



**February 9, 2006
Draft Agenda**

*The Linden/Wylie MAP Meeting will take place from 6:00pm to 6:45pm
at Miner Elementary School, prior to the ANC Meeting*

- 7:00 pm Call to order, adopt agenda and approve previous meeting's minutes
Community Comments (*2 minutes each*)
- 7:12 Review of voting procedures to fill vacancy for 6A01 Single Member District
7:15 Announcement - Election voting begins
- 7:15 **Community Presentation:** High School Internship and Community Grant Program
Mr. Adrian Washington, CEO, Anacostia Waterfront Corporation
- 7:20 Commissioner's Single Member District reports (*2 minutes each*)
- 7:30 **Officer Reports:**
1. Chair
 2. Vice-Chair
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer (*5 minutes*)
 - A. Approve monthly treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements
 - B. Approve quarterly report for the 1st Quarter of FY 2006 (Oct – Dec 2005)
 - C. Approve revised 4th Quarter report for FY 2005 – omission of \$3.00 bank charge
 - D. Approve monthly photocopying expenses
- 7:35 **Standing Committee Reports:**
1. Alcohol Beverage Licensing (*15 minutes*)
 - A. *ABC Amendments for: (1) Beehive, (2) Granville Moore's, (3) Olympic, (4) The Pug, (5) Rock and Roll Hotel, (6) Showbar
 - B. *ABC Amendments for: Parks Economy Mart and China House
 - C. Submit letter of recommendations regarding ABC procedures related to a protest of a licensee or applicant.
 - D. *Accept Committee Report.
 2. Economic Development and Zoning (*5 minutes*)
 - A. *311 9th Street, NE (HPA 06-077). Recommendation: No objection.
 - B. *702-706 17th Street, NE (BZA 17435). Recommendation: Support with conditions.
 - C. *701 10th Street, NE – Public Space Application. Recommendation: Oppose/Deny.
 - D. *Committee membership.
 - D. *Accept Committee Report.
 3. Community Outreach (*1 minute*)
 - A. *Accept Committee Report.
 4. Public Safety (*3 minutes*)
 - A. Request members from unrepresented Single Member Districts.
 - B. *Committee membership.
 - B. *Accept Committee Report.
 5. Schools and Libraries Committee (*10 minutes*)
 - A. RL Christian Library Site Recommendations:
 - a. Library should be large as possible – 4,000 to 7,000 square feet
 - b. Support allocation of funds necessary to complete project



- c. Housing incorporation into project:
 - i. Only to extent financially necessary
 - ii. Or to the extent more library space is impossible
 - iii. Any housing should be affordable housing to extent possible
 - d. Legal agreements should be executed between NCRC/District to ensure facility
 - e. NCRC develop a plan that considers all uses of the site – including housing
 - f. Library should be a freestanding library
- B. *Accept Committee Report.
6. Transportation Committee (*5 minutes*)
- A. *Approve committee members
 - B. Update and announcement of first meeting.

8:10 Opening Comments by Councilmember Ambrose

8:15 **Commission Discussion of Key Issues with Councilmember Ambrose:**

- Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (*15 minutes*) – *Lead Rice*
 - Charter school development in zone R4
 - Fast-food versus restaurant in zone C2A
 - Expanding non-conforming uses in zone R4
 - Inspector / permit review training
 - Enforcement compliance on rental properties

8:30 **Announcement: Election voting ends** – those in line will be allowed to cast ballot.

8:31 **Continue Commission Discussion of Key Issues with Councilmember Ambrose:**

- Lovejoy Park (*5 minutes*) – *Lead Beatty*
- Police substation on H Street (*3 minutes*) – *Lead Fengler*
- Single sales moratorium on H Street (*5 minutes*) – *Lead Beatty*
- Amendment to clarify noise ordinance (*3 minutes*) – *Lead Fengler*
- School facilities bill (*5 minutes*) – *Lead Borbely*

8:55 **Announcement: Election Results**

Councilmember Ambrose Swears in New Commissioner for ANC 6A-01

9:00 **Unfinished Business**

- 1. None.

9:01 **New Business**

- 1. Discussion of 2006 Commission Goals.

9:15 Discussion of any items “passed over” from Standing Committee Reports

9:25 Community comments – Round 2 (if time permits)

9:30 Adjourn

Time limits in parenthesis are for notional planning to ensure we complete all required business within two hours



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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Miner Elementary School**

Draft Minutes
January 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Beatty, Borbely, Fengler, and Rice

Absent: Commissioners Ibangha and Mack

1. Approval of agenda

Mr. Fengler asked to add one item to New Business: A discussion of Bird Land and Four Sisters. There was no objection, and the agenda was approved without objection.

2. Minutes

The minutes, with two corrections—the addition of the quarterly report to the Treasurer’s Report, and an addition to the policy for the appearance of candidates stating that it will be enforced-- were moved by Mr. Fengler and approved without objection.

2. Community Comment

Ken Granata announced that there would be a meeting of the Capitol Hill Transportation Study task force on January 24th from 5-8 pm, at the Old Naval Hospital, 912 Pennsylvania Avenue SE.

Julius Johnson, who has a storefront children’s center at 18th and D Streets NE, said that he is looking for volunteers for his after school program, from 3-8 pm. He announced a fundraiser for January 13th, with an auction, from 8 pm to midnight. He also announced that he is running for the vacant ANC 6A01 seat.

3. Election of Officers

Mr. Fengler announced the election of officers for 2006.

Chair: Mr. Alberti nominated Joe Fengler. The nomination was seconded by Mary Beatty. Mr. Fengler was elected without objection.

Vice Chair: Ms. Beatty nominated Cody Rice, who declined the nomination. Mr. Borbely nominated Mfon Ibangha. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Fengler. Mr. Borbely said that while Mr. Ibangha was out for health reasons, he represents the community well. Mr. Ibangha was elected without objection.

Mr. Fengler said that Mr. Ibangha would return in March. He is having therapy for what was serious heart surgery.

Secretary: Mr. Alberti nominated Marc Borbely. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Beatty. Mr. Borbely was elected without objection.



Treasurer: Ms. Beatty nominated Nick Alberti. His nomination was seconded by Marc Borbely. Mr. Alberti was elected without objection.

4. Committee Changes

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that the Schools Committee be expanded to include Libraries. Mr. Fengler mentioned that there will be a lot of activity with local libraries in the coming months, especially with the R.L. Christian Library, and it would be good if there were an ANC committee responsible for libraries. Mr. Borbely said he supported the change. The motion passed without objection

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC establish a Transportation Committee. He said that the Economic Development and Zoning Committee would continue to have a large workload, and there were a great number of transportation issues—H Street, the Starburst, the Transportation Study, and having a Transportation Committee would position the ANC well on a host of issues. Ms. Beatty wanted to emphasize that it would be a temporary committee, and suggested that it meet quarterly. She offered that as an amendment to the original motion. The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Rice said among the issues the committee could work on were the H Street streetscape, residential parking, car sharing spaces, public space permits, traffic studies, traffic calming, and traffic lights. Mr. Fengler mentioned that certain things, such as public space permits and phone booths had 30-day deadlines, and he and Mr. Borbely suggested that there might be a need for monthly meetings. Mr. Rice suggested that committees decide their priorities in January, and figure out what their workload will be. The motion was accepted without objection.

5. Committee Elections

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing: Mary Beatty was nominated for Chair by Mr. Borbely. Her nomination was seconded by Mr. Rice, and accepted without objection.

Economic Development and Zoning: Ms. Beatty nominated Cody Rice for Chair. His nomination was seconded by Mr. Alberti, and accepted without objection.

Community Outreach: Mr. Fengler nominated Elizabeth Nelson for Chair. Her nomination was seconded by Cody Rice, and accepted without objection.

Public Safety: Mr. Fengler nominated Stephanie Nixon for Chair. Her nomination was seconded by Mr. Alberti. Mark Laisch said that there are real challenges in the committee's work, and that Ms. Nixon is energetic and can do the job. Mr. Borbely agreed. Mr. Fengler said that the committee should interact with both PSA 102 and 103, and said the committee should be looking at legislative fixes for things like the noise ordinance. Ms. Nixon said the Committee should be supplemental to MPD, which is understaffed, and it should draft legislation. Her nomination was accepted without objection.

Schools and Libraries: Cody Rice nominated Marc Borbely for Chair. His nomination was seconded by Ms. Beatty. Mr. Borbely asked that he and Mr. Ibangha be co-chairs, and the two nominations were accepted without objection.

Transportation: Mr. Fengler nominated Dea Varsovzsky for Chair. Her nomination was seconded by Mr. Alberti, and accepted without objection.



Mr. Fengler expressed his pleasure that several of the Committee Chairs are not members of the Commission, and that the ANC is fortunate to have active volunteers.

6. Committee Nominations

The following people were nominated to be members of Committees:

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing: Ms. Beatty announced that Patty Neal had submitted a letter of resignation, and nominated the following people: Malcolm Ross (6A01); Tish Olshefski (6A02); Tim Carney (6A02); Lyndon Bonaparte (6A02); Michael Hermann (6A05); Tolu Tolu (6A06). The nominations were accepted without objection.

Economic Development and Zoning: Mr. Rice nominated the following people: Jeff Fletcher; Virginia Gaddis; Rick Luna; Drew Ronneberg; Vanessa Ruffin—Colbert; Bill Schultheiss; Mary Spencer; and Linda Whitted. The nominations were accepted without objection.

Community Outreach: Ms. Nelson nominated the following people: Rosetta Williams, Louis Barbash, Marissa Irwin, Barbara Anderson. The nominations were accepted without objection.

Public Safety: Ms. Nixon nominated the following people: Mark Laisch; Mike Seneco; Raphael Marshall. The nominations were accepted without objection.

Schools and Libraries: Mr. Borbely nominated the following people: Audra LeBlanc; Brenda Artis; Andre Taylor and Rich Carlson. The nominations were accepted without objection.

Transportation: Mr. Fengler said that the committee members would be nominated at the February meeting.

7. SMD Reports

Commissioner Borbely reported that with the help of 19 neighbors, the ABC Board rejected the application of the HaHu Grocery for a liquor license because it is within 400' of a school. He also announced that there is overwhelming opposition among his constituents for giving a permit to a public phone booth at 1400 Maryland Avenue

Commissioner Beatty announced that the permitting process for Lovejoy Park is still not complete, because the storm water management application has to be resubmitted. She said she is following up on the issue.

Commissioner Rice announced that 8th Street will be repaved between Pennsylvania Avenue SE and Florida Avenue NE, and that DDOT is having a meeting to discuss timetables and staging at the Northeast Library on January 18th at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Fengler reported that threatened action by DCRA on the project at 1124 E Street has had the unintended consequence of causing the builders to work harder and faster to complete the project before a BZA hearing scheduled for May.



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- He mentioned that he would pass along to the Economic Development and Zoning Committee a request from residents at 791 19th Street NE, across the street from the Sherwood Rec Center, to add a driveway to the property.
- He reported that he has learned that DDOT has committed the funds for the streetcar tracks on H Street.
- He mentioned his frustration with DCRA's failure to communicate about the Certificate of Occupancy process with two more establishments, Bird Land and Four Sisters.
- He raised the issue of a loophole in the noise ordinance that is has to be fixed by Councilmember Graham's committee, and it is frustrating because everyone is pointing fingers at everyone else, and nothing is being resolved.
- Finally, he said that the Linden/Wylie MAP group would meet on February 9th, one hour before the ANC meeting.

9. Officer's Reports

Chair

Mr. Fengler suggested that the Committees, at their first meeting of the year, adopt two to four goals for the next year that can be used as a roadmap for Committee activity.

Treasurer

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. The report shows that the opening checking account balance was \$1,143.50, and that the savings account balance was \$4,146.31.

Motions: Mr. Alberti moved that checks for the following amounts be approved individually: \$135 to Roberta Weiner for transcribing the ANC's minutes (Check #1265), \$323.58 to Kinko's (Check #1264) for copies, \$550 to Friends of the Northeast Library for a grant (Check #1266); \$400 to Maury Elementary School for a grant (Check #1267); and \$198 to Capitol Community News for a Fagon Guide ad (Check #1268) The motions were approved without objection, leaving a checking account balance of \$11,536.92, and a saving account balance of \$4,147.87.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Mr. Fengler and approved without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved that \$25 be approved for ANC 6A's participation in the ANC Security Fund. The motion was approved without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved that \$600 be approved for copying for ANC materials, and that up to \$60 be approved for copying each Committee's materials and each SMD's materials for the next month. The motion was accepted without objection.

10. Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing



Ms. Beatty reported on outstanding license renewals. She has met with people at China House, who are reviewing the voluntary agreement. They have installed a security camera, but their beer sales are almost all singles. The Park Economy Mart ABC hearing has been postponed until January 25th, and she plans to meet with them prior to the hearing. They are attempting to correct community concerns, such as putting the correct name on their sign, and the community was less willing to continue with the protest.

She raised the concern about a new problem with the Englert voluntary agreements. After filing the agreements with ABRA, another group has filed a protest, separately from the ANC. Now ABRA wants to combine the two voluntary agreements, and the ANC has been cut out of any discussion ABRA is having with the protesters. Mr. Fengler reminded the ANC that there had been six public meetings, at one of which there were at least 60 people. The Commission did due diligence, and now because another group has decided to protest, ABRA says it has to be “settled.” ABRA says that the parties should agree, but cuts the public out—they can’t demand an open process and then go behind closed doors. Mr. Alberti said he had spoken with ABRA’s counsel, and was told that if they have competing agreements, they try to bring them into accord. He discussed the changes they wanted in the ANC’s agreement, including: the definition of “intemperate habits” and a definition of loiterers. Mr. Fengler said he was sorry that Mr. Englert was facing these unnecessary problems. Mr. Alberti reiterated that the ANC should have been brought in early to negotiate with the other group, and expressed his concern that the other group is not subject to sunshine laws in the way the ANC is.

Stephanie Nixon mentioned that she was concerned about the Park Market protest, and what recourse there was if there were problems. Ms Beatty said that the ANC’s role in enforcing voluntary agreements is to make phone calls to licensees that are in violation of the agreement, and if they continue with their bad behavior, notify ABRA.

She said that the H Street Moratorium Task Force would be meeting at the end of the month.

Motion: Ms. Beatty moved acceptance of her committee report, which was done without objection.

Economic Development and Zoning

Mr. Rice reported that he had run into ANC 6C Commissioner Mike Sherman, who now chairs a 6C Committee, and there are good prospects for them to work together on projects on H Street, like the moratorium, transportation, an H Street BID, and he hoped to take advantage of that. He said that the Zoning Commission had approved a set-down on the Medlink downzoning application, and that 6C was running with that.

He reported that the Zoning commission has adopted the H Street Commercial Overlay, changing the zoning to be supportive of retail and small business. They are adding review requirements that DCRA will have to look into. Mr. Fengler reviewed that plan, which has four segments, and spoke about how the light rail will be an impetus to getting rid of parking restrictions on H Street. He pointed out that it was a four-year process, but it has finally been approved. Mr. Rice pointed out that one of the components is Inclusionary zoning and affordable housing, and this is an issue in which the ANC will stay engaged. Vanessa Ruffin said that it was important to stick to the design guidelines and the ANC should look at mechanisms for enforcement.



Community Outreach

Elizabeth Nelson reported that the Hill Rag and Fagon Guide ads have been taken care of, and that the ANC ad would have preferred placement in the Voice of the Hill.

Public Safety Committee

Stephanie Nixon discussed the public crime forum she is planning. It will be a two-step event, beginning with a “meet and greet” for local residents, such as the Rosedale Citizens’ Alliance, and local elected and public safety officials, on February 2nd and she would like a letter of support for the event. This will be followed by a forum on public safety issues.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC run an ad for the Public Safety Committee meet and greet. There was no second. Mr. Alberti said that the meeting needed a more focused discussion about the goal of the meeting. Ms. Beatty said that she thinks the second meeting is more important than the first. **Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved that the ANC run an ad for the second meeting, and write a letter of support for the first meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Alberti, who said that it should be joined with a PSA 103 meeting, which gets about 30 people, and leaders and aides will come and see that people care. Mr. Rice said he would vote for the motion because the ANC had run an ad for PSA 102, and doing one for PSA 103 is only fair. The second meeting will be a community meeting and the ANC will have a role to play, which can be solidified at the next ANC meeting. The motion passed without objection.

Schools Committee

Mr. Borbely reported that 30-35 people attended a meeting at Eastern High School, and learned that, contrary to rumors, the school will not be closed nor be given over to private management. The plan is to keep the school open and possibly institute a Law Academy or a health specialty. Apparently, a No Child Left Behind requirement that tutoring be provided at the school is not being met. **New Business**

Election Procedures

Mr. Fengler announced that there are two candidates for the vacant ANC seat, Rafael Marshall and Julius Johnson. There also may be a third candidate, John Sigmon. The election will take place during the February ANC meeting. Candidates will be allowed to campaign outside the front door and outside the meeting room. Gottlieb Simon will oversee the election. Mr. Simon drew names from a hat for their order on the ballot. The order will be Simon, Marshall, Johnson.

In answer to a question about publicity for the election, the ANC was told that the Board of Election had done a mailing to those in the affected SMD, and Mr. Borbely said that he had posted a flyer on lampposts throughout the SMD.

Pay Phone at 14th and Maryland Avenue NE

Motion: Mr. Borbely moved that the ANC send a letter to the Public Space Office objecting to the placement of a pay phone at 14th Street and Maryland Avenue NE, on the ground that it is a



dark area, and not a commercial zone—the location is an empty lot. The motion was approved without objection.

501 10th Street NE

Motion: Mr. Borbely moved that a letter be sent to DCRA about conditions at 501 12th Street NE, where the building has had a broken lock for over a year, and there has been no enforcement of DCRA regulations. The motion was approved without objection.

Bird Land/Four Sisters

Mr. Fengler raised the issue that DCRA has failed to provide information regarding another fast food issue—this time on Bird Land and Four Sisters, establishments that he said are fast food establishments parading as restaurants. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved to file an appeal of the C of O. He said that he would like to appeal the Certificate of Occupancy in order to make DCRA responsive. Mr. Borbely expressed reservations. Mr. Fengler responded that he's been attempting to get information on C of O proceedings from DCRA for six months, and this is the only way he can get a response. Mr. Borbely asked whether there was time to put this off to the February ANC meeting, so the owner and DCRA could appear or respond. Mr. Fengler said yes. The motion passed 4-1, with Mr. Borbely voting in opposition.

Pay Phone at 700 H Street NE

Mr. Rice reported that he had just received an application for a pay phone at 700 H Street (in 6A01). **Motion:** Mr. Rice moved that the ANC write a letter to the Public Space office requesting a continuance on the application so that the ANC can consider it at its February meeting, after an ANC 6A01 commissioner has been elected. The motion passed without objection.

5. Audience Comment

Vanessa Ruffin expressed her concerns about standing waste water and trash in the H Street corridor.

Raphael Marshall expressed his pleasure that Stephanie Nixon is taking over the Public Safety Committee, saying he is compelled to step down because he wants to focus his attention on his own SMD.

Julius Johnson said that Vincent Orange, whom he has not endorsed, is coming to speak at his nonprofit, and he is asking all the candidates to come and speak. His space is at 409 18th Street NE.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



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January 23, 2006

Chief Charles Ramsey
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Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
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Ms. Diane Lucas
United States Attorney's Office
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Mr. Edward D. Reiskin,
Deputy Mayor for Public Safety,
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Chief Ramsey, Councilmember Ambrose, Attorney Lucas, and Deputy Mayor Reiskin:

Our Commission is invites you to attend a crime forum to address the serious and dangerous situation in the area ranging from 14th and 21st Streets NE between C Street NE and Benning Road /H Street corridor. Hopefully, you have been following the surge of violence - specifically, the multiple shootings taking place on our streets. Although efforts have been made (i.e., Operation Fight Back) toward securing peace in this area, the violence continues. This is a dangerous situation with citizens being physically threatened if they work with the police.

Police Service Area 103 (PSA 103) has been working hard to try and solve this problem with the Metropolitan Police Department. The First District, led by Commander Groomes, has assisted PSA 103 to develop and implement a plan in November of last year. While we have a working plan, our community would like to discuss specific strategies to combat the individuals who are infecting our neighborhood with fear and violence.

Our Commission supports the request for a violent crimes public forum. It is clear that we need all available government resources to halt this violent drug-related activity. Our Commission's Public Safety Committee Chair, Ms. Stephanie Nixon, will be contacting your respective office's to coordinate a date and time for this forum in the late Spring or early Summer. In the interim, we would like to invite representatives from your staffs to attend a planning session on *Partnerships for Problem Solving with Civic Leaders* at the February 8, 2006, PSA 103 meeting at Miner Elementary School at 7:00pm.

Respectfully,
Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6a

cc:

Commander Diane Groomes
Lieutenant Renato Caldwell

Councilmember Phil Mendelson
Councilmember Vincent Gray



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Peter Jones, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Kingman Park Civic Association
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ANC 7D01 Commissioner, Veronica Raglin
Rosedale Citizens Alliance

Streetcar tracks are coming to H Street NE!

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has informed ANC 6A that the streetcar tracks are under design and will be installed with the H Street NE Streetscape Project. The installation of the streetcar tracks will link Minnesota Avenue and Union Station metro stations as well as connect the communities both east and west of the Anacostia River. In addition, as H Street and Minnesota Avenue business develops, the use of a streetcar will decrease traffic and the demand for parking.

The existing Metro bus usage on the X2 line (Benning Road and H Street line) has one the highest average weekday usage in the city – 16,333. Accounting for the X1 line that also uses H Street NE, the daily average exceeds 20,000 riders. This clearly indicates that our combined communities will be able to maximize the city's streetcar investment. In addition, it would complete the first east/west public transit corridor in our city. The Georgetown/Crosstown to Minnesota Avenue metro is already being partially served by the DC Circulator Bus - from Union Station to Georgetown. The streetcar from Union Station to Minnesota Avenue would complete this corridor.

The H Street NE Streetscape will be the first funded initiative under the Great Streets Initiative. The project is a \$20 to \$23 million investment in the one and a quarter mile H Street NE retail and residential corridor on Capitol Hill. DDOT will be soliciting bids for construction this late spring / early summer with the start of construction slated for fall of this year. The H Street NE Streetscape project is a direct result of the Office of Planning's H Street NE Reutilization Plan and DDOT's H Street NE Corridor Transportation Study.

The request to include the streetcar tracks was spearheaded by five Advisory Neighborhood Commissions the past fall – ANC 5B, 6A, 6C, 7A, and 7D – and actively championed by Councilmember Ambrose. The goal of this effort was to encourage the city to “measure once and cut twice” with regard to comprehensive street revitalization programs. There are three pending projects - H Street NE Streetscape, Benning Road/H Street Starburst Plaza and the Benning Road Refurbishment – totaling over an estimated \$42 million slated to start next year. The idea of then returning a few years later to install the streetcar tracks over these newly improved streets was untenable as it would adversely impact the business on this corridor.

In anticipation of the H Street NE Streetscape project, ANC 6A has formed a Transportation Committee and selected Ms. Dea Varsovczky to serve as chair. The Transportation Committee will be working with DDOT over the next year to coordinate input and formulate recommendations to ANC 6A on H Street transportation construction issues. If you are a resident of ANC 6A and wish to serve as a committee member, please contact our Commission. To determine if you are a resident of our Commission, visit our website at www.anc6a.org. If you don't live in ANC 6A, please contact:

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ANC Treasurer's Report January 2006

Period Covered: 01/01/05 - 01/31/05

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 11,536.92

Receipts:

District Allotments	\$	-
Interest Income	\$	-
Transfers from Saving Account	\$	-

Total Receipts \$ -

Total Funds Available \$ 11,536.92

Disbursements:

Bank Service Charge 9/30/05	\$	3.00
Back Service Charge 10/31/05	\$	3.00
Back Service Charge 11/30/05	\$	3.00
Back Service Charge 12/31/05	\$	3.00

The Current Newspaper (VOH Ads for 2006 Jan-Dec)	Ck #1269	\$	1,989.00
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Nicholas Alberti (ANC Postage)	Ck #1270	\$	22.80
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Pocket Nurse Enterprises Inc. (Grant Eastern HS PTSA)	Ck #1271	\$	1,387.94
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Roberta Weiner (Dec Minutes)	Ck #1272	\$	125.00
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ANC Security Fund	Ck #1273	\$	25.00
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Total Disbursements \$ 3,561.74

Ending Balance \$ 7,975.18

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 4,147.67

Receipts:

Interest 12/30/05	\$	1.41
Transfers from Checking Account	\$	-

Total Receipts \$ 1.41

Total Funds Available \$ 4,149.08

Disbursements:

Total Disbursements \$ -

Ending Balance \$ 4,149.08



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Quarterly Report Period Covered 010/01/05 - 12/31/05 ANC6A

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements: Checking Account

Balance Forwarded			\$ 14,495.78
Receipts:			
District Allotments 4th Quarter	\$	-	
Interest Income	\$	-	
Other Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers from Saving Accounts	\$	-	
Total Receipts			\$ -
Total Funds Available			\$ 14,495.78
Disbursements:			
1. Net Salary and Wages	\$	-	
2. Workers Compensation	\$	-	
3. Insurance:			
4. A. Health	\$	-	
5. B. Casualty/Property	\$	-	
6. Total Federal Wages Taxes	\$	-	
7. Tax Penalties	\$	-	
8. Local Transportation	\$	-	
9. Office Rent	\$	-	
10. Telephone Services	\$	-	
11. Postage and Delivery	\$	-	
12. Utilities	\$	-	
13. Printing and Copying	\$	1,428.86	
14. Flyer Distribution	\$	-	
15. Purchase of Service	\$	583.00	
16. Office Supplies	\$	-	
17. Office Equipment			
A. Rental	\$	-	
B. Purchase	\$	-	
18. Grants	\$	950.00	
19. Training	\$	-	
20. Petty Cash Reimbursement	\$	-	
21. Transfers to Saving Account	\$	-	
22. Bank Charges	\$	9.00	
23. Other	\$	-	
Total Disbursements			\$ 2,970.86
Ending Balance:			\$ 11,524.92



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Summary of Receipts and Disbursements: Savings Account

Balance Forwarded		\$ 4,144.90
Receipts:		
Transfers From Checking Account	\$	-
Other (Interest Earnings, etc.)	\$	4.18
Total Receipts		\$ 4.18
Total Funds Available		\$ 4,149.08
Disbursements:		
Transfers to Checking Account	\$	-
Other	\$	-
Total Disbursements		\$ -
Ending Balance:		\$ 4,149.08

CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT DEPOSITS		
Deposits to Checking Account (Including transfers from savings account)		
Date	Amount	Source
Deposits to Savings Account (Including transfers from checking account)		
Date	Amount	Source
10/31/05	\$ 1.41	Interest
11/30/05	\$ 1.36	Interest
12/30/06	\$ 1.41	Interest
Total	\$ 4.18	



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Listing of Checks

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Expense Category	Purpose of Expenditure	Date Approved
1261	10/13/05	Roberta Weiner	\$ 125.00	15	Minutes ANC Meeting 7/14/05	10/14/04
1262	11/08/05	Kinko's Inc.	\$ 1,105.28	13	Photocopying - Sept. '05 Statement	07/14/05 & 09/08/05
1263	11/10/05	Roberta Weiner	\$ 125.00	15	Minutes ANC Meeting 10/14/05	10/14/04
1264	12/08/05	Kinko's Inc.	\$ 323.58	13	Photocopying - Cct. '05 Statement	02/10/05 & 09/08/05 & 10/13/05
1265	12/08/05	Roberta Weiner	\$ 135.00	15	Minutes ANC Meeting 11/10/05	10/14/04
1266	12/18/05	Friends of North East Library	\$ 550.00	18	Grant	12/08/05
1267	12/18/05	Maury Elem. PTSA	\$ 400.00	18	Grant	12/08/05
1268	12/30/05	Capitol Community News	\$ 198.00	15	Ad - Fagon Guide	12/08/05
	10/31/05	Bank Service Charge	\$ 3.00			
	11/30/05	Bank Service Charge	\$ 3.00			
	12/30/05	Bank Service Charge	\$ 3.00			
Total			\$ 2,970.86			



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REPORT OF THE ABL COMMITTEE

Alcohol Beverage License Committee
ANC 6A
January 17, 2005
Sherwood Recreation Center

Committee Members Present:

Mary Beatty (Chair)
Tim Carney
Michael Herman
Tolu Tolu

Committee Members Absent: Malcolm Ross, Lyndon Bonaparte, Tish Olshefski

Meeting called to order at 7:05 am.

Community Members: None

- I) Acceptance of Agenda. No changes made to the agenda as published. Mary Beatty asked for objections. None. Agenda approved.
- 1) Acceptance of Minutes. Mary Beatty asked for objections to accepting the minutes of the December 20, 2005 meeting. None. Minutes Approved.

II) Community comments. None.

III) Updates of ANC6A Actions

Chair Beatty updated the Committee on matters considered by the ABL Committee at prior meetings. She noted that the Park Economy Mart protest Roll Call hearing which was originally scheduled for December 28 had been postponed until January 25. She plans to attend this hearing to represent the ANC.

Ms. Beatty then reported that she had met with China House to explain the ANC's voluntary agreement. The owners were quite anxious to work with the ANC, and had already taken steps to disperse the young people who constantly loiter in and around their store, had installed a camera, and had begun cleaning around the store. After the owners have a chance to have the agreement translated, we will begin negotiations.

Ms. Beatty also reported progress on the H Street Singles Moratorium, indicating that the Task Force would meet with Doug Fierberg on January 27 in order to finalize certain aspects of planning.

The committee unanimously adopted the following ABL Committee Goals for 2006:

- 1) Garner active support for singles moratorium among area businesses, churches, schools, MPD, and neighborhood associations
- 2) File and successfully represent ANC6a before ABRA on singles moratorium
- 3) Strive to have Voluntary Agreements signed with liquor licensees in ANC6a as they come up for renewal.



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4) Establish reward program for liquor licensees that sign ANC6a voluntary agreement, with special recognition for those who sign singles provision.

5) Manage protests of liquor licenses within ANC6a

6) Work with ANC6a Public Safety Committee to recommend and pursue legislative solutions for public safety concerns around stores selling beer or liquor.

Following adoption of the goals then engaged in a lengthy discussion of the current ABRA process for protesting a license and how that impacts “standing” and negotiation of VA’s when multiple parties are interested in an application or renewal of license.

This discussion was merged with a discussion of the recently requested amendments to ANC6a’s voluntary agreement with Joe Englert with regard to applications for Rock and Roll, Granville Moore, Beehive, and the Pug. ABRA legal counsel has requested that the ANC revise their VA with these establishments to remove language defining a person of “intemperate habits” and has recommended that we drop language which requires that the licensee ask loiterers to “move on”, and in another section requires the licensee to call the police if the loiterers do not disperse.

On the first matter, there was general agreement that the process could be improved so that an ANC is not forced to protest in order to have standing in a license hearing. It was suggested that ABRA should amend law or regulation to allow an ANC standing upon submission of a fully executed VA. This would allow the ANC the opportunity to be present at mediations between other protestants and the licensee. Further, options to discourage nuisance protests were considered, including raising the number of signature needed from 5 to 25, and charging a filing fee for any group of 25 other than an ANC. It was agreed that Chair Beatty should draft a letter with these suggestions for signature by ANC Chair Joe Fengler. (Draft Attached)

Regarding the amendments to our VA there was general agreement that we should eliminate our definition of “intemperate habits”. Since there is no definition in DC law, committee members stated that the VA’s definition seemed arbitrary and difficult to enforce. Regarding removing language related to loiterers there were differing views. Ms. Tolu expressed a strong belief that the language violated civil rights since loitering laws had traditionally targeted black residents. Others felt that having the “move on” clause in the agreement was an important element of discouraging illegal activity outside of stores including open containers and drug-dealing. The committee agreed that we should seek some sort of compromise and that Chair Beatty should speak to legal counsel at ABRA to determine what type of compromise would be acceptable.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Minutes submitted by Mary Beatty in absence of Committee Secretary, Tish Olshefski



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DRAFT

Dear Chairman Burger,

ANC6A applauds the conscientious work by ABRA to perform the agency's regulatory responsibilities for the District of Columbia. Under your leadership there has been a marked improvement in the delivery of agency services to the community and the ANC's that represent them. ANC 6A appreciates these improvements and, in that spirit, write to recommend process changes that we believe will increase efficiency and fairness within the liquor license renewal and application process.

Our concerns involve the protest process in a license renewal or application and the rules for "standing". Specifically, the ANC is concerned that "standing" in a license renewal or application is predicated upon a protest before ABRA. Our ANC takes extraordinary steps to insure that the community has ample opportunity to comment on all renewals and applications. In some instances, the community is very concerned about specific operational matters of a licensee (trash removal, noise control, etc.) but has no desire to negatively impact the licensee or applicant's business. In fact, the ABL committee may hear very positive comments regarding applicants.

Under these circumstances, a protest by the ANC would be inappropriate, as it in no way represents the community input. However, under ABRA's current process, unless we protest, we are unable to provide input on the license or on others protests, since we have no standing. Further, since the requirement for a protest is so open, nuisance protests are very easy to launch. This provides a group of five protestants greater influence over the licensing process than the ANC who may have spent months soliciting input and negotiating directly with the applicant or licensee on specific community concerns.

In order to remedy these problems, we suggest the following:

- 1) If an ANC or other properly certified group negotiates a voluntary agreement with a liquor licensee/applicant, and that licensee/applicant is protested, the group which has submitted a properly authorized signed VA is granted standing in all hearings and mediation related to that applicant.
- 2) In order to discourage nuisance protests, the number of signatures to petition a protest should be increased from five to twenty-five.
- 3) A protest filing fee should be instituted for groups other than ANC's or abutting neighbors. Neighborhood associations should demonstrate the sincerity of their concerns by filing a fee (perhaps between \$25 and \$50) since they will be using DC government resources and therefore taxpayer money to pursue a lengthy protest.
- 4) ANC's hold public hearings to seek community input. All other protestants should demonstrate the same open process for seeking input from those who sign a protest petition. There should be a demonstration of an announcement of meeting of those who have signed the petition prior to the Roll Call hearing.

Again, thank you and the other members of the Board for soliciting improvements to ABRA's procedures. We hope that our recommendations will be given serious consideration and that we can work with you to implement reforms in the protest process.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Fengler, Chair ANC6A



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**REPORT OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING COMMITTEE
OF ANC 6A
January 31, 2006**

Present: Commissioner Cody Rice; Resident Members Jeff Fletcher, Virginia Gaddis, Rich Luna, Drew Ronneberg, Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert, and Linda Whitted.

Commissioner Rice chaired the meeting.

HPA 06-077: 311 9th Street NE

The committee heard a presentation by Ryan Loughlin, a developer who has submitted plans to the Historic Preservation Review Board for a rear addition to this property. According to a letter submitted by Mr. Loughlin, he plans to repair and restore the front exterior of the building in a historically appropriate style. According to Mr. Loughlin, the building dates to the 1840s. Front windows will be replaced with 1 over 1 wood windows and the front door will be replaced based on input from the Historic Preservation Office. The roof facing the front of the property has a steep slope and the metal roofing will be repaired or replaced in kind.

The existing house is two stories with basement and approximately 25' deep. It is attached to a paired structure at 313 9th Street NE. The two properties are detached from the row houses on either side. The proposed two-story rear addition will extend 22' with an 8' porch on the first floor. As required by zoning, the south side of the addition will be set back 6 feet from the property line to extend an existing 3'9" passageway. The depth of the addition will be roughly equal to the depth of the dwelling on the south side. On the north side, the addition will create a lot line wall on the northern property line. The depth of the addition will be roughly 17' beyond the depth of the dwelling on the north side.

The committee discussed the potential impact on 313 9th Street NE, which would be faced by a two-story wall on the lot line extending 17'. As a lot line wall (that could potentially become a party wall if an addition were added to 313 9th Street NE), it is not possible to add windows or other features. On the next lot north, 315 9th Street NE appears to extend just slightly past the rear of 313 9th Street NE. There is also a passageway that is slightly wider than the passageway on the south side. Even with the extension, 311 9th Street NE would still be below the 60 percent lot occupancy allowed in the R-4 zone. Mr. Loughlin said he had spoken with the owner of 313 9th Street NE who did not express any concerns to him and noted that she was putting her house on the market soon.

Recommendation: 1) That the ANC send a "no objection" letter to HPRB regarding the proposed rear addition pending any additional input from affected neighbors and 2) That the ANC ask HPRB to consider the possible impact of the rear addition on 313 9th Street NE.



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BZA 17435: 702-706 17th Street NE

The committee heard from Chris Gamblin of Gamblin & Sons Hauling, an applicant for a zoning use variance to allow a commercial trash and construction company having an outdoor yard for truck parking in the R-4 District. Mr. Gamblin had previously come to the ANC in October 2004 asking for a public space permit. At that time, the ANC wrote to the Department of Transportation asking for clarification on the status of the Certificate of Occupancy and any required zoning relief with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. Mr. Gamblin was informed that he needed to obtain a use variance and he now has a hearing scheduled in March with the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

The property which is the subject of this application is located on the west side of 17th Street between Gales Street NE and an east-west public alley, one-half block south of Benning Road NE. The subject square, extending from Benning Road to Gales Street NE, is split-zoned C-M-1 and R-4. The northern half of the subject square facing Benning Road is zoned C-M-1 and is developed with a medical building, a laundromat and other small businesses. The southern portion of the square facing Gales Street forms the boundary between the C-M-1 and R-4 Districts. The general character of the area is mixed commercial/residential, consisting of small businesses, churches, parking lots, rowhouses, and apartments. The subject property is located on the southwestern corner of the intersection of the public alley and 17th Street NE. The alley provides access to garages and parking spaces for the rowhouses located to the south and the Benning Road businesses located to the north. The subject site is generally rectangular in shape with a width of approximately 37 feet and an average length of approximately 126 feet. It appears that at some point two of the residential properties on Gales Street were subdivided to create this lot.

Mr. Gamblin is operating a trash hauling and construction business from this leased property. The property is currently surrounded by a chain link fence with screening slats. There are 4 banner signs advertising the business. The property has been graded with gravel. There is a trailer for the office and a tool shed. Mr. Gamblin parks a pick-up truck, a 6-wheel dump truck, a roll-off truck, and a Bobcat on the property. No trash or debris is brought to the site, although barrels used for collection are also stored on the site. The site is accessed from the alley.

The committee discussed the practical difficulties of using the property in a zoned use. Given the width, depth, and configuration of the property, it would be difficult to build a conforming residential use on the site. This would appear to be mainly a result of the past subdivision of the residential lots. The site is in a boundary area that faces commercial uses (mainly parking lots) on two sides and residential uses on two sides (the back of a dwelling and a rear yard). Given the lack of opposition to the application and the lack of permanent construction associated with the use variance that might limit the possibility of a more appropriate use in the future, the committee discussed whether certain conditions could be placed that would limit the potential for spillover effects on the nearby residential properties. Mr. Gamblin agreed that the recommended conditions were reasonable.

Recommendations: That the ANC support the use variance subject to the following conditions: 1) Approval shall be for a period of five years; 2) The hours of operation shall be between 7 a.m. and 6



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p.m., Monday through Saturday; 3) All parts of the lot shall be kept free of refuse and debris; 4) Landscaping shall be provided and shall be maintained in a healthy growing condition and in a neat and orderly appearance; 5) The site shall be secured after 6 p.m.; 6) A seven-foot high fence and evergreen screening shall be provided along the entire periphery of the site; 7) The lighting of the site shall be so arranged that all direct light is confined to the surface of the site.

Public Space Application: 701 10th Street NE

The committee discussed an application to use public space for driveway to allow access to 2 parking spaces at 701 10th Street NE. The curb cut and driveway would occupy a space 12' x 30', or 360 sq. ft. This property is under construction for 3 residential units in a new infill building on the corner of 10th and G Streets, NE.

The committee concluded that 1) the proposed curb cut would eliminate at least 1 existing public parking space in return for 2 private spaces, 2) traffic entering and exiting the proposed curb cut may create a safety risk for children going to and from the Sherwood Recreation Center, 3) the proposed curb cut would eliminate public green space (an existing tree was already taken out during construction), 4) the proposed curb cut would invite illegal parking on the public space (including the sidewalk it crosses). The committee also discussed that parking issue should have come to the ANC prior to construction of the new building. Since the new building has already been erected, it seems as there will be pressure to grant this application.

Recommendation: That the ANC oppose the Public Space application.

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

7-9 PM

900 G Street, NE

Community Room of the Capitol Hill Towers



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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Community Outreach Committee
Minutes for January 16, 2006**

The Committee convened at 7:15 PM, at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE.

Attending COC members: (quorum)

- Barbara Anderson
- Elizabeth Nelson (chair)
- Rose Williams

Absent COC members:

- Marissa Irwin (hospitalized)Louis
- Louis Barbash (death in family)

Community members present:

- Brit Wyckoff

I. Discussion of advertising copy

- The new version of the larger ad for *The Hill Rag* was completed and will run in the February issue.
- The ad for the *Fagon Guide* was completed. We were able to get Stephanie Nixon's contact information substituted for Raphael Marshall's just before publication. However, there wasn't sufficient time to redesign the ad to include the new Transportation Committee.
- We have been in contact with Bruce Robey at *The Voice of the Hill* to discuss ad placement and redesign of the ad. He has agreed to "preferred placement" of the ad within the part of the paper that covers ANC activities and upper right position (when possible). Elizabeth will make a mock-up of the ad in a revised format (similar to *The Rag*) that will make better use of the space and accommodate information for the Transportation Committee.

II. Goals for 2006

Work was begun on developing a list of committee goals for 2006. However, we did not feel it would be appropriate for us to attempt to could complete this task without input from all committee members. This topic will be on our agenda for the next meeting of the COC, February 13. Our draft list includes:

1. Recruitment of grant applicants / grant writing assistance / review of grant applications
2. Increasing public awareness, including press coverage, of ANC 6A activities, especially grant making activities.
3. Finalize advertising arrangements with *The Voice of the Hill* and update ad in *The Hill Rag*.
4. Improve and maintain the website.
5. Revise ANC 6A flyer to reflect election of new commissioner and changes/additions to the committees.

III. Update on Website

The Committees page has been updated to reflect recent changes. Contact information for Dea Varsovczky and a meeting schedule for her committee have not yet been provided. Further changes to both the Committees and Calendar pages will be necessary when those matters have been settled.



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 18, 2006 at Sherwood Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

Commissioners: Mary Beatty (6a05)

Resident Committee Members: Stephanie Nixon, Chair, Michael Seneco, and Mark Laisch

Committee Members Not Present: Raphael Marshall

Others: Residents from ANC6a05 and 02, and Alphonso Coles, MPD

Stephanie Nixon opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Follow-up about Maury Elementary School:

Ms. Nixon reported that the letter was sent. Michael Seneco noted that he lives in the area, arrives at home late in the evening and never has seen any illegal activity on the school grounds. There was agreement that the school fence situation needed to be improved.

Law Enforcement Resource Allocations: Commissioner Beatty noted that a resident from her district has raised issues related to the allocation of MPD resources and decisions to pursue convictions for criminal activity. She reported that she has communicated the concern to Commander Groomes and requested that the Committee look into these issues. Ms. Nixon stated that she has heard similar concerns. Mr. Seneco suggested that we request more information from MPD regarding arrests and resource distribution, as well as an explanation of and data regarding the papering decision process from the U.S. Attorney's office and the juvenile prosecutors for PSAs 102 and 103. The goal of this activity is to determine what action might be recommended that can improve the number and success rate of convictions for illegal activity.

Follow-up regarding Rosedale Citizens Alliance:

Ms. Nixon briefly explained the background regarding the Rosedale Citizens Alliance and their plans for their scheduled Meet and Greet and follow-up meeting. Mr. Laisch asked about the overall goal of these activities and whether an agenda has been developed for the meetings. Mr. Seneco suggested that the group engage in a detailed planning process to identify several key issues the group wants addressed, because they may only have one opportunity to meet with area leaders regarding these public safety issues. Mr. Seneco offered to assist Ms. Nixon in an effort to help the group. Ms. Nixon announced that the Rosedale Citizens Alliance initiative will be on the agenda of the next PSA 103 meeting as Partnerships for Problem Solving with Civic Leaders. The PSA meeting will take place February 8, 2006 at 7 pm at Miner Elementary School.

Mission and Goals of the Committee:

Mr. Laisch presented draft mission statement and goals. Commissioner Beatty stressed the importance of finding a focus for the Committee, separate from that of the PSA system and other organization, and encouraged the Committee to produce recommendations for the ANC. Mr. Seneco suggested changing goal 3 related to collaboration with the PSAs. The draft goals were approved, as amended, for recommendation to the ANC.



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Committee Membership:

Ms. Nixon stated that there will be possible addition to the Committee's membership next month and suggested action to increase representation from other parts of the ANC. Mr. Seneco offered to draft a letter to the ANC requesting additional members for the Committee. The Committee agreed that such a letter should be presented (see attached letter.)

Request for Action by the ANC:

1. Approval of draft Committee mission and goals.
2. Consideration of letter requesting members from unrepresented SMDs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Laisch.



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ANC 6A SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Miner Elementary School

January 25, 2006

1/26/06

Dear Neighbors,

We had a good turnout at last night's ANC 6A Schools & Libraries Committee meeting (more than 30 people signed in). Thanks, everyone who came and contributed.

As this project moves forward and plans are further refined, I expect there will be additional ANC-sponsored meetings, either of the Schools & Libraries Committee, the Economic Development & Zoning Committee, or jointly.

The National Capital Revitalization Corporation (Sanjay Grover and Don Pross) presented its initial conceptual plan for the development of the 10,800 square-foot site: library (4,000 sq ft); community space (360 square feet); retail (1,000 square feet); residential (24 rental units, of which at least 20% or hopefully at least 50% would be affordable); parking spaces (17). The library would be on the ground floor, possibly along the 13th street side of the property, with residential above; retail and parking would be on the side.

NCRC's representatives made clear they are in the very early stages of planning for the site and were at the meeting to hear comments on their initial conceptual plan. (Mr. Grover told me before the meeting he expected NCRC's plans to change during the meeting.)

The three daughters of R.L. Christian (Faye, Kaye and Roslyn) and close neighbors of the library, including Laverne Law, president of the Friends of RL Christian Library, spoke against NCRC's proposal to have residential units above the library. Among the concerns: that the library could more easily lose financial support and get shut down in the future, if not a free-standing project, and possible flooding of the library by the residential units.

There was discussion about the size of the proposed library. The current library is about 1,500 square feet. NCRC's proposal calls for a 4,000 square-foot library. Initially, NCRC had hoped for a 5,000 square-foot library, but that would have required purchasing the adjacent dry cleaners site, but NCRC is not currently expecting that sale to occur. Patrice Pasqual, head of targeted and outreach services for DC Public Libraries, said the smallest branch library in the city is 7,000 square feet; 4,000 square feet would be "a little tight." Ms. Pasqual said DCPL, District-wide, is shooting for one-story libraries; for one thing, they're cheaper to staff and maintain.

NCRC said this project is contingent on funding for the library component, from the city. Ms. Pasqual said there is no money budgeted by DC Public Libraries for this project. As the project moves forward, she said, the next step would be to figure out what the programming needs are for the site (how many books, how many computers, etc.) and determine the minimum space required.

Commissioner Cody Rice suggested a more prominent site location for the library: pulling it up so it



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fronts H Street.

A few people spoke in support of the need for affordable housing in the neighborhood. NCRC said the housing would help pay for construction at the site; market rate housing would subsidize the affordable housing component. Mr. Grover said affordable would hopefully mean affordable to families earning up to 60% of the Area Median Income.

Some community members raised concerns about how the community could be assured that the library's existence would not be threatened sometime in the future, if NCRC, which will remain the owner of the site, decides to do something different with the site. Ms. Pasqual and Mr. Pross said the intention is to have NCRC and DC Public Libraries sign a Memorandum of Understanding that the library will remain a library forever.

The NCRC's environmental consultant (Don Koch of CC Johnson & Malhotra) reported that a phase II environmental study, completed a few days ago, found that there is groundwater and soil contamination at the site: perchloroethylene (peak levels of 350 parts per billion) and trichloroethylene in the groundwater, and petroleum hydrocarbon compounds in the soil. NCRC assured the community that there was no threat to human or environmental health, as, for example, the groundwater in the area isn't being used for drinking.

The committee made the following recommendations: 1) the library should be as large as possible: at least 4,000 square feet and if possible at least 7,000 square feet; 2) the ANC and the community at large should do everything possible to urge the District to allocate the funds necessary to support this project; 3) of the proposed components, the library component is the most important to the community, for that site; therefore, housing should be incorporated into the project only to the extent financially necessary for the project, or to the extent more library space (instead of housing) is impossible; any housing should be affordable housing to the greatest extent possible; 4) legally binding agreements should be made between NCRC and the District that the library will remain a library forever; 5) NCRC should develop a plan that considers ongoing uses of all components of the site, including the housing component (will they remain as rental units or be sold, for example; and how will rents funds be used, once loans have been repaid); 6) the library should be a freestanding library; there is also a real need for affordable housing in the neighborhood.

Committee members present: Marc Borbely, Andre Taylor, Rich Carlson, Audra LeBlanc.
Committee members absent: Mfon Ibangha, Brenda Artis.

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