

AGENDA

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee

Monday, November 17, 2014, 7 PM

Maury Elementary – room assignment will be posted in lobby
1250 Constitution Ave NE (enter from 13th St.)

1. (7:00) Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. (7:05) Status report on ANC/COC activities (Nelson)
3. (7:10) Final review of proposed grant guidelines (see below).
4. (8:30) Confirmation of next meeting date, possibly December 1, 2014

The meeting is open to the public. Call Committee Chair, Elizabeth Nelson, with questions at 543-3512.

Draft Recommendations Regarding ANC 6A Grants Program:

1. Keep the current grant application cycle, with smaller grants considered monthly and larger grants considered twice a year. The way the funding is divided prevents the entire budget from being depleted early in the fiscal year.
2. ANC 6A has only given grants to charitable organizations. This practice should continue. If for-profit businesses want to provide activities for ANC 6A residents, it is reasonable to assume that they can provide their own funding.
3. Publicizing grant opportunities: Commissioners will be asked forward to the committee the contact information for eligible charitable organizations operating within their SMDs. A reference to the availability of grants will be added to the monthly Hill Rag ad?
4. A cover sheet to the grant application with additional instructions would be helpful to potential applicants and will be developed.
5. There is already a requirement that an accounting be made of funds spent within 60 days. The ANC receives a letter from each applicant, at the time they receive the funds, documenting the expenditure; this information is included in

the Treasurer's quarterly reports. This documentation, in addition to that in the grant application process is sufficient. Additional documentation would be burdensome to the applicants to provide and also to the ANC to collect and maintain.

6. The presence of the grant applicant at the ANC meeting was at one time required by statute. However, the law has been changed. The ANC may still require applicants to present their applications in person, if that is their policy. But they may now allow someone else to do it for them - this could be someone unaffiliated with the applicant, for example, a commissioner. However, it's important to be consistent and treat all applicants the same. The ANC should continue to require a representative of the requesting organization attend both the ANC and the COC meetings. If the applicant fails to appear at two consecutive ANC meetings, they will be expected to reapply.

7. The current policy is to give preference to locally based organization. This should be strengthened to require that organizations be locally based. It isn't feasible to ensure that the primary benefit of the grant will remain in the community if the organization has operations outside the area.