

District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Washington, DC 20013



April 29, 2005

Mr. Neil Stanley, Director
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

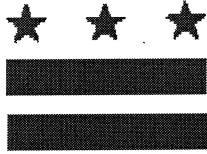
Mr. Stanley,

As the single member district representative in Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A that Sherwood Recreation Center is located in, I am requesting that you deny the permit application submitted by Mr. Jordan Washington for a Father's Day event scheduled on June 19, 2005. The last two Father's Day events have had unacceptable consequences to our community. Last year, we received assurances from the Sherwood Recreation Advisory Council that they event would monitored and that police would pay close attention. Attachment 1 provides the correspondence from the Sherwood Recreation Advisory Committee to the community.

Despite these assurances, I received over two dozen call from residents and several calls from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) last Father's Day regarding loud noise, public drinking and large crowds congregating just outside the fence on 10th Street, NE. When I called the recreation center management, I was told that they are not responsible for activity on the sidewalk. When I called the Metropolitan Police Department, I was told there is no law against loitering. The net effect of the event created a situation where dozens and dozens of loud and unruly participants undermined the peace and safety of the surrounding community.

The problems associated with the planner of these events are not new. I sent a letter on October 17, 2003, requesting that Mr. Jordon Washington's event scheduled for October 23, 2003 be cancelled. This letter outlined the problems with the June 15, 2003, Father's Day event that Mr. Washington organized. Also, attached to this letter was a petition from the residents stating that the Friends of Sherwood does not have the full support of the community. That letter and associated petition is provided at Attachment 3. 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.

Upon learning of the proposed Father's Day event in an e-mail from Ms. Maria Barner, Director of the Sherwood Recreation Center, I informed the residents immediately surrounding the recreation center. And again, the residents have requested that I assist them in having this event canceled. The Sherwood Recreation Center Advisory Committee clearly stated that "residents who are most immediately impacted by this event must receive a notice of all planned events at Sherwood." To date, none of the residents on Tenth, Ninth, F and G streets NE have



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received the required notice. How can this event be placed on the calendar and a permit approved without following the requirements of the Sherwood Recreation Center?

In close, I renew my request that the Friends of Sherwood not be permitted to conduct events at the Sherwood Recreation Center based on the fact that that their events are not managed well and directly impact the peace and safety of our community. Accordingly, I respectfully ask that a response to this specific request for denial regarding the pending Father's Day event scheduled for June 19, 2005, be provided by May 9, 2005.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph Fengler'.

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cc: Ms. Maria Barner
Councilmember Ambrose