

Minutes
ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Regular Meeting - September 28, 2015
Maury Elementary School
1250 Constitution Avenue NE, Washington, DC

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Quorum at 7:40 pm.

COC members present: Joyce West, Gladys Mack, Dana Wyckoff (Co-Chair)
COC members absent: Roni Hollmon, Jean Kohanek, Raphael Marshall (Co-Chair), Shirley Worthy
ANC Commissioners present: Matt Levy
Community members present: Hannah Lewis

I. Committee Business

Co-Chair Dana Wyckoff announced that Committee members Jean Kohanek and Shirley Worthy have submitted their resignation. Their dedication to the Committee and to ANC 6A was noted, as was the Co-Chair's thanks that both had agreed to stay on the Committee until the grant revisions were completed.

II. Old Business

Grant Application Update: Co-Chair Wyckoff announced that the revised ANC 6A Grant Application Packet (form, instructions, and guidelines) and the new one-page Overview are on the Commission's website (ANC6A.org, "Other Documents" page). Revisions to the grant application instructions and final report requirements fulfilled recommendations approved by ANC 6A in December 2014, designed to make the grant application more user-friendly and compliant with ANC 6A and DC ANC rules and legal requirements. Co-Chair Wyckoff thanked Committee Members Joyce West, Jean Kohanek and Roni Hollmon for their work on the project.

Website Review/Updates: Co-Chair Wyckoff reported that following completion of the review of two pages on the ANC6A.org website (Community Organizations and Government Contacts) proposed updates to the listings, links and page layouts are being finalized.

III. New Business

Grant Outreach: During the grant application revision process, the Committee had agreed to not actively promote ANC 6A grants, though information remained on the website and on the ANC flier and other materials. Now that the revised grant materials and the new Overview are available, outreach by the COC will resume via the website, listservs, media contacts, with local community groups, PTO/PTAs, schools, libraries and recreation centers in 6A, and contacts with past grant recipients and potential applicants. The one (1) page Overview is a quick summary that ANC Commissioners may choose to distribute to constituents, organizations and at Single Member District (SMD) meetings.

After discussion, the COC members agreed to include a brief grant review session for interested organizations during the COC's October 2015 meeting. The COC will revisit holding a separate training session as needed.

Committee Priorities: The Committee discussed potential issues, priorities and focus areas. Committee Member West suggested that it is communication, outreach and engagement, where residents can learn how to get help and resources, and also learn how they can contribute to the community and help address issues they are concerned about. Commissioner Matt Levy questioned what the role of the Committee is in relation to the ANC Commissioners and suggested that the COC is "in partnership" with the ANC members in doing outreach. Committee Member Gladys Mack pointed out that "the COC does not tell the ANC members what to do, but can make suggestions."

Commissioner Levy said that he attends Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings at Maury Elementary School and that other Commissioners attend PTO or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meetings in their SMD, and that information about the role of the ANC can be distributed at those venues. He also suggested that a flier about the resources in the ANC could be distributed to new residents through real estate agents. Co-Chair Wyckoff pointed to the ANC 6A flier on the website that focuses on the role of the ANC, contact information for SMDs, etc. She also noted that the COC had discussed, and tabled, a proposed one (1) page guide ("The ABCs of the ANC") listing government contacts, media, listservs, libraries and recreation centers, schools, grant information, and other resources (essentially a streamlined version of the Community Organizations and Government Contacts pages on the ANC 6A website). Committee Member Mack said that such a resource guide could be paired with the current ANC flier for use at meetings. Co-Chair Wyckoff asked Committee Member West to work with her on a draft for review at the October 2015 COC meeting.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

**The next regular meeting of the ANC 6A COC
Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Maury Elementary School, 1250 Constitution Avenue NE
(enter from 200 block of Thirteenth (13th) Street)**