



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Single Member District 6A-02
815 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002



May 24, 2007

Ms. Evelyn Lightfoot
Ward 6 Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation
Government of the District of Columbia
3149 16th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20010

Re: Friends of Sherwood Father's Day Event scheduled for June 19, 2005

Ms Lightfoot:

As the single member district Commissioner in Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A representing the community surrounding the Sherwood Recreation Center, I am requesting that the permit application submitted by Mr. Jordan Washington on behalf of the Friends of Sherwood for a 2007 Father's Day event be denied.

The past Father's Day events have had unacceptable consequences to our community. When this event takes place each year, I receive dozens of calls from residents about the Father's Day event regarding loud noise, public drinking and large crowds congregating just outside the fence on 10th Street, NE. In the past, when I called the recreation center management, I am told that they are not responsible for activity on the sidewalk. Then when I called the Metropolitan Police Department, I am told there is no law against loitering.

The net effects of these past events have created a situation where dozens and dozens of loud and unruly participants undermine the peace and safety of the surrounding community. Given the lack of proactive engagement with the residents that live around the Sherwood Recreation Center for the upcoming Father's Day event, I can only conclude that the past will be a prologue to the future.

In close, I request that the Friends of Sherwood and/or Mr. Jordon Washington not be permitted to conduct events at the Sherwood Recreation Center based on the fact these events are not well managed and directly impact the peace and safety of our community.

Regards,

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