

**ANC6a Public Safety Committee
NOTES
Sherwood Recreation Center
January 16, 2008**

Committee members present: Stephanie Nixon (Chair, Commissioner ANC6A08), Annie Earley, Joe Bellino

Committee members absent: Daniel Wolff (excused absence)

Police officers: Inspector George Kucik, Lt. Caldwell 202-698-0066, george.kucik@dc.gov

Government representative(s) present: Michael Bonds, Community Relations Specialist, CSOSA 202-220-5438 – michael.bonds@csosa.gov

A quorum was not achieved

Dr. Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Letters to be submitted:

Action Items:

1. Obtain existing rules and procedures for routing calls through Office of Unified Communications
2. Compare OUC's list of 311/911 calls made at corner of 15th and A with that kept by neighbors to check consistency of coding and proper routing of calls.
3. Invite the Director of OUC to a Public Safety Committee meeting within 2008

Adoption of 2008 Mission Statement and Goals:

**ANC6A Public Safety Committee
2008 Mission Statement and Goals**

Mission:

Engage residents, community groups, the District of Columbia Government and all other public and private institutions in an effort to prevent criminal activity affecting our quality of life and promote the public safety and health of our community.

Goals:

1. Act as a convenient and useful forum for residents and local businesses to discuss public safety issues and solutions.
 - a. Hold monthly meetings with a quorum present.
 - b. Increase attendance of residents, businesses, community groups at meetings.
 - c. Improve outreach to and participation of residents from all parts of ANC 6A.
2. Provide the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner with well-informed recommendations for changes in Federal and District legislation, and regulations and operating procedures of relevant government agencies, based on input from community members.

- a. Identify procedures and/or DC legislation that should be changed or improved
3. Maintain collaboration among law enforcement agencies in our community including, Park Police, FEMS, WMATA Police, Capitol Police, MPD, and all others to address community issues at the levels of procedure, policy, and legislation.
4. Collaborate with the other ANC committees on the following issues:
 - a. Economic Development and Zoning – Abandoned/Vacant properties that are a safety hazard; illegal construction; H St NE – need for security at new properties
 - b. Transportation and Public Space Committee – Need for speed control in areas affected by crime; safe development of H Street, NE
5. Investigate Office of Unified Communications (OUC) polices and regulations to ensure efficiency and proper documentation of service calls as well as recommend improvements to the existing system.

Discussion of OUC

Dr. Nixon addressed the inconsistent categorization of non emergency and emergency calls made to MPD. This is not only disconcerting for those calling in various activities, but inconsistent criteria and categorization of calls prevents police from being adequately prepared for potentially dangerous situations.

Major issues addressed include **lack of accountability** and ability to follow-up as callers are not provided tracking numbers for their calls. Other questions the committee would like considered include:

- Training of the OUC operators
- Establishment of an online reporting system (assist those who are disabled in making reports as well as allow people to track calls much like they do for 727-100 (now 311).
 - o It was noted that Boston has enacted a system that allows citizens to text message 311/911 calls to the police via their mobile phones
- Validity and reliability testing of calls communicated to officers

Additionally members of the committee voiced concern about the recent switch of DC's 727-1000 to 311 and 311 to 911 and lack of an existing district-wide educational campaign communicating the switch to citizens.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM