



Public Safety Committee

Detailed Working Agenda*

December 17, 2009 7:00-9:00 PM
Sherwood Recreation Center
Corner of 10th and G Streets, NE

Special Notice:

(Please be advised that this will be a special meeting to plan the committee's work to implement the core recommendations of the ANC adopted Juvenile Crime Prevention Policies, as well as the recommendations to support enhanced H Street Safety.)

I. Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.)

- a) Welcome/ Introductions
- b) Acceptance of Agenda/ Minutes
- c) Community Comments

II. Old Business (7:20-7:30)

- a) Report on recent ANC actions
- b) Presentation of ANC Crime Statistics

III. New Business: Developing a Committee Work Plan (7:30 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.)

- a) Juvenile Crime Policy Implementation

1. Create a landscape map

The National Forum for Youth Investment suggest that the first initiative that should be undertaken in concentrating on increasing the effectiveness of youth crime prevention and other youth programming is to create a community landscape map. Landscape mapping is a process that identifies or inventory existing youth services and organizations.

2. Raise public awareness

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

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

The Public Safety Committee should identify successful youth programs that provide programming not already found in the ANC and otherwise have a track-record of success, and incentivize and advocate for their participation in our neighborhood. This includes advocating for expanded program capacity, identifying funding streams and in-kind neighborhood resources, and working with community leaders to identify space for programming.

4. Create a Community Action Council

A Community Action Council would be created to ensure that the appropriate linkages are in place within our community to allow for easy and successful transitions between home, school, after-school and weekend activities. It should also ensure that programming available through the multitude of institutions in the community is not duplicative in nature, and rather compliments or “appends-to” other youth services in the area. This council should consist of school, recreation, library, religious and neighborhood organization representatives.

5. Create a Summer Neighborhood Campaign

Establish community walks, led by the Public Safety Committee in conjunction with Police Service Area representatives, with focus on environmental contributors to youth crime.

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

The Public Safety Committee should work with other established committees and sub-committees within the ANC to identify and incorporate reduction in youth crime contributors within the neighborhood, including working with ABL Committee on provisions in the ANC's voluntary agreements and/or working with the Public Space Committee to identify how the use of public space in the area can better promote positive youth development.

b) H Street Safety Initiatives:

1. DDOT lighting survey, which will specifically review lighting of the corridor with the intent of providing temporary additional street lights during the current H Street construction phase.
2. Deployment of a special "Economic Development, Hospitality-Focused Core Team" to look at what the District can do to expedite additional anchor development options in the area to diversify offerings and visitor traffic.
3. A review, in conjunction with DDOT, the placement of current construction barriers, and how they may be increasing opportunities for crime by creating blind spots in poorly lit areas along walking corridors.
4. Review parking options, specifically to review the former commitment of allowing eight additional parking spaces on each intersection along the corridor that would enhance parking options for visitors to improve safety (by prohibiting long walks down dark sections of the corridor) without impeding parking options available to residents.
5. Support H Street Main Street in finding and enabling creative uses of vacant spaces that would encourage greater evening activity and fewer "hot spots" for crime. These may include support for artist use of vacant spaces for temporary work spaces and display areas, installations on vacant plots, etc.

c) Follow-up planning with DC Homeland Security on ANC Preparedness Training

IV. Community Comments (8:40 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.)

V. Adjourn

(Next Meeting Date: January 21, 2010.)

***agenda subject to change**