



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for December 10, 2009



7:00 pm Call to order, adopt agenda, and approve previous meeting's minutes. *pg. 3*

7:05 Community Comments (2 minutes each)

7:10 Officer Reports:

Chair (2 minutes)

Vice-Chair (2 minutes)

Secretary (2 minutes)

Treasurer (2 minutes) *pg. 11*

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

7:15 Single Member District reports (2 minutes each)

Standing Committee Reports:

7:30 Alcohol Beverage Licensing *pg. 13*

1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A not issue a stipulated license to Liberty Tree at 1016 H Street, NE because of the timing of the regular license.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A protest the substantial change request of H Street Country Club unless we have a signed VA by December 7, the Petition Date, with the roof-top noise stipulations and an exception on the entertainment endorsement on New Year's Eve, Halloween, Fourth of July and St. Patrick's with an extension of 1 hour of operating hours on NY Eve.
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A's acceptance of language regarding valet parking and noise in outdoor venues to ANC 6A standard voluntary agreement.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, Dec. 15, 2009 (3rd Tuesday)

7:35 Economic Development and Zoning *pg. 20*

1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A oppose HPA #09-XXX (1020 Massachusetts Ave) with plans for enclosing a balcony in a historic district.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support regarding the "Proposed closing of streets and alleys in Square 4533, 4534, 4535: City is proposing to close 'paper' streets and alleys that cut across the site of the Rosedale Recreation Center."
3. Approve committee report.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, Dec. 16, 2009 (3rd Wednesday)



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7:40 Community Outreach *pg. 28*

1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A accept the bid from Voice of the Hill (\$2,166) for 12 monthly ads and the bid from the Hill Rag/Fagon Guide (\$3,689) for 12 monthly ads plus an annual ad.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A provide \$4,000 to the Rosedale Youth Institute for the purchase of football uniforms.
3. Approve committee report.
4. Next meeting - 7:30 pm, Dec. 14 (NOT the 3rd Monday)

7:45 Transportation and Public Space Committee *pg. 33*

1. Approve committee report.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, Dec. 14, 2009 (3rd Monday)

7:50 Public Safety Committee *pg. 37*

1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A either partner with H-Street Mainstreet or seek to spearhead the initial creation of an H-Street Hospitality Group to promote visitor safety, diversity in commerce and the ongoing positive development of H-Street, as a community friendly destination.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A submit a formal request for a lighting survey and other core team efforts along the H St. corridor.
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A adopt Juvenile Crime Prevention proposed policies (see committee report), and that the Committee begin work on the six described tactics in the plan immediately upon passage.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, Dec. 17, 2009 (3rd Thursday)

7:55 **Unfinished Business**

8:00 **New Business** *pg. 47*

1. ANC 6A agenda package services contract renewal (Schultheiss)
2. ANC email domain name change (Fengler)

8:05 **Community Comments Round II, time permitting (2 minutes each)**



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Miner Elementary School

Minutes
November 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

2. Minutes

The minutes for the October meeting were approved without objection.

3. Community Comment

Alex Rotan, Office of the Mayor's Ward 6 Community Representative, announced the dedication of the H Street Mural on November 21st at 3 p.m. with a reception at Sova at 8:30 p.m.

4. Officer Reports

Chair

The Chair had no report.

Vice Chair

The Vice Chair had no report.

Secretary

The Secretary had no report.

Treasurer

Commissioner Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. The report shows that the opening checking account balance was \$26,107.18 and that the savings account balance was \$4,197.39. There was a payment of a District allotment of \$6,019.50, and an interest payment to the savings account of \$.79, leaving an opening balance of \$34,126.68 in the checking account and \$4,198.08 in the savings account. There were disbursements of \$88.50 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of minutes (Check #1434), and \$200 to Heather Schoell for preparation of the agenda packet (Check #1435), leaving a balance of \$33,838.18 in the checking account. Motion: Mr. Alberti moved /Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to approve the expenditures. The motion passed without objection. Motion: Mr. Alberti moved /Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was approved without objection.



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Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to approve the Quarterly Report for the 4th Quarter of FY09. The Report was approved without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion that \$600 be approved for copying for ANC materials for each of July and August, 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.

Budget

Mr. Alberti noted that along with the budget for FY 10, he had included a report of year-to-date expenses. He said there had been a change in District allotments, and there would be less money coming next year.

Mr. Fengler asked about the figure that only \$1,604.96 had been spent on grants for this year. He said he would like to propose increasing the grants budget. Elizabeth Nelson said she had a list of several organizations that were interested in grants for next year, including the Rosedale Youth Institute - \$3-5,000 for uniforms; Eastern High School - \$4-5,000; Capitol Hill Garden Club - \$600; and Trees for Capitol Hill.

Mr. Robinson questioned that there was an allotment of \$3,200 for interpreter expenses while only \$500 had been spent. Mr. Alberti said that he wanted to be prepared for when it's needed. Ms. Nelson added that because it's a legal requirement of the District, there should be money allotted for the potential expense. Mr. Robinson asked whether the allotment anticipates every committee meeting and every full Commission meeting. Mr. Alberti responded that sometime in the future the ANC will learn whether the District is going to come through and pay for the expense. Mr. Holmes said that it's wise to keep a reserve for interpretive services because, among other reasons, the ANC never knows when an issue will bring Gallaudet people to the meeting. Alex Rotan said that they used an interpreter for a meeting in his office and it was not inexpensive. Mr. Robinson responded that it never costs \$600 an hour. Mr. Fengler said that there are a large number of hearing-impaired people in the ANC's district. He also mentioned that Gallaudet has a good relationship with the ANC, including hosting its website, and because the Commission has a large surplus, he's comfortable with that intent of where we would like to spend the ANC's budget. Mr. Robinson said it's astounding that that there should be such a large appropriation for interpretation, and asked how that large number was arrived at. Ms. Beatty said that the ANC spent \$500 last year, and she hoped there was no link between the website and the interpretation expense.

Motion: Mr. Schultheiss moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to adjust the budget for sign language interpretation to \$1,200. Ms. Beatty added that the total expenditures would have to be adjusted to \$29,375, and the projected surplus to \$31,171.36. The vote on the amendment to the FY10 budget was 5-2, with Mr. Fengler and Mr. Alberti in opposition.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to approve the FY10 budget as amended. The motion was approved without objection.

5. SMD Reports

Mr. Marshall reported his concerns about the situation with violence at Martini Lounge on H St., NE and at Sticky Rice, and asked about how to achieve effective enforcement on H Street. He also mentioned the dedication of the H Street Mural on November 21st (see above).

Mr. Robinson reported that the Eastern High School construction is moving forward, and it is terrific, with such features as two atriums and the latest and greatest technology planned. He



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also raised the issue of Councilmember Alexander's ANC workshop which will take place on November 21st. Mr. Fengler suggested moving the discussion to New Business at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Schultheiss reported that 1400 Maryland Ave., NE has been listed as a vacant property and is before the Board of Condemnation. The owner has failed to follow the law and keep the property clear, but there has been no change. The owner is being fined, but there have been no other consequences. He expressed his frustration that there seems to be no seriousness in the area of enforcement on the part of the DC government.

Mr. Fengler reported that he had an SMD meeting, with Mr. Marshall, on the H Street Connection. He said 12 to 15 residents met with the developer and architects, and they seem happy with the proposal. On the issue of H Street enforcement, he said he shared Mr. Marshall's concerns but has a different take on the issue. Mr. Fengler said he had a problem, and MPD went through the VA paragraph by paragraph to see where they weren't in compliance. With VAs, a two-year record is built up, and it's on paper when renewal time comes around. He also mentioned that there are problems on 10th and 12th Streets and he's telling people to call PSA 102, and to go to meetings.

Ms. Beatty reported that there was illegal construction on a building on 12th Street and she called DCRA which came right away.

Mr. Alberti reported that there is a building in the 1500 block of Constitution Ave., NE that has been boarded up for three years. He said he has written to DCRA because the building should be on the vacant property list.

Mr. Holmes reported that a property on the corner of 8th and C Streets that collapsed has been renovated and sold, and that a property at 12th and C Streets that had been proposed as a 5-unit building has been sold and rebuilt as a single-family house. He reported that Traceries did its historic survey of each building on H Street, and presented its report to a large crowd.

6. Committee Reports

ABL

The committee did not meet, and there was no report. Ms. Beatty said that the issues at Martini Lounge will be discussed at the next committee meeting. She said the owner says there were no weapons involved. In answer to a question from Mr. Marshall she said that an individual can file a complaint with ABRA. Another idea would be to revisit the moratorium.

Mr. Robinson commented on what a "fabulous job" Ms. Beatty has done with the committee. He said that he doesn't see the problem on H Street getting any better, and in fact, see it getting worse. He said that people respond better to the police, and will respond as "business and usual" without police involvement.

Mr. Alberti said that the MPD has a program with ABRA to use off duty officers that is aimed at late night enforcement—from midnight to closing. Licensees can collectively hire officers. He said that while owners can't be forced to do this, the ANC can facilitate a program. Mr. Fengler added that there's no requirement for a security plan, but perhaps the ANC should have a plan incorporated into the VAs that would require additional cost for security. He said that the ANC should have ABRA come to a meeting and address the issue, and formally ask the committee to develop a model for such a security plan.

Economic Development and Zoning



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H Street Connection

Mr. Fengler suggested that while there has been a recommendation on an amenities package for the H Street Connection, many issues are still unresolved, and the ANC should wait and consider all the relevant issues and motions as a comprehensive document. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to consider all the H Street Connection recommendations incorporated into a single document to be dealt with at one time. The motion passed without objection.

1212 Wylie St., NE

This is a request for support of a BZA application for a variance from the rear yard requirements, and a variance from the nonconforming structure provisions to allow a second-story addition to an existing one-family row dwelling in the R-4 district. The committee unanimously recommended that the ANC support the project.

The house, purchased in terrible condition, is undergoing full interior renovation. The first floor has a kitchen room attached to the back; BZA did not permit the addition requested in her original application. The owner is not increasing the footprint of the house. At least 50% of the houses on the block have rear extensions, including her neighbors on both sides (both neighbors have provided letters of support for the project).

Mr. Alberti asked why a variance is needed and was told that the owner is increasing the building's square footage. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation to support the application for a variance for 1212 Wylie St., NE. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Robinson seconded acceptance of the resignations of Patricia Schaub and Johnathan Schrader, and the removal of Alan Page from the committee. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Holmes reported that there will be a BZA hearing on 1242 H Street. He will attend the hearing.

The Committee's report was accepted without objection.

Community Outreach

Maury School PTA Grant Application for Sound Equipment

Elizabeth Nelson presented a grant application for \$3,500 for funding for a sound system for Maury's multi-purpose room. The committee's original recommendation was contingent on receipt of a new application from the school with a revised estimate of the cost of the system, which is now estimated to be \$4,906. The PTA is committed to raising the additional needed funds for the system, which can be installed in stages. Brittany May, the school's music teacher, who was present at the ANC meeting, said that the school has extensive and expanding performance arts programs for which the system will be used.

Mr. Holmes was assured that the grant was not being used for any purpose the District would otherwise fund. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to provide Maury Elementary School with a \$3,500 grant for a sound system. The motion passed without objection.

In answer to a question from Mr. Marshall Ms. Nelson said that the Sherwood Advisory Board has not applied for any funds.



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The Committee's report was accepted without objection.

Transportation

The Committee's report was accepted without objection.

Public Safety

There was no October meeting of the committee. Mr. Robinson made a plea for committee members.

7. New Business

Appletree School

Mr. Holmes gave a brief history of the ANC's involvement in the issue of the Appletree School, which wants to locate a charter pre-school at 138 12th St., NE. The school meets none of the new zoning regulations covering charter schools, but was grandfathered into the law because its application was filed prior to the regulations being implemented. The ANC took the issue to an Administrative Law judge, but it would have been too expensive for the city to follow through. The school is now going before the Charter School Board for its final approval (it wanted to complete all its zoning requirements prior to doing so).

The ANC has been notified of the December 21st hearing, and plans to testify; it will be the last opportunity the Commission has to try to stop the school from locating at an inappropriate location. Mr. Holmes said that the community does not want the school in that location, and has suggested other locations, even within the same SMD. The problems include that there is no drop-off for the children, there are three busy commuter streets on three sides of that Square, inadequate staff parking, and there are many pre-schools within a seven block area.

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Alberti seconded the following motion: (the strikeouts and italic addition are the final version of the resolution)

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A continues to ~~vigorously~~ oppose the siting of a school at 138 12th St., NE, in the middle of a residential row house block.

The ANC ~~finds~~ *resolves*: This site falls far short of meeting current city requirements for street front footage, parking, and minimum lot size. It has no play area, and will require a long walk for toddlers to reach the nearest park playground. Maury School, a block away at 13th Street, already has a pre-school, as do Miner, Tyler, Payne and Peabody Schools, all within seven blocks. The proposed site shares walls with 19th century residential row houses. The school would have no on-site drop-off for parents, leading to traffic congestion and blockage. The site will provide, at most, only two parking spaces, accessible on in the alley, for staff, teachers and parents. There are many appropriate locations for pre-school in ANC 6A. This is not one of them.

Commissioners Nick Alberti and David Holmes are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter before the Public Charter School Board meeting of December 21st, and before any agency of the city government.

Ms. Beatty said that Appletree offers an alternative to DCPS schools, and that while she understands the concerns of Commissioner Holmes and Alberti and their neighborhood she doesn't think the ANC should take a position on an issue in an individual SMD. She also said she objects to the use of the words "vigorously" and "finds"—these are not findings.



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Mr. Robinson said he is a huge supporter of charter schools, and he is trying to understand where the ANC is in the process: what is it the ANC hopes the Charter School Board will do. He said the school has a license, and the zoning issues have already been settled. He asked what the ANC hopes to gain at the hearing. Mr. Holmes said to express the ANC's opposition to a school at that site. He said that the Board has the matter of an expansion campus before it, and is looking at whether it should be granted. It's similar to the process with a VA—the school worked out the zoning issues prior to applying to the school board. Mr. Fengler added that the Charter School Board was required to notify the ANC of the hearing.

Mr. Schultheiss said he is in support of the motion. He was on the EDZ committee three years ago when Appletree came before it. The director of the school came before the committee and the ANC and dismissed the traffic concerns and said the kids could walk.

Ms. Beatty said the issue was very NIMBY, that it will mess up traffic, etc. She said the motion was not appropriate, that the ANC can't make statements about "findings". Mr. Robinson said that Appletree should be present, and questioned the need for the motion at this meeting since the hearing is December 21st. Mr. Fengler responded that a Commissioner asked to have it placed on the agenda, even though it's true that there's another meeting before the hearing.

Motion: Mr. Robinson moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to postpone action on the motion until the December meeting, and invite Appletree to appear before the community. Mr. Holmes said that Appletree had appeared at the ANC and there's nothing they can add. They have done well in other locations, but this one is wrong. He said he would like to take action at this meeting, when we're sure we have a quorum. Mr. Alberti added that the ANC has already taken a position to oppose more than a year ago, and this motion is only to reconfirm that position. The motion failed, 3-4 with Commissioners Alberti, Fengler Holmes and Schultheiss in opposition.

Motion: Ms. Beatty moved/Mr. Marshall seconded a motion to strike the word "vigorously" in the first paragraph, and to strike the second paragraph. The motion failed 3-4, with Commissioners Alberti, Fengler Holmes and Schultheiss in opposition.

Mr. Robinson said that if the ANC already has a position, then no introductory language is necessary. **Motion:** Mr. Robinson moved/Ms. Beatty seconded a motion to strike the first two paragraphs, just leaving the third. The motion failed, 3-4 with Commissioners Alberti, Fengler Holmes and Schultheiss in opposition.

Mr. Holmes said that he could have used the word "resolved" instead of "finds." **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to strike the word "vigorously" and to replace the word "finds" to "resolved." The motion passed 5-2, with Commissioners Alberti and Robinson in opposition.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Schultheiss seconded a motion to call the question. The motion failed 2-5, with Commissioners Alberti and Schultheiss in support.

A member of the community asked whether suggestions have been given to Apple tree for use of their building if they were to move. Mr. Holmes responded that it could be used as a meeting hall for a religious organization, for example. Mr. Lee, who lives in the 1200 block of G Street, said he supports Ms. Beatty's position, and unless there is support on the part of the community a position shouldn't be taken. He said he would suggest going back to the community to get their views. Margaret Holwill said that since 2005 her community has been fighting Appletree, and in fact, it was the community that brought the issue to the ANC. She said she has file boxes filled with information on Appletree. She said the ANC has created



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zoning changes and until Commissioner Holmes went to the Attorney General's office nothing happened. Commissioner Holmes said that charter schools use public funds, and the meeting in December will be the only opportunity that the community can have its say.

Mr. Alberti added that the history is: it was not until Appletree was going to get its permits because there were no zoning laws for charter schools. The Zoning Commission looked at the issue and decided the location is too small for a school. Appletree got permits because its application was filed before the regulations were changed. Mr. Schultheiss added that his transportation consulting firm specializes in assessing school sites and its obvious there is no drop-off site for 60-90 students, and no safe way for kids to get in and out. Most troubling, he said, is that the owners have no interest in the safety of children.

Mr. Holmes said that this is the first use of the public notification requirement by the Charter School Board. This is the only site in the city, because of the change in zoning regulations, which will have this problem.

Mr. Robinson said it was troubling to him that the motion dealing solely with authorization was defeated, and there must be some other reason for having that language. He said he would be voting no. Mr. Alberti said that what's written in the motion is consistent with what the ANC has done before, and that bringing the motion to the ANC was just to be above board and keep the Commission abreast of what was being done. Mr. Fengler added that it would have been easier to just authorize Mr. Alberti's and Mr. Holmes' participation. However, things in the resolution are all in letters that have previously been written.

The vote on the final, amended, motion was 4-2-1, with Mr. Robinson and Ms. Beatty in opposition, and Mr. Marshall abstaining.

ANC Roundtable

Mr. Robinson asked whether the ANC wanted to have an official presence at Councilmember Yvette Alexander's ANC Roundtable on November 23rd. Mr. Holmes said he had met with the Councilmember, and she thought the ANC's suggested changes in the ANC law were worthwhile. It was suggested that no formal ANC action was necessary.

8. Community Comment

Alex Rotan of the Mayor's Office said that there are homeless people involved at 1400 Maryland which makes it more complicated to take action. It is the owner's responsibility to abate the situation, and they are moving on the situation. He said the City is anxious to take care of the situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Commission Letters from November 12 Meeting



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission
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December 9, 2009

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

RE: BZA Case 18010 (1212 Wylie St. NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on November 12, 2009, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a variance from Section 2001.3(a)(b) (lot occupancy requirements of non-conforming structures and requirements to not expand non-conformities), Section 404.1 (rear yard requirements in residential zones) and 406.1 (court requirements in residential zones) in the above referenced application.

The Commission supports the applicant's request for zoning relief because:

- The owner is not increasing the footprint of the structure, and thus the second floor addition will have not have an adverse impact on the air and light of the neighboring properties.
- The 825 square feet lot size is extremely small and imposes hardship on the applicant to construct a modest addition to the structure.
- Approximately 50% of similarly situated properties on this street have rear additions. One of the adjacent neighbors has a 2-story rear addition, while the other neighbor has a one-story rear addition.
- Both adjacent neighbors have signed letters of support for zoning relief.

Due to the lot's exceptional shallowness and small size, this places exceptional practical difficulties on the applicant and the granting of zoning relief does not represent a substantial detriment to the public good or the intent, purpose and integrity of the zoning map. Accordingly, our Commission supports this BZA application.

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

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report November 2009

Period Covered:	11/01/09	-	11/30/09		
Checking Account:					
Balance Forwarded				\$	33,838.18
Receipts:					
District Allotments			\$	-	
Transfers from Saving Account			\$	-	
Total Receipts				\$	-
Total Funds Available				\$	33,838.18
Disbursements:					
FedEx Office (oct. '09 Statement)	Ck #1437		\$	115.80	
Heather Schoell (Nov. '09 Agenda Package)	Ck #1438		\$	200.00	
Roberta Weiner (Minutes Oct '09)	Ck #1439		\$	127.50	
Cardinal Sound & Communication (Maury PTSA Grant)	Ck #1440		\$	3,491.00	
Total Disbursements			\$	3,934.30	
Ending Balance				\$	29,903.88
Savings Account:					
Balance Forwarded				\$	4,198.08
Receipts:					
Interest (10/30/09)			\$	0.71	
Transfers from Checking Account			\$	-	
Total Receipts				\$	0.71
Total Funds Available				\$	4,198.79
Disbursements				\$	-
Ending Balance				\$	4,198.79



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report November 2009

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

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



Committee Reports

Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



ANC 6A ABL Committee
November 17, 2009
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

Committee members present: Mary Beatty (6A05); Tish Olshefski; (Joined by Joe Englert and Rafael Marshall)

Committee members absent: Michael Herman; Jeremy Marcus; Richard Sundberg

Commissioners: Joe Fengler (6A02); Kelvin Robinson (6A08); Rafael Marshall (6A01)

Community: Clifton Humphries (H Street Martini Lounge); Scott Hamilton (The Liberty Tree); Craig Stewart (ABRA Investigator); Josh Hopkins (EDM); Nyika Humphries (H Street Martini Lounge); Ann Marie Koshuta; Julie Westfall (Voice of the Hill); Joe Englert; Aaron McGovern; Coralie Farlee (ANC6D ABC Chair); Robert Pittman & several others who did not sign in.

I. Housekeeping

- a. Agenda - Motion to accept agenda. No objections.
- b. Minutes - Motion to accept minutes. No objections.

II. Community Comment.

- a. Aaron McGovern currently owns Russia House restaurant. Coming to our meeting in the future with a traditional mom & pop German restaurant with an outdoor garden. The location is under construction, and he looks forward to operating on H Street. We will hear more from him in the future.

III. Discussion/Updates

IV. New Business

- a. **H Street Martini Lounge** - Mr. Humphries reported on the incident on October 27. He has gone before ABRA on this incident. Incident happened on a Tuesday night, Karaoke night, and there were about 25 to 30 people on the second floor, 10 to 15 on first floor. One man was taking a photo with camera, another said he didn't want his picture taken. Words exchanged. A police officer in the establishment separated them. Another man came across the couch, over the police officer and knocked them over. Police officer called for a 1033. Situation under control before they got there. Sergeant arrived said to shut down the bar. Started cleaning up. About half hour later, received a call about two people in the hospital injured. Crime scene came back but they had already cleaned up. Questions asked about what was found at the crime scene and the individuals injured.

Q: What does security plan require on a night of operations (and other questions about the plan itself)? If both floors are occupied, it's our discretion to have two security personnel. Plan has changed since the incident. They have a security person on each floor now. Mr. Humphries is a security person in the plan and has been trained. Cameras are part of the plan, due to an error they were not rolling.

Q: There are reports about being cited two or three other times (and follow up questions)? One last year when the door was opened while people going out



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and music came out. Other was door guy was instructed to keep door free and the patron smacked a guard. Both incidents reported to ABRA. No reported injuries.

Q: Other details asked about the injured. The two people injured are not the two involved in the incident. The report indicates an injury with a cutting or stabbing instrument but there was not a stabbing.

Q: What has changed in your security plan and the bar? Changed camera system, two more cameras installed, whenever the second floor is in operation with a DJ/Karaoke/Live music there will be two people on duty. Karaoke night is ended. They have contracts for five additional events on the second floor and then will not schedule any others.

Q: Was there a recent incident with an ambulance called? Yes. A gentleman exited and came back and threw something at the guy at the door.

ABRA Investigation Office in audience. A number of questions asked of Mr. Stewart about the ongoing investigations and ABRA procedures. Because it is an ongoing investigation he couldn't go into detail. Mr. Stewart also asked several questions of Mr. Humphries. Chair Beatty stated that the ABL meeting was not the appropriate venue for investigative work by ABRA.

Q: Several more questions about the noise and outside procedures with the proximity of other bars and keeping people from blocking sidewalks. Mr. Humphries would be willing to meet with other owners to address this problem.

Mr. Humphries also states he can't really find any reason for this incident--just more people on H Street. He believes the establishment is safe but H street is not. Mr. Humphries and his wife are selling the business and the building. He recommends using the "Reimbursement Detail" for H Street. He has established a rapport with officers in the area. Crime has risen with less police officer presence.

Comment: Mr. Englert reports that 10 or 12 establishments who have agreed to look into the reimbursement detail. Biggest issue is how to get everyone to pay but he thinks they have a critical mass. Mr. Pittman has volunteered to take this on in PSA 102 and a recommendation is made to the chair of the ANC Public Safety Committee (Kelvin Robinson) to look into that issue. He agrees to include this in the next ANC PSC agenda.

- b. Liberty Tree on H Street (1016 H Street NE) - Scott Hamilton - Brick oven pizza and some seafood. 30 or 40 seats inside, summer garden next door looking to open up. Looking for a stipulated license. Should have placards on Friday. Mr. Hamilton was informed that he really doesn't need a stipulated license because will have to go through the whole process anyway. He will be requesting CT license and is working on CFO change to get the number of seats increased. Chair Beatty stated that since he will not open until January or February of next year, there seemed to be no need for a stipulated license. However, Mr. Hamilton wanted to get a vote from the committee on this request.

Chairman Beatty made a motion that: The ANC not issue a stipulated license to Liberty Tree at 1016 H Street, NE because of the timing of the regular license. Joe Fengler seconded the motion. 3 ayes; 1 abstention.



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c. **Substantial Change H Street Country Club - Joe Englert**

Want to have two roof-top decks with 99 seats at H Street Country Club and 79 at Rock & Roll Hotel. Since the ANC had received notice of Country Club's change, but not Rock & Roll, Chair Beatty wanted to only make a recommendation on the H Street Country Club. Suggestion made that we allow the roof-top deck, but with conditions--food offered, limited hours, music restrictions. Chair reviewed items in the proposed new standard voluntary agreement regarding rooftop decks (including noise mitigation, baffling, no speakers, signs posted to keep noise down, staff monitoring of noise levels, etc.)

Questions raised also about a notice of an entertainment endorsement request. Clarification that the entertainment endorsement is not for the roof and Mr. Englert is seeking this endorsement for specific holidays: New Year's Eve; Halloween, 4th of July, St. Patrick's, He will be asking for extended hours on those nights (one hour)

Motion made by Chair Beatty that: The ANC protest the substantial change request of H Street Country Club unless we have a signed VA by December 7, the Petition Date, with the roof-top noise stipulations and an exception on the entertainment endorsement on New Year's Eve, Halloween, Fourth of July and St. Patrick's with an extension of 1 hour of operating hours on New Year's Eve. Seconded. Four votes.

d. **Approval of Standard CR/CT Voluntary Agreement.**

Chair Beatty distributed copies of new language to be added to the VA. The new language adds language on valet parking and addresses noise concerns in outdoor venues.

Recommendation: Acceptance of language regarding valet parking and noise in outdoor venues to ANC 6A standard voluntary agreement. Moved by Tish Olshefski, seconded by Joe Fengler. Unanimous.

V. **Adjourn. Move to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Next meeting: December 15, 2009.**



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Made this _____ day of _____, 20__
by and between
Name of Establishment
Street Address, NE
Washington DC 20002

and

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Preamble

Through this agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby the applicant may operate as a viable contributing business in the ANC 6A community, while concurrently curtailing any adverse effects a business such as the applicant’s could have on the surrounding neighborhood.

The applicant agrees to work regularly with the ANC 6A, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this agreement are reasonable and must become wholly integrated into the day-to-day operation of the business establishment.

Further, ANC 6A acknowledges that this Cooperative Agreement shall be presented to all Class CR applicants within the boundaries of ANC 6A. The community and merchants have agreed that it is in all the parties best interests to standardize the requirements for the operations of restaurant, tavern, and nightclub establishments within the boundaries of ANC 6A. To the greatest extent possible, the ANC will not insist upon or allow any significant changes to this Cooperative Agreement that will unfairly benefit or, conversely, cause competitive disadvantage to, any individual applicant or establishment within the ANC, unless such change is required by the District of Columbia government, other authorized governmental bodies, or rule of law.

The community and merchants understand and agree that the changes imposed upon the operations of all licensees within the ANC as set forth herein are important measures to protect the safety, peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood, its residents, and businesses.

Witnesseth

Whereas, Applicant’s premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A; and,

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into an agreement governing certain requirements and understandings regarding the issuance of a Retailer’s Class CR Liquor License at the subject premises; and,

The Parties Agree As Follows:

1. Public Space Cleanliness and Maintenance. Applicant will maintain the public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition by:
 - a. Picking up trash, including beverage bottles and cans, and all other trash a minimum of twice daily (once immediately before business hours and again between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.).
 - b. Maintaining regular trash garbage removal service, regularly remove trash from the trash and dumpster area, and see that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.



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- c. Applicant shall deposit trash and garbage only in rodent-proof dumpsters, and shall see that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash or garbage is being added or removed.
- d. Exercising due diligence to prevent and/or rid vermin infestation in and around the establishment, including following, minimally, the recommendations and guidelines of the Vector Control Division of the Department of Public Works.
- e. Assisting in maintenance of the curb in front of the establishment to keep them free of trash and to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk and comply with all applicable D.C. laws and regulation in these respects.
- f. Planting, watering, and generally tending to tree boxes directly in front of the subject premises, if any.
- e. Promptly removing or painting over any graffiti written on the exterior walls of the property.

2. Business Operations and Practices:

- a. Applicant will not, directly or indirectly, sell or deliver alcohol to any intoxicated person, or to any person of intemperate habits, or to any person who appears to be intoxicated. A person of intemperate habits shall be defined as:
 - i. Any person convicted of alcohol offences or alcohol-related crimes three times or more in any one year; and
 - ii. Who has been so identified to the licensee by the Metropolitan Police Department by giving a photo and name to the licensee.
- b. Applicant agrees to take all necessary steps to prevent patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- c. Applicant agrees to ensure that no patron bring alcohol into the establishment from outside sources, and at no time exits the establishment with alcoholic beverages.
- d. Applicant will not provide or sell alcoholic beverages “to go.” Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub “crawls” or any other event of this nature.
- e. The licensed establishment will be managed by the applicant in person or a board licensed manager.
- f. Applicant, and all employees of the applicant, shall attend and complete an alcoholic beverage server training course/seminar.
- g. Applicant shall post a notice kept in good repair and visible from point of entry a sign, which states:
 - i. Proper ID required (proof of age 21 minimum to be served and assurances that ID’s will be checked at all times prior to serving alcoholic beverages to patrons).
 - ii. Prohibition against selling alcohol to minors.
 - iii. Request to patrons to not litter, loiter, or make excessive noise in the neighborhood as they arrive or depart.
 - iv. Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects.
 - v. Request that customers do not contribute to panhandlers.
- h. Applicant shall make every effort to prohibit and prevent loitering and criminal activity on or in front of the establishment premises, to include:
 - i. Asking loiterers to move on whenever they are observed outside the establishment,
 - ii. Calling the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to remove loiterers if they refuse Applicant’s request to move on,
 - iii. Calling the Metropolitan Police Department if illegal activity is observed,
 - iv. Keeping a written record of dates and times (i.e. log) when the MPD was called for assistance.
- i. Applicant’s log shall be provided to the Board and, for good cause shown to the Board, to any valid protestant during hearings involving future renewals or contested proceedings involving the Applicant’s license.



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- j. Applicant shall not support of the installation of pay phones outside of the establishment on their property.
- k. Applicant will utilize and maintain high-intensity flood-lights on the exterior of its premises so as to fully light any abutting alleyway from dusk until dawn.
- l. Applicant shall provide valet parking services only with valet parking services as defined licensed and in compliance with Title 24 DCMR Chapter 16.

3. Music / Dancing / Entertainment:

- a. Applicant agrees to ensure that sounds originating from within the establishment are mitigated by installing adequate sound proofing.
- b. Applicant shall not produce any sound, noise, or music of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment in accordance with DC Official Code Title 25-725.
- c. In order to mitigate noise on the patio or summer garden the following steps will be taken:
 - 1) The hours for the patio will be until 11PM on weekdays and 12PM on weekends.
 - 2) Applicant shall not offer any type of live or pre-recorded music on the patio.
 - 3) A fence or other barrier will enclose the entire perimeter.
 - 4) No fewer than two signs will be clearly posted to remind guests to keep their voices at normal speaking volume.
 - 5) Staff will monitor the outdoor area to make sure guests do not raise their voices above normal speaking tones.
 - 6) Potted plants, trees, fountains or other types of noise mitigation techniques will be incorporated into the summer garden decor.
- d. If residents have no noise complaints for a three month period following opening of the establishment and the licensee has a record of good conduct during this time period, the hours for service on the patio may be extended to be consistent with the licensee's normal business hours.
- e. Applicant shall obtain an entertainment endorsement to have a cover charge. For purposes of this clause, a cover charge is a fee required by an establishment to be paid by patrons for admission that is not directly applied to the purchase of food or drink.
- f. Applicant may offer facilities for dancing for patrons only with an entertainment endorsement and may have recorded and background music without an entertainment endorsement. "Entertainment" means live music or any other live performance by an actual person, including live bands, karaoke, comedy shows, poetry readings, and disc jockeys. The term "entertainment" shall not include the operation of a jukebox, a television, a radio, or other prerecorded music.

4. Cooperation with ANC 6A. Applicant agrees to work on resolving issues preventing the applicant from fulfilling its obligations under this cooperative agreement with all of the following: the Single-Member District (SMD) ANC Commissioner within whose boundaries the establishment is located, the Chair of the ABL Committee, and other Commissioners whose SMD's are adjacent to the location of the establishment.

5. Modifications. This agreement can be modified only by mutual agreement of all the parties with the approval of the ABC Board. In the case of ANC6A, if applicant desires to modify the terms of this agreement, the applicant, prior to implementing the change(s), shall receive written agreement from ANC6A after a majority of the commissioners shall have voted in favor of the changes at a full public meeting.

6. Miscellaneous:

- a. Applicant certifies that it does not owe more than \$100 to the District of Columbia government as the result of any fine, fee or penalty interest or past due tax.



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- b. Applicant shall post a copy of this voluntary agreement in the establishment in conjunction with the posting of its alcoholic beverage license.
- c. Applicant will operate in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

7. Enforcement:

- a. If either party hereto believes in good faith that the applicant is in violation of this agreement, written notice specifying the alleged violation shall be delivered to the applicant and the applicant shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice to come into compliance with this agreement or respond to said alleged notice of default.
- b. Applicant and the ANC 6A Commission agree to enter into this agreement. If the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement, it is understood by all parties that the ANC 6A, and/or its committees, or others shall immediately petition the ABC Board for a “show cause” hearing pursuant to 23 D.C.M.R. 1513.5.
- c. This cooperative agreement is binding on the applicant and its assigns and will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.

In Witness Whereof

The parties have affixed hereto their hands and seals.

Applicant:

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Advisory Neighborhood Council 6A Representative:

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

ABC Board-Licensed Manager:

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____



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MINUTES

ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee
Wednesday November 18, 2009 7-9:00 p.m.
Sherwood Recreation Center (640 10th St. NE)
2nd floor Community Room

Committee members: Drew Ronneberg, Cody Rice, Dan Golden, Barbara Halleck
Commissioners: David Holmes (6A03), Kelvin Robinson (6A08)

7:00 Call to order

Ongoing Status Reports

1. H Street Survey (Drew Ronneberg)

Results of the H Street survey were announced on November 10 to approximately 100 folks, standing room only, at the Atlas Theater. Attendees expressed lots of interest, and the presentation showed different architecture from different eras. It also showed how the buildings were altered through the years.

The recommendation from the survey is that if H Street was designated part of a historic district, it should be its own commercial historic district, and not part of the Capitol Hill Historic District. The historic commercial district designation will give a lot more latitude to change façade and build upwards.

Is the presentation available for residents? Drew will try to have it posted on ANC web site.

Deliverables include records and data regarding the various buildings, this will be hosted on ANC web site.

2. Zoning code rewrite (Cody Rice)

According to the DC Office of Planning web site, the PUD group is supposed to start up this autumn. The city has about twenty different work groups discussing different aspects of zoning and they make recommendations to the zoning commission. They did commercial overlays mostly early this summer. What's left is PUD, design review, BZA procedures, administration/enforcement. Cody is signed up for emails and will keep the committee informed. Drew expressed interested in the design group.

3. Vacant properties (Dan Golden)

Spoke with Rubin Pemberton, new head of handling vacant/blighted properties for DCRA. They had a brief conversation to explain what we'd one previously regarding validating vacant properties. He seemed interested in working with us and getting our input. He also indicated that he'd be interested in attending and make a presentation. The also discussed the new vacant/blighted property legislation and what it means from DCRA's perspective. He was aware there's a problem/loophole that shunts all the vacant properties to Class 2 (commercial), so there's no incremental extra tax for commercial vacant properties. The



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legislation came out in October and the next day DCRA fired off a 20-page re-write to the legislation, explaining the unintended impact of the legislation. Dan will request that Rubin Pemberton attend our December meeting.

DCRA doesn't revise the list again until February or late March. They have an initial blighted property list - condemned buildings - that will be the initial list designated as blighted. They seem to still be struggling to define "blighted" - who's going to make the determination, what are the criteria? Rubin thinks it will be the DC Building Inspector making the final determination on each building. Dan will ask for the current list of blighted properties and vacant properties to validate.

One overall big point is that the statute will be amended by February/March time frame; they are expecting that the list will have to be revised due to problems with the legislation.

Dan will also ask for updated list of vacant properties. There's a PDF with the October 2009 list; we will run it against what we recorded online already.

New Business

1. H Street Connection Redevelopment—Sarah Alexander, architect

We had asked the developer for more information about the building materials used on the 8th Street corner as several of the committee members and residents had expressed concern that the 8th Street corner looked very modern; the materials would have a big impact on how that corner fit into the overall look of the development and the rest of the buildings at that intersection.

The development will be mixed use residential w/50,000 sq ft retail, below ground parking. They have been working for the past 2 years to go from original design, one large monolithic building, into one that is more in keeping with the character of the surrounding buildings and historic nature of the neighborhood.

Sarah noted that concern has been raised about the 8th Street corner, they chose to celebrate the corner through a "more modern language" that is textured and layered with different elements so it's not one large massive area. There are small bays on the 8th Street side, and the set back along H Street at the 8th Street corner helps transition from the café zone up to the higher portion of the building. This area created by curving the façade will be a restaurant zone, in keeping with expressed interest for restaurants in the development. The setback allows for outdoor seating at this main and most prominent seating area of the building. The main question was the regarding the material for this portion of the building. They looked at different metals with a concern for the reflectivity of the materials, staying away from reflective or shiny materials.

Sarah Alexander showed samples they had selected—three different shades of brushed anodized aluminum, not reflective but with more of a matte finish. The variety of colors provides visual interest and more variety to the area. The brick they are suggesting is white buff (kind of cream color).



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The materials went through office of planning; they agreed that if you were going to have one modern section this would be the best location for it. It's a prominent intersection—they want to celebrate that corner. Curve was considered positive as it creates space for the restaurants.

Next showing of the drawings will be at the full ANC meeting.

Another potential community amenity: something that was mentioned at the Transportation & Public Space meeting. The building will be done in two phases, 8th Street first and then 10th Street. The paragraph below was drafted by Chip Glasgow, the attorney for the project in consultation with Omar Mahmud:

The following applies to our agreement to landscape the open areas of the site not improved with buildings, hardscape or structures and their access with grass, shrubs, flowers and any other attractive plants or foliage recommended by our landscape engineer, and to maintain such area in an attractive condition: 1) If the bank pad and existing structures are removed from the east end of the site, we will landscape that area other than the private alley and any structure that may be needed for the project such as the 10th street curb cut and garage access in the event they are constructed as a part of phase one construction; 2) If the bank pad and other existing structures are not removed then we will landscape the areas other than the retained improvements and the private alley.

The ED&Z committee passed a motion to have the above agreement included as a community amenity for the H Street Connection Redevelopment project.

2. HPA #09-XXX (1020 Massachusetts Ave). The owner will be presenting plans for enclosing a balcony in a historic district.

Present: Mr. Ali Safaya, Owner and Mr. David Gillenson, friend of Mr. Safaya

The owner, Ali Safayan, read a statement (attached to the minutes) explaining that his house had developed severe leaks and mold due to water coming into his house from the open porch on the 3rd floor of his house. He made two different earnest attempts to stop the leakage by having drains installed; neither repair was effective in stopping the leaks. He has made substantial repairs to the house to eliminate the mold. The mold had also caused him to become ill to the extent that he could not live in the house. Based on the two previous failed attempts to build drains to carry away the water, Mr. Safayan determined that it would be necessary to enclose the porch to keep the water completely out.

Mr. Safayan provided photos of the enclosure; the work appears to be nearly complete.

Mr. Safayan also provided letters from two neighbors expressing support for the enclosure. Neighbors who wrote said that they feel that the enclosure is attractive and in keeping with the historic look of the neighborhood.



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ED&Z reactions

Drew Ronneberg: We've dealt with proposed enclosures, 816 East Capitol and we did not support it because it was not in keeping with the historic character of the neighborhood. Historic preservation, per the committee, includes maintaining the building itself without historically incorrect changes, especially the front.

Cody Rice: More important than the maintenance of the look 100% static in time, the historic district provides for a design review in advance of the work, particularly for those on the façade of the building, its most important aspect. He finds it hard to express support retroactively that did not go through the design review and did not have the benefit of CHRS input or ANC input.

If it did come to us new, based on historic standards, our norm is to not support enclosures.

Dan Golden: Is there anything materially different between this and 816 East Capitol? They tried to make it look like there weren't windows. They came before changes to the back as a package; we supported changes to the rear but not the front.

Drew Ronneberg: He started the work without permits or review. It doesn't look historic; it doesn't look like other buildings from that time period. Drew expressed concern that it looks like a modern addition to the structure. Work done on the back has a much lower bar of scrutiny; work on the front has a higher standard. The fact that the modifications are done on the front is quite an issue. As far as process goes, we are worried about precedent. If we say we support this, then what's the next thing to come along? If this came to us as a proposal, how would we respond? We would not support the enclosure as it is currently designed.

Barbara Halleck: Because we normally do not support enclosures on the front, and because the work hasn't undergone review by CHRS or HPRB, I don't think we *can* support it. Possibly if he had a different design, or if it had a blessing from one of the historic review groups, we might be able to support it. Unfortunately, without those reviews or agreement that the design meets historic district requirements, we cannot support the enclosure. The windows do not match the look of the rest of the house and definitely stand out.

David Holmes: Our standards reflect the same standards as HPRB. HPRB has had specific cases where they allowed certain changes due to medical necessity; however, this isn't predictive of what they would say regarding this issue.

Mr. Safayan's testimony will be provided to the ANC and they will attempt to act in the best interest of the community, the health affects, protecting design review process, architectural concerns. All those things go into the design process.

The committee unanimously passed a motion to asking ANC 6A to oppose the enclosure.

(letter and photo below)



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Statement from Mr. Safayan presented during the meeting:

11/18/09

Thank you for allowing me to address this committee regarding my home. I have lived on Capitol Hill since May 1990, and although ample opportunities have presented themselves to move, I have remained loyal to the Hill. In early 2009 I started suffering ill health for the first time in my life. Being a physician, and having turned 51, it was easy to shrug it off to "getting old." Doing my best not to self diagnose, I was evaluated by 3 different specialists and had numerous laboratory and diagnostic studies. Thankfully very few abnormalities were found, but unfortunately my health did not improve. My condition worsened with the arrival of our spring rains and further specialist's visits were unrevealing.

Then in May a musty smell started to overwhelm the second and then third floors of my home. Finally after a series of hard rains, a sizable leak presented itself in the ceiling and windows of the second floor front bay below the third floor front deck. I travel a great deal for work and this leak presented itself as I was leaving for a trip. I requested my friend David Gillinson assess the damage and find a contractor to make repairs. Although very inconvenient, I had to move out of my home in order for the repairs to be done. When damaged drywall and trim were removed from the area below the deck, a significant amount of mold was found and appropriately eradicated. It was clear that two previous, costly attempts at repairing and sealing the 3rd floor front deck had failed. Two options presented themselves: Try to repair the 3rd floor deck yet again, or install windows in the existing openings to prevent any further rain from entering the space. The decision to enclose the area was made only after the removal of the tile floor, drywall, and 2nd floor window trim revealed the extent of the problem. There seemed to be no reasonable option other than to enclose the space. A tarp was draped over the front window bays of the house solely to prevent any further water damage while repairs were being made. I can assure you that we were not attempting to hide any work that was being done. Frankly I was without a home, I had a great deal of work responsibility and I needed to repair my home as quickly as possible.

I then surveyed the neighborhood for windows that were consistent with the look and feel of the Hill. I consulted an architect friend to be absolutely certain that what I picked was in keeping with our neighborhood. High quality windows were then custom made to fit the existing openings. No structural modifications were made. Hardwood flooring that matches the existing third floor was installed to replace the old, damaged ceramic tile. The entire front of the home was painted while the interior of the home was only spot painted. The only thing that was left to complete was the interior trim when the stop work sign was placed on my home.

Since my departure from my home my health has significantly improved, and it is now clear to me that in spite of the previous costly repairs to my 3rd floor deck, there continued to be hidden problems (leak/mold) that only recently surfaced. I am not here to argue my case for not getting city permits. Frankly I did not realize that removing and replacing water damaged drywall and window trim required a permit. As for changing the façade of my home, I clearly appreciate the need for maintaining the look and feel of our historic neighborhood. Although my decision to place windows without appropriate review and permit was incorrect, it was done out of sheer frustration and the need to expedite the process for my health and safety.

A. Safayan MD PC
Cell 301-509-6660



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"As Is" photo of enclosed balcony at 1020 Massachusetts Avenue





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The photo below was provided by committee member Cody Rice after the meeting and added has a reference; it shows what 1022 Massachusetts Ave. looked like before the construction.



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3. S.O. 09-10850. Proposed closing of streets and alleys in Square 4533, 4534, 4535: City is proposing to close “paper” streets and alleys that cut across the site of the Rosedale Recreation Center.

This issue will be heard before the ANC meets. For consistency, the committee is requesting that the ANC send a letter in support.

The committee unanimously passed a motion that the ANC send a letter of support regarding the “Proposed closing of streets and alleys in Square 4533, 4534, 4535: City is proposing to close ‘paper’ streets and alleys that cut across the site of the Rosedale Recreation Center.”

Next Meeting

Wednesday December 16, 2009 7-9:00 p.m.
Sherwood Recreation Center (640 10th St. NE)
2nd floor Community Room



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Mr. Tersh Boasberg, Chair
District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board
801 North Capitol Street, NE, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20002

RE: HPA #09-XXX (1020 Ave NE)

Dear Mr. Boasberg,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on December 10, 2009, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the above referenced application for an enclosed balcony.

While the Commission is sympathetic to Mr. Safayan's difficulties with reoccurring leaks that originate on the 3rd balcony, it does not believe that the constructed enclosure is consistent with the standards for a front façade in the Capitol Hill Historic District. Unfortunately, the current enclosure was constructed without building permits or the review of the Historic Preservation Office.

ANC 6A hopes that Mr. Safayan can work with the Historic Preservation to re-create an open balcony that meets Historic District standards and also possesses proper drainage.

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

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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ANC6A Community Outreach Committee

November 16, 2009 Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Committee members absent: Mark Roy, Necothia Bowens

Community members present: John Cotten

- I. Agenda
 1. Motion to adopt agenda. No objections.

- II. Advertising in Voice of the Hill, Hill Rag, Fagon Guide:
 1. Ms. Nelson directed the attention of the committee members to the bid for a monthly ad to be published in the Voice of the Hill and a combined bid for a monthly ad to be published in the Hill Rag and an annual ad in the Fagon Guide.
 2. The cost of the ads would be the same as last year. The committee felt that these ads are a cost effective and convenient way to fulfill the ANC's obligation to make public notice of the meetings. Mr. Barbash noted that, aside from the requirement of giving public notice, it is beneficial both to the community and to the ANC that the public be aware of the ANC's activities. Ms. Nelson noted that the discount for purchasing advertising in both the Hill Rag and Fagon Guide makes it more cost effective to purchase both rather than just one or the other. Ms. Williams noted that the Fagon Guide is a tool that she (and others) refer to throughout the year and that advertising in it is a good value.
 3. Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that ANC 6A accept the bid from Voice of the Hill (\$2,166) for 12 monthly ads and the bid from the Hill Rag/Fagon Guide (\$3,689) for 12 monthly ads plus and annual ad. Seconded by Jean Kohanek. Vote 4 in favor, none opposed.

- III. Grant application from Rosedale Youth Institute (RYI)
 1. John Cotten of the RYI presented a grant application requesting funding for uniforms for the youth football program. The discussion of the program itself was brief and the committee members are all very familiar with this activity. Mr. Cotten explained that, although the Rosedale Rec Center is currently under renovation, the RYI is being allowed to use space at the former Gibbs school and is using practice facilities in a variety of locations. In fact, there has been increased participation this year. Although the situation with the Rec Center has been disruptive in some respects, there have been unexpected benefits as well - because the youth have been exposed to more different parts of the City and to youth living in those areas. The increased participation has allowed the organization to field teams with consistent skill levels - and play teams at that level. As the program does not have try-outs and accepts players at all levels,



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this has given the youth more opportunities to play and to compete successfully.

2. Mr. Cotten reminded the committee members that, as in years past, uniforms wear out and must be replaced and helmets and other equipment must be reconditioned. The RYI has adopted a new (for them) strategy of ordering very plain uniforms in standard colors so that individual garments may be replaced, when necessary, while still maintaining a uniform look. They have also been waiting until the end of the season to place their orders, to take advantage of end-of-season discounts. That is why they seek funding now, rather than waiting until next summer. Also, they may have a spring tag-football season - in which case the uniforms will be needed sooner.
3. The COC members were all supportive of the grant purpose. Ms. Kohanek pointed to the longevity and consistency of the program and Ms. Williams to the enjoyment of the youth and their families. Mr. Barbash expressed his opinion that this was exactly the sort of program that should be funded. Ms. Nelson expressed some concern about how the uniforms would be stored while the Rec Center is under construction and whether they might be misplaced in the transition. Mr. Cotten assured the committee that secure storage was provided at the Gibbs site and that they had adequate arrangements to ensure that nothing would be lost.
4. The discussion then turned to consideration of the appropriate funding level. Mr. Cotten explained that the total cost of the program is upwards of \$35,000 per year and that they do ask for funding from a variety of sources (including the Capitol Hill Community Foundation) and that the adult volunteers cover many of the expenses themselves. Fundraising efforts have been somewhat complicated by the disruption of the Rec Center. The committee considered that the request was given in a range of \$3,000-\$5,000. While the grants budget is relatively large this year, there was some hesitation about recommending the upper limit so early in the fiscal year. Instead the committee suggested that the ANC fund at the \$4,000 level at this time and that the RYI might submit a second grant application in a few months, when it is time to re-condition the helmets (or acquire additional equipment). If funds are still available, the ANC might grant a second request.
5. Motion: Louis Barbash moved that ANC 6A provide \$4,000 to the Rosedale Youth Institute for the purchase of football uniforms. Seconded by Rose Williams. Vote 4 in favor, none opposed.

- IV. The next meeting of the COC will take place Monday, December 14 (NOT the 3rd Monday) at 7:30 p.m. and 1235 C St. NE

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.



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

1. DATE OF APPLICATION	2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY
11/01/2009	May – December 2010
3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS	
Rosedale Youth Institute (RYI)	
1720 E. Street NE Washington, DC 20002	
4. CONTACT NAME	5. TITLE
John F. Cotten	Community Liaison, RYI
6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	
7. TELEPHONE	8. FAX
(202) 388-9680	
9. E-MAIL ADDRESS	
jfcotten187@comcast.net	
10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY	
The RYI request a grant not to exceed \$5,000 to purchase a full uniform for the Rosedale Tigers Football Program.	
11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST	12. AMOUNT REQUESTED
\$5,815	\$3,000 - \$5,000
13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES)	
The Rosedale Youth Institute hosts a variety of fundraising events such as fruit sales and concessions during home games through the year to raise money to provide the children of the ANC6A and the Rosedale community with academic, mentoring and athletic programs. Being a Non-profit organization, direct funding for the program from year to year is hard to predict, but we are applying for grants from the Capitol Hill Foundation and others as well. DCPR helps with equipment request sparingly.	
14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY)	
The Rosedale Tigers Football Program is one facet of the RYI. The Football Program supports RYI's mission by developing the social, discipline and teamwork skills of the children in ANC 6A through teaching and playing the sport of football. The football program is open to children between the ages of 5 and 15. Rosedale is a member of the Capital Beltway Youth Football League. ANC 6A benefits from having team sports. First and foremost it brings a sense of pride to the community by having something positive to root for. Next, it develops the social skills in the children who participate, by forcing them to work together in spite of their differences. It also teaches them that you have to have discipline and teamwork in order to achieve desired results. These traits can be useful throughout their lives. Finally, it has been proven that children who participate in team sports are likely to pursue post secondary education and are better at being team players in any environment that they are in.	



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

The Rosedale Youth Institute (RYI) has been a part of the ANC 6A and Rosedale community for 20 years. Its mission is to provide the children of the Rosedale community with academic, mentoring, and athletic programs. The RYI has partnered with the Rosedale Recreation Center to promote and support the programs that are supported but not funded by the District of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. Over the past 20 years, the RYI has provided the Rosedale Recreation Center with thousands of man hours of volunteering and numerous fundraising dollars in support and development of their programs.

The RYI does not discriminate based on race, color or creed and routinely provides programming to over 250 children between the ages of 5 and 15, in which 95% of the participants live in the ANC 6A community. Some of the award winning programs that the RYI provides to the children are: Tutoring and Mentoring, Football, Cheerleading, Pom-Pom, Basketball, Baseball, T-Ball and Teen Club. The Football Program has long been known as the flagship youth football programs, not only in the Rosedale Community, but in the Washington DC area. With seven different weight and age groups, the program has won over 30 City Wide Championships including the 2007 DC Pop Warner Mighty Mite (6-9 year old) division First Place team and the 2007 Capital Beltway Youth Football League Tiny Mite (5-7 year old) Tournament Runner-Up. The Capital Beltway Tournament featured teams from DC, Montgomery, and Prince Georges Counties. This is not to take away from the numerous City Championships that the Cheerleading, Pom-Pom and other teams have won. The Rosedale Youth Institute has also hosted a number of free community day events to promote the strength and pride that togetherness in a neighbor can bring.

Always looking to evolve, the RYI has partnered with the Rosedale Citizens Alliance (RCA) and other community groups and members in the rallying and successful bid to get a new recreation and community center in ANC 6A. While the bid to get the new recreation center and library was successful, the RYI has been faced with a new challenge to support the programming at the Rosedale Recreation Center. The Rosedale Recreation has been temporally moved into the old Gibbs elementary school and has lost the use of the football field at Rosedale due to the construction of the new facility. The RYI being determined to continue providing the youth of our community the opportunity to play football has successfully teamed up with the Ridge Road Titians Youth Organization to tackle this problem. Even through broken promises by the District of Columbia Parks and Recreation, the RYI volunteers has taken on the responsibility of providing the youth of our community transportation to and from football practice as well as continuing to Coach and Mentor. The partnership with the Ridge Road Organization has been a great experience great learning tool for our youth. It has shown our kids that by working together with people not only within your community but within this great city all things can be accomplish. It also gave them a chance to get out of the neighborhood and meet new friends and see that kids are the same where ever you go. Now we are reaching out to the ANC 6A to help us both in our missions to bring together, instill pride and promote safety and awareness in this great community.



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Finally, the Rosedale – Ridge Road collaboration have twelve football teams and 300 kids. Due to budget constraints we try to replace the worn out uniforms and equipment for two teams per year. We try to attain resources from a variety of sources as not to put much of a strain on anyone. That is why you will see the difference in the project total and the amount requested.

BUDGET:

Uniform Package:	Units	Unit Cost	Total
Each unit consist of Two Jerseys, Pants and socks \$2,940.00	25	\$98.00	
Football Helmets \$1,950.00	25	\$65.00	
Helmet Decals Sold in pairs of two	300	\$2.00	\$600.00
Shipping and handling cost of equipment			\$325.00

Total Cost of Uniforms

\$5,815.00



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Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)

November 16, 2009

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:06 pm
- II. Introductions
 - A. Committee members present: Shane Artim, Lance Brown, DeLania Hardy, Diane Hoover and Omar Mahmud (Chair).
 - B. Committee members absent: Sean Lovitt and Marlon Smoker.
 - C. Others in attendance: Diane Thomas, Director of Communications for the Greater Washington Sports Alliance (National Marathon); ANC 6A Commissioners Nick Alberti, David Holmes and Kelvin Robinson; and Drew Ronneberg, Chair of the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee.
- III. Community Comment
 - A. Mr. Ronneberg asked whether the committee had received input from DDOT on the H Street Connection project. Mr. Mahmud informed Mr. Ronneberg the committee had yet to receive anything from DDOT.
- IV. Announcements
 - A. Mr. Mahmud provided the committee with information about a DDOT public meeting on the Performance Based Parking Pilot Program in Ward 6. The meeting is to be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Friendship Baptist Church (900 Delaware Avenue SW).
 - i. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee he would be interested in the committee exploring whether similar legislation would be feasible for the H Street area.
 - ii. Commissioner Holmes informed the committee that ANC 6B has around \$380,000 at the ANC's disposal for transportation enhancements as a result of this legislation.
- V. New Business
 - A. Presentation by Greater Washington Sports Alliance regarding SunTrust National Marathon
 - i. Mr. Mahmud introduced Ms. Thomas and invited her to provide the committee with a summary of the race along with details about transportation planning and outreach.
 - ii. Ms. Thomas provided handouts to those in attendance and discussed the following details:
 1. The race will be held March 20, 2010.
 2. The race held earlier this year "sold out" in terms of participants. The plan is to limit the race to 12,000 participants next year, which will include about 8,000 participants in the half marathon and about 4,000 in the full marathon. Registration is up 50% over last year thus far. About 20% of registrants are District residents.
 3. Street closure information is included on one of the handouts and the race map. This information will be distributed throughout the community in the weeks before the event.



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4. Next year's race will also include a "kids program" with activities specifically designed for children, including Kids Run DC, which is a program that matches mentors with kids interested in running.
5. Race organizers plan to change the course next year to prevent a triangle block in our ANC (bordered by North Carolina, 13th and Constitution NE) from being "blocked in" due to street closures.
 - a. The new course would run down Constitution Avenue NE directly from 13th Street NE as opposed to continuing down 13th to Lincoln Park, then heading northeast on North Carolina Avenue NE up to Constitution. The change will require race organizers to add additional mileage elsewhere on the course, which they have expressed an interest in pursuing.
 - b. Ms. Thomas promised to get back to the committee once this course change is approved by race organizers and recertification of the course is completed by the City in late January/early February.
6. Race organizers are working with DDOT to provide messaging (EMS) to reroute traffic due to certain street closures.
 - a. Commissioner Holmes has identified a particular problem during past races along Massachusetts Avenue NE leading up to Lincoln Park. Ms. Thomas promised to bring this issue up with DDOT. She also encouraged the community to forward information about other traffic problems caused by street closures during past races so she can address the problem with DDOT.
7. Race organizers continue to explore ways to allow for safe traffic flow across the course. It has been reported that MPD does not allow motorists to cross the course along E. Capitol Street NE intermittently when it's safe to do so. Race organizers have promised to meet with the Special Operations Division (SOD) within MPD and DDOT to resolve this problem. Mr. Mahmud asked if Commissioner Holmes and he could join the meeting. Ms. Thomas agreed to set up a meeting sometime after the new year and get word of the meeting to Mr. Mahmud.
 - a. Commissioner Holmes expressed concern that the problem is not with getting MPD and DDOT to agree to allow the safe crossing of motorists, but that the instructions don't filter down to officers on the ground on race day. Ms. Thomas agreed to focus on this issue during the SOD/DDOT meeting.
8. Door hangers summarizing race details, including the street closure schedule, will be placed on houses along the course. Ms. Thomas will also provide door hangers to ANC Commissioners who request them so Commissioners can provide the hangers to residents in their SMDs.
9. Next year's race will include community festivals leading up to the event. Ms. Thomas is hoping to work with H Street area partners such as H Street Main Street to bring a community festival to H Street. The festival will target residents and nearby schools with the hope of getting more people out on the course on race day.



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- a. Commissioner Alberti asked which ANC 6A schools are being targeted. Ms. Thomas indicated she does not have the list with her, but that she would be happy to get it to Commissioner Alberti. Organizers plan to target schools near the course, not necessarily right on the course. Commissioner Holmes recommended sending street closure information home with local students attending these schools. Ms. Thomas agreed that would be a good idea.
- b. Mr. Mahmud asked Ms. Thomas to expand on other new ideas race organizers are considering for next year's race.
 - i. Ms. Thomas met with DDOT to discuss drawing a large green line on the course with biodegradable paint. DDOT has agreed provided race organizers pay all costs.
- c. A question was asked about contingency plans if Congress meets on the day of the race and requires street closures impacting the course. Ms. Thomas hopes active coordination with Capitol Police will help alleviate any problems associated with unplanned meetings of Congress.
- d. Mr. Mahmud asked Ms. Thomas to discuss efforts to work with WMATA on bus disruption issues. Ms. Thomas explained that race organizers met with WMATA last year in the fall, well ahead of the race, to address service disruption issues. Despite what WMATA told race organizers about rerouting bus service on race day and posting notices about new routes, all WMATA did was delay buses until streets reopened. In other words, the rerouting plan that WMATA developed and discussed with race organizers was not implemented. Ms. Thomas does not know why this happened, but plans to find out when meeting with WMATA again in the next couple months.
- e. Mr. Mahmud also asked Ms. Thomas to address providing adequate notice to bus riders in the weeks leading up to the race about service disruptions on race day. Ms. Thomas indicated she would try, but that it is too hard to predict which buses to target for announcements and advertising since buses are designated for routes on a daily basis. In other words, an X1 bus one day may be an 80 bus the next.
 - i. Commissioner Robinson disputed this information indicating he has purchased ads for specific bus routes to run for specific dates in the past. Ms. Thomas agreed to follow up on this.
 - ii. Commissioner Holmes encouraged Ms. Thomas to target the D2 and D6 lines since they service local hospitals. Bus riders with doctor appointments on race day should be notified they may need to alter their travel plans.
 - iii. Ms. Thomas is hoping to better coordinate service disruption information with WMATA by getting the information posted on the WMATA website.



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10. Race organizers will buy radio ads to promote the event and notify District residents about race day disruptions.
 - a. Commissioner Alberti encouraged organizers to target a diverse audience with the ads.
 11. Race organizers will do mailings to funeral homes, churches, synagogues, and any other organizations with Saturday events to notify them of the event. Race organizers have also met with the Children's Hospital since it is a large facility that will be directly impacted by the course route and corresponding street closures.
 - a. Commissioner Holmes suggested organizers also meet with Specialty Hospital of Washington on 8th and Massachusetts Avenue NE.
 - b. Mr. Mahmud asked those in attendance to suggest local blogs and other publications that race organizers should contact about disseminating race information. Suggestions included Frozen Tropics, Hill is Home, JD Land. Ms. Hardy also suggested race organizers contact Commuter Connections. Mr. Mahmud committed to providing Ms. Thomas the names of local listservs she can also contact.
 - iii. Ms. Thomas agreed to attend the committee's January meeting with updates on WMATA's rerouting and service disruption notification plan, information about the SOD/DDOT meeting, course recertification, ddot traffic management and advertising/outreach efforts.
 - iv. Mr. Mahmud thanked Ms. Thomas for attending the meeting.
- B. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee he would be unable to attend the scheduled meeting next month on December 21. The committee discussed moving the date of the meeting to December 14. The committee also discussed the timing of providing transportation-related recommendations regarding the H Street Connection project.
- i. Mr. Brown made a motion that the committee reschedule next month's meeting for December 14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Artim, which passed without objection.
 - ii. Mr. Mahmud indicated the committee is awaiting information from DDOT about traffic flow and ingress/egress recommendation before making its recommendation on the H Street Connection project.
- VI. Additional Community Comment - None
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.



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ANC6A Public Safety Committee
November 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Sherwood Recreation Center
640 10th Street NE

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm.

Committee members present: Commissioner Kelvin Robinson (Co-chair), Rebecca Sibia (Co-chair), Todd Hames

Committee members absent: Brandon Lumm, Dan Wolff

Commissioners present: David Holmes (6A03)

Community members present (sign-ins only): Anwar Saleem (Executive Director, H Street Main Street), Craig Stewart (Investigator, ABRA), Joshua Hopkins (Outreach and Services Specialist, Executive Office of the Mayor), Dana Wyckoff, Brit Wyckoff, Del McFadden, (Columbia Heights Shaw Family Support Collaborative), Clif and Nyika Humphries (Martini Lounge), Lieutenant Gary Durand (MPD).

- I. Community Discussion: H Street Crime: There has been much concern related to recent crime activity on H Street, particularly within the “Arts and Entertainment” district, which spans from approximately 12th Street NE to 14th Street NE.
 - A. Anwar Saleem, Executive Director of H Street Main Street, presented to the committee ideas related to how the H Street business community can, as part of a coordinated community effort, contribute to crime reduction. He indicated that H Street Main Street is pursuing the following as initial steps:
 - i) Reimbursable security detail. This would be funded partially by businesses along the corridor, and partially by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration. The purpose of the detail is to establish a greater security presence that would be dedicated specifically to this area of H Street, and during peak utilization hours (evenings and weekends). Vendors are currently working with ABRA on these details. *The chair recommended that this item be referred to PSA 102 as part of the police-specific tactical recommendations that could be considered to address this problem.*
 - ii) Creating a Technical Assistance Workshop Program. Because there are many security requirements that businesses must comply with, and enhancements related to security that can be addressed through policies and procedures of businesses along the corridor, Main Street staff would like to offer technical assistance workshops to H Street business to promote greater attention to the issue, increase knowledge about security and specific hospitality-related suggestions to increase visitor, worker, community and proprietor safety. *The Committee recommended that Main Street consider submitting a grant request to the ANC to support this initiative and indicated support for seeking targeted District funding to support the same.*



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- iv) Review parking options, specifically to review the former commitment of allowing eight additional parking spaces on each intersection along the corridor that would enhance parking options for visitors to improve safety (by prohibiting long walks down dark sections of the corridor) without impeding parking options available to residents.
- v) Support H Street Main Street in finding and enabling creative uses of vacant spaces that would encourage greater evening activity and fewer “hot spots” for crime. These may include support for artist use of vacant spaces for temporary work spaces and display areas, installations on vacant plots, etc.

MOTION: Todd Hames moved, and Rebecca Sibilias seconded, a motion that the ANC submit a formal request for a lighting survey and other core team efforts along the corridor. The motion passed unanimously (letter attached).

II. Community Discussion: Juvenile Crime Prevention

- A. The Committee took up the issue of juvenile crime by once again discussing its long-standing policy paper related to juvenile crime prevention tactics that communities and neighborhoods can deploy in order to reduce juvenile crime. (attached)
- B. The Committee discussed these policies and approaches with those present at the meeting, many of whom were interested in assisting in the creation of committees and work products suggested by the paper.
- C. In addition, Josh Hopkins, in his personal capacity, specifically offered assistance in the creation of an “Activities Map” that would assist our residents in identifying positive programming available in the immediate vicinity of our neighborhood to increase and support collaboration related to prevention programs.

MOTION: Todd Hames moved, and Rebecca Sibilias seconded, a motion that the ANC adopt these proposed policies (attached), and that the Committee begin work on the six described tactics in the plan immediately upon passage. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Based on robust community discussion, the meeting adjourned following these agenda items at 9:05 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at Sherwood Recreation Center



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



December 10, 2009

Honorable Adrian Fenty
Mayor
Government of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20004

Dear Mayor Fenty:

This is to thank you for supporting the continued revitalization of H-Street as one of the city's main street gateways. We are especially appreciative that your Administration has pushed forward the initial street level investments needed to facilitate the eventual traffic flow needed to sustain the H-Street renaissance, including the addition street cars.

Unfortunately, as these efforts take place and new establishments and visitors are attracted to our area, we also are experiencing a higher level of criminal activity that we believe will threaten the positive gains we have made. Because our ANC recognizes that it will take more than simply a police response to address this issue, we are working with all aspects of our community, including area businesses, community groups and the Metropolitan Police Department, to develop coordinated and community sustaining strategies and solutions to help curb this disturbing trend.

As part of our efforts, we are asking that you consider the following actions to assist our community in addressing this problem:

- a. An immediate DDOT lighting survey, which will specifically review lighting of the corridor with the intent of providing temporary additional street lights during the current H Street construction phase.
- b. Deployment of a special "Economic Development, Hospitality-Focused Core Team" to look at what the District can do to expedite additional anchor development options in the area to diversify offerings and visitor traffic.
- c. A review, in conjunction with DDOT, the placement of current construction barriers, and how they may be increasing opportunities for crime by creating blind spots in poorly lit areas along walking corridors.
- d. Review parking options, specifically to review the former commitment of allowing eight additional parking spaces on each intersection along the corridor that would enhance parking options for visitors to improve safety (by prohibiting



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long walks down dark sections of the corridor) without impeding parking options available to residents.

- e. Support H Street Main Street in finding and enabling creative uses of vacant spaces that would encourage greater evening activity and fewer “hot spots” for crime. These may include support for artist use of vacant spaces for temporary work spaces and display areas, installations on vacant plots, etc.

While we know that no one solution will solve this problem, we are hopeful that initiating some of these community focused ideas, along with enhanced community policing, will help turn the tide and allow H-Street to once again become the premiere destination for all to enjoy.

On behalf of the Commission, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Tommy Wells

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Youth Crime Prevention: A Roadmap for Enhanced Community Engagement

Created by the ANC 6A Public Safety Committee

Youth crime in Ward 6, as of 2007 data reported by the Metropolitan Police Department and the Office of the Attorney General, has increased substantially, as of December, 2008. Over the course of a three year period of study, violent crimes committed by youth in MPD First District (MPD 1-D), which encompasses Ward 6, numbered 184, a 36% increase over 2006 and a 58% increase over 2007.

This striking spike in crime is particularly resonant, given an overall reduction in crime throughout MPD 1-D.

	2006	2007	2008	06/08 Change	07/08 Change
Homicide	23	24	15	-34.7%	-37.5%
Sex Abuse	41	48	37	-9.7%	-22.9%
Robbery Excluding Gun	474	523	585	+23.4%	+11.9%
Robbery With Gun	187	211	172	-8.2%	-18.5%
Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Excluding Gun	463	405	307	-33.7%	-24.2%
Assault with a Deadly Weapon, With Gun	73	78	68	-6.8%	-12.8%
Total Violent Crimes	1,261	1,289	1,184	-6.1%	-8.1%
Total Non-Violent Crimes	5,012	5,096	4,959	-1.1%	-2.7%
Total Crime	6,273	6,385	6,143	-2.1%	-3.8%

While in 2006, it is estimated that 11.7% of violent crimes in MPD 1-D were committed by juveniles, this percentage has increased to 15.5% this year. In addition, violent crimes in MPD 1-D are disproportionately high in ANC 6A. Whereas ANC 6A accounts for 18% of all crime in the First District, we see 21.5% of violent crimes. While MPD 1-D is experiencing a dramatic increase in juvenile violent crime, it stands to reason that ANC 6A accounts for a statistically significant portion of that increase. The types of crimes that juveniles are committing in Ward 6



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have risen in concerning areas. Homicides, assaults and robberies have all increased among this population in the past year.

Year	MPD I-D Total Crime	ANC 6A Total Crime	ANC 6A Percent of MPD I-D Total
2006	6,273	1,130	18.0%
2007	6,385	1,133	17.7%
2008	6,143	1,114	18.1%
Year	MPD I-D Violent Crime	ANC 6A Violent Crime	ANC 6A Percent of MPD I-D Total
2006	1,261	287	22.8%
2007	1,289	271	21.0%
2008	1,184	254	21.5%

In the latter part of 2008 and into 2009, Councilmember Tommy Wells commissioned a Task Force to focus on juvenile crime in Ward 6. The charge given to this task force, attended by various city agencies, was to research and develop recommendations to decrease juvenile crime in the Ward and the city.

After discussing general crime statistics and examining inter-agency information sharing and coordination of efforts, the task force made the following recommendations:

- Revise the confidentiality laws so that...related service providers share information about juveniles who commit crime, especially violent crimes;
- Mandate the creation of an inter-agency database and assessment tool for tracking at-risk youth;
- Make juvenile crime data available to the community;
- Streamline and strengthen the government's ability to revoke a committed youth's right to stay in community placement;
- Increase compliance for mandated community service for juveniles;
- Amend DC law to require families with children 13 years or younger that miss 10 days of school without an excuse be referred to Child Protective Services (CFSA) for investigation and/or assessment;
- Provide truancy data to MPD, Department of Human Services, DC Housing Authority and neighborhood youth programs;



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- Expand the WRAP-Around Model for juvenile intervention;
- Expand the use of neighborhood volunteers for addressing gaps in youth programs in targeted neighborhoods; and
- Create a Juvenile Crime Commission and Juvenile Crime Youth-Only Commission.

These recommendations, in large part, focus on juvenile justice techniques, with, it seems, an intentional focus on mechanisms for juvenile rehabilitation. Only one of the 10 recommendations made by the task force relate to direct community-based crime prevention activities.

These results may stem in part from what Hope (1995) calls the difference between "vertical" and "horizontal" strategies of community crime prevention. Horizontal strategies focus on aspects of community life and place accountability on community members to solve their own problems. Vertical solutions focus on the linkages between community life and decisions made at higher levels of power outside the community, including both socio-economic factors and decisions made at the legislative or policy level of local and state governments. Recent scholarly analyses of community crime causes (e.g., Wilson, 1996) focus more on vertically determined dimensions of community life, while few prevention programs evaluated to date have drawn heavily on a vertical approach. Uses of vertical solutions to date have been relatively limited, such as seeking external assistance in street closings, assigning more police, and other city government decisions that leave untouched most of the risk factors cited by leading researchers in the field.

In addition, experts studying the increase in juvenile crime across the country and specifically in Washington DC argue that community and prevention-based initiatives are particularly effective in reducing juvenile crime, while leading practitioners, including Urban Institute experts, are "least impressed with policies to reduce court confidentiality or to transfer juveniles to criminal court".¹ In fact, in studying crime in Washington DC, the Urban Institute went on to criticize these approaches, stating that "While states such as Maryland and Missouri are expanding their use of crime prevention programs, increasing opportunities for youth, and

¹ Jeffrey Butts, "Most Effective Juvenile Justice Policy?..." Reclaiming Futures, 2008.



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working harder to rehabilitate young offenders, policymakers in Washington, D.C. are calling for an expansion of adult-style punishment for violent juveniles.”²

Given this discussion, and given the concerning increase in juvenile crime in ANC 6A, the ANC's Public Safety Committee set out to identify promising neighborhood and community-based juvenile crime prevention strategies that would guide the concentrated activity of the Committee in its efforts to reduce and control crime in the neighborhood, while increasing the quality of life and opportunities for our youth.

1. Create a landscape map

The National Forum for Youth Investment identified that fewer than 2 in 5 youth have the supports that they need from families and communities. A critical obstacle of this, they hypothesize, is that youth services and special youth emphasis programs often create a “web of inefficiencies”, where communities and families can no longer identify true resources available to youth in the community. They suggest that the first initiative that should be undertaken in concentrating on increasing the effectiveness of youth crime prevention and other youth programming is to create a community landscape map, similar to that of the White House Federal Youth Programs Survey for Disadvantaged Youth. Landscape mapping is a process that enables community members, decision makers and stakeholders to identify or inventory existing youth services and organizations. The approach can help move communities and states to examine their current assets, help to create connections, improve efficiency in the use of limited resources and assist community members to know what is available to them.

2. Raise public awareness

Create an ANC-sponsored public awareness campaign, working with neighborhood newspapers, community media outlets, and print materials to assist families in understanding what social service, recreational and youth service activities are available in the community. This information should be driven by the findings of the landscape map, and be aimed at “untangling the web” of opportunities available to families in our community.

² “Juvenile Crime in Washington DC”, Urban Institute Justice Policy Center, 2003.



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3. Identify missing youth service programs and incentivize participation in our neighborhood

Often, youth service providers concentrate in areas where there are vocal advocates for needed services, or in areas in which the activity was established. The Public Safety Committee should identify successful youth programs that provide programming not already found in the ANC and otherwise have a track-record of success, and incentivize and advocate for their participation in our neighborhood. This includes advocating for expanded program capacity, identifying funding streams and in-kind neighborhood resources, and working with community leaders to identify space for programming.

4. Create a Community Action Council

Most leading juvenile crime research indicates that a youth becomes “at-risk” once he or she falls through the cracks in any number of societal outlets. Truancy, for instance, is a leading indicator of children at-risk, as is the withdrawal from other community outlets, like religious institutions or recreational services. The Community Action Council would be created to ensure that the appropriate linkages are in place within our community to allow for easy and successful transitions between home, school, after-school and weekend activities. It should also ensure that programming available through the multitude of institutions in the community is not duplicative in nature, and rather compliments or “appends-to” other youth services in the area. This council should consist of school, recreation, library, religious and neighborhood organization representatives.

5. Create a Summer Neighborhood Campaign

Established community walks, led by the Public Safety Committee in conjunction with Police Service Area representatives, should focus on environmental contributors to youth crime. Neighbors can identify areas where youth congregate to ensure sufficient lighting, cleanliness and safety precautions are taken in these areas specifically. While these walks should also concentrate on assisting neighbors to safeguard themselves and their property from crime, the overall focus should be to identify ways to decrease the risk factors that contribute to juvenile crime or delinquency.



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6. Work within the established parameters of ANC control to reduce contributors to youth violence

The Public Safety Committee should work with other established committees and sub-committees within the ANC to identify and incorporate reduction in youth crime contributors within the neighborhood. For instance, the prevalence of alcohol in a community is shown have a clear connection to juvenile crime influence. The Committee could identify provisions in the ANC's voluntary agreements with area alcohol resale institutions (bars, restaurants and liquor stores) to ensure that specific policies related to reducing youth alcohol influence and availability are incorporated and enforced. Concurrently, the Committee could work with the Public Space Committee to identify how the use of public space in the area can better promote positive youth development.



New Business



**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Service Contract – Agenda Package Preparation**

This is an agreement between Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A and Ms. Heather Schoell, whereas Ms. Schoell is, for the sum of \$200.00 each, to prepare the ANC 6A agenda package monthly. This contract will begin January 1, 2010 and end December 31, 2010, at which time the contract may or may not be renewed upon a vote by the ANC 6A commission. The yearly sum for agenda package preparation is not to exceed \$2,400.00.

Ms. Schoell is to:

- Review ANC 6A meeting minutes from the previous month’s meeting, format and make editorial changes, and solicit approval of ANC 6A commissioners by email.
- Review ANC 6A committee meeting minutes from the previous month’s meeting, format and make editorial changes.
- Send all corrected and accepted minutes to ANC website administrator to post to the ANC 6A website.
- Compile a meeting agenda based upon recommendations from the ANC 6A committees. An agenda must be available to the public one week prior to the ANC 6A meeting.
- Compile the agenda package in its entirety, including attachments, addendums, electronic photographs, etc. Package should be received by commission no later than the day before the ANC 6A meeting.

Signed:

Joseph Fengler, ANC 6A Chair

Date

Heather Schoell

Date



New Business



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Subject: [OANC] Email improvements and changes coming?

Dear Commissioner:

Improvements in the ANC email system are on the way. The new Chief Technology Officer, Bryan Sivak, says he wants to enhance the email system for Commissioners. He is promising more storage space and greater convenience. If you have wanted POP or IMAP accessibility, it will be available soon.

Another possible change, if most Commissioners want it, would be to change the "domain name" from anc.dc.gov to just, plain dc.gov. Your email addresses would change, for example, from 1A01@anc.dc.gov to 1A01@dc.gov. This would make the addresses shorter, simpler, and more like the standard D.C. government address. Theoretically, it might make it easier for others, inside and outside of the government, to send you email. It would also underscore the point that ANCs are part of the D.C. government and that Commissioners are government officials.

(Don't worry about stationery or business cards, email sent to an anc.dc.gov address would be automatically redirected to a dc.gov location.)

Before OCTO takes any steps in this direction, however, I'd like to hear what you think of this change. The chief advantage of this change, making the ANC email more like the standard government email may be its chief disadvantage, losing the "distinctiveness" of having "anc" included in the email address.

What do think? dc.gov or anc.dc.gov?

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