



**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for May 14, 2015**



Second (2nd) Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Miner Elementary, 601 Fifteenth (15th) Street NE
Public Meeting - All Are Welcome to Attend

- 7:00 pm **Call to Order**
- 7:02 pm **Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes, Adopt Agenda**
- 7:05 pm **Community Presentations**
Follow-up from Mayor Bowser's office - Frank Maduro and Seth Shapiro (10 minutes)
Capitol Riverside Youth Sport Park (CRYSP) - ANC 7D01 Commissioner Bob Coomber & Ziad Demian (10 minutes)
Office of the Attorney General - Argie Weatherington (5 minutes)
Casey Trees - Tree Advocates Event Announcement - Maisie Hughes (5 minutes)
- 7:35 pm **Officer Reports**
Chair (2 minutes)
Vice-Chair (2 minutes)
Secretary (2 minutes)
Treasurer (2 minutes)
1. Approve Treasurer's Report *pg. 35*
- 7:45 pm **Standing Committee Reports:**
Community Outreach pg. 37
1. Approve committee report
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18, 2015 (3rd Monday)
- 7:46 pm **Alcohol Beverage Licensing pg. 39**
1. Approve committee report.
2. **Suggested Motion:** The ANC file a protest of the Class "A" Retail license renewal for Andy Lee Liquor Inc. t/a New H Wine and Spirits at 914 H Street NE (License Number ABRA-093550) if the ABL Committee recommends a protest at its next meeting, and authorize the ABL Co-Chairs and ANC Chair to represent the ANC in such a matter.
3. **Suggested Motion:** The ANC file a protest of the Class "A" Retail license renewal for Kartik, Inc. t/a New York Liquors at 1447 Maryland Avenue NE (License Number ABRA-076234) if the ABL Committee recommends a protest at its next meeting, and authorize the ABL Co-Chairs and ANC Chair to represent the ANC in such a matter.
4. Items for discussion:
A. Request by Nomad Hookah Lounge at 1200 H Street NE (License Number ABRA-087558) to extend its public space patio hours and/or to remove the provision in its amended settlement agreement setting last call at least a half hour before the closing time of the patio.
B. License renewal for 18th & D Liquors, Inc. t/a Master Liquors at 1806 D Street NE (Class "A" Retail) (License Number ABRA-074594).
C. License renewal for 7 River, LLC t/a 7 River Mart at 250 11th Street NE (Class "A" Retail) (License Number ABRA-089591).
D. License renewal for Jumbo Liquors at 1122 H Street NE (Class "A" Retail) (License Number ABRA-000420).



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- E. License renewal for Myongwoo Inc. t/a Grand Liquors at 409 15th Street NE (Class "A" Retail) (License Number ABRA-089508).
- 5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 19, 2015 (3rd Tuesday)

8:15pm

Transportation and Public Space Committee pg.41

1. Approve committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting these changes to the proposed new sign regulations:
 - A. As sign regulation is a land use/zoning issue as well as a transportation issue, the Zoning Commission should review sign permits for aesthetics and land use considerations in addition to the traffic safety review by DDOT.
 - B. Because the impact of electronic signs on a neighborhood would be so significant and long-lasting, the Council (and not the Mayor) should approve any Designated Entertainment Areas (DEA).
 - C. The ANC must be notified of permits applications for all digital signs, not just signs with motion or moving images, and allowed time to comment on the size and placement of these signs.
 - D. No sign permit should be issued unless the applicant proves that the sign will have no adverse impact on the character or integrity of DEA or adjacent neighborhood.
 - E. Certain types of electronic signs are allowed in DEA (discussed below). The regulations must provide that no part of any electronic sign or the light it transmits within a DEA will be visible from any area zoned for residential use or zoned C1 or C2A. Applicants for permits should be required to include sight line studies in the permit application (not currently required in 13 DCMR 904.1).
 - F. Roof signs should not be permitted.
 - G. Residents affected by violations of the sign regulations should be provided with a right of private action, to sue for enforcement in DC Superior Court.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that Linden Court be moved to the top of the ANC 6A alley-repair list.
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support for preserving Wylie Garden to Kenneth Brewer, President of H Street Community Development Corporation.
4. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to the new DDOT director requesting clarification and issuance of the rules for resident-only parking.
5. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A submit a letter in support of DDOT's regulations but requesting a modification of the definition of "triangle park" to eliminate ambiguity and asking that DDOT attach a list of triangle parks to the regulations, also to eliminate ambiguity. In addition, ANC 6A requests an extension of the deadline for comments.
6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18, 2015 (3rd Monday)

8:40 pm

Economic Development and Zoning pg. 55

1. Approve committee report



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2. **Recommendation:** ANC write a letter to HPRB in support of the proposed design of the two-story rear addition at 224 9th Street, NE.
3. **Recommendation:** ANC write a letter to BZA in support of the special exceptions from the lot occupancy requirements under § 403 and the rear yard requirements under § 404 to allow construction of a two-level deck at 451 Tennessee Avenue, NE (BZA Case No. 19012), on the condition that best efforts be made to contact and obtain the support of the owner of the adjoining property to the north.
4. **Recommendation:** ANC write a letter to BZA in support of the special exception from the rear yard requirements under § 404 to allow construction of a two-story addition at 242 10th Street, NE (BZA Case No. 19001), on the condition that best efforts be made to contact and obtain the support of the owner of the adjoining property at 244 10th Street, NE.
5. **Recommendation:** ANC write a letter to the Zoning Administrator seeking clarification regarding the basis upon which he has permitted the by-right use of a portion of Lot 810 at 20 14th Street, NE for four car-sharing spaces.
6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 20, 2015 (3rd Wednesday)

8:50 pm **New Business**

8:50 pm **Single Member District reports (2 minutes each)**

8:55 pm **Community Comments (2 minutes each)**

9:00 pm **Adjourn**



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2015



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Miner Elementary School April 9, 2015

Present: Commissioners Matt Levy, J. Omar Mahmud, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Phil Toomajian (Chair), Calvin Ward, Chris Ward and Stephanie Zimny.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

1. The minutes for the ANC's March 2015 meeting and the agenda for the April 2015 meeting were approved without objection or changes.

2. Community Presentations

Kramer Street Development

Representatives of Comstock, one of the bidding developers for the 1600 block of Kramer Street DCHD project, made a presentation to the Commission. Comstock proposes a mix of townhouses and apartments, with nine apartments of affordable housing six (6) units at eighty percent (80%) of the Metropolitan Area Median Income (AMI) and three (3) at fifty percent (50%) AMI. They promise various community benefits, including parking spaces behind the building, extra landscaping, jobs and apprenticeship programs, a green building, and other amenities.

Mayor Muriel Bowser

Mayor Muriel Bowser presented a report on her priorities for Ward 6 and answered questions from the Commission and residents. Mayor Bowser brought the City Administrator, Deputy Mayor for Education and Director of Transportation with her. The Mayor was thanked for her commitment to complete the H Street-Benning Road streetcar line with passenger service soon and extensions to the east and west before long. She also spoke about affordable housing throughout the ward addressed issues with the schools modernization budgets, including ones that were cut for ANC6A schools Eliot-Hine Middle School and School-within-School (SWS) @ Goding. The Mayor agreed to do a walk through at Eliot-Hine and said some of the conditions there would be addressed promptly regardless of the timing of its overall modernization. She was also encouraged to move forward with the Maryland Avenue Pedestrian Safety project and said she would ask the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to see what it could do to expedite delivery. She was also asked about alley repair and the need to repair the Linden Court alley promptly and she was encouraged to bring the Department of Public Works (DPW) to the table to participate in the ANC's ongoing alley project that Commissioner Mahmud has spearheaded. Finally, she was asked about the use of Sherwood Recreation Center as a shelter and she said that she did not want recreation centers being used that way.

3. Officers Reports

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$15,366.54 and the savings account balance was \$14,695.52. There was an interest deposit of \$0.21 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$342.00 for Post Office box (Check #1696); \$254.95 to FedEx Office for the March 1, 2015 invoice (Check #1697); \$200.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the March 2015 minutes (Check #1698); \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the February 2015 agenda package (Check #1699); leaving a balance of \$13,720.76 in the checking account, and \$13,720.70 in the savings account. The report was accepted without objection.



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4. Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved/Ms. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the Commission approve the Mission Statement of the Community Outreach Committee: as written: “The Mission of the ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) is to improve communication and engagement between the ANC 6A Commission and residents to help strengthen our community; provide information about government and community resources and events; and administer the Grant Program through which the Commission supports non-profit initiatives that benefit residents in our ANC. The COC will develop an outreach and communications strategy to inform residents about ANC meetings, community events and programs; promote participation in the ANC 6A Grant Program and manage and monitor applications and funded grants; facilitate community engagement and activities; and suggests updates to the ANC web pages listing government and community resources and events.” The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the full ANC protest the license renewal of Touché (1123 H Street NE) unless the establishment agrees to the ANC’s standard settlement agreement, to include the following provisions 1)the rooftop deck will close at 11:00 pm on weeknights and 12:00 am on weekends; 2) the rooftop capacity will be no more than fifty (50) individuals, seated; 3) the settlement agreement include the ANC’s standard language regarding noise mitigation; 4) no music of any kind allowed on the rooftop deck; and 5) the establishment will not turn over its operations to third party promoters. The ANC Chair and ABL Chair are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

The Commission also accepted the resignation of former Commissioner Adam Healy from the ABL Committee and voted unanimously to thank him for his service to the Community.

Transportation and Public Space

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Levy seconded a motion to send a letter to DDOT asking them to review the intersection of Fifteenth (15th) Street and A Street NE for resolution of safety issues, including possible conversion of the current two-way stop to a four way stop, restriping of lanes, realigning of bike lanes, a sign saying that cross-traffic does not stop, and any other methods that DDOT deems appropriate. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Chris Ward seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter of support to DDOT for residents of the 1200 block of Florida Avenue (south side) to receive Residential Parking Permits (RPPs). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the full ANC adopt the 2015 goals for the Transportation and Public Space Committee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Economic Development and Zoning

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Air BnB Rentals



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Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to DCRA to request guidance that can be provided to the community regarding DCRA's policies with respect to Air BnB rentals. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

1600 Block of Kramer Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC write letters to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) expressing support for the Manna, Incorporated and Mi Casa, Incorporated proposals for the redevelopment of the 1600 block of Kramer Street NE and withholding support for the Neighborhood Development Company's proposal for the redevelopment of the 1600 block of Kramer Street NE, but 1) expressing appreciation for its engagement with the community and 2) stating the ANC's preference that, if DHCD picks the Neighborhood Development Company that it adopt the Neighborhood Development Company's proposal for twelve (12) units in lieu of its preferred twenty-two (22) unit proposal. Mrs. Philips Gilbert proposed an amendment that Mr. Toomajian seconded to also send a letter expressing appreciation for Comstock's engagement, but withholding support from its proposal. The motion and amendment passed unanimously, 7-0.

224 9th Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of the special exception from the court width requirements in connection with the proposed rear addition to 224 Ninth (9th) Street NE (BZA Case No. 18988) on the condition that the owner of the adjoining property at 226 Ninth (9th) Street NE support the requested relief. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0,

5. **New Business** (Commissioner Mahmud left the meeting and did not participate in the new business items in light of his policy that he does not participate in ANC items that relate to public education)

Zoning Relief for Monument School

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) regarding the necessity for zoning relief in connection with the establishment of a boarding charter school at the former Gibbs Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Reinstating School Modernization Funding

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Mr. Calvin Ward seconded a motion for the ANC to send a letter to Councilmember David Grosso, Chair of the DC Council Education Committee, in support of reinstating school modernization funding for Eliot Hine Middle School. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Ms. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion for the ANC to send a letter to Councilmember David Grosso, Chair of the DC Council Education Committee, in support of reinstating school modernization funding for School-Within-School (SWS) @ Goding. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm



Capitol Riverside Youth Sports Park (CRYSP)

Grassroots Concept for the
RFK Stadium North Parking Lot

November 2014

www.capitolriverside.org





CONCEPT

- **To convert portion of the northern parking area at RFK Stadium site to a youth sports park, including multi-use athletic fields and substantial green space.**
- **Primary objective: celebrate, encourage and promote youth sports and recreation in the District of Columbia**
- **An alliance of organizations are promoting this concept**
 - Sports on the Hill, Capital Futbol Club, Capitol Hill Little League, the Rosedale Citizens Alliance, and Friends of Kingman Park
- **Many other organizations have publicly expressed their support**



INITIAL RATIONALE -- ADDRESS MAJOR CHALLENGE FACED BY DC YOUTH SPORTS

- In DC, nearly 10,000 youth play soccer; > 3,400 play football; and thousands are playing baseball, softball, lacrosse, and other sports
- As numbers continue to grow, programs serving DC youth will continue to be challenged to provide safe, accessible, high-quality outdoor space
- As just one example, > 1,400 kids participate in Capitol Hill Youth Sports
 - Nearly 1,000 kids participate in soccer programs; over 45% under 6 years old.
- Organizations are consistently seeking assistance from the Mayor's office and Council to resolve issues of inadequate space and conflicting uses
- There is simply not enough available green space in DC to accommodate growing demand for youth sports and quality recreation
- CRYSP proposal is just a part of the solution – the issue is bigger than just one site



CURRENT STATUS OF THE RFK SITE

- **Over 50% of the RFK stadium site is covered with concrete and asphalt**
- **Untreated run-off from this area is a major source of pollution into the Anacostia River**
- **North parking lot currently serves as a DMZ that separates DC Wards 5,6, and 7**
- **Above-grade Metro line is a major constraint to many redevelopment options**
 - But not an impediment to outdoor youth sports and recreation facilities



KEY STEPS IN EVOLUTION

- **CRYSP Concept originally introduced as concept for consideration in the DC Sustainable DC Initiative.**
 - DC residents voted the CRYSP concept as the best idea submitted online
- **Our group (Friends of CRYSP) was approved as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization**
- **Meetings with a wide variety of stakeholders**
- **Resolution passed in unanimous vote of DC Council**
- **Revised concept developed to demonstrate that CRYSP and other uses of the RFK site are not incompatible**
- **Supported in principle by DC Offices of Planning and General Services, National Park Service**



CONSULTING WITH NEIGHBORS

- Issues raised after the initial introduction of the CRYSP concept -- members of the neighborhood near the site were not adequately consulted.
- In response, over 600 fliers were handed out; concept discussed at meetings of Friends of Kingman Park, Rosedale Citizens Alliance, as well as the ANC7D01 website.
- Comments on initial proposal were solicited online through a survey via the community website
- A half-day professionally facilitated design meeting was conducted with neighbors on their priorities and design suggestions for the site
- 25 community members attended the meeting, 6 of which live on OK Avenue



MEETING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS



- Several breakout groups
- First involved soliciting input on what residents wanted, and did not want, at the site
- Second involved groups working with blank scale maps of the space, with to-scale versions of possible amenities, such as playing fields, a children's playground, trees, etc.
- These were used to allow each group to develop their own designs.
- These were consolidated into one final design representing consensus of the individual groups



CONSENSUS FEATURES FROM NEIGHBORHOOD CONSULTATION

- 3 to 4 fields on East side of Metro tracks
- Maintain area for Farmers' Market
- Disturb property as little as possible; given possibly toxic soil underneath the blacktop
- Ensure sufficient permanent bathrooms among the fields, but no other substantial structures onsite
- Enhance pedestrian access to the site
- Close off access from OK Avenue; have entrances from Benning Road to the north and from C Street to the South only
- Add parking under Metro line, and gate the parking lot so cars cannot cut through from C Street to Benning Road
- Add trees in the portion of park west of the Metro and East of OK Avenue
- Maintain generally un-programmed park space between the area west of the Metro and east of OK Avenue
- Renovate and beautify the existing playground, make it available more often
- Add community garden space immediately east of OK Avenue
- Add picnic area among garden space and playground area
- Incorporated design features attractive to senior users as well as youth; e.g., walking trails, benches, etc.
- Other issues of concern included who would control the site, be responsible for maintenance, etc., since it was noted that the site is poorly maintained today



PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES

- CMs Wells, McDuffie, Alexander , CM-elect Allen
- National Park Service (2)
- Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
- DC Office of Planning (2)
- DC Office of General Services (3)
- EventsDC
- National Capitol Planning Commission
- Federal City Council
- DC Council of Fine Arts
- Greater Washington Sports Alliance
- ANC 6B's Hill East Task Force
- ANC 7D



EACH MEETING PRESENTED NEW ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED

- How does this Relate the NCPC Vision for the RFK Site?
- How does this Relate to the Priorities of the Neighborhood?
- What is the Impact on the Lease between NPS and DC?
- What are Issues Related to SEED Charter School Sublease?
- What are Potential Environmental Concerns?
- What are the Potential Economic Benefits?
- What would be the Impact on Parking?
- What if Professional Football Comes Back to DC?
- What if Olympics Bid goes Forward?
- How does Proposal Fit with the recently released EventsDC Request for Expressions of Interest for the RFK “campus”?
- What impact will DC United move to Buzzards Point have?
- **HOW WILL THIS GET PAID FOR?**



CONCEPT FOR PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

- **Envision public/private partnership, with financial contributions from government and private sources**
- **Many similar facilities pursued under similar concept; nearby examples include:**
 - Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown
 - Hampton Roads Soccer Complex in Virginia Beach
 - Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex in PG County
 - Plan for a Virginia Soccer Park at Laurel Hills, VA
- **Private fundraising hindered by “cart before the horse” problem**
 - Funding commitments require assurance of government support



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations



May __, 2015

The Honorable Muriel Bowser
Mayor, District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Support for proposed Capitol Riverside Youth Sports Park

Dear Mayor Bowser:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 14, 2015, our Commission voted X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum_ to write you to express our support for the Capitol Riverside Youth Sports Park (“CRYSP”), a proposed youth sports park and unprogrammed green space for the largely vacant parking lots North of RFK Stadium bounded on the West by Oklahoma Avenue, on the South by C Street NE, on the East by the Anacostia River, and on the North by Benning Road NE.

CRYSP is a neighborhood-inspired vision for playing fields, walk/bike trails, an outdoor farmer’s market pavilion, river access and other amenities that would replace the north lot on the RFK Stadium Complex. This vision addresses a key lack of field space that has left youth sports teams without sufficient facilities in Wards 5, 6, and 7.

ANC6A believes that CRYSP would be a great asset to our community, as well as others nearby in Wards 5, 6 and 7. A safe place for children to get outside and play and a green space for all residents to enjoy are sorely needed in this area and would benefit the District as a whole.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Brian Kenner, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
Gregory A. O'Dell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Events DC
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Councilmember Yvette Alexander, Ward 7

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April 10, 2015

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

Re: BZA Case No. 18988 (224 9th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on April 9, 2015,¹ our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request for a special exceptions from the court-width requirement (§ 406.1) in connection with the construction of a rear addition to the existing structure.

The Commission supports granting the requested special exceptions because the proposed addition will not unduly affect the light and air available to neighboring properties nor will they unduly compromise their privacy of use and enjoyment. The applicant has been willing to work with the neighboring property owner located at 226 9th Street, N.E. to accommodate his concerns.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Ms. Melinda M. Bolling
Interim Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 Fourth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Guidance Regarding Rentals Advertised and Leased Using Airbnb.com

Dear Ms. Bolling,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 9, 2015, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to write you to request guidance regarding DCRA’s policies with respect to short-term rentals advertised and leased online by homeowners using websites such as Airbnb.com.

This issue has been the subject of recent discussion among residents of our ANC and was recently raised by residents who attended a meeting of our ANC’s Economic Development and Zoning Committee. Specifically, the residents expressed concern about the dearth of publicly available information regarding DCRA’s policies addressing the legality of such rentals and a desire that DCRA provide guidance to the community regarding them.

An online article from January of last year, which is available at http://dc.urbanturf.com/articles/blog/the_growing_airbnb_economy_and_what_it_might_mean_for_dc/8069, indicates that DCRA previously made available to the UrbanTurf website “the typical requirements Airbnb hosts need to fulfill to be in the city’s good graces,” including a chart containing information regarding the legality of various rental scenarios, portions of which were reprinted in the article. We ask that you please provide our ANC with the same guidance that was provided to UrbanTurf, including any subsequent updates to that guidance. Our goal is to make this information publicly available through our ANC website, so that the residents of the ANC have easy access to it and can understand what is permitted and prohibited in connection with these rentals.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com. We would appreciate a response regarding this issue at your earliest convenience.

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On Behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Toomajian".

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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April 10, 2015

Mr. Matthew LeGrant
Zoning Administrator
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 Fourth Street, SW, Room 3102
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Required Zoning Relief (500 19th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. LeGrant,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 9, 2015, our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that you investigate the planned renovation of an existing school building and operation of a boarding school for 40 students at 500 19th Street, NE that would appear to require a use variance from the requirements of the zoning code.

The property at issue, 500 19th Street, NE, the former Gibbs Elementary School, is the planned location for Monument Academy Public Charter School (“Monument Academy”) and Community College Preparatory Academy. We understand that Monument Academy plans to operate beginning in the 2015-2016 school year with a fifth-grade class of 40 students. According to Monument Academy’s website, those students will board at Monument Academy from Sunday evening through Friday afternoon in four homes of ten students each. In addition to the students, there will be two “Houseparents” living in each of the four student homes and a Director of Student Life and Extended Day Learning also will live on campus.

The zoning code sets forth seven types of “community-based residential facility,” one of which is a “youth residential care home.” The code defines a “youth residential care home” as “a facility providing safe, hygienic, sheltered living arrangements for one (1) or more individuals less than eighteen (18) years of age, not related by blood, adoption, or marriage to the operator of the facility, who are ambulatory and able to perform the activities of daily living with minimal assistance.” 11 DCMR § 199. Based on the publicly available information regarding Monument Academy discussed above, we believe it meets the definition of a “youth residential care home.”

The building in which Monument Academy plans to operate (500 19th Street, NE) is located in the R-4 district, which permits by right, any use that also is permitted in the R-3 district. 11 DCMR § 330.5(a). The provisions governing permissible uses in the R-3 district in turn permit any permissible use in the R-2 district. 11 DCMR § 320.3. Among the permissible uses in the R-2 district is a youth residential care facility for up to eight persons. 11 DCMR § 300.3(d). Youth residential care homes for up to fifteen persons are permitted by special exception. 11 DCMR § 303.1. (Monument Academy does not appear to meet the criteria of any of the other enumerated permissible uses in the R-4 or R-3 districts.)

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Based on the anticipated enrollment at Monument Academy of 40 students for the upcoming school year, it would appear that a use variance is required. However, the information available at DCRA's website with respect to the building permit for 500 19th Street, NE (B1504610), does not appear to acknowledge the necessity for a use variance. As the 2015-2016 school year is rapidly approaching, the ability of Monument Academy to obtain a use variance or any other required zoning relief in sufficient time to begin boarding students would appear to be in question. Accordingly, we ask that you look into this matter and ensure that the appropriate zoning relief is being sought in connection with Monument Academy's requested building permit and future operations.

Please be advised that ANC 6A Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this matter. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Ms. Phillips-Gilbert can be contacted at spgilbert01@comcast.net. We would appreciate a response regarding this issue at your earliest convenience.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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April 10, 2015

Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Support for Residents' Residential Parking Permit Petition

Dear Mr. Dormsjo,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 9, 2015, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support a residential petition for Residential Parking Permit designation for the south side of the 1200 block of Florida Avenue NE. The residents' petition, which has already been submitted to DDOT, is attached.

The parking situation on this block has been confusing for years given there are currently no signs of any sort indicating what parking restrictions apply to this block. The blocks before and after this block have rush hour parking restriction signs, but otherwise allow parking on those blocks. This has created a good deal of confusion for residents who live on and wish to park on this block. We also urge DDOT to address this request soon given the scarcity of parking in this neighborhood due to the increasingly popular H Street NE business corridor.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. I can be reached at philANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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



April 13, 2015

Ms. Polly Donaldson
Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20020

Re: Solicitation for Offers for 1600 Block of Kramer Street, N.E. (Neighborhood Development Co.)

Dear Ms. Donaldson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on April 9, 2015,¹ our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to inform DHCD that although the ANC does not support the proposal submitted by Neighborhood Development Co. (“NDC”) in connection with the above-referenced solicitation, it does appreciate NDC’s efforts to engage with the community over the past several months.

The ANC further advises DHCD that if, notwithstanding the ANC’s recommendation, DHCD chooses to go forward with NDC as the developer, the ANC would prefer that DHCD choose NDC’s “backup” proposal of 12 units, in lieu of its preferred 22-unit development. It is the ANC’s understanding that the 22-unit proposal would require a zoning map amendment and, in the ANC’s view, would result in density far greater than what should be allowed on this small, residential block. However, regardless of whether the 22-unit or 12-unit proposal is selected, it remains the view of the ANC and the community that NDC’s “shipping-container” design is not a good aesthetic fit with the existing neighborhood. The ANC is also concerned that NDC does not provide adequate parking in its proposal.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P. O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013**



April 12, 2015

Ms. Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400S
Washington, DC 20009

Re: ABRA-096779 (Naomi's Ladder, LLC t/a Touche), 1123 H Street NE

Dear Ms. Miller,

Please be advised that at the April 9, 2015 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, with a quorum present, the Commission voted (6-0) to protest the Class C Tavern License renewal of Touche, ABRA #096779. This vote took place at our regular and publicly announced meeting.¹ The grounds for the protest are disturbance to peace, order, and quiet.

I, as the Co-Chair of the ANC 6A Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee, will be the primary representative of the ANC in this matter. The ANC's Chair and the ABL Committee's Co-Chair (Christopher Seagle) are also authorized to represent the ANC before the Board with respect to this application. I can be reached at 202-906-0657 or WilliamsANC6A05@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Jay Williams
Commissioner, ANC 6A05
Co-Chair, ANC 6A ABL Committee

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Washington, DC 20013



May 11, 2015

Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic at intersection of 15th Street NE and A Street NE

Dear Director Dormsjo,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 9, 2015, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) examine the intersection of 15th Street NE and A Street NE for improvements designed to enhance pedestrian, bicyclist and driver safety.

This intersection causes confusion for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers because people do not realize it is a two-way stop when they approach the intersection (the vast majority of intersections in the vicinity of this location are regulated by all-way stop signs). The exception at this location creates confusion because drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians approaching the intersection along A Street NE expect drivers on 15th Street NE to stop, assuming it to be an all-way stop intersection. While motorists on 15th Street NE stop at times assuming there to be a stop sign at this location. ANC6A04 Commissioner Matt Levy reported a horrific accident at this location earlier this year.

Based on the testimony of ANC6A residents, the Commission requests DDOT conduct an examination of this intersection and implement solutions to resolve safety concerns, including possible conversion of the current two-way stop to an all-way stop, restriping of lanes, realigning of bike lanes, a sign saying that cross-traffic does not stop, and any other safety improvements that DDOT deems appropriate. By way of this letter, we are also following up on a resident's 311 request for an assessment of a four way stop at this location (Ticket #1500030992).

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. I can be reached at PhilANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Traffic Calming Assessment Petition Applicant Questionnaire

Note: Please fill out if you are a resident of the affected neighborhood

Applicant Information (Required)

Name: Sarah Hanks / Matthew Levy (ANC 6A04 commissioner)

Address: 108 15th St. NE, WDC 20002
231 14th St. NE, WDC 20002

Telephone #: (202) 498-6594 / 202-251-6127

Email Address: shanksdc@gmail.com / Levyfor6A04@gmail.com

Requestor Signature: [Handwritten signatures]

Traffic Issue	Very Significant	Significant	Not Significant
Speeding	✓		
Traffic Volumes	✓		
Cut-through Traffic	✓		
Traffic Accidents		✓	
Traffic Noise	✓		
Pedestrian Safety	✓		
Bike Safety	✓		
Parking	✓		
Other (please specify)			

Location of Requested Assessment - Please define geographic boundaries as clearly as possible (e.g. 400, 500, and 600 block of X Street, NE):

400 block, 100 block of 15th St. NE; Intersection of 15th St + A St NE

Conditions Necessitating Assessment - Please provide a detailed description of the problems observed in the Assessment Area:

An traffic Assessment is needed at 15th and A St. NE
Currently there is a 2-way stop; traffic on 15th does not stop
DDOT Traffic Calming Application while traffic on A Street does.

Please consider conversion to 4way stop or "cross-traffic does not stop" signs. Additionally, lanes need restriping and bike lanes need to be realized. The current situation creates driver confusion as the wide street from E Capitol to A narrows at A street.



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District Department of Transportation

Please identify the time of the day when the traffic problems appear to be the worst (such as AM peak, PM peak, afternoon, evening or night).

Morning and evening rush hour, buses all day.

Please describe any of the following characteristics of your neighborhood: heavy use by pedestrians, bicyclists, or other more vulnerable users; substandard streets (lack of sidewalks, narrow streets, right curves, limited sight distance, etc) and pedestrian generating facilities (parks, elderly housing, shopping areas, etc).

heavy pedestrian use; bicyclists

Please describe if there are any schools, hospitals, places of worship, recreational centers, hotels, sports arenas or historical monuments in the vicinity of the location.

Schools and churches

Please describe if the traffic problems mainly occur during holidays (such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Year, Jewish Holidays etc)

No; all year

Please describe who you think is causing the traffic problems. For example is it local residents or the cut-through traffic? Is it cars or delivery trucks etc?

cars, buses, all vehicles speeding from E. Capitol to N. Carolina NE without any stop, also the exit from Ames Place NE onto speeding traffic of 15th St. NE is perilous!

Please describe if the traffic problems create safety issues for pedestrians and bicyclists in your neighborhood. If yes, then please describe how the traffic problems affect safety of pedestrians and bicyclists in your neighborhood?

There was a terrible accident, Jan. 3, 2015 involving an exiting SUV from Ames Place NE and an oncoming motorcycle heading north on 15th St. NE. The accident was nearly fatal and the stop sign would have slowed the impact considerably.

Are there any existing traffic calming measures within the Assessment area you have defined (e.g. speed bumps, rumble strips, median, curb extensions)?? If yes, then please describe if they effective in

none

If traffic calming is implemented, how would you feel about having traffic calming measures (median islands, speed humps, corner bulbouts, etc) being placed in front of your home?

we would welcome any and all calming measures!

Have you previously contacted District Department of Transportation for help in addressing your traffic problems? If yes, please indicate which departments have been contacted.

DDOT Traffic Calming Application

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d.

District Department of Transportation

Is the area of concern an active construction zone? If so, do you know the project name or can you provide a description of the project?

no

Are there any traffic calming treatments that would not be acceptable to the petitioners?

no.

Please provide us with any additional comments you feel would be helpful.

15th St NE as well as Ames Place NE is heavily populated with young children and their safety is our primary concern

Does the area of concern include any Metro bus stops or affect other transit access?

It is a bus route and the buses are constantly speeding.



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Washington, DC 20013



April 10, 2015

David Grosso
Chair, Committee on Education
D.C. Council
1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Grosso:

In the recently proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, the Phase I renovation funding for Eliot-Hine Middle School was postponed from FY 2016 to at least FY 2019. Eliot-Hine is located within ANC6A, serves many families within our ANC, and is the in-boundary middle school for the vast majority of ANC6A. At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 9, 2015, our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that you restore the Capital Improvement funding for Eliot-Hine Middle School's Phase I renovation in the 2016 budget.

Physical facilities make a huge impact on a school's ability to fulfill its educational mission and, unfortunately, the facilities at Eliot-Hine MS are far below standard. Heating and cooling systems do not function properly. Classrooms lack adequate lighting, ventilation and acoustics. Doors fail to lock, causing security concerns. Restrooms are in ill repair. Phase I renovations target these deficiencies and make a real difference to students and communities.

Eliot-Hine Middle School needs this support. Eliot-Hine has seen a lot of broken promises since the consolidation of Eliot Junior High School and Hine Junior High School in 2008, starting with the failure to execute a plan to move the newly combined student body off-site for a year to allow for a comprehensive renovation of Eliot's facilities. Instead, the school received a summer blitz that was so poorly executed that teachers and staff were barred from the building when required to report back for the new school year as the contractor finished the limited-scope renovations. The school was then slated for its Phase I modernization FY13, which was then pushed back to FY2016. If the renovation is actually funded in FY19/20 as is now being proposed, there will have been over 12 years of delay in addressing needs identified as pressing back in 2008. This is unacceptable for our community and our students.

We urge you to restore modernization funding in the FY 2016 budget for Eliot-Hine and to keep the District's commitment to modernize it and any other schools in such tremendous need of repair across town. Thank you for providing great weight to the request of this Commission.

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Sincerely,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Deputy Mayor for Education Jennifer Niles
Chancellor Kaya Henderson, D.C. Public Schools
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember
Joe Weedon, Ward 6 Representative, D.C. State Board of Education



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April 10, 2015

David Grosso
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1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Grosso:

In the recently proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, the modernization funding for School Within School @ Goding Elementary School (SWS) was postponed from FY 2016 to at least FY 2019. SWS is located within ANC6A and serves many families within our ANC. At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 9, 2015, our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that you restore the Capital Improvement funding for SWS in the 2016 budget.

SWS was previously slated \$12 million for a Phase I modernization of the Goding building in FY 2016. The proposed budget would push the school’s modernization back to at least FY 2019. This came as a complete surprise to the school, which already formed an active School Improvement Team several months ago and recently completed a series of collaborative meetings with the Department of General Services and DCPS to develop Educational Specifications for its modernization. In addition to basic life safety and quality of life improvements at the school, a typical Phase 1 modernization includes right-sizing the classrooms to comply with DCPS’s own guidelines, and upgrading technological, electrical and mechanical systems to 21st century standards.

The continued delays and repeated failures to keep commitments to the school community are unacceptable and should be addressed as the Committee on Education reviews the proposed budget. As you know, SWS opened in the Goding building in 2013, after DCPS authorized the expansion of the school from a PreK4/Kindergarten program to a PreK3 through 5th grade school. When the SWS community agreed to DCPS’s proposal to house its growing program at Goding in early 2013, it did so with the explicit understanding that DCPS recognized the building did not meet the needs of SWS’s unique Reggio Emilia inspired curriculum. With a Phase 1 modernization already slated for FY2014, the community was assured the mismatch would soon be rectified. That date was subsequently pushed back to FY 2015, and then FY 2016, before the latest budget proposal’s delay to FY 2019.

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Currently, 55 ANC6A residents attend SWS, which is nearly 25% of SWS's total student population. As the school continues to grow to add 4th and 5th grade classes, we expect that the number of ANC6A families will also grow.

SWS is a model school for educators throughout and beyond DC who want to incorporate elements of the Reggio Emilia-inspired approach into their own schools. Since SWS moved to the Goding building in August 2013, educators from 17 local schools have come to SWS to observe best practices and collaborate with SWS teachers. In order to continue to assist with growing DC's other Reggio-inspired offerings, the school should be afforded adequate physical space to provide a Reggio-based education and to train the many other educators who come to it to learn about its outstanding educational environment.

SWS is inclusive of all students, including the 51 students with Individualized Education (IEP) and 504 Plans. Together, with the students receiving Response to Intervention services, 30% of the student population has access to specialized programming to meet individual learning needs. SWS houses two dedicated classrooms for children with complex medical needs and has an ongoing partnership with the Ivymount School to offer an inclusion classroom for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. One of the best features of SWS is that children with individual learning needs are completely integrated in the inclusive setting provided. That being said, many of the spaces within the building are ill suited to one or both of these populations. For example, some of the children cannot adequately access the spaces on upper floors, and the needs of the children with sensory issues cannot be adequately met in classrooms or multi-purpose spaces that are much too loud or bright.

The children who attend SWS need a building that 1) provides a safe facility for its students, 2) enhances the learning environment, and 3) allows its Reggio Emilia-Inspired teaching philosophy to be fully realized. We urge you to restore modernization funding in the FY 2016 budget for SWS at Goding and to keep the District's commitment to modernize it and all of the DCPS elementary schools across town. Thank you for providing great weight to the request of this Commission.

Sincerely,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Deputy Mayor for Education Jennifer Niles
Chancellor Kaya Henderson, D.C. Public Schools
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report April 2015

Period Covered 4/1/2015-4/30/2015

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 14,695.52

Receipts:

\$ -

Total Receipts

\$ -

Total Funds Available

\$ 14,695.52

Disbursements:

Irene Dworakowski (Agenda/Web Master Services Apr	Ck #1701	\$ 400.00	
Note Taking (Apr. 2015 Minutes)	Ck #1702	\$ 200.00	
FedEx Office (Apr. 01, 2015 Statement)	Ck #1703	\$ 196.00	
Total Disbursements		\$ 796.00	

Ending Balance \$ 13,899.52

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 13,720.56

Receipts:

Interest	03/28/15	\$ 0.21	
Deposit -			
Transfers from Checking Account			

Total Receipts \$ 0.21

Total Funds Available

\$ 13,720.77

Disbursements

\$ -

Ending Balance \$ 13,720.77

Prepared May 11 ,2015



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report April 2015

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

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

Prepared May 11 ,2015



Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)



Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Regular Meeting - April 20, 2015
Maury Elementary School
1250 Constitution Avenue NE, Washington, DC

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

COC members present: Roni Hollmon, Gladys Mack, Raphael Marshall (Co-Chair), Shirley Worthy, Dana Wyckoff (Co-Chair), (Quorum)

COC members absent: Pat Joseph, Jean Kohanek, Joyce West

Community members present: Stephen Kolb

I. **Agenda**

Adopted with amendment.

II. **Old Business**

1. Grant Application Revision: Co-Chair Wyckoff distributed examples of the grant applications, instructions and final report requirements from various DC ANCs, which the COC 'grant review group' had received after the March COC meeting. With two members of the 'grant review group' unable to attend the COC meeting, discussion centered on how to ensure the implement of revisions to the grant process and outreach recommended by the COC and approved by the ANC Committee in 2014.

The Committee also discussed how to implement approved recommendations pertaining to compliance and reporting and the requirements the applicant be locally based/serve ANC 6A residents. The 'grant review group' will continue discussions before the May COC meeting, to present drafts to the Committee at the May COC meeting.

2. Grant Outreach Plan and Implementation Strategy: Pertaining to one of the recommendations approved by the ANC concerning grant outreach - that ANC commissioners distribute information about the availability of grants to individuals and non-profits in their SMDs - Co-Chair Dana Wyckoff suggested a single-page flier that could be available in several formats for wide distribution. Co-Chair Raphael Marshall noted that the design of the flier was important to attract attention; and that ANC Commissioners could distribute the flier in their neighborhood as well as having them at ANC and SMD meetings. Committee Member Shirley Worthy suggested churches and other community-based groups receive fliers and information for their staff. Committee Member Roni Hollman urged a prominent place on the ANC 6A website. Other suggested locales included libraries and recreation centers, and Co-Chair Marshall noted that getting buy-in from staff at these sites is important.

The Committee also discussed how to implement approved recommendations pertaining to compliance and reporting and the requirements the applicant be locally based/serve ANC 6A residents. The 'grant review group' will continue discussions before the May COC meeting, to present drafts to the Committee at the May COC meeting.



Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)



III. New Business

1. Committee Goals for 2015: This issue was not discussed due to time constraints, since the Committee adjourned early due to concerns about the inclement weather.
2. Website - Review and Outreach Process: This issue was not discussed due to time constraints, since the Committee adjourned early due to concerns about the inclement weather.
3. COC Meeting: Co-Chair Marshall had asked for the meeting agenda to be amended, to discuss moving the meeting day of the Committee. Though the April meeting adjourned early, a brief discussion did occur, though not in regular order. While the meeting day and time are at the discretion of the chair, Co-Chair Wyckoff did ask for input from Committee Members in attendance, and said she will informally poll absent COC members. She reiterated that various factors, including availability of meeting space and potential scheduling conflicts, will affect any decision.

- IV. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

The next regular meeting of the ANC 6A COC
Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Maury Elementary School, 1250 Constitution Ave NE
(enter from 200 block of Thirteenth (13th) Street)



Committee Reports

Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



Minutes

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A

April 16, 2015

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm on April 16, 2015 at Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Christopher Seagle (Co-Chair).

Committee Members Absent: Jay Williams (Co-Chair), Roger Caruth, David Oberting, and Michael Herman.

Commissioners Present: None.

Community Members Present: Anise Amari from Nomad Hookah Lounge and Neighbors of Masters Liquors (18th and D Streets NE) and Justin Rzepka.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Seagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. However, Mr. Seagle noted that he was the sole representative of the ABL Committee present, therefore there was no quorum. As result, Mr. Seagle told the attendees that this meeting would be a fact finding meeting and the full ANC would vote on the issues before the ABL Committee without any recommendations.

II. Community Comment

None.

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

- A. Request by Nomad Hookah Lounge at 1200 H Street NE (License Number ABRA-087558) to extend its public space patio hours and/or to remove the provision in its amended settlement agreement setting last call at least a half hour before the closing time of the patio.
 - i. Mr. Amari stated that he was requesting two changes to his settlement agreement. One was to eliminate the last call provision and the other to increase its public space patio hours. He said that he has not had any problems with patrons on the patio and that he regularly monitors all patrons sitting outside.
 - ii. He requested that the patio hours be extended because Cusbah has extended patio hours.
 - iii. Mr. Seagle stated that since there is no quorum, the meeting would be simply a fact finding meeting. He also said that if there were a quorum, the ABL Committee probably would have recommended that the last call provision be rescinded.
 - iv. Mr. Seagle also stated that the ABL committee most likely would not have recommended the increase to its patio hours. Most public spaces on H Street have the same closing hours.
 - v. While Cusbah’s is later than most, it was noted that their patio is completely enclosed and that their increase was actually a decrease from what it was in its last agreement with the ANC.



Committee Reports

Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



vi. Mr. Seagle invited Mr. Amari to the next ANC meeting if he wanted to make a presentation before the full ANC.

- B. License renewal for 18th & D Liquors, Inc. t/a Master Liquors at 1806 D Street NE (Class “A” Retail) (License Number ABRA-074594).
 - i. One of Master Liquors’ neighbors attended the meeting to discuss concerns related to their license renewal. They indicated that the store was known to sell singles, a prohibition in Ward 6.
 - ii. They were also concerned about loitering that management seemed to tolerate.
 - iii. Mr. Seagle indicated that he would follow up with ABRA to report the sale of singles.
- C. License renewal for 7 River, LLC t/a 7 River Mart at 250 11th Street NE (Class “A” Retail) (License Number ABRA-089591).
 - i. There were no community members present to discuss this renewal.
- D. License renewal for Jumbo Liquors at 1122 H Street NE (Class “A” Retail) (License Number ABRA-000420).
 - i. There were no community members present to discuss this renewal.
- E. License renewal for Myongwoo Inc. t/a Grand Liquors at 409 15th Street NE (Class “A” Retail) (License Number ABRA-089508).
 - i. There were no community members present to discuss this renewal.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



Meeting Minutes
Transportation & Public Space Committee (TP&S)
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street, NE)
April 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions
Committee members in attendance were Omar Mahmud (Co-chair), Todd Sloves (Co-chair), Lara Levison, Elizabeth Nelson and Andrea Adleman. Also in attendance were ANC 6A Commissioner Matt Levy and Paige Byrne representing the Wylie Street Garden.
- III. Announcements - Co-Chair Todd Sloves announced:
 - A. There would be a public meeting for the C Street Corridor Project on April 30, 2015 at the Rosedale Recreation Center.
 - B. There will be a Maryland Avenue Redesign Project meeting (including DDOT representatives) on May 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Northeast Branch Library.
 - C. DDOT is accepting public comment on the second publication of proposed rules on “pocket parks.” Co-Chair Sloves gave some background on the issues involved, including ANC 6A support for the increased transparency and public access the regulations would offer but also noted that DDOT had not accepted all of the ANC’s comments made during the previous comment period. The comment period closes May 2, 2015.
- IV. The agenda was amended without objection to move discussion of the pocket park regulations to the final item under New Business. *Motion offered by Co-chair Omar Mahmud and seconded by Elizabeth Nelson.*
- V. Agenda item Number 5 was an update on the streetcar; the streetcar team will come to the May 2015 meeting instead.
- VI. New Business
 - A. **District Department of Transportation (DDOT) proposed new sign regulations:** These proposed regulations would allow the mayor to designate “entertainment areas” (DEA) in which signs like the large video sign on the Verizon Center would be allowed. The process by which the mayor would select and designate these entertainment areas is not clear.
 - i. ***Co-chair Mahmud offered a motion (seconded by Ms. Nelson) that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting these changes to the proposed new sign regulations [per draft text circulated at the meeting]:***
 1. ***As sign regulation is a land use/zoning issue as well as a transportation issue, the Zoning Commission should review sign permits for aesthetics and land use considerations in addition to the traffic safety review by DDOT.***
 2. ***Because the impact of electronic signs on a neighborhood would be so significant and long-lasting, the Council (and not the Mayor) should approve any DEA.***
 3. ***The ANC must be notified of permit applications for all digital signs, not just signs with motion or moving images, and allowed time to comment on the size and placement of these signs.***



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



4. *No sign permit should be issued unless the applicant proves that the sign will have no adverse impact on the character or integrity of the DEA or adjacent neighborhood.*
 5. *Certain types of electronic signs are allowed in DEAs (discussed below). The regulations must provide that no part of any electronic sign or the light it transmits within a DEA will be visible from any area zoned for residential use or zoned C1 or C2A. Applicants for permits should be required to include sight line studies in the permit application (not currently required in 13 DCMR 904.1).*
 6. *Roof signs should not be permitted.*
 7. *Residents affected by violations of the sign regulations should be provided with a right of private action, to sue for enforcement in DC Superior Court.*
- ii. *The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Request that DDOT move Linden Court to the top of its alley-repair list

- i. Co-chair Sloves explained that each ANC is allowed to prioritize its own alley repair needs. He described the current condition of the Linden Court as likely to be the worst in 6A. It is so bad that repairs would be ineffective, providing only temporary relief. The entire alley must be completely reconstructed. DDOT will not develop an official cost estimate until it gets close to the top of the repair list, but it is believed that the endeavor would be so expensive as to exhaust the District's entire annual alley repair budget. So, perhaps it should not be considered an alley "repair" and funding should be allocated from another part of the budget.
- ii. There was discussion of other funding sources including the possibility of financial assistance from the developer of The Maryland for which the owners will access their parking via the Linden Court alley. DDOT has accepted an agreement with Valor Development, who would be willing to repave the alley, but Valor would be doing the work, not providing funding so the money could not be diverted to an alley reconstruction taken on by the District. Paving the alley would be a temporary fix, and DDOT would have to remove the paving in order to repair the alley. Some residents attending the meeting spoke in favor of moving Linden Court to the top of the alley-repair list. Others questioned whether it could be known that this is indeed the worst alley, given that an assessment of all alleys has not been conducted.
- iii. ***Ms. Nelson offered a motion (seconded by Co-chair Sloves) that the Committee recommend that the ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that Linden Court be moved to the top of the ANC 6A alley-repair list. The motion passed unanimously.***

C. Save the Wylie Garden proposal:

- i. Paige Byrne made a presentation on the location, history, benefits and value of the Wylie Garden site (corner of Thirteenth (13th) and Wylie Streets), which serves as a community garden. Two of the lots are owned by the H Street Community Development Corporation (HSCDC) and one by a private individual. HSCDC has announced plans to sell its two (2) lots. Community and Committee members engaged in a discussion of what might be done to preserve the garden for continued community use. Nick Alberti and Tony Green (community members) noted that the HSCDC is a non-profit receiving City funding, and it would be consistent with its non-profit status to continue allowing the community to use the site. Ms. Byrne is leading a campaign to save the garden and encourages neighbors to join the effort, including signing a petition; several supportive neighbors attended the Committee meeting in support.



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- ii. Committee members and community members spoke on various aspects of the regulations. Most notably, Joyce West, whose home is adjacent to Reservation 266, spoke at length about her discomfort at being so close to a public park and requesting that the eight (8) foot buffer in the regulations be increased to twenty (20) feet. She also expressed concern that the City would not be able to adequately maintain the parks and that adjacent homeowners would be unwilling to assist with the maintenance since they do not have control of the space and would have to go through too many bureaucratic hoops to obtain permission to conduct maintenance. She handed out photos to illustrate these points. Two community members, whose homes also abut Federal Reservations, expressed similar concerns. Commissioner Levy stated that eight (8) feet is a random distance; some residents are concerned that the process is moving backwards; and there should be some grandfathering of parcels that are well-maintained and have already gone through a process. Others present countered that the regulations would actually increase public maintenance of the parks by reinforcing that they are community assets and guaranteeing that individuals and organizations other than the adjacent homeowners could use the spaces and participate in their care.
- iii. As the committee had to vacate the room at 9:00 pm, the discussion ended while views were still being aired. Also, the deadline for comments is currently set at May 2, 2015, before the date of the next ANC meeting.
- iv. ***Ms. Nelson offered a motion (seconded by Co-chair Mahmud) that the Committee recommend that:***
 - 1. ***ANC 6A submit a letter [draft text was provided at the meeting] in support of DDOT's regulations but requesting a modification of the definition of "triangle park" to eliminate ambiguity and asking that DDOT attach a list of triangle parks to the regulations, also to eliminate ambiguity.***
 - 2. ***ANC 6A request an extension of the deadline for comments.***
- v. ***The motion passed 5-1 (Commissioner Levy voting in opposition).***

VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



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Alice Kelly, Manager, Policy Branch
Policy Planning and Sustainability Administration
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street, S.E., 5th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: Proposed changes to sign regulations

Dear Ms. Kelly:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 14, 2015, our Commission voted x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to share the following concerns with the proposed sign regulations.

- 1) As sign regulation is a land use/zoning issue as well as a transportation issue. The Zoning Commission should review sign permits for aesthetics and land use considerations in addition to the traffic safety review by DDOT.
- 2) Because the impact of electronic signs on a neighborhood would be so significant and long-lasting, the Council (and not the Mayor) should approve any DEA.

The DDOT proposed regulations describe the procedure to designate a DEA:

“Other areas the Mayor designates [as a DEA] as a result of a process determined by the Mayor which shall include consultation with the Office of Planning, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the appropriate Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs), and appropriate federal agencies if required based on the location of the proposed DEA. “

13 DCMR 900.2(e)

- 3) The ANC must be notified of permits applications for **all** digital signs, not just signs with motion or moving images and allowed time to comment on the size and placement of these signs.

The DDOT proposed regulations do not require notification of the ANC for a digital sign permit, unless the sign is a motion or moving image sign. 13 DCMR 905.7, 906.10, 9901.1 "digital sign," animated sign, full-motion video.² Thus, the ANC is not required to be notified of a digital sign "that is internally illuminated and displays static images or variable messages on an alternating basis."³

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² 906.10 The permitting official shall notify potentially affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions in writing of the submission of an application for any sign that includes motion or moving images within ten (10) days of receipt of the application and invite the ANC to submit a written response within forty-five (45) days of the date of the notice.

³ Animated – actual motion or the illusion of motion through devices activated by wind, thermal changes or other natural environmental input, or by a mechanical system powered by electric motors or other mechanically induced means. Animated devices include spinners, pinwheels, pennant strings and other devices that respond to naturally occurring external motivations.

Definitions: **Full motion video** - images presented on an internally illuminated device, including a television or a video monitor, that change at a rate that makes objects appear to move smoothly and continuously.



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This type of digital sign is intrusive, and the ANC must have the right to be notified and comment on all electronic signs.

4) No sign permit should be issued unless the applicant proves that the sign will have no adverse impact on the character or integrity of DEA or adjacent neighborhood.

This critical protection is missing from the requirements to obtain a sign permit in a DEA. Under 13 DCMR 905.8 this standard is only relevant if the Office of Planning (OP) reports an adverse impact.⁴ The ANC and the public cannot raise adverse impact unless OP had also raised this issue. Adverse impact must be an affirmative standard to be considered, and the ANC and the public have the right to raise an adverse impact on the adjacent neighborhood (and not just the immediately adjacent neighborhood) from signs.

5) Certain types of electronic signs are allowed in DEAs (discussed below) The regulations must provide that no part of any electronic sign or the light it transmits within a DEA will be visible from any area zoned for residential use or zoned C1 or C2A. Applicants for permits should be required to include sight line studies in the permit application (not currently required in 13 DCMR 904.1).

A DEA is "a specific area recognized by the Mayor as a destination venue that provides a concentrated number of venues for events, performances, or activities designed to entertain others." 13 DCMR § 9900.1. H Street, NE has a theater, a nightclub, multiple restaurants with live entertainment, and a street festival attracting thousands of people. Therefore, H Street, NE, which is not in a historic district, is a potential DEA.

Variable message signs (signs with a changing message, including digital signs, full-motion video signs) are allowed in a DEA. 13 DCMR 9900.1. ANC 6A opposes DEA designation for H Street, NE, because the signs allowed in a DEA are detrimental to our neighborhood.

6) The proposed regulations would allow signs on roofs up to the lesser of the permitted height limit of the zoning district in which the sign is placed or ninety feet (90 ft.). 13 DCMR 906.5. The H Street overlay zone allows building heights up to 90 feet. Many buildings on H Street, NE are two- and three stories, which would allow signs on roofs in many areas. ANC 6A opposes all roof signs, because they will blight our neighborhood

7) The provisions in 13 DCMR 906.5 and 906.8 are subjective and provide inadequate protection for homeowners or tenants living near H Street, NE.⁵ This shortcoming is compounded by an inadequate

Digital sign - A sign that is internally illuminated and displays static images or variable messages on an alternating basis. Digital signs do not include full motion video signs.

13 DCMR 9900.1

⁴ 905.8 No permit shall be granted if, within the time period provided in this section:

(a) DDOT reports in writing that the location, size, lighting, or height above grade of the sign negatively impacts vehicular traffic safety or violates the Highway Beautification Act; or

(b) OP reports in writing that the proposed sign would adversely impact the character and integrity of the DEA or the immediately adjacent neighborhood.

⁵ 906.5 No sign shall:

(b) Cast light directly or indirectly into a residential unit; or

(c) Adversely impact an owner's enjoyment of residential property located within or adjacent to a DEA.

906.8. No variable message or animated sign or image shall be placed on the exterior of any building in a DEA such that the sign or image is directly across from and parallel to any residential building, including buildings where fifty percent (50%) or more of



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enforcement process.;DCRA is responsible for enforcement of the sign regulations for signs on private property, and DDOT is responsible for enforcement for signs in public space. 13 DCMR 901.1, 601, 701. ANC 6A suggests that residents affected by violations of the sign regulations be provided with a right of private action, to sue for enforcement in DC Superior Court.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed regulations.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

the gross floor area contains Residential Group R-2, R-3 or R-4 occupancies as defined in the D.C. Building Code Supplement, 12-A DCMR.



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Mr. Leif Dormsjo
Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Mr. William Howland, Jr.
Director
Department of Public Works
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Request to move Linden Court to the top of the DC Alley Repair List in ANC 6A

Dear Director Dormsjo and Director Howland:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting⁶ on May 14, 2015, our Commission voted x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that your respective agencies to move the 1300 Block of Linden Court (located between the 1300 Blocks of G and H Streets NE) to the top of the DC alley repair list for ANC 6A. Our hope is that this action will result in the much needed alley repair that will address some of the major issues affecting residents and businesses that utilize Linden Court.

The alley is filled with deep potholes and has been deteriorating in recent years due to substantially increased use. This alley will only see further traffic, in part, because of the construction of a 70-unit condo complex on 14th Street NE and Maryland Ave (The Maryland), whose main garage access will be through Linden Court. As H Street continues to develop and grow, the businesses who already use the alley will be receiving more deliveries. We have already begun to see increased use of the alley for deliveries because unloading on H Street would inhibit operation of the DC Streetcar. The Atlas Theater and several other large H Street businesses all rely on the alley for loading and vendor supplies. In addition to decrepit blacktop, there are serious sanitation and drainage issues which cause the alley to flood on a regular basis. This only complicates deliveries and will pose a serious issue to traffic once a new large residential development being built off the alley opens in the coming months.

There have been many attempts by residents and businesses to address the problems facing Linden Court in recent years. For example, when construction began on The Maryland, Valor Development and representatives of the neighbors met with DDOT to discuss the alley. DDOT stated they would only allow the Maryland Development to have garage access through this alley, even though the Department admitted it was problematic. At that meeting, DDOT's acknowledged that the alley was in terrible shape. Recent photographs of the alley's extremely poor condition are attached.

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Many residents have requested that the alley be rebuilt to address its structural issues. Valor Development has itself approached the District regarding the need address the alley issues, but so far that effort has not borne fruit. If the drainage and other infrastructure issues are not addressed, even with repaving, the alley will be back where it is right now within two years.

We understand and appreciate the limited availability of resources specifically allocated for alley repair, but we urge your agencies to come up with a solution that will allow Linden Court to be permanently repaired as soon as possible, even if that means determining an alternate source of funding. Given the increasing disrepair of this alley, any delay can only bring about higher costs for a future repair.

Thank you for giving consideration to this request of ANC 6A.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Mayor Muriel Bowser
Council Chair Phil Mendelson
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Councilmember Mary Cheh, Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment



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May __, 2015

Kenneth Brewer
President
H Street Community Development Corporation
900 2nd Street Northeast Suite 201
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Wylie Street Community Garden

Dear Mr. Brewer,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting⁷ on May 14, 2015, our Commission voted x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this letter of support for efforts to find a solution that will enable preservation of the Wylie Street Community Garden (on 13th Street NE between Wylie Street and H Street NE), which has been an integral part of the greater H Street community for several years.

Our ANC recognizes the H Street Community Development Corporation (HSCDC) has played a key role in development projects along the H Street corridor. We appreciate HSCDC's interest in continuing to see our community thrive and grow as H Street enters a new phase of development. Our hope is that HSCDC plans to sell or develop this plot of land, which will likely remove the garden from this property, can be put on hold for a period of time so the community can work with you to develop a solution that will meet the needs of all parties involved. There may be ways to learn from the successes of other communities in preserving space such as the Wylie garden that you and the community can learn from in developing a plan.

One of the most significant issues along the H street corridor is a severe lack of green space. There are no parks or pocket niches, and only a limited number of small trees. Although the growth of H Street has been exciting, the growth has been largely commercial and concrete, with little to no green space creation for the benefit of families, schools, the environment or the aesthetics of the community. Without the preservation of vital green space like the Wylie Street Community Garden, the sustainable development of the H Street area will suffer.

The community that is working to maintain the garden has been serious about achieving its goals. Our ANC has been in regular contact with the neighbors who maintain the garden and work hard to keep it an attractive green space. Neighbors work tirelessly to keep the area clean and free of rodents. Neighbors are also engaging businesses on H Street and local partners who can realize a shared benefit from supporting the garden (Miner Elementary School, for example, has expressed an interest in using the site for instruction). Our ANC is encouraged to hear of your willingness to hear neighborhood concerns and engage in a meaningful dialogue, which we hope will continue.

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Thank you for hearing our concerns about this critical matter for our community. Our hope is we can work together to find solutions that benefit HSCDC's long term development goals and the hopes of the community for a diverse and sustainable green space environment. Please feel free to reach out to me at philanc6a@gmail.com or our Commission's Vice-Chair and Co-Chair of our Transportation and Public Space Committee, Omar Mahmud, at mahmud6a01@gmail.com should you wish to discuss this matter further and share any thoughts on how we can work together on this matter going forward.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Muriel Bowser, Mayor
Phil Mendelson, Council Chair
Charles Allen, Councilmember Ward 6



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May ____, 2015

Director Leif Dormsjo
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Rules Regarding Resident Only Parking Restrictions

Dear Director Dormsjo,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting⁸ on May 14, 2015, our Commission voted x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this letter to you seeking issuance of DDOT's rules regarding the implementation of resident only parking restrictions.

As you may know, certain parts of our ANC, specifically the north/south blocks immediately adjacent to H Street NE, were designated as resident only parking areas on one side of each block as DDOT implemented a performance parking program for the H Street corridor. From this, DDOT began a process that allowed residents to petition for resident only parking via the DDOT Parking Manager, who at the time was Damon Harvey. After Mr. Harvey left DDOT, we were told that DDOT would create rules around the resident only parking restriction process. Commissioner Mahmud, the ANC Commissioner who chairs our ANC's Transportation and Public Space Committee, was told the rules would be issued toward the end of 2014. To date, these rules have not been issued, and Commissioner Mahmud's requests to DDOT for guidance on this issue have gone unreturned. We are therefore asking for DDOT to update our ANC on its plans to issue rules that clarify the process for residents to seek resident only parking restrictions on their block.

Given the increasing scarcity of parking in our neighborhoods, we are eager to receive this guidance as soon as possible so our community is aware of the process for moving these requests forward. Thank you for hearing our concerns about this critical matter for our community. Please feel free to reach out to me at philanc6a@gmail.com or Commissioner Mahmud at mahmud6a01@gmail.com should you wish to discuss this matter further.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Charles Allen, Councilmember Ward 6

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May xx, 2015

Samuel D. Zimbabwe
 Associate Director
 District Department of Transportation
 55 M Street, SE, 5th Floor
 Washington, DC 20003

Re: Proposed regulations on private improvements to DDOT-controlled pocket parks, 24 DCMR 3314

Dear Mr. Zimbabwe:

The DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) should be commended for its commitment to preserve public triangle parks for public use, a vital benefit for Capitol Hill and District of Columbia residents. At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting⁹ on May 14, 2015, our Commission voted x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to submit the following comments:.

The regulations provide important protections for public access to triangle parks, but only for parks defined as a "triangle park" in 24 DCMR 3399. "Triangle parks" should include those parks that once were triangles at the intersection of an orthogonal street and a diagonal street, but because of subsequently built roads that intersected and divided the triangle, the triangle been transformed into two spaces, one a smaller triangle, and the other a larger trapezoid or circle. In addition, a park that currently satisfies the definition of a triangle park may be altered in the future, (e.g., by putting a street through the park) so that it is no longer a triangle. These triangle parks with altered geometry (whether in the past or in the future) must be included in the definition of "triangle parks" in 24 DCMR 3399. On Capitol Hill alone, there are a number of these parks¹⁰. A sample is:

Reservation Nos.	Address	Larger trapezoid section	Smaller triangle section
86, 87	A Street & Mass. Ave., NE	86	87
89, 89A	14th Street. & Mass. Ave. NE	89	89A
231, 232	North Carolina & Independence Ave. SE	232	231
233, 234	North Carolina & 14th Street, NE	233	234

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¹⁰ Source: National Park Service Map (attached) and www.octo.dc.gov



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236/237	14th Street and Tenn. Ave. NE	236	237
266	13th Street & Tenn. Ave., NE	266 (same reservation number in 2 parts)	266 (same reservation number in 2 parts)

We request that DDOT clarify that triangle parks such as Reservations 86, 89, 232, 233, 236, and 266 are "triangle parks as defined in 24 DCMR 3399." The re-proposed regulations define in 24 DCMR 3399 a triangle park as a park "*generally* triangular in shape ... located at the intersection of two (2) streets (*generally*, one of which is orthogonal and one of which is diagonal) and has been set aside for public ownership. [emphasis added]. DDOT should further clarify the definition by adding one or more of these altered geometry triangle parks to its list of examples in the regulations. None of the current examples illustrate this situation.¹²

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the re-proposed regulations.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Attachment: National Park Service Map of Parks in the District of Columbia

¹² "Examples of triangle parks include United States Reservations 142 and 143, located at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and 20th Street, NW; United States Reservation 230, located at the intersection of Independence Avenue and North Carolina Avenue, SE; and United States Reservation 61, located at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and P Street, NW."
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Report of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm on April 18, 2015.

Present

Members: Missy Boyette, Laura Gentile, Dan Golden (Co-Chair), Michael Hoenig
Commissioners: Stephanie Zimny

Community Comment

There were no community comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Status Reports

There were no status reports.

New Business

- 224 Ninth (9th) Street, NE:** The applicant previously received the ANC's support for zoning relief for a nonconforming court and now is seeking Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) approval of proposed design of two-story rear addition to an existing single-family dwelling in the R-4 District. The proposed addition would involve removal and reconstruction, filling in the ground level dogleg, and the addition of a trellis. Previously, the neighbor to one side had been concerned about the impact of the project and, in response to those concerns, the applicant made adjustments to the project. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the ANC write a letter to HPRB in support of the proposed design.
- 451 Tennessee Avenue, NE (BZA 19012):** Applicant seeks special exceptions from the lot occupancy requirements under § 403 and the rear yard requirements under § 404 to allow construction of a two-level deck at the rear of an existing single-family dwelling in the R-4 District. The lot occupancy is already 63% due to the front porch. The development will include a two-story, rear deck made of wood. The Committee raised a concern that, due to the location of the property and triangular shape of the backyard, the new deck would allow the applicant to see into the neighbor's backyard and impact their privacy. The owners have been unsuccessful in contacting the neighbor, who is a landlord and does not live in the home. The owners tried to contact the landlord through certified mail and received no response. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the ANC write a letter of support to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on the condition that the applicant employ their best efforts to contact the landlord neighbor by phone to ensure he or she is fully aware of the proposed development and has no objections.
- 242 Tenth (10th) Street, NE (BZA 19001):** The homeowner and architect for the proposed development, seeks special exception from the rear yard requirements under § 404 to allow construction of a two-story addition to an existing two-story, single-family dwelling in the R-4 District. The small, 575 square foot home, is located in the historic district. The applicant told the Committee that he has been trying to obtain approval from the owner of the neighboring property at 244 Tenth (10th) Street, NE but has not been unable to locate the owner. The home at 244 Tenth (10th) Street, NE has been for sale for a long time. The applicant was able to get signed letters of support from neighbors in other adjacent homes, as well as homes in the immediate area, including 240, 244, 246, 248, 250, and 252 Tenth (10th) Street, NE and 191 C Street, NE. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the ANC write a letter of support to BZA on the condition that the



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applicant employs best efforts to obtain a letter of support from the owner of 244 Tenth (10th) Street, NE in advance of the May 2015 ANC meeting.

- 4. Lot 810 at 20 Fourteenth (14th) Street, NE:** Several neighbors whose properties adjoin the alley lot in question raised the issue of the owner's use of a portion of the lot as a car-sharing parking area for four cars without having obtained a special exception under § 333.1. The lot has an original structure, built in 1921 as a single garage, with seven stalls. The structure continues to be used as a garage space and the remainder of the lot, located behind the structure, is now being used for four (4) car-sharing spaces. Several community members raised objections because this portion of the lot previously had been used as a community garden and stated that the four (4) car-sharing spots are disturbing their privacy and enjoyment of the land. The owner commented that he had purchased the property three (3) years ago, reviewed his proposed plans to have car-sharing spaces on the property with the Zoning Administrator Matt LeGrant, and that the car-sharing use space was fully permitted and consistent with the historic use of the property. Chairman Dan Golden commented that this situation is not clear-cut under the zoning regulations. Under § 333.1, a special exception is required for a "parking lot" within the R-4 district. However, it is unclear whether this use meets the definition of "parking lot" under § 199, because it is unclear whether the car-sharing use is "accessory to" the use of the remainder of the lot as parking garages. In addition, separate zoning regulations regarding car-sharing spaces went into effect in 2010 that allowed the addition of two spaces by-right in certain cases; however their applicability in the R-4 district is unclear. Chairman Golden made a motion that the Committee recommend that the ANC write a letter asking Zoning Administrator LeGrant for clarification on the basis for which he made the permitting decision.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
7:00-9:00 pm
640 Tenth (10th) Street NE
Sherwood Recreation Center, Second (2nd) Floor**



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May XX, 2015

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

Re: BZA Case No. 19001 (242 10th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on May 14, 2015,¹³ our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request for a special exceptions from the rear-yard requirement (§ 404) in connection with the construction of a two-story addition at the rear of the existing structure.

The Commission supports granting the requested special exceptions because the proposed addition will not unduly affect the light and air available to neighboring properties nor will they unduly compromise their privacy of use and enjoyment. The neighboring property owners that could be contacted support the requested relief.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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May XX, 2015

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

Re: BZA Case No. 19012 (451 Tennessee Avenue, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on May 14, 2015,¹⁴ our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request for a special exceptions from the lot-occupancy requirement (§ 403) and the rear-yard requirement (§ 404) in connection with the construction of a two-level deck at the rear of the existing structure.

The Commission supports granting the requested special exceptions because the proposed addition will not unduly affect the light and air available to neighboring properties nor will they unduly compromise their privacy of use and enjoyment. The neighboring property owners support the requested relief.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

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May XX, 2015

Ms. Gretchen Pfaehler, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
1100 Fourth Street, SW, Suite E650
Washington, DC 20024

Re: HPA # 15-XXX (224 9th Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Pfaehler,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹⁵ on May 14, 2015, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the design of the proposed two-story rear porch addition to the existing single-family dwelling located at 224 9th Street, NE.

The applicant proposes to construct a two-story addition at the rear of the property. The ANC has reviewed the proposed plans and supports the proposal. The ANC believes it will provide an aesthetically pleasing fit with the remainder of the block.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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May XX, 2015

Mr. Matthew LeGrant
Zoning Administrator
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 Fourth Street, SW, Room 3102
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Car-Sharing Spaces on Alley Lot (Square 1035, Lot 810)

Dear Mr. LeGrant,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting

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on May 14, 2015, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request the rationale for your approval of the by-right use of a portion of the above-referenced alley lot for four (4) car-sharing spaces.

The majority of Lot 810 is occupied by a structure consisting of seven adjoining parking garages. Behind the garage structure, the remainder of the lot has been paved and now hosts four (4) car-sharing spaces used by a commercial car-sharing service. In 2014, the property owner applied for a building permit (Permit No. B1406901), to undertake work including replacing the concrete pavers on the open portion of Lot 810. At that time, Rohan Reid from your office informed a nearby resident, Mr. Michael Cushman, that “[a] parking lot use in the R-4 zone would require relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment,” and that “[i]f at any time you become aware that the open space is being used as a parking lot, please feel free to contact me so that our office can begin enforcement procedures.” (June 16, 2014 email from Rohan Reid to Michael Cushman.) However, the ANC understands from the property owner that he disclosed the proposed car-sharing use to your office and that he was informed that zoning relief would not be necessary. On March 10, 2015, DCRA issued a certificate of occupancy for Lot 810 that describes the occupancy of the lot as “Private Parking Garages – 7; and Open Parking Spaces – 4; Total of 11 Parking Spaces [Not a Public Parking Lot].” The certificate also lists the “Approved Zoning Code Use” as “Private garage as principal use.”

The ANC now seeks clarification regarding the various zoning code provisions that appear potentially to bear on the use of a portion of Lot 810 to host the four car-sharing spaces. Specifically:

- Pursuant to § 333.1, a “parking lot . . . on an alley lot . . . shall be permitted as a special exception in an R-4 District if approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment under § 3104, subject to the provisions of this section.” At § 199, the code defines “lot, parking” as a “tract of land used for the temporary parking of motor vehicles when the use is not accessory to any other use.” Does the use of a portion of Lot 810 to host four car-sharing vehicles constitute a “parking lot” within the meaning of the code? If not, is the rationale because the use is “accessory to” the use of the remainder of the lot as a parking garage? If so, on what basis can additional parking for car-sharing vehicles be “accessory to” a primary use of the lot for parking?

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- Pursuant to § 301.1, a permitted “accessory use” in the R-2 District is “Car-sharing spaces; provided that any car-sharing space beyond the first two (2) spaces shall be located within or under a principal structure and may not be a required parking space for any use on site.” Is it correct that this accessory use is incorporated by reference into the permissible accessory uses in the R-4 District. If so, are two of the car-sharing spaces on the site required to be located within or under a principal structure? In what ways can that requirement be met, given that the principal structure on the lot would appear to be the existing garage?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We believe that your interpretation of the zoning regulations with respect to these issues has significant consequences not only for the alley lot in question, but also in potential future cases throughout the ANC. Accordingly, your answers to the above questions, as well as your rationale for permitting the car-sharing use by right in this case, are very much appreciated.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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