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Re: Public Meetings for Two DHCD Properties in ANC 6A

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Our Commission is writing to remind you of your commitment at our March 11, 2004 meeting to hold public meetings in the next 60 days for input from community residents on the future of DHCD-controlled properties at 525 Ninth Street, NE and 1341 Maryland Avenue, NE.

As of today, it has been 70 days and DHCD has yet to contact me or Commissioner Ward regarding public meetings to discuss appropriate uses for these properties in our Single Member Districts. It is imperative that there are opportunities for public input early in the decision-making process.

It would be a shame to squander the opportunity that the current real estate market provides to renovate and restore these buildings that have sat vacant for so many years. Every day of delay in scheduling public meetings further jeopardizes the chances for adaptive reuse that would strengthen the surrounding community. At this rate, we begin to question whether there is a systematic process with milestones to measure progress toward your goal of putting these properties into productive use by the end of the year.

Before our next Commission meeting on June 10, 2004, please inform us when and where DCHD plans to hold public meetings and please identify members of your department who are accountable for progress on these properties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose