



July 13, 2006 -- Draft Agenda

- 7:00 pm Call to order, adopt agenda and approve previous meeting's minutes (April, May and June).
Community Comments (*2 minutes each*)
- 7:15 Commissioner's Single Member District reports (*2 minutes each*)
- 7:30 **Officer Reports:**
1. Chair (*2 minutes*)
 - A. August meeting. Recommend: Canceling Commission meeting for summer break.
 2. Vice-Chair (*2 minutes*)
 3. Secretary (*2 minutes*)
 4. Treasurer (*3 minutes*)
 - A. Approve monthly treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements.
 - B. Request to DC Auditor to conduct an audit of ANC financial records.
 - C. Approve monthly photocopying expenses.
- 7:45 **Standing Committee Reports:**
1. Alcohol Beverage Licensing (*2 minutes*)
 - A. New Class A Liquor Store. Recommend: Oppose application for a Class A liquor store in the 900 block of H Street, NE.
 - B. Accept Committee Report.
 2. Economic Development and Zoning (*2 minutes*)
 - A. No June meeting due to severe weather.
 - B. August meeting. Recommend: Canceling committee meeting for summer break.
 3. Community Outreach (*2 minutes*)
 - A. July meeting. Recommend: Canceling committee meeting for summer break.
 - B. Accept Committee Report.
 4. Public Safety (*2 minutes*)
 - A. August meeting. Recommend: Canceling committee meeting for summer break
 - B. Accept Committee Report.
 5. Schools Committee (*5 minutes*)
 - A. Recommendation: ANC send letter to Maury's principal and PTA president offering assistance with outreach to neighbors for any fundraising events planned for the fall.
 - B. August meeting – scheduled for Wednesday, August 23.
 - C. Accept Committee Report.
 6. Transportation Committee (*10 minutes*)
 - A. 14th and E (Options/Sasha Bruce). Recommend: ANC request a traffic calming study for this intersection.
 - B. 15th and F (Miner Elementary). Recommend: ANC request a traffic calming study for this intersection.
 - C. Capitol Hill Transportation Study. Recommend: ANC send a letter to DDOT with the following recommendations: (1) restricted parking in front of Options/Sasha Bruce, (2) traffic calming measures for E Street (between 13th and 14th), (3) traffic signs for commercial vehicles on 8th Street, (4) traffic enforcement in at 15th and F Streets (Miner), (5) increase visibility for concrete island at 17th and C streets, (6) traffic pattern improvement for 17th and C streets and (8) bike line for 8th Street.
 - D. August meeting. Recommend: Canceling committee meeting for summer break.
 - E. Accept Committee Report.
- 8:10 **Unfinished Business**
1. Consideration of ANC Bylaw changes (Ibangha).
- 8:35 **New Business**
1. BZA appeal of construction permits for 1405 N Carolina Ave, NE (Alberti).
 2. Update on Commission FOIA request to DCRA regarding permits to 1411 Ames Place (Alberti).
 3. DC Open Government Meetings Act of 2006 – Send letter of support (Borbely).
- 8:52 Community comments – Round 2 (if time permits)
- 9:00 Adjourn

Note: Time limits in parentheses are for planning purposes only, to help ensure we finish in two hours.



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**DRAFT MINUTES OF ANC 6A
June 8, 2006
Miner Elementary School, 601 15th St. NE**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

6A01: Raphael Marshall
6A02: Joe Fengler, Chair
6A03: Cody Rice
6A04: Nick Alberti, Treasurer
6A06: Marc Borbely, Secretary
6A07: Gladys Mack
6A08: Mfon Ibangha, Vice-Chair

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

6A05: Mary Beatty

CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Fengler ruled the meeting out of order because Mr. Borbely had not disseminated the agenda package seven days in advance, as required. **Mr. Alberti appealed Mr. Fengler's ruling. After some discussion, Mr. Alberti's appeal prevailed, 5-2, with Mr. Fengler and Mr. Marshall voting against.**

Mr. Alberti moved that the reading of the May minutes be postponed until July. Mr. Alberti's motion was adopted 5-1-1, with Mr. Fengler voting against and Mr. Ibangha abstaining.

Mr. Alberti requested that an item "FOIA Regarding 1405 North Carolina Ave NE" be added to the agenda under New Business. The agenda as amended was approved without objection.

SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT REPORTS

Mr. Ibangha spoke about cleanup efforts in his SMD.

Mr. Fengler announced that the ANC lost its appeal of Cluck-U Chicken's certificate of occupancy.

Mr. Marhsall reported on a neighborhood cleanup. He said Family Liquors is interested in negotiating a voluntary agreement.

Ms. Mack reported on a visit by Councilmember Patterson to Rosedale Recreation Center.

Mr. Borbely reported on a community repair job, where neighbors fixed an elderly gentleman's stairs at 13th and E.

Mr. Rice reported on the successful efforts of the DC Nightriders, including organizing residents Claire Rodriguez and Jesse Rauch, to preserve the late night D6 bus schedule and the X6 schedules to the arboretum.



COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Vanessa Ruffin thanked the ANC for its efforts to help improve the District's Home Again initiative.

Stephanie Nixon announced an upcoming PSA 103 meeting at Rosedale Recreation Center.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer

Mr. Alberti presented a financial report for May. The report included check #1281 to Roberta Weiner for minute-taking services and a bank service charge of \$3. **On Mr. Alberti's motion and without objection, the May report was accepted and the disbursements were approved.**

Mr. Alberti presented a mid-year budget review. Mr. Ibangha asked why legal fees showed a negative balance. Mr. Alberti said the approved budget was never adjusted to reflect a prior grant of authority by the ANC to spend money on legal fees.

Mr. Alberti moved to authorize spending of up to \$600 for ANC photocopying, plus up to \$60 for each committee and \$60 for each SMD, for the upcoming month. The motion was approved without objection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee

Mr. Fengler moved the committee's recommendations:

- for Family Liquors, Jumbo Liquors, Friend's Liquor, NY Liquor, Northeast Beverage, and Capitol Liquors: do not protest renewal; pursue voluntary agreement that contains a single sales provision
- for Master Liquors: do not protest renewal; pursue voluntary agreement that does not contain a single sales provision
- for Viggys: protest renewal.

Joe Bellino described problems outside of Viggys, at 409 15th St. NE, including open-air drinking, urinating, children getting alcohol in the parking lot, trash, disorder and debris. Mr. Bellino said that the committee recommendation for Master Liquors to not pursue a single-sales provision was because Economy Market next door to it doesn't have such a provision, and if one store has it and the other doesn't, the first would be at a competitive disadvantage.

Mr. Alberti moved to amend the recommendation for Master Liquors such that the ANC would pursue a voluntary agreement with this establishment that DOES contain a single sales provision. Ms. Nixon said she is opposed to the owner's having a liquor license. **The motion to amend passed 6-1, with Mr. Ibangha voting against.**

The original motion, as amended, calling for a protest of Viggys and no protest but a commitment to pursue voluntary agreements containing single-sales provisions with the other establishments, passed without objection.

On Mr. Fengler's motion, the committee report was accepted without objection.



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Economic Development & Zoning Committee

Mr. Rice moved the committee's recommendation to appeal the issuance of a building permit for conversion of 1411 Ames Pl. NE to a 2-unit flat without the required parking. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Rice moved the committee's recommendation to send a letter to DMPED requesting that the agency include the affected SMD representative or his designee to participate in the Wylie Street Home Again RFP review panel. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Rice moved the committee's recommendation to send a letter of support to the Zoning Commission on the proposed text amendments regarding pet-related establishments with a recommendation to create a definition for animal daycare/boarding, and requirements for this use similar to those for an animal shelter. The motion passed without objection.

On Mr. Rice's motion, the committee report was accepted without objection.

Mr. Fengler asked the committee to consider recommending a mechanism whereby an ANC Commissioner could, on behalf of the ANC, file an appeal with the BZA before receiving official ANC support for the appeal, with the appeal being contingent on subsequent ANC approval. This would allow an appeal to be filed within 60 days in a manner that would allow a Commissioner to file an appeal without having to pay the \$800 fee required for individual appellants.

Mr. Fengler asked the committee to consider a recommendation that the District's Office of the Attorney General be required to provide legal assistance to an ANC filing an appeal against a government agency.

Community Outreach Committee

Mr. Fengler moved the committee's recommendation to issue a grant not to exceed \$200 for Andre Sullivan's Kingsman Basketball League, to cover the costs of additional/replacement basketball equipment. Ms. Nelson spoke in support of the grant, on behalf of the North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association. Mr. Sullivan was present. The motion passed accepted without objection.

On Mr. Fengler's motion, the committee's report was accepted without objection.

Public Safety Committee

I. ROSEDALE RECREATION CENTER

Mr. Fengler moved the committee's recommendation to send a letter to DPR on public safety at Rosedale Recreation Center. The letter would recommend 1) an ID system; 2) a sign-in sheet with rules established by DPR staff and MPD upon entry; 3) barring notices; 4) working with MPD on developing policies to fight crime; 5) iron fence surrounding facility; and 6) keep outside lights on at night.

There was some discussion about whether IDs should be required of people visiting the recreation center. Ms. Mack said the ID policy should be District-wide, not just for Rosedale.



Points 2-6 of the proposed letter were passed without objection.

Mr. Alberti moved to amend the proposed letter such that it would recommend an ID system for recreation centers throughout the District. The motion passed without objection.

Point 1, as amended, passed without objection.

II. CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV

Mr. Fengler moved the committee's recommendation to send a letter to Deputy Mayor Reiskin's office with general support for MPD using closed-circuit TV system to monitor high-crime areas. Mr. Borbely raised privacy concerns and said he would at least want residents in an area to know MPD is proposing to install cameras. Mr. Marshall asked how MPD would determine which areas would get cameras: he said the area he represents, north of H Street, always gets the fewest resources. Mr. Rice said he wouldn't want cameras in his SMD. He said this program just authorizes pilot projects. A resident suggested that giving notice that cameras are present would itself serve as a crime deterrent. **Mr. Alberti moved to amend the letter to include a recommendation that there be prior notification of an area where cameras are to be installed. The motion passed without objection. The original motion, as amended, passed without objection.**

On Mr. Fengler's motion, the committee's report was accepted without objection.

Schools Committee

Mr. Borbely reported that an art teacher at Maury Elementary School is seeking donations of art supplies. Mr. Ibangha announced that the committee would be considering the proposed DC Menu Education and Labeling Act at its next meeting. Mr. Borbely provided an update on the committee's plans to survey two schools on their neighbor-volunteer needs, and he reported on the committee's efforts to assist the Eastern Senior High School PTA, which has been trying to obtain permission to use its parking lot to raise money during Nationals baseball games.

Mr. Borbely asked the zoning committee for help in reviewing the zoning regulations.

On Mr. Borbely's motion, the committee's report was accepted without objection.

Transportation Committee

Mr. Fengler moved the committee's recommendation to send a letter to DDOT containing key concerns regarding sidewalk materials to be used for the H Street Corridor Streetscape. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Fengler moved to accept the resignations of William McColl and Maureen Benitz from the committee. The resignations were accepted without objection.

On Mr. Fengler's motion, the committee's report was accepted without objection.

NEW BUSINESS

I. TREE BOXES ON 100 BLOCK OF 15TH STREET NE



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Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC request that DDOT reconfigure the tree boxes on the 100 block of 15th Street NE from a series of small tree boxes to a continuous strip. He said almost all residents on the block are in favor of this change. **The motion passed without objection.**

II. CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITION TO 1377 NORTH CAROLINA AVE NE

Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC send a letter to HPRB stating that the ANC has no concerns regarding the request to build an addition at 1377 North Carolina Ave. NE. He said the proposed addition would be visible to people on the street behind the property. He said he had passed out flyers to the entire block, urging residents with objections to come to the ANC meeting. No one spoke against the application. The HPRB review will be on June 22. Mr. Rice said the ANC usually gets involved when applications go before the full board. Initially, this application was slated for staff approval, but it then shifted to the board-approval track; hence, the zoning committee hadn't had a chance to review the application. He said ANCs and ANC Commissioners can request a month's delay. However, here he felt comfortable moving forward with Mr. Alberti's recommendation. **The motion passed without objection.**

III. AMENDMENTS TO ANC BYLAWS

Mr. Ibangha asked that this item be moved to the agenda of the July meeting, when there would be more time.

IV. FOIA REGARDING 1405 NORTH CAROLINA AVENUE NE

Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC send a FOIA to the Zoning Office requesting information about construction at 1405 North Carolina Ave. NE. Mr. Alberti said there has been construction at that site, and that there are rumors that this will be another project involving a change from a single-family home to a three-unit property, which would require a zoning variance. Mr. Alberti said he had been to the zoning office, and had been told twice that the permits and plans were not available. Deborah Gist, in the audience, recommended that people request tracking numbers for all information requests, to make tracking easier. **The motion passed without objection.**

ADJOURNMENT

On Mr. Fengler's motion and without objection, the ANC adjourned at about 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mr. Borbely



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June 12, 2006

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Letter of BZA Appeal Authorization for 1411 Ames Place, NE

Dear Board Members,

At the regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on June 8, 2006, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted unanimously to appeal the administrative decision of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs' Zoning Administrator to approve the zoning discipline at 1411 Ames Place, NE. Please reference Building Plan Review Status (BPRS) tracking number 3786 D 6.

Please be advised that Commissioners Nicholas Alberti, Cody Rice and Joseph Fengler are authorized to act on behalf of Commission for the purposes of this appeal.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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Before the

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

APPEAL OF:)
 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A from the)
 Administrative Decision of DCRA on)
 Building Plan Review Status 3786 D 6 on)
 Approval of Zoning Discipline)

Statement of the Applicant

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A (ANC 6A) hereby requests that the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board GRANT the Appeal from the administrative decision of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Building and Land Regulation Administration approval of the Zoning Discipline at 1411 Ames Place, NE. and in support of its appeal states as follows:

SUMMARY OF APPEAL

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) erred in its decision to grant the Zoning Disciplines contained in the Building Plan Review Status Tracking Number 3786 D 6. The property which is the subject of this appeal is located at 1411 Ames Place, NE. The property is zoned R-4. The appeal is requested for the following reason: DCRA approved the construction permits in this case in violation of DCMR section 2100. This provision is violated because the building plans upon which the approval was based do not show the plans for at least one parking space of proper dimensions as required by 11 Municipal Code Regulations (DCMR) sections 2100.4, 2100.6, 2100.7, 2100.9, and 2101.1.

DISCUSSION

The single family row house under consideration is in an R-4 Residential District. The planned conversion of this row house to a two dwelling unit flat will double the number of dwelling units which is an increase of 100% in the number of dwelling units. Based on the planned increase in the intensity of use for this row house, Title 11, DCMR sections 2100.4 and 2100.6 require that parking spaces shall be provided for the addition subject to sections 2100.7 through 2100.9., even though building may have existed on May 12, 1958.

The owner clearly has no intent of constructing a parking pad. This is shown by the following two facts: 1) The permit application and plans make no mention of a parking pad; and 2) The owner has reduced the available space for parking in the rear yard by beginning the construction of a rear two story addition. The rear yard is accessible through an alley. It originally measured 20ft deep by 16 ft wide which would allow one to construct at least one parking space. But the addition, which measures 8 ft deep by 16ft wide, reduces the depth of the rear yard to 12ft. The construction of the addition has made it impractical to construct a parking pad since Title 11, DCMR section



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2115.6 requires the dimension of a parking space to be 9ft in width and 19 ft. in length.

A variance or special exception is required in this case since the intended use does not meet the requirements of Title 11, DCMR, Section 2100. Further, it should be noted that the partially constructed rear addition will require a zoning variance since it reduces the rear yard too less than 20ft and increases the lot coverage to more than 60%. See Title 11 DCMR, sections 403.2, 404.1 and 404.4. Taken together, the features of the planned structure, i.e., its use as a two dwelling unit flat without sufficient parking, the excessive lot occupancy and the insufficient size of the rear yard, clearly show the nonconforming nature of the planned use. This only heightens the need to ensure that the DCAR has not erred in the issuance of building permits.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The appellant request that the Board ORDER the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to:

1. Revoke the Zoning discipline and approved building and construction permits for Building Plan Review Status Tracking Number 3786 D 6 for 1411 Ames Place NE as the current plans fail to provide for the required minimum number of parking spaces.
2. Deny the pending certificate of occupancy requests based on the fact that permits do not include the construction of at least one parking space as is required for this property to be used as a two dwelling unit flat.



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June 12, 2006

Dr. Patrick J. Canavan, Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
941 North Capitol Street NE, Room 2200
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Freedom of Information Request regarding 1405 North Carolina Ave NE

Dear Dr. Canavan,

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2006, and with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for copies of all permits, plans and materials related to 1405 North Carolina Ave NE, Washington DC 20002. The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) has not fulfilled repeated requests for this public information. As of June 8, 2006, the DCRA website shows that all Building Plan and Review disciplines have been approved on May 1, 2006 (tracking number 4442 E 6)

Beginning on May 8, 2006, Commissioner Alberti sent a series of e-mail requests to the Zoning Administrator and ANC Coordinator for copies of the application and permits. On May 15, 2006 and June 6, 2006, Commissioner Alberti made requests in person to the DCRA records management office to review the permits and plans. On both occasions, he spoke with Ms. Mabelle Wiggins who informed him that the permits and plans were unavailable. On June 9, 2006, the Zoning Administrator finally informed Commissioner Alberti by telephone that, despite his best efforts, the permits or plans can not be located.

We have concerns that the permits may have been issued in error. However, this is impossible to determine without the relevant documents. Failure to provide the permits and plans has prevented our Commission from fulfilling our obligations to our constituents. Specifically, the Commission will be unable to comply with the 60 day Board of Zoning Adjustment appeal requirement if DCRA is unable to produce these public documents. Accordingly, we request your personal assistance to satisfy this FOIA request by June 21, 2006.

On behalf of the Commission

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Mayor Williams
Councilmember Graham
Councilmember Ambrose
Mr. Jackson, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
Mr. Crews, Zoning Administrator
Ms. Britt, FOIA Officer



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Charles Burger
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Suite 700
941 N. Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Mr. Burger:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A (ANC 6A) requests that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board not renew the Retail Class A liquor license for Viggys Liquors, located at 409 15th, NE (License Number 270). Our Commission voted unanimously to protest this license at the regularly scheduled, monthly community meeting on June 8, 2006.

The Commission is protesting this renewal based on the input of citizens from the surrounding neighborhood. The concerns are as follows:

- (1) Loitering with loud crowds congregating around the business premise,
- (2) Drug and alcohol incidences on or around the business premise,
- (3) Adjacent blocks littered with trash to include beer and wine bottles,
- (4) Urination on or around the business premise,

The problems emanating from this business detract from the peace and quiet of the neighborhood and from the economic vitality of the community. Accordingly, the Commission opposes the renewal of the license and will actively be engaged as a protestant.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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June 15, 2006

Zoning Commission

c/o Office of Zoning
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC Case No. 05-21A (Text Amendments for Pet-Related Uses in Commercial Districts)

Dear Zoning Commissioners,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on June 8, 2006, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to provide this letter of support for text amendments requested by the Office of Planning to define and permit pet grooming, pet shops, veterinary hospitals, and animal shelters by special exception in the C2, C-3, C-4, C-M, and M Zone Districts.

Pet grooming, pet shops, veterinary hospitals, and animal shelters have the potential to generate animal noise, odor, or waste that may create objectionable conditions to adjacent commercial and residential properties. As a result, it would be appropriate and reasonable to require special exceptions for these uses in commercial districts.

Our Commission noticed that some of the proposed definitions mention “animal boarding”. However, there are no separate definitions or requirements specified for this use. Our Commission believes that it would be reasonable to create a definition for animal daycare/boarding with requirements for this use similar to those for an animal shelter. This would include the provision that external yards or facilities would only be permitted at a distance of 1,000 feet or greater from residence zones.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Commissioner Cody Rice at (202) 544-3734 or rice6A03@verizon.net.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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June 15, 2006

Stanley Jackson, Deputy Mayor
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
801 N. Capitol Street, NW, 1st Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Request to Appoint ANC 6A Representative to Home Again RFP Process for Wylie Street NE

Dear Mr. Jackson,

On June 8, 2006, ANC 6A voted unanimously to request that you invite the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner representing the Single Member District (SMD) which contains the Home Again properties on Wylie Street NE to participate in the process to review and select Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the disposition of these properties.

As you are aware, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) are official bodies of the District of Columbia government. Each ANC represents a Single Member District (SMD) of approximately 2,000 residents in an elected, unpaid capacity. In the matter of property disposition, the affected ANC should be afforded equal opportunity to participate in any interagency RFP process, just as other agencies of the DC government such as the Office of Property Management or the Office of Planning may participate through employee-representatives. ANC Commissioners are held to the same ethical and legal standards as other employees of the District of Columbia, and are capable of discharging the duties associated with the RFP process without affecting requirements for full and fair competition among RFP respondents.

The Wylie Street NE properties are located in SMD 6A01 represented by Commissioner Raphael Marshall. The ANC also voted to allow Commissioner Marshall to select a designee if he is not available to participate. Commissioner Marshall may be reached at (202) 544-4779.

Please inform us of your decision in this matter by July 12, 2006, so that we may update community residents on the extent of community participation and representation in the RFP process led by the Home Again Initiative. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose

Erik C. Johnson, Program Manager, Home Again Initiative



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June 16, 2006

Attorney General Robert J. Spagnoletti
Office of the Attorney General
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 409
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Statistics for “quality of life” arrests along the H Street NE corridor

Attorney General Spagnoletti:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2006, with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to request that the Attorney General’s Office prepare a monthly list of statistics on the papered quality of life arrests. This information will greatly assist us in motoring and examining the proactive law enforcement efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department, Metro Transit Police Department and any other law enforcement agency that is actively policing the H Street NE corridor. Through the Mayor’s Great Streets initiative, our city government will spend over \$23 million to improve the physical infrastructure of this corridor with the goal of supporting increased private investment, economic development and neighborhood livability.

The Attorney General’s office is responsible for the papering of criminal arrests and the prosecution of public order, or quality of life, offenses such as possession of an open container of alcohol, drinking in public, urinating in public, indecent exposure and disorderly conduct. These arrests, and their subsequent prosecution, are important to both enhance public welfare and improve the safety of the H Street NE corridor.

Although we receive a monthly list of papered cases from the United States Attorney’s Office, the Office of the Attorney General does not publish any type of monthly list or statistics on the papered quality of life arrests.

In close, your direct assistance in this matter would greatly affect our ability to improve public safety within the boundaries of ANC 6A. Please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Committee member Mr. Joe Bellino at (202) 369-1726 for any questions or clarifications. We look forward to your response by July 19, 2006.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Deputy Mayor Edward Reiskin, Public Safety and Justice



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June 16, 2006

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairman

Committee on the Judiciary
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 402
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Councilmember Mendelson:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2006, and with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to support PR 16-766, the Metropolitan Police Department Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV) Regulations Amendment Approval Resolution of 2006 with a suggested modification described in the paragraph below. Our Commission believes that the pilot projects authorized by PR 16-766 have the potential to help fight crime in our neighborhoods.

One area where we believe this proposed legislation may be improved is with the addition of a requirement to have an external auditor monitor, not less than once a quarter, the implementation of the pilot CCTV projects authorized by this resolution. Moreover, the commission suggests amending the Resolution to provide information on the general location of the cameras.

In 2003, the United States General Accounting Office (GAO) prepared a report related to the use of video surveillance for law enforcement purposes. In this report, the GAO identified several best practices that should be considered by localities interested in adopting CCTV. One best practice cited is an audit of CCTV systems, to ensure that they are only utilized for the stated purpose of law enforcement and not misused through the inappropriate use or release of data captured through the system.

In close, we ask that you strongly consider our community's request for support of PR 16-766. If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Chair, Ms. Stephanie Nixon, at (412) 612-8881.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Chief of Police Charles Ramsey
Deputy Mayor Edward Reiskin, Public Safety and Justice



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June 26, 2006

Christopher Delfs
Ward 6 Transportation Planner
District Department of Transportation
Transportation Policy and Planning Administration
2000 14th St NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Tree boxes in the 100 block of 15th Street, NE

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2006, our Commission voted unanimously to request a change in the configuration of tree boxes along the 100 block of 15th St NE. We request that the new configuration be a continuous planting strip to run the length of the block. The current configuration is a series of small individual trees boxes alternating with expanses of concrete side walk. We ask this be done in conjunction with the planned 2006 sidewalk rehabilitation project on 15th Street, NE between East Capitol Street and Constitution Avenue.

On May 19, 2006, Commissioner Nicholas Alberti and residents of 15th Street, NE met with District Department of Transportation representatives Mr. Adullahi Mohamed and Mr. Christopher Delfs to discuss this matter. Mr. Mohamed advised us that a change in the configuration was possible if that change was agreeable to residents of the 100 block of 15th Street, NE. Residents of all address on that block have received notification and a majority has indicated their agreement with the change as documented in the attached survey results.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Commissioner Nicholas Alberti at (202) 543-3512.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

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ANC Treasurer's Report
 June 2006

Period Covered: 06/01/06 - 06/30/06

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded		\$	9,698.87
Receipts:			
	District Allotments	\$	-
	Interest Income	\$	-
	Transfers from Saving Account	\$	-
	Total Receipts	\$	-
Total Funds Available		\$	9,698.87
Disbursements:			
	Bank Service Charge 05/31/06	\$	3.00
	Total Disbursements	\$	3.00
Ending Balance		\$	9,695.87

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded		\$	4,154.54
Receipts:			
	Interest 05/31/06	\$	1.41
	Transfers from Checking Account	\$	-
	Total Receipts	\$	1.41
Total Funds Available		\$	4,155.95
Disbursements:			
	Total Disbursements	\$	-
Ending Balance		\$	4,155.95



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ANC 6A Alcohol Beverage and Licensing Committee
June 20, 2006
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Committee members present: Mary Beatty; Tim Carney; Michael Herman; Tish Olshefski;

Committee members absent: Lyndon Bonaparte; Malcolm Ross

ANC Commissioners present: Nick Alberti; Raphael Marshall

Community members present: Nicholas Perry; Gregory Most; Varinder Kumar Dutt (applicant); Murray Kivitz (attorney for Dutt); Joseph Brady; Ben Gerrard; Omar Mohmed; Stacey Downey; Madeeha Ashraf; Alan Page

I. Agenda.

Chair Beatty moved to accept the agenda. No objections.

II. Minutes.

Chair Beatty moved to accept minutes of May meeting. No objections.

III. Community Comment

Chair Beatty asked for community on any issues not already on the agenda. None.

IV. Old Business

A. H Street Moratorium Filing

Chair Beatty reminded the community that this is a moratorium on the sale of singles from all Class A & Class B licensees in the 700 to 1400 blocks of H Street. We are charged with writing the petition and presenting to ABRA. Tish presented information regarding social impacts. Michael is working on crime statistics including a total on each category. Tim is working on the portion on a petition from other business owners. Mary will submit the write up as it stands now to our attorney so it can be submitted to ABRA. Michael suggests a smaller number of categories in the crime statistics area so that we can see trends as we get further information.

B. June ANC Action on ABL Recommendations

Recommendations as outlined in May minutes were all accepted by the ANC. Hearing for the establishment we are protesting (Viggy's) is on June 28. Commissioner Beatty will represent the ANC at that hearing.



V. New Business

A. Class A Application – Woodward Liquors, 906-8 H Street, NE

The committee heard from the applicant (Varinder Kumar Dutt) and his attorney (Murray Kivitz). Mr. Dutt has been in the liquor store business for 20 years and previously owned a business at 15th & H Streets, NW which was forced out of that location by development. The store he plans to open will be a wine and liquor store. It will not sell singles. Wants to open a business that will enhance the community, not detract from it. Intends to operate from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm M – Th; and 10 – 10 on Friday and Saturday. Didn't allow loitering and panhandling at his other store and intends to do the same here. He has no objection to entering into a voluntary agreement (although he clarifies that says this without knowing what is in the VA).

Questions from community addressed terms of his lease, his business practices and business plan, the terms of his current license, types of sales and customers at his current business.

Community Comment:

Chair Beatty outlined the options available to the committee which are simply to protest or to not protest. If we choose to not protest then we also can recommend negotiating a voluntary agreement. We have to inform ABRA by July 31. Hearing date is August 16.

ANC Commissioner Rafael Marshall is totally against licensing this establishment.

Seven community members present voiced their opinion that the ANC should protest.

Chair Beatty read about 12 emails from the ANC6a list-serve all voicing opinion to protest (one indicated that if store was more high-end that they wouldn't oppose). The recurring theme of opposition among those on the list-serve, and those that were present, was that there were already too many liquor stores on H Street.

ANC Commissioner Nick Alberti requested that the committee engage in a discussion of wording of a voluntary agreement. He indicated his feeling that we should negotiate an agreement with the singles provision and present it to the ANC at their next meeting (rather than protest). He discussed his feelings regarding the difficulty of winning a protest.

Chair Beatty responded that the ABL Committee did not have the authority to negotiate a VA with the applicant and seek signatures of the ANC and the applicant prior to the next ANC meeting. Therefore, due to the timeline for protest we could only recommend protest or not protest. (And if we did not vote to protest, the most we could do was hope to negotiate VA on good faith since we would have no standing in the ABRA process without a protest).

Applicant asked that we explore how we can make this agreement what we want and what the community needs.

Committee Comment:



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Committee members expressed varying levels and types of concerns—one expressing his feeling that this establishment with a signed VA to not sell singles will support our moratorium effort; our job is to listen to the community and the community was clearly in opposition to the store; emails are informative but not persuasive since the writers didn't have an opportunity to hear the applicants comments.

Commissioner Marshall, who represents the applicant's location on H Street, indicated that he was certain that his SMD would not support this application. He said that he could get enough signatures to demonstrate the opposition to the store.

Chair Beatty reiterated ABRA's protest process and explained there is no "conditional" process. If we don't protest, then we have no standing. The ANC would have no power to negotiate in the ABRA licensing process if we do not protest.

Chair Beatty moved that we recommend to the ANC a protest of the application. Seconded by Tish Olshefski. Vote 3 to 1. Motion carries.

Move to adjourn 8:40 pm. Next meeting: July 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm.



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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A
Community Outreach Committee
Minutes for June 19, 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)

- Louis Barbash
- Rose Williams
- Elizabeth Nelson (chair)

Absent COC members:

- Marissa Irwin (illness)
- Barbara Anderson

I. Feedback from May ANC meeting

1. Ms. Nelson noted that the grant application from the North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Assn., on behalf of the Kingsman Basketball League, was approved. The Treasurer, Nick Alberti, will make arrangements for the purchase of the equipment.

II. Discussion of recruiting additional grant applicants

1. The Committee discussed ideas for recruiting additional grant applicants. Ms. Nelson reported that she had a nibble from Elliott JRS/Eastern SHS but that they have not followed through as of yet.
2. Ms. Nelson and Ms. Williams discussed past efforts to contact PTSA and the Sherwood Recreation Center (Friends of).
3. Mr. Barbash suggested making contact with Larry Kaufer who is very active in Sports on the Hill groups. It was agreed that he would provide Ms. Nelson with Mr. Kaufer's e-mail address so that she may send him a copy of the grant application and offer assistance in completing the paperwork.

III. Discussion of July/August meeting schedule

1. The Committee agreed that there was no reason to meet in both July and August since the ANC will not meet again until September (after their July meeting). Any recommendations developed at either of those meetings would not be voted on until September. It was agreed that it would be better to meet in August than in July as that would allow more time to develop grant applications. Two of the committee members would not be able to attend the meeting on August 21 (third Monday) so it was agreed that we would switch to the 2nd Monday just for this one meeting.
2. The Committee further agreed that Ms. Nelson should notify the Voice of the Hill and the Hill Rag that the July meeting is cancelled and the August meeting rescheduled so that the ANC 6A ad can be modified. [An e-mail was sent to Rag/Voice the same evening]

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is June 17, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Nelson



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 21, 2006 at Sherwood Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

Commissioners: None

Chair: Stephanie Nixon

Committee Members Present: Joe Bellino, Laura Brown, & Mark Laisch

Committee Members Absent: Michael Seneco & Raphael Marshall

Residents: Jesse Rauch, Claire Rodriguez, Brit Wycoff

Guests: Alphonso Coles (MPD 1D-Community Outreach Coordinator)

Stephanie Nixon opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Activities for the Summer:

The committee discussed the available summer activities for youth in our area and ways to communicate this to the public in a manner that would engage the children who do not typically participate. The 40 Days of Increased Peace (MPD), DPC, Library, and DCPS programs were discussed. One available program tells youth to “dial 211 for fun” or “1-800-Imbored”. Mr. Laisch asked who uses these programs, why children are not participating, and what population is being targeted. Some information provided indicated that the summer programs are inconsistently tracked for utilization.

Omnibus Public Safety Act of 2005, Juvenile Failure-to-Appear Act of 2005:

The Omnibus Public Safety Act of 2005 will be voted on July 5, 2006 by the DC Council. Councilmember Mendelson’s committee struck the portion on the Juvenile Failure-to-Appear Act of 2005. Initially the act was reportedly going forth as “emergency”; however, it ended up being held for vote until July 5th, 2006. The Juvenile Failure-to-Appear Act would make it a delinquency to fail to appear in court on your specific court date. (Note: similar legislation is in place for kids.) Ms. Nixon had spoken with Ms. Jackson of Councilmember Mendelson’s office regarding the Councilmember’s reasons for striking this portion of the act. Ms. Jackson reported that it seemed harsh to make failure-to-appear a delinquency for the youth who might even be innocent of the crime and that Councilmember Mendelson would rather see a program implemented that provides reminder calls to the family of the necessary court appearance for the next day. She further reported that only about 7% of all youth fail to appear on their court date. Mr. Bellino noted that often parents are not that easy to reach via phone secondary to disconnected phones, etc.

Claire Rodriguez suggested that there should be a mandatory punishment, such as community service, for failure to appear instead of a delinquency violation. The committee discussed whether age should be relevant as well. The committee chose to spread the word about the upcoming vote.

Anti-loitering:

The committee is waiting for a return call from Mr. Mike Battle of Councilmember Mendelson’s office regarding the status of an anti-loitering bill. The Baltimore code appears to withstand Supreme Court objections about loitering laws. Mr. Laisch mentioned an article in the Baltimore City Paper describing a hearing in which the city and state attorneys office stated that police loitering



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arrests were unconstitutional. There were many loitering arrests that went uncharged. Mr. Rauch referred to loitering as a gateway crime.

Papering in DC:

As this is an ongoing discussion, the committee refers people to minutes from past meetings to obtain the details on papering. Ms. Nixon spoke with Atty Rosenthal since the last meeting (see memo at the end). In addition, Ms. Nixon spoke with Loretta Braxton, Cluster Controller, regarding obtaining the number of hours that MPD (preferably PSAs 102 and 103) spent in court (preferably just in the papering process). Mrs. Braxton stated that she would try to have this information for the committee by August.

The committee voted unanimously to continue this discussion to the next meeting.

Recreation Centers:

At the June PSA 103 meeting there was a long discussion about whether or not to even call 9-1-1 secondary to safety issues. Alphonso Coles (MPD Community Outreach) is to handle planning the Partnerships for Problem Solving Plan for this location. Mrs. Brown discussed the need to empower people around Rosedale Recreation Center and volunteered to make signs for the visitors to the centers.

H Street Comprehensive Plan:

Jesse Rauch provided the committee with Minutes from the PSA 102 meeting in which the community was to begin planning a Comprehensive H Street NE plan to increase public safety. At the June PSA 102 meeting, PSA 102 pursued actions for activities at 8th and H Street NE regarding the DC noise law. For further details on the notes from the PSA 102 meeting, please see the end of these notes.

The committee expressed concern about the lighting issues on H Street NE. Jesse Rauch volunteered to continue monitoring this on behalf of the committee. We also discussed the need for signs to be placed outside of the bars or in the bars instructing people on safety. ***The committee agreed to prepare something for review by MPD.***

Meeting in August?

There was no objection to cancelling the meeting in August 2006.

Request for Action by the ANC:

NONE

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Nixon.

ANC6A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: ANC6A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FROM: STEPHANIE NIXON
SUBJECT: PAPERING CONVERSATION WITH DAVE ROSENTHAL, COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (JUVENILE DIVISION)
DATE: 6/1/2006
CC: DAVE ROSENTHAL AND BARBARA CHESSER

Summary from phone conversation with Attorney Rosenthal 6/1/2006:

The Office of the Attorney General's office would benefit from a faster papering process. Attorney Rosenthal was contacted at the suggestion of Attorney Chesser with regards to his knowledge of the history of the judicial system in DC and the potential for alternative methods that might make the papering process more effective and more efficient.

Addition Information on OAG Processing

For juvenile cases MPD is required to paper at 8 am, no matter which shift the arrest occurred during (e.g., 7-3, 3-11, or 11-7). After the case goes to Mt. Olivet, there may be some down time. For felony cases juveniles may be detained for up to 30 days with 45 days as the maximum. To detain youth, the police officer must be present at the probable cause hearing. Arraignment occurs 6 days per week excluding Sundays and this is regulated by DC Statute 1623.10. Most of the time there is 1 officer per case up for papering.

Papering Alternatives

To do night papering, attorneys, secretarial support, and other staff would be needed. Moreover, if the papering is done right after the crime, then the victim is more likely to appear in a heightened emotional state which may take more time for the attorneys and the officer. In addition, the witness and the officer would still have to appear at the probable cause hearing the following day.

Electronic papering might prove more efficient. A police officer could complete the papering information electronically and then it goes to the office and the attorney adds new information. Witnesses may still need to appear the following day before the attorney and both witnesses and officers would still be needed at the probable cause hearing.

Alternative scheduling options for attorneys. During the discussion I mentioned the possibility of having attorneys present for papering at alternate work schedules (e.g., 11-7 or matching officer shifts). As the OAG only has 15 attorneys papering, it would not be feasible at this time. ***Suggest that the PSC*** review other cities with similar caseloads to determine how many attorneys are needed to efficiently handle the caseload in DC.

Magistrate in Police Stations: According to the Juvenile Justice and Prevention Act, juveniles must be separated by sight and sound from adult offenders. However, a magistrate could be in the police stations and at Mt. Olivet.

Recidivism

Attorney Rosenthal suggested contacting DYRS and Court Social Services with regards to this, which has been done. A conversation with DYRS is scheduled for next week.



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**PSA 102 Meeting Summary
Sherwood Recreation Center
640 Tenth Street, NE
June 13, 2006**

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This summary contains information pertaining to the ANC 6a Public Safety Committee and emphasizes possible issues for ANC 6a involvement.

- 1) PSA 102 is pursuing action for activities at the corner of 8th and H Streets, NE regarding the DC "Noise Law." This law allows unlimited, amplified, non-commercial speech from 7am to 9pm in any DC residential community. Almost every Saturday, a group congregates at the corner of 8th and H Streets, NE, using an amplifier to broadcast their speech into the surrounding community. PSA 102 wants the DC City Council to balance free speech with the right to peace and quiet.

PSA 102 does not seek the removal of the group. However, they do believe that there is a health and safety issues involved with the volume of the activity. They advocate:

- a) Decibel limits for amplified sound in residential areas.
- b) Permit process, with possible limits.

PSA 102 seeks changes to the current DC Noise Law. This might permit ANC 6a assistance.

- 2) The majority of robberies are between H and F Streets, NE and throughout the entire corridor. More crimes are occurring during the daytime than they used to. There are three uniformed officers on H Street, NE during most of the day from Tuesday-Saturday.
- 3) PSA 102 has seen an increase in theft from cars. MPD attributes part of this problem to terrible lighting in Capitol Hill. With its tree-lined streets, many of the street lights of Capitol Hill are blocked, decreasing the available lighting, therefore increasing the opportunity for theft from cars.

There may be room for ANC 6a involvement in abatement of lighting obstruction from trees.

- 4) The PSA was disappointed when it heard at its last meeting how thinly spread the officers were on H Street. There is a high incidence of crime activity at 8th and H Streets, and this absorbs a lot of police time.

The three point plan PSA 102 has for 8th and H Street is to:

- 1) Identify and prioritize problems
- 2) Identify stakeholders
- 3) Contact and work with appropriate public agency(s) to solve problem



The purpose of the June 13, 2006 meeting was to identify problems. The problems identified were:

- 1) Aesthetics
 - a. Trash
 - b. Vermin (possums, raccoons, rats)
- 2) Crime
 - a. Robberies
 - b. Public Urination
 - c. Drug Dealing
 - d. Public consumption of alcohol
- 3) Lighting
- 4) Panhandling
- 5) Controlling jay-walking
- 6) What types of commercial businesses will be coming into the area. (Many do not want only bars and athletic apparel stores)
 - a. Should focus on getting businesses that people can use
- 7) Make transit options known (bus, rail, street car)
- 8) Permanent homelessness

Stakeholders

- 1) ANC's, Linden Neighborhood Association, Near North East Neighborhood Association, Stanton Park Neighborhood Association
- 2) Churches
- 3) Mental health organizations/services
- 4) All area residents

At the next meeting, PSA 102 will begin to prioritize problem areas, identify stakeholders and determine which public agencies PSA102 should try to work with.



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**ANC6a Public Safety Committee Meeting
DRAFT AGENDA
Sherwood Recreation Center
Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 7 pm**

Please review notes from past meetings for details about ongoing committee research (e.g., loitering, papering).

1. Call to order
2. Introductions (*5 minutes*)
3. Focus Topic: Firework/Firecracker legislation, public commentary, consider information from PSA meetings
4. Status: Comprehensive H Street Plan (10 minutes, Claire and Jesse) – Safety handouts?
5. Comment only if update available: Anti-loitering, Papering (OAG, MPD, USAO), juvenile crime, Sherwood and Rosedale Recreation Centers, Maury Elementary, 8th & H St NE
6. Community Concerns: 1 mentioned on the ANC6A listserv strategies for communicating with the Office of Unified Communications, community concerns and potential safety issues
7. Tasks to be performed by next meeting
 - a. If anybody has a nuisance property and needs direction, then please contact a commissioner and/or a public safety committee member.
8. Adjourn



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Schools & Libraries Committee Report
July 5, 2006
7 pm, Miner Elementary School

Present

Committee Members: Richard Carlson (6A04); Lisa Turner (6A04); Marc Borbely (co-chair, 6A06); Audra LeBlanc (6A06); Mfon Ibangha (co-chair, 6A08). **Honorary Committee Members:** Tommy Wells, school board member. **Residents:** Jesse Rauch (6A03).

Absent

André Taylor (6A03); Tony Hurst (6A05); Brenda Artis (6A07)

Eastern SHS Parking Lot

The Committee discussed the Eastern Senior High School PTA's efforts to get permission to raise funds by charging for the use of the school parking lot, during Nationals baseball games. (The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs told the PTA in June 2005 that it would have to apply for a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment, among other things.)

Tommy Wells suggested that instead of trying to run its own parking lot, Eastern or its PTA could enter into an agreement with a private parking lot operator (such as the one that operates the other lots used during Nationals games) leases the parking area from DCPS, for games where parking availability is insufficient in other lots -- with the lease payments going to Eastern. This would allow Eastern and the PTA to avoid legal liability for operating the lot; it would also provide for a cleaner arrangement for flow of funds, so the school and PTA wouldn't have to engage in extensive bookkeeping. Ms. LeBlanc suggested that the lot could be used even if there are spaces available elsewhere (drivers could be encouraged to park at Eastern to support the school, for example).

After some discussion, the committee recommended unanimously that the ANC support efforts by the Eastern PTA to pursue this approach. **Tommy Wells said he would be glad to lend his support** to such an approach as well. He also committed to doing whatever he could to obtain school board agreement, if necessary, that any lease payments for the use of Eastern's parking lot be made available to Eastern.

Mr. Carlson will contact John Gibson, president of the Eastern PTA, to see whether this approach would work for the PTA. **Commissioner Ibangha will contact Mark Tuohey**, head of the Sports and Entertainment Commission, to discuss the feasibility of this plan: is the SEC willing to broker such an agreement with the parking lot operator? **Mr. Carlson** will also investigate whether the SEC or Clark Construction or another large company might give a significant grant to Eastern, to fix up its baseball field or fund its band.



Principal Turnover / Future of Eastern / Maury Pre-K

Mr. Wells said Gibbs is getting a new principal. The interim/acting principals at Miner and Eastern will likely remain at those schools the next school year.

Mr. Wells said that he is hoping that the new nonprofit organization EdBuild will work with the Superintendent to raise funds to pay for an overhaul of Eastern, managed by a company that helps public school systems establish Boston Latin schools. He said EdBuild is no longer tied to a charter school reform model. He said he expects the coming year at Eastern to be a planning year, for a subsequent overhaul.

Mr. Wells said Maury is trying to get a second 3-year-old program.

[whereupon Mr. Wells departed.]

School Reports

- **Maury:** Mr. Hurst sent an e-mail reporting on a PTA meeting, and on his conversations with teachers and staff, on how the ANC and neighbors can help the school. He said staff and teachers are open to getting as much ANC help as possible. He said that teachers reported that filling out a survey would be difficult at the end of the school year. They said that the school's biggest need is help with fundraising. The PTA has a total budget of \$200 at the moment. There may be a fall auction, in which case ANC assistance in outreach would be extremely valuable. The teachers said there would be other volunteer opportunities, such as reading to children, but there are already many others who volunteer to do that. They said tutoring might be difficult to set up; there is already an active chess club, as well as other after school activities. They will provide lists of supplies that would be useful in art or other classes. Commissioner Ibangha reminded the committee that the ANC is not permitted to raise more than \$1,000 from any single source, without obtaining specific Council approval.

The committee recommended, unanimously, that the ANC send a letter to Maury's principal and PTA president, offering the ANC's assistance with outreach to neighbors, for any fundraising events planned for the fall.

- **Eliot:** Ms. LeBlanc reported that she had spoken with an assistant principal at Eliot. The assistant principal said that one of the school's main frustrations is its declining enrollment, which results in budget cuts. Ms. Turner described some of the ways Two Rivers Public Charter School markets itself and reaches out to prospective parents, to encourage applications: there is a press team of parents that visit supermarkets and set up recruiting tables; there are brochures about the school that are put in libraries and gyms; the school holds open houses regularly; there are frequent ads and notices in the Hill Rag and Voice of the Hill; the school gives tours to parents. Ms. Turner said such efforts have clearly been paying off, in terms of numbers of applications.



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Review of Committee Goals

The committee reviewed its "Committee Goals 2006" document.

Ms. Turner agreed to serve as the committee's liaison to Prospect Learning Center, at 10th and F. **Each school liaison will find out, for their school:** 1) who the newly elected PTA members are, 2) who the newly elected and appointed Local School Restructuring Team members are; and 3) when the PTA and LSRT will be meeting, over the next school year.

Mr. Rauch, with Mr. Hurst's assistance, will explore possibilities for helping to set up a "large" school/community event at one of the schools.

Neighbor Volunteer Survey

Mr. Rauch suggested that the committee seek a principal's permission to attend the first staff meeting of the school year, and solicit survey responses from teachers there. Ms. Turner suggested offering some type of coupon or gift certificate as a reward to teachers completing the survey. This would help build goodwill. **Ms. LeBlanc and Mr. Rauch will reach out to businesses, such as nearby pizza places, to try to find coupons or gift certificates for teachers.**

DC Menu Education and Labeling Act

This item was tabled, as the committee still has received no details, from supporters or opponents, about this proposed legislation.

Next Meeting

The committee agreed to schedule a summer break and cancel its regular July meeting. **The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, August 23.**

Respectfully submitted by Marc Borbely



ANC 6A Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Community Room of Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)
July 5, 2006
(Rescheduled from June 26, 2006 meeting)

Committee members in attendance: Jennifer Flather, Ken Granata, DeLania Hardy, Diane Hoover, Claire Rodriguez, Marlon Smoker and Omar Mahmud

Committee members absent: Lance Brown, Aryeh Fishman, Victor McKoy and Warner Sterling

- I. Call meeting to order at approximately 6:40 pm
- II. Introductions
- III. Community Comment
- IV. Updates:
 - A. Resident Traffic Complaints – Ken Granata, Lance Brown, Jennifer Flather and DeLania Hardy
 1. 14th and E (Options/Sasha Bruce)
 1. Excessive bus idling – Ms. Hardy addressed the issue of bus idling at 14th and E saying that e-mail exchanges between the PTA, Tommy Wells, and the bus drivers was resolving the issue. Ms. Hardy found this line of communication to be more effective than working with the police. Ms. Hardy forwarded all communications on this issue to Inspector Keegan should further action be needed. In the meantime, no action is required as the issue seems to be getting resolved.
 2. Traffic congestion due to double parking – Mr. Smoker and Mr. Mahmud suggested that DDOT consider making no parking signs for the hours when the buses are there. This would be on the south side of E street in front of the Sasha Bruce property. The committee decided this issue should be included in the committee’s recommendations regarding the Capitol Hill Transportation Study (CHTS)
 3. Excessive speeding – Jennifer Flather contacted DDOT and researched the requirements for requesting a traffic calming study. She has prepared one study request for this area and Mr. Mahmud agreed to forward her emails from the community emphasizing the need for traffic calming measures. Ms. Flather will emphasize that the areas covered by the requests are near school areas in an effort to give them higher priority in DDOT.
 - a. **Recommendation: That the ANC approve our committee’s effort to submit a traffic calming study for this intersection.**
 2. 8th Street



1. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that many residents are concerned about speeding on 8th St and use of this road by oversized commercial vehicles.
 2. Mr. Granata and Ms. Hardy suggested increased signage to address these problems.
 - a. Ms. Rodriguez brought up the issue of the intersection at 8th and D St where there is little visibility due to cars parked on both sides. She also commented that this would be a nice street for a bike lane as it connects H St and Eastern Market.
 3. Other areas of concern
 1. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that he has received complaints from community members about drivers running the stop sign at 15th and F, right in front of Miner Elementary School. Some suggested the Stop sign is not easy to see for some drivers. Mr. Mahmud suggested Ms. Flather also complete a traffic calming study request for this intersection as well. In addition, Mr. Mahmud suggested the committee include this intersection in its CHTS recommendation letter.
 - a. Ms. Flather agreed to complete the application for a traffic calming study for this area.
 - b. Recommendation: That the ANC approve our committee's effort to submit a traffic calming study for this intersection.**
 2. A resident in attendance, Brit Weiskopf, informed the committee that there are many issues at 17th and C St. There are three lanes converging into one, and there is an island in the middle of the street that is not clearly demarcated. This causes lots of problems for the street and damage to the undersides of many vehicles.
 3. Another resident in attendance, Mr. Shaun Lovett, pointed out that the CHTS seems to be more concerned with getting commuters from Maryland through the Capitol Hill community. Mr. Granata seconded his statement.
- B. Joint Effort with Public Safety Committee to Request Increased MTA PD Presence at 8th and H – Claire Rodriguez and Jesse Rauch
1. Ms. Rodriguez attended the PSA102 meeting and Public Safety committee and informed the Transportation Committee that the PSA was going to be identifying the problems, identifying the relevant actors/sectors, and then determining which city agencies to contact to begin fixing the problem. No further action by our committee is needed on this issue at the time.

V. New Business

- A. Lack of parking enforcement for car sharing parking space on 12th Street NE, just South of H Street
1. Mr. Mahmud and Diane Hoover pointed out that one of the car sharing spots



is consistently parked in illegally.

2. Ms. Hardy suggested that because the spots are leased by different entities, the city, schools, etc that the best way to tackle the issue would be to contact Flexcar/Zipcar and see what the procedure is for improving parking enforcement. Ms. Hardy agreed to contact Flexcar and Zipcar in an effort to resolve this problem. Ms. Hardy will report what she discovers at the next meeting.

B. Report Re: CHTS Open House held on June 21, 2006

1. Mr. Mahmud reported on the CHTS open house and explained the proposals to make 17th and 19th and Constitution and Independence Sts two way streets 24/7. He informed the committee that the materials from the meeting are posted on the ANC website at www.anc6a.org.
2. Mr. Mahmud suggested that now is our time to come up with comments, suggest priorities and point out areas the Existing Conditions Report has not focused on.
3. Mr. Lovett stated his belief that the suggested improvements would only be implemented with political pressure from organizations like the ANC. He also suggested the ANC request a timeline for implementing the CHTS recommendations.
4. Mr. Granata again pointed out that we should encourage DDOT to focus on the community and not just the commuters.
5. Mr. Mahmud suggested that we come up with specific recommendations in a letter that supports the initial recommendations presented at the Open House, addresses some of our broader concerns, and prioritizes areas where we would like the study to focus. The letter would cover the following:
 1. The ANC6A Transportation Committee agrees with the initial recommendations to turn 17th, 19th, Constitution and Independence into full time two-way streets. What is the timeline for implementing these recommendations?
 2. Policy and general issues that the ANC6A Transportation Committee would like the CHTS to focus on:
 - a. Focus on examining ways to improve the overall quality of life for the community, not just how to move commuters through the Capitol Hill neighborhood.
 3. Specific recommendations:
 - a. Explore the idea of restricted parking on the South side of E Street in front of the Optoins/Sasha Bruce School (14th and E)
 - b. Explore traffic calming measures for E St at 14th (between 13th and 14th)
 - c. Inquire about signage for commercial vehicles traveling down 8th St.
 - d. Explore ways to enforce the stop sign in front of 15th and F (Minor Elementary School)
 - e. Increase visibility for the concrete island at 17th and C
 - f. Explore ways to ease the left turn from 17th onto C



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g. Explore possibilities of putting a bike lane on 8th street

6. Recommendation: Submit letter from the ANC to DDOT outlining these CHTS-related concerns.

C. Proposal to cancel August Transportation Committee meeting

1. Committee unanimously recommended canceling meeting

VI. Assign Tasks/Duties for Committee Members

VII. Additional Community Comment

VIII. Adjourn meeting at approximately 8 pm



NEW BUSINESS

BY-LAWS -- PROPOSED REVISION.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

Page 2, Article II. Commission Geographic Area

Current Reading: “The boundaries of the Commission are all in North East ...”

Proposed Reading: Except for the DC Correctional Facility located at 1901 D Street, South East , which is in SMD 6A08, the boundaries of the Commission are all in North East.
The boundaries are generally...

OR: The boundaries of the Commission are all located in North East, **except for the DC Correctional Facility located at 1901 D Street, South East, which is in SMD 6A08.**
The boundaries are generally...

Rationale: The Street Index of SMD 6A08, from the Board of Elections and Ethics, shows the DC Correctional Facility in this SMD.
The DC Correctional Facility is located at 1901 D Street, South East, on the grounds of what used to be the DC General Hospital.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2

Page 3, from Article IV. Commission Responsibilities .
General Scope of Responsibilities. Section 1, (d).

Current Reading: (d) The Commission may initiate its own proposals for District Government action and undertake other projects beneficial to the community.

Page 3, Section 2. (c) Public Hearings

Current Reading: (c) The Commission may initiate its own proposals for District Government action.

Proposed Reading: (Retain (d), but delete (c)). “The Commission may initiate its own proposals for District Government action and undertake other projects beneficial to the community”.

Rationale: Redundancy.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3

ARTICLE V. Meetings. Section 2. (a), (d), (e), page 9.

Current Reading: Voting in Commission meetings shall be restricted to Commission members. All members shall have equal voting rights following the principle of one person one vote. **There shall be no voting by proxy.** However, to the greatest degree possible, the principle of common courtesy and consensus should be allowed to prevail.

Proposed Reading: **Voting in Commission meetings shall be restricted to the Commissioners. All members shall have equal voting rights following the principle of one person one vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.**

Rationale: The word: “Commissioners” is precise. It is also consistent with **Article III. Commission Membership. Section 1, page 2.** The sentence: “However, to the degree possible, the principle of common courtesy and consensus should be allowed to prevail”, though laudable, is fraught with the difficulty of empirical verifiability; too subjective and imprecise, and, therefore, should be deleted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4

(d) Change the last “d” to “e”

Rationale: There are two (2) “ds”. One after the other.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5

(e) change “e” to “f” to maintain chronology; and change “that” to “who”.

Rationale: The relative pronoun, “that”, is used in reference to non- humans or inanimate objects, while the relative pronoun “who” is used in reference to humans or animals with names, e.g, dogs.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6

Page 10, Section 6. Definition of emergency is not consistent with 1-309.01(c)(3), page 1 of Subchapter V . Advisory Neighborhood Commission .

Current Reading: An “emergency” means that an action must be taken immediately preserve the public peace, health, safety, welfare or moral pursuant as outlined by District Columbia law, regulation or code.

Proposed Reading: **“Emergency” means an action taken to immediately preserve the public peace, health, safety, welfare, or morals pursuant to § 2-506(c).**

Rationale: It is consistent with 1-309.01(c)(3), page 1 of Subchapter V. Advisory Neighborhood Commission, and applies, across the board, to all DC Government Agencies .

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 7

Page 13, Article VIII, Section 1.

Current Reading : The Commission shall elect officers from its members and standing Committee chairs at a public meeting of the Commission held in January each year.

Proposed Reading: The Commission shall elect officers from its membership, and chairs of its standing committees from both its membership and the residents of the ANC area, at a public meeting of the Commission held in January each year.

Rationale: **“The Commission shall elect officers from its membership”, is consistent with Article 111. Commission Membership. “...and chairs of its standing committees from both its membership and the residents of the ANC area...”, is consistent with *ANC Handbook 2005 – 2006*, IV. NON-FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS, page 23, last paragraph.**

It reads: “The law governing the Advisory Neighborhood Commission allows each Commission to establish committees and task forces as needed. Membership, as well as the chairmanship, on such committees and task forces is to be open to any resident of the Commission area. The chairperson of such a committee or task force is appointed by the commission.”

This also mirrors the current configuration of Commission officers and Committees chairmanship.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT 8

Section 2. Method of Election, b(1), page 24

Current Reading: Each candidate shall be nominated by a Commissioner and must be seconded by another Commissioner. A Commissioner may nominate him or herself, but may not second the nomination. Upon receiving a second, the candidate shall be afforded a brief period of time to address the nomination.

Proposed Reading: Each candidate shall be nominated by a Commissioner and must be seconded by another Commissioner. A Commissioner may nominate him or herself, but may not second the nomination. Upon receiving a second, the candidate shall be granted some time to address the nomination.

Rationale: The use of “period of time” or “time period” are both incorrect, according to the rules of language, otherwise referred to as “grammar”. This is because “period” refers to “time” and “time” refers to “period” and should not be used together. Accordingly, the phrase, “granted some time”, is preferred and better.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 9

Article XII. Bylaws, Section 3, page 24.

Current Reading: It shall require two-thirds of the Commission as a whole to approve amendments to the bylaws. When appropriate, revisions or amendments to these bylaws shall be approved after the reading of the proposed change at one regularly scheduled meeting prior to its consideration.

Proposed Reading: It shall require two-thirds of the Commissioners present and voting, to approve amendments to these bylaws. When appropriate, revisions or amendments to these bylaws shall be approved after the reading of the proposed change at one regularly scheduled meeting prior to its consideration.

Rationale: ARTICLE V. Meetings, Section 2. Voting, stipulates that “There shall be no voting by proxy”. Section 2 (a) also provides that “Voting in Commission meetings shall be restricted to Commission members.” The insertion of the phrase, “**Commissioners present and voting**” is, therefore, appropriate and consistent with these provisions.