

ANC6A Public Safety Committee
May 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Options Public Charter School
1375 E Street NE

Meeting called to order at 7:22 p.m.

Committee members present: Rebecca Sibilila (Co-chair), Sharon Cochran, Patrice Ford, Brandon Lumm, Dan Wolff

Committee members absent: Commissioner Kelvin Robinson (Co-chair), Todd Hames

Commissioners present: Mary Beatty (6A05)

Community members present: Captain Terry Reynolds and Sergeant RB Shine, Jr. Fire/EMS Battalion 2.

I. Agenda and Minutes

1. Motion to adopt agenda. No objections.
2. Motion to accept minutes of last meeting. No objections.

II. Administrative, Ongoing and Old Business

1. Proposed ANC Juvenile Crime Prevention policies:

- a. Rebecca Sibilila informed Committee Members that she is still working on crafting these policies, and will send them to Committee Members in advance of the next meeting in order to allow for community discussion related to these policies.

2. Murray Grant Update:

- a. Commissioner Robinson and Rebecca Sibilila attended the May Community Outreach Committee meeting to discuss the Public Safety Committee's intent related to the use and purpose of the Lorree Murray Juvenile Crime Prevention grant.
- b. They indicated to the Committee that this grant should be focused on core crime prevention activities, including positive recreation activities, family strengthening and parent training programs, and literacy initiatives.
- c. The Committee discussed the process for receiving and reviewing these grant applications. The COC will release some advertising related to the grant availability, including publication in the Hill Rag and The Buzz newsletter. They urged the Public Safety Committee to find and encourage applicants, and, where possible, to refer them to the COC prior to writing the grant application.

3. Update and Discussion on Wish Lists for Sherwood and Rosedale Recreation Centers:

- a. The Committee received the initial "wish lists" for supplies and equipment needed by both Sherwood and Rosedale Recreation Centers to ensure optimal operations during the summer months.
- b. Committee members indicated their concern that these lists were not specific enough to understand the true needs of each Center, and asked that the co-chairs return to Recreation Center managers to request more specificity.
- c. Committee members also expressed their interest in focusing on Rosedale needs for any equipment and volunteer drives, but were unsure of the process with donations may be made to Recreation Centers and the role that "Friends of..." groups may play in this activity.

- d. Motion: Rebecca Sibilia moved, and Sharon Cochran seconded, the motion that the Committee will, pending further clarification on needs and process for donations, request the ANC's support to become engaged in a supply and volunteer drive for Rosedale Recreation Center. The motion passed without objection.

III. New Business

1. Discussion of with Fire/EMS on issues that relate to ANC 6A
 - a. Captain Terry Reynolds and Sergeant RB Shine, Jr. of Battalion Two attended the meeting to discuss general Fire/EMS policies, and how the agency and its organization serves our ANC.
 - b. They indicated that Fire/EMS has several community outreach programs, specifically noting the smoke detector program, wherein Fire officials will respond to requests from residents and provide free smoke detectors and installation services. However, this program is provided on an "As-needed" basis, and is conducted only upon request from residents or neighbors. Battalion Two does not have a stock of smoke detectors, therefore limiting their capacity to proactively advertise or solicit these services.
 - c. Committee members inquired about the status of the Florida Avenue Fire Station, which has been closed and under construction for several years, with no visible activity. Fire officials indicated that the bid process for this project became complicated when structural concerns became evident to the bidding firm, and the project had to be rewritten and re-bid. As far as they were aware, there was now an active contract on the fire house, and construction activity should begin shortly.
 - d. The status of this fire house affects our ANC, as it is one of the first responders to emergency calls for our neighborhood. Previously housing an engine and a truck, along with an ambulance, these resources have been diverted to other fire houses outside of our ANC.
 - e. When asked about public access to Fire/EMS statistics for the ANC, officials referred the committee to the Community Service Unit of the agency, who should be able to provide statistics including the number of calls and response times for our ANC.
2. Discussion on crime statistics and their role in the Committee's work
 - a. The Committee discussed the use of crime statistics to not only inform the work of the Committee, but also to provide an enhanced service to ANC Commissioners.
 - b. The Committee agreed to continue to pull statistics related to monthly crimes in our ANC, and to sort these crimes by SMD to provide specific information to Commissioners that is unavailable via other tools and sources.
 - c. These statistics will include trend analysis that includes the prior three months of crime activity, along with a comparison to last year's monthly crime statistics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at Sherwood Recreation Center (change of location)