.90	
		2 large-adult	23.95 ea	47.90	
		2 x large-adult	23.95	47.90	
				Subtotal	191.60
Item 328	Silver	2 small-adult	22.95	45.90	
		2 medium-adult	22.95	45.90	
		2 large-adult	22.95	45.90	
		2 x-large-adult	22.95	45.90	
				Subtotal	183.60

Flags (Males) 6-members

Glendale
www.glendale.com
 1-800-653-5515

Item #761	White	6 helmets	31.25 ea	187.50	
Item #200ELXL	White	6 leggings (pair)	21.50 ea	129.00	
				Subtotal	316.50

Dance Team (Females) 10

Weissman's Design 1-800-477-5410

www.weissmancostumes.com

Preferred Customer ID #62327

Item 3164	Blue	4 small-adult	37.99	151.96	
		4 medium-adult	37.99	151.96	
		2 large-adult	37.99	75.98	
				Subtotal	379.90
Item 3894	Blue	4 small-adult	34.99	139.96	
		4 medium-adult	34.99	139.96	
		2 large-adult	34.99	69.98	
				Subtotal	349.90

Item 3716	Silver	4 small-adult	47.50	190.00
		4 medium-adult	47.50	190.00
		2 large-adult	95.00	95.00
			Subtotal	475.00
Item 3834	Royal	4 small-adult	34.99	139.96
		4 medium-adult	34.99	139.96
		2 large-adult	34.99	69.98
			Subtotal	349.90
				Estimated Total 3454.00

Have not included shipping and handling; agreed that band staff will absorb the cost.

Dance Squad (Females) will have a full compliment of 4 uniforms which will represent the following:

- Field Show
- Parade
- Competition (City-wide)
- Basketball Season

Flag Squad (Females) will have a full compliment of 4 uniforms which will represent the following:

- Field Shows
- Parades
- Competition (City-wide)
- Basketball Season

All uniforms have the expected wear of 5 years before needing a replacement or upgrade.



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Meeting Canceled for November



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ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G St NE)
November 26, 2007

- I. Chairman Mahmud called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
 - A. Committee members present: Lance Brown, DeLania Hardy, Diane Hoover, Marlon Smoker and Omar Mahmud (Chair)
 - B. Committee members absent: Sean Lovitt and Warner Sterling
 - C. Also in attendance were ANC 6A Commissioners David Holmes, Nick Alberti and Bill Schultheiss; Michael Hermann and Chris Herman, community members; Christopher Brown, Keith Dowling and Diane Thomas of the Greater Washington Sports Alliance; and Bart Clark and Jeff Seltzer of DDoT.

- II. Community Comment
 - a. Mr. Herman thanked the committee for helping with his effort to get parking enforcement signs replaced on his street.

- III. Announcements
 - a. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that DDoT is close to announcing a start date for the Starburst reconstruction project According to DDoT, streetscape construction will then move east down Benning Road, with H street construction to begin at the intersection of 3rd Street NE in the Spring.
 - b. Mr. Mahmud reminded the committee that the December meeting has been cancelled.

- IV. Updates
 - a. Consideration of Coalition of Concerned Citizens of Eastern Washington Letter Requesting Mobility Study - Mahmud
 - i. Commissioner Holmes presented an eight item motion for the committee to consider in the alternative (attached).
 - ii. Representatives of the Committee, DDoT and the Concerned Citizens engaged in a discussion regarding the merits of requesting a comprehensive mobility study for the Capitol Hill area.
 1. **Action:** Commissioner Holmes moved that the committee recommend the ANC send a letter to DDoT and city counsel outlining the points in his eight item motion. Lance Brown seconded the motion.
 - a. During discussion on the motion, Commissioner Holmes offered to amend Section 4 so that “MWCoG model” is changed to “MWCoG & CORSIM models.” Commissioner Schultheiss objected and discussion followed. Commissioner Holmes subsequently withdrew the amendment.
 - b. Lance Brown offered an amendment to Section 6 that would replace “other bridges” with “all Anacostia bridges.” Discussion ensued and the amendment was accepted.
 - c. Mr. Brown and Ms. Hoover, and Commissioner Holmes voted for the motion, no votes were cast in opposition; Ms. Hardy and Mr. Smoker recused themselves; and Mr. Mahmud abstained.



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- d. The committee and commissioners in attendance were unsure of whether this vote passed the motion. Mr. Mahmud offered to follow up with other ANC commissioners to find the answer.

V. New Business

- a. Meet with National Marathon Race Organizers to Begin 2008 Race Planning Discussions - Mahmud
 - i. Members of the marathon committee provided those in attendance with large color maps of the race course and discussed some logistical planning matters for the 2008 race, including the impact the race will have on our ANC. Some key points:
 1. The race is scheduled for March 29, 2008.
 2. H Street will be cleared earlier than last year due to the new course currently planned by race organizers. The new course configuration routes the race through H Street at the beginning of the race as opposed to the end like last year.
 3. The race will impact E. Capitol Street for approximately 5 hours, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm due to the “double loop” configuration the race takes along this stretch of the course.
 4. A Saturday race date was chosen so as not to interfere with Sunday worship services.
 5. The race field will be even more limited this year to make the race more manageable and less of a burden on effected communities (currently capped at 8,000 participants).
 6. Race organizers have encouraged MPD district commanders to meet with officers well ahead of the race date to effectively communicate rules regarding traffic flow management and safety.
 - ii. Commissioner Alberti and others in attendance expressed sincere concern over the possible closure of E. Capitol Street for such a long period of time and offered alternative suggestions, including elimination of the “double loop” through E. Capitol Street. Race organizers informed the committee they are open to alternative suggestions to eliminate this problem and would otherwise try their best to address this concern.
 - iii. Mr. Mahmud informed race organizers about some of the problems experienced by residents last year including, lack of notice regarding street closures and bus service disruption, inconsistent traffic regulation instructions, and lack of access to medical care facilities. He also pointed out that residents in Adams Morgan received flyers notifying them of race-related disruptions and asked if the same would be possible for ANC 6A residents.
 1. Discussion ensued regarding different ways of notifying residents of race-related disruptions. Some ideas included canvassing the neighborhood using volunteers, passing out flyers, advertisements in local publications, posting of notices at bus stops and on buses, and posting “campaign style” posters throughout the area.
 2. Race organizers offered to implement some of these ideas and made it clear they would do all they can to address the committee’s concerns.
 - iv. Race organizers agreed to take all committee recommendations under consideration and report back at a future committee meeting.



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- b. Request for Alley Cleaning at 1200 Block of Wylie Street NE - alley between H Street and Wylie Street - Mahmud
 - i. There was a request by residents that the committee send correspondence to DC government officials to take a closer look at the alley between 12th St NE and 13th St NE between H St and Wylie Streets NE. The residents stated they have complained for years that Horace & Dickies and Popeyes do not dispose of grease and trash properly. That these two businesses do not have their trash dumpsters secured, and that homeless discard food items retrieved from the dumpsters onto the alleys causing a rodent problem.
 - ii. **Action:** Chairman Mahmud moved that DC Department of Health and DC Department of Public Works be requested to clean this alley, then have it placed on a regular cleaning and maintenance schedule.
 - iii. Discussion ensued during which time it was suggested all alleys in the “entertainment zone” be included in such a request.
 - iv. **Action:** Mr. Mahmud withdrew his motion.
 - v. **Action:** Commissioner Schultheiss moved that DPW, the Department of Health and other appropriate city officials be contacted to request alley cleaning for all alleys between the 1200 and 1500 blocks of H Street NE, bounded on the south by G Street and on the north by I Street, then have these alleys placed on a regular cleaning and maintenance schedule. DeLania Hardy seconded the motion and recommended that DC government officials regularly inspect the businesses adjacent to the aforementioned alleys to ensure they are in compliance with regulations concerning commercial dumpsters. The motion was unanimously passed.
- c. Consider Request for “Bulb-Out” Curbs at the Corner of 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NE - Commissioner Holmes
 - i. Commissioner Holmes offered to table this agenda item until the committee’s next meeting due to time constraints.
- d. Consider Change of Monthly Committee Meeting Dates - Mahmud
 - i. Mr. Mahmud explained that it is often difficult to get the committee’s recommendations, draft letters and meeting minutes to the ANC secretary in time for the ANC’s monthly meeting agenda package because our committee meetings often occur only a short time before these items are due.
 - ii. **Action:** Chairman Mahmud moved that the meeting dates be moved from the 4th Monday of the month to the 3rd Monday. DeLania Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed.
 - iii. Mr. Mahmud also asked committee members if they would be interested in changing the meeting venue to Sherwood Recreation Center.
 - 1. Some members expressed safety concerns with the Sherwood location and asked that committee meetings continue to be held at Capitol Hill Towers.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm



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Motion offered by David Holmes

ANC 6A requests that the City Council, the Mayor and the Department of Transportation consider the following before approval of any plans for new bridges across the Anacostia at 11th Street.

1. Since the Office of Planning has had no review of these proposals, consider whether the addition of additional vehicular lanes is in conflict with planning goals of the District. Refer all DDoT proposals for the 11th Street Bridges to the Office of Planning and NCPC for evaluation and comments.
2. Specify where the traffic coming from the new four-lane bridge will access 395; flow into M Street SE, 11th Street SE and NE, Virginia Avenue SE, Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Independence Avenue SE, and the extent that Lincoln Park will become a roundabout for north- and westbound traffic headed to Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Constitution Avenues; and to what extent the increased traffic will flow into HillEast, especially onto 17th and 19th Streets and the proposed Park Road on the west side of the Anacostia.
3. Consider establishing connections without increasing the size or height of the bridge or building an additional bridge, and consider options that focus on improving east bank and downtown exit flow during rush hours, using existing roads and bridges.
4. Use computerized traffic models adjusted for urban settings in determining plan suitability, instead of the MWCOG model.
5. Specify the funding for this bridge - City versus federal, proportion of bond versus current revenue, etc. How much of the Transportation Department budget will be consumed by this project, instead of being spent for the repair of alleys, streets, and increased computerization of traffic flow along residential corridors?
6. Include the traffic carried by other bridges in modeling traffic flow and, in particular, include the traffic from new and proposed development along and immediately north and south of, M Street SE in the model.
7. Reduce the proposed new bridges' height domination of National Historic Landmark Navy Yard and Capitol Hill Historic District.
8. Include consideration of the health benefits and hazards of the proposed options for the populations of Anacostia and Capitol Hill. To what extent is the health of residents along 295 and 395 being penalized to expedite Maryland residents' access to Virginia, when we should instead be encouraging the use of Metro?



New Business



Christopher Browne
Greater Washington Sports Alliance
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Dear Mr. Browne,

Thank you for presenting your plans for the 2008 National Marathon Race to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Transportation Committee on November 26, 2007. We are pleased to be among the neighborhoods that have been chosen to host this event.

Unfortunately, the planned route, as presented on November 26, places an unacceptable burden on our neighborhoods. The plan shows that north/south traffic will be disrupted for 5 hrs (from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) along the entire length of E. Capitol St. from 1st St. NE to the RFK Stadium. Furthermore, traffic flow between the northern and southern quadrants of the city from 9th St. NW to the RFK (a distance of 4 miles) will be disrupted for nearly the entire duration of the event (from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.). As result, during the entire period of the event, there will no reasonable detour around the race route for citizens of ANC 6A who wish to travel south of E. Capitol St. or south of Constitution Ave. NW. This is an unacceptable inconvenience on any day, especially on a Saturday morning when many neighbors must run their errands.

Fortunately there is a reasonable alternative to your current plans. If you think of the planned course route at a figure eight, the alternative is to reverse the direction in which it is traversed. Current planning is to traverse the top (north) half of the figure eight in a counter-clockwise fashion followed by the bottom (south) half in a clockwise fashion. Our suggested alternative is to reverse the direction in which the top and bottom loops are run; the top half of the figure eight would be traversed in a counter clockwise fashion followed by the bottom half in a counter clockwise direction. The first 2 miles of the alternative route would run west on E. Capitol St and north to Union Station.

Our proposed alternative preserves the footprint of the planned course. In addition, it offers the following advantages:

- 1) The north/south traffic along E. Capitol St would be disrupted for only approx. 3 hrs from 7 a.m. to 10:20 am compared to 5 hrs for the original plan. Limiting the closure of E. Capitol St. to the early morning hours (from 7 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.) is reasonable, and greatly reduces the inconvenience to our neighborhood.
- 2) The last runner would clear 9th St NW and Constitution Ave NW by 10:45 am compared to 12:20 am. This means that the course route along the National Mall (from Constitution Ave /9th St. NW to Union Station) would be clear of runners 2 hrs sooner duration of 3 hrs vs. more than 5 hrs).
- 3) The start would take runners west along E. Capitol St for nearly two miles. Thousands of runners would be clustered along wide this picturesque swath of E. Capitol St providing a more dramatic start to the race.

We do hope that you find these suggestions helpful and that you can develop a suitable alternative that lessens the impact on our neighborhoods and the surrounding area to an acceptable level. If so, we will gladly support the National Marathon. If not, we will find it necessary to oppose the event.

Cc: CM Wells
CM Gray
CM Brown
CM Catania
CM Mendelson
CM Schwartz
Keith Dowling (GW Sports Alliance)