



**September 8, 2005, Draft Agenda
Miner Elementary School, 15th and F Streets NE**

- 7:00 p.m. Call to order, adopt agenda and approve previous meeting's minutes
Community Comments *(2 minutes each)*
- 7:12 Commissioner's Single Member District reports *(2 minutes each)*
- 7:30 **Officer Reports:**
1. Chair *(2 minutes)*
 2. Vice-Chair *(2 minutes)*
 3. Secretary *(2 minutes)*
 3. Treasurer *(10 minutes)*
 - A. Approve monthly treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements
 - B. Approve 3rd Quarter Financial Report
 - C. Approve 12 months for advertising - Hill Rag (\$3,200) and VOTH (\$2,200)
 - D. Approve 12 months for P.O. Box rental (\$225)
 - E. Approve monthly photocopying expenses
 - F. Submission of FY 2006 ANC 6A budget (October 05 to September 06)
- 7:45 **Standing Committee Reports:**
1. Alcohol Beverage Licensing *(15 minutes)*
 - A. ANC 6A standard voluntary agreement for class tavern and class restaurant establishments. Recommendation: Adopt committee changes to the standards voluntary agreements
 - B. Amend voluntary agreements for Rock and Roll Hotel, Red and Black, Beehive, Argonaut, The Pug and Granville Moore's. Recommendation: Amend the agreements to reflect the new standard voluntary agreement.
 - C. Accept Committee Report.
 2. Economic Development and Zoning *(20 minutes)*
 - A. Fast food establishments on H Street. Recommendation: Appeal Certificate of Occupancy for Cluck-U-Chicken (1123 H Street, NE) to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.
 - B. Old Police Station (525 Ninth Street, NE) and Firehouse (1341 Maryland, Avenue, NE). Recommendations: (1) Send letter prompting decision on ownership; (2) Send letter to NCRC with use recommendations for 525 Ninth Street.
 - C. Application for use of public space (1400 Maryland Avenue, NE). Recommendation: Send letter of opposition.
 - D. Letter on vacant/abandoned buildings in SMD 6A06. Recommendation: Send letter listing properties to DCRA and OTR and request documentation of outcomes.
 - E. Light rail tracks between Minnesota Avenue and Union Station metro stations. Recommendation: Send letter of support to DDOT.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



- F. Committee Membership.
- G. Accept Committee Report.
- 3. Community Outreach *(20 minutes)*
 - A. July meeting. Ludlow Taylor Elementary School PTSA Grant Application. Recommendation: Approve the grant of \$1,298.36 for the purchase of bench repair materials.
 - B. July meeting. Gallaudet University. Recommendation: Approve letter to Gallaudet University thanking them for hosting the ANC 6A website.
 - C. July meeting. Update on identifying sign language interpreters for ANC 6A meetings and functions.
 - D. July meeting. Update on The Hill Rag distribution points.
 - E. July meeting. Committee Membership. Recommendation: Accept nomination of Barbara Anderson to serve on the committee.
 - F. August meeting. START Grant Application. Recommendation: Approve the grant of \$500 for the purchase of books for use by the Lincoln Park book club.
 - G. August meeting. Maury Elementary School PTSA Grant Application: Recommendation: Approve \$995.80 for the purchase of equipment needed to support the plant and animal life classroom science laboratory.
 - H. Accept Committee Reports – July and August.
- 4. Public Safety *(5 minutes)*
 - A. Update: New First District Commander – Commander Diane Groomes
 - B. Discussion: Paint addresses on rear of properties
 - C. Discussion: DC Senior Citizens’ Police Academy
 - D. Discussion: Emergency Response Training
 - E. Accept Committee Report.
- 5. Schools Committee *(2 minutes)*
 - A. Accept Committee Report
 - B. Committee Membership

8:45 **Unfinished Business**

- 1. DDOT Transportation Update (Varsovczky) *(5 minutes)*

8:50 **New Business**

- 1. Metropolitan Police Department Digital Camera Pilot Program (Fengler)

8:55 Community comments – Round 2 (if time permits)

9:00 Adjourn

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

NOTE: Due to the numerous committee recommendations, the meeting may be extended to 9:30pm.



Draft ANC 6A Minutes
July 14, 2005

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Beatty, Borbely, Fengler, Ibangha, Mack and Rice.
The meeting was convened at 7:05 pm.

Agenda

Additions were made to the agenda as follows: To New Business: 5. August meeting—to not have an August meeting; 6. Community grant. The agenda was adopted without objection.

Minutes

The minutes for June were approved, with minor changes, without objection.

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Rice announced that DPW is distributing new trash cans and recycling bins. In answer to a question, he said that the old cans can be held on to for now and there will be a date announced for can pick-up, or if they can't be kept they can be taken to the trash transfer station.

Commissioner Beatty reported that people in her SMD were concerned about dogs being off their leashes at the field at 13th and D Streets NE. There was a meeting at the end of June about enforcement of the leash law, and two task force meetings have been held.

Commissioner Mack reported an increase in drug activity on Kramer Street. She also announced Gear Up to Clean Up, a first joint project with her SMD and ANC 5B11, in conjunction with DPW, in the 1500-1900 blocks of Benning Road, on Saturday, July 16th.

Commissioner Ibangha reported that he held an SMD meeting on June 2nd at which William Howland, director of DPW, spoke regarding trash pick-up and other DPW matters. Dan Tangherlini, head of DDOT, along with Chris Delfs and Bill Rice attended an SMD meeting on July 7th and addressed the problems on the C Street corridor, particularly 14th and Constitution Avenue. Commissioner Tangherlini talked about the Capitol Hill Transportation Study and reported on the RFK permitting process and passed out brochures.

Commissioner Fengler said he had four items, three of which are on the agenda: fast food restaurants, particularly Cluck-U-Chicken; the police station renovation; and the Linden Place multi-agency task force. Also, in the past month, there was a murder in his single member district.

Commissioner Borbely called attention to the summary of the ANC's liquor license protest at the ABC on Ha Hu Grocery at 1451 Maryland Ave. NE. Nineteen neighbors protested the license and it was accepted for protest. The ABC directed the protesters to try to negotiate an agreement with the owner. He also pointed out the list of his SMD residents who have volunteered to serve as point people on various issues. Finally, he mentioned a letter that he had distributed to about 300 people, urging them to attend the June ABL Committee meeting to



discuss the opening of six new bars/taverns on H Street NW, prior to the ANC's discussion of these new licenses.

Commissioner Mack announced that 6A07 and 5B11 are having a joint clean up on Benning Road from 15th to 18th Streets, from 9 am until noon. Elected officials will be present, and there will be refreshments.

Officers Reports

Chair: Mr. Fengler called the community's attention to the letters to various city agencies that had been sent out in the past month as a result of ANC actions at the previous meeting.

Treasurer: Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's report. The report shows that the opening checking account balance was \$ 3,668.41 and that the savings account balance was \$4,137.95. There was an allotment from the District for \$5,794.43. **Motions:** Mr. Alberti moved that checks for the following amounts be approved: \$128.35 to Roberta Weiner for transcribing meeting minutes (Check #1251); for \$1,287.45 to Bode and Grenier, LLP for ABL representation (Check #1252); and for \$54.82 to Kinko's for photocopying (Check #1253). The motion was seconded by Mr. Ibangha, and approved without objection, leaving a checking account balance of \$7,493.22 and a savings account balance of \$4,139.36, for a closing total of \$11,362.58.

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 \$600 be approved for copying for ANC materials, and that up to \$50 be approved for copying each Committee's materials and each SMD's materials for July and August. The motion was passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved that up to \$25 be allocated for postage. Mr. Borbely moved to amend the motion to clarify that the \$25 would be for the Treasurer's use. The amendment and main motion were approved without objection.

Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing

Ms. Beatty reported that the June ABL meeting was devoted to a discussion of four proposed liquor licenses on H Street. Joe Englert presented his plans, and particularly cited the facts that he was putting his establishments in long-abandoned buildings, and addressed other community concerns such as noise, trash and parking. Ms. Beatty said that there was a good deal of community input, and that the committee observed that Joe Englert, the developer, has been responsible and has shown a good faith effort in working with the community, the police, trash removal services and various parking lots to mitigate parking problems. **Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved the ABL Committee's recommendation to present the standard voluntary agreement to Mr. Englert for each establishment, with the additional stipulation that the Beehive license be modified from a CT license to a CR license. Mr. Borbely thanked Ms. Beatty for her work on negotiating the agreements. He said he had passed out flyers, and feedback from his constituents was mostly in support of the establishments. He said he thought Mr. Englert's



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



reputation had played a large part in their support, as had Mr. Englert's agreement to change four of his seven applications from CT to CR licenses. Ms. Beatty offered an amendment adding approval of a CT Voluntary Agreement for The Pug and a CR Voluntary Agreement for Granville Moore's Brickyard, for which applications had not been filed in time to be considered by the ABL Committee. Ms. Beatty's amendment was accepted without objection. Mr. Fengler recapped the types of licenses at the establishments under consideration: the Brickyard, Beehive and Argonaut are CR, The Pug, Rock and Roll Hotel, and Red and Black are CT. Mr. Englert confirmed that he was also amending his application for The Olympic from CT to CR.

Ms. Beatty then raised the provision in the Voluntary Agreement pertaining to cover charges (#29[a]). She said Mr. Englert was requesting that the following language be struck: "or charge for admission (charges to gain entrance to the establishment, without benefit of additional services/product in return for the fee)." Mr. Fengler pointed out that licensing is a two-step process and the provision of entertainment requires a separate license. He suggested the possibility of adding a sentence that says, "This provision does not apply if the applicant successfully applies for and receives an entertainment license."

Mr. Borbely expressed his concern about the size of cover or admission charges because he wants to keep the establishments accessible to the neighborhood. He would not object if the language set a cap of \$3 or \$5 on cover charges. Mr. Rice said that there is a difference between cover charges and admission charges, and Ms. Beatty said that she had offered her suggestion because the language in the voluntary agreement had to be made consistent with DC Law. Mr. Englert said that he had no plans to do such promotions as "all-you-can-drink" for a certain price, and that cover charges at the Rock and Roll Hotel and the Red and Black Pub are set up to be collected for entry to a second floor, and there is no charge for entry to the establishment. Dea Varsovczky pointed out that Ellington's on Eighth has a \$10 fee when there is music, but it can be used toward the purchase of food. In response to a question about third-party promotions, such as international soccer, Mr. Englert says he keeps control of the door. Mr. Fengler reiterated that people will be able to get into the establishments without charge, just not upstairs.

Motion: Ms. Beatty moved that the language in #29 (a) language "or charge for admission (charges to gain entrance to the establishment, without benefit of additional services/product in return for the fee)" be struck from the voluntary agreement.

Motion: Mr. Borbely moved that the words "on entry from the street" be added instead to the first part of #29 (a) "...the applicant agrees no to use cover charges **on entry from the street** (a charge at the door which covers the cost of one or more drinks, which are provided to the patron upon entry). It was seconded by Mr. Fengler, and failed by a vote of 1-5.

Ms. Beatty's primary motion, striking the language in the second part of #29(a), failed 2-3.

Motion: Ms. Beatty moved that #29 (e) be amended, as per Mr. Englert's request, to read "Applicant agrees to end playing of music at **12 AM** on weekdays and **1:30 AM** on weekends." Ms. Mack offered a secondary amendment to add the word "live" before "music," saying that it is the live music that is much louder than recorded music and creates the problem. Mr. Alberti suggested that if only live music has limits, there can be music until indefinite hours. The vote



on Ms. Mack's secondary amendment failed 2-4, with Ms. Mack and Ms. Beatty voting in favor. The vote on Ms. Beatty's motion failed by a vote of 1-3, with Ms. Beatty voting in favor.

Motion: Mr. Fengler called for a vote on the main motion approving the voluntary agreements, as amended to include the change of license from CT to CR for the Beehive The motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved to accept the report of the ABL Committee, and it was accepted without objection.

Mr. Fengler thanked the Committee and Mr. Englert for two and half months of hard work.

Economic Development and Zoning

Mr. Rice said that while there had not been a quorum at the last meeting of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee, the committee had made informal recommendations on two items:

Inclusionary Zoning

Motion: Mr. Rice asked the ANC to send a letter to the Zoning Commission supporting the proposal of the Campaign for Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning (CMIZ), which would require new housing projects with 10 or more units to set aside a certain percentage of units at prices affordable to households within a certain income range in return for a density bonus allowing more height and/or more lot coverage. This requirement would apply in mapped Inclusionary Zoning Overlay areas where the Comprehensive Plan supports increased density. The proposed letter should recommend a review mechanism for ANCs, and that emphasis be given to retaining existing buildings that contribute to neighborhood character.

Mr. Alberti said that while he doesn't object to the concept, its meaning for the community is unclear---does it mean the community losing housing and density? He suggested amending the recommendation to say that the ANC supports the concept of Inclusionary zoning. The Committee, he said, had been presented with two proposals, and selected one without knowing if it is the right one. He said he is more comfortable leaving the specifics to the Zoning Commission. Jenefer Ellington responded that no DC laws would be changed, and that many states have Inclusionary zoning laws that work. Mr. Rice said that it is possible that if bonus density is allowed that height requirements might have to be relaxed, but his suggested letter says that allowance should be made for ANC review of proposed development under the law.

Motion: Mr. Borbely moved as a substitute the resolution that ANC 1A passed (attached), as a substitute. He said this resolution would more strongly support affordable housing. The substitute motion did not receive a second.

The original motion was accepted without objection.

H Street Clean and Safe



Mr. Rice reported that committee members and community members had walked on H Street between 7th and 14th Streets and made observations of existing conditions, including litter, street life, security, etc. He reported that there have been discussions about organizing institutions and merchants, at least in the Entertainment District, to pay for additional litter pick-up.

Motion: The committee informally recommended that the ANC ask DPW to increase the frequency of trash can pick-ups at the bus stops at 8th and H Streets; and that the ANC provide a letter of support to H Street Main Street encouraging business owners to participate in collective efforts to keep H Street clean. The recommendations were accepted without objection.

The report of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee was accepted without objection.

Community Outreach

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved, on Elizabeth Nelson's behalf, that Brian Hayden's letter of resignation from the Outreach Committee be accepted. The motion passed without objection.

The Committee recommended that a grant to Spingarn Senior High School be made as long as someone from the school attended the meeting. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved, on Elizabeth Nelson's behalf, that \$508 be allocated to Spingarn High School for the purchase of 40 pom poms for its cheerleaders. The motion passed without objection.

The committee's report was accepted without objection

Public Safety

Rafael Marshall requested permission to send thank you letters to the law enforcement officials who appeared at his committee meetings. Mr. Fengler said Mr. Marshall, as chair of the committee, could send such letters without having to seek approval from the ANC.

His report was accepted without objection.

Unfinished Business

Transportation Report

Dea Varsovczky submitted the following report:

Mr. Chris Delfs is working on pulling together a Ward 6 Transportation Policy Committee. The first meeting was held June 29, 2005, but unfortunately, participation was slim; it was only he and I. The next meeting will likely be held sometime in September.

Capitol Hill Transportation study:

DDOT is working on extending the current boundary of the study as requested by numerous community members at the past public meetings



DDOT is changing the projection model of the study to 2030 (rather than staying with 2015) to integrate it with other studies. Chris said he's looking into the possibility of running both models and what the associated costs would be.

Car Sharing Program

Following the 2004 published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to permit DDOT to designate some curbside parking spaces for car-sharing vehicles; some ANC chairs have gotten notices of the spaces DDOT has selected in their ANC for this purpose. Currently there are no new spots in 6A, but there will likely be. Once ANC Chair receives this notice, s/he should send in comments if there are serious objections to the proposed plan.

Planned Alley and Street Reconstruction Projects, 2005-2010

Funds have been allocated to alleys/streets listed in documents sent to Commissioner Fengler, who provided feed back for additional streets/alleys to be considered. This requires reworking the priorities set.

DDOT is taking special notice of problems in Linden Alley given the recent events. My observation/suggestion is that we should discuss specific recommendations for improvement, i.e. what kind of repaving we want, lighting issues, etc.

Old Police and Fire Stations

Mr. Fengler reported that the old police and fire stations are no longer the property of the Office of Property Management but have been transferred to the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) as part of a swap for property given by NCRC to the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation. He suggested that representatives of NCRC be invited to the next meeting of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee to discuss their plans for the two structures. Mr. Rice agreed to facilitate the invitation.

Wylie-Linden Multi-Agency Plan

Mr. Fengler reported that the Wylie-Linden MAP group met prior to the ANC meeting, and he can report that a four-pronged plan is now in process: DDOT is now paving the alleys between 12th and 13th Streets, and between Linden Place and H Street to reduce crime: regulations are being enforced for fast food establishments to secure their trash; and AutoZone is monitoring its mechanics to make certain there is no illegal working taking place on its property.

New Business

Joint ANC 6A/6C letter regarding new H Street fast food establishments

Motion: Mr. Fengler asked for ANC approval for a letter to DCRA and the Office of Zoning calling on DCRA to not issue any Certificates of Occupancy to fast food restaurants in C-2-A zoned portions of H Street without the required Board of Zoning Adjustment Hearing. The letter would refer to Taste of Jamaica and Cluck-U-Chicken, asking for a review of how the former's Certificate of Occupancy was granted and what steps both departments will take to ensure that Cluck-U-Chicken will not receive a certificate of occupation without the required special exception hearing. The letter was approved without objection.

Old Miner Elementary School



Mr. Fengler reported that at a recent meeting about a murder, it was announced that MPD was applying to lease the Old Miner school building. Mr. Fengler said the ANC had long been trying to encourage a more visible police presence in the area. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC send the school board a letter of support for making the Old Miner building available to the police. Mr. Borbely said there are currently two applications for the building, one from Options Public Charter school and one from MPD. He said the police proposal in some ways is the more child-friendly one, as it calls for relocating Miner's playground, whereas the charter school application called only for using the playground as a parking lot. He said School Board member Tommy Wells and Miner Principal Angela Tilghman are in favor of the police proposal. He said the building would be an administrative building of some sort. The motion passed without objection.

August Meeting

Motion: Mr. Fengler proposed that there be no meeting in August. It was agreed without objection.

Community Grant

Mr. Borbely reported that the person seeking an ANC grant for a Community Health Fair on the 400 block of Tennessee Ave. NE had left.

Voluntary Agreements

Mr. Borbely requested that the ANC take another look at the question of the hours for music in the voluntary agreements with Joe Englert's clubs. **Motion:** Mr. Borbely moved that 29(e) be amended to say that no music will be "audible outside the building" after 11 p.m. on weekdays and 1 a.m. on weekends, instead of the current language ("Applicant agrees to end playing of music at 11PM on weekdays and 1AM on weekends."). Mr. Borbely said that his concern is the residents of the neighborhood, not whether or not music is played. Mr. Alberti said that if that passed it would mean that music could play until any hour if it wasn't audible. He and Ms. Beatty said they didn't think ABRA would be able to enforce such a provision, because the word "audible" is vague. Ms. Mack said that she can hear the music from outside the Playhouse. She also said that when people go to the theater and have a drink afterwards, it's unfair to require the music to stop a half hour after they get there. Ms. Beatty said that the intent of the motion is good, but the hours she's asking for are reasonable, and Mr. Englert says he can't sign anything that says 11 pm, and that he would not be able to compete. Mr. Fengler said he could vote for the extended hours, but not the "audible" requirement. The motion failed 1-4, with Mr. Borbely voting in favor and Mr. Ibangha abstaining.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved that the hours be changed to midnight during the week and 1:30 am on weekends. Mr. Rice said he was uncomfortable with such negotiations "on the fly" and asked whether the issue could be addressed in September. Ms. Beatty responded that the 45-day protest period runs out in August. The motion passed 5-0.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



Motion: Mr. Borbely moved that the ANC file a protest to the applications if Mr. Englert does not sign the Voluntary Agreements. He said this had always been his assumption behind any Voluntary Agreement negotiations -- otherwise, why would a business owner sign? Mr. Fengler said the agreement was worked out with the ANC, and without it he was vulnerable to protests from members of the community. Mr. Alberti pointed out that the community was in favor of the establishments, and the ANC would not be heeding the will of the community if it protested. The motion did not receive a second.

Mr. Fengler said he would call a special meeting of the ANC if Mr. Englert did not sign the agreements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.



Attachment: Inclusionary Zoning Resolution passed by ANC 1A

RESOLUTION: Zoning Case No. 04-33
Text Amendment – Inclusionary Zoning Overlay

WHEREAS, ANC 1A finds that the District has become one of the strongest real estate markets in the United States. The escalating housing market is imposing significant housing cost burdens on low and moderate income residents and threatening to displace residents from their communities.

WHEREAS, ANC 1A finds that the strength of the District derives from its diversity and that mixed-income neighborhoods are thriving neighborhoods. In order to ensure that the District does not become a city of very rich and very poor communities, housing opportunities for low and moderate income households must exist throughout the city.

WHEREAS, ANC 1A supports the production of new units of affordable housing for low and moderate income residents that will help prevent displacement and provide new opportunities for District workers to reside in the city;

WHEREAS, ANC 1A supports creating homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income tenants and accepts that homeownership promotes residential stability and long-term affordability, and helps residents build wealth;

WHEREAS, ANC 1A contends that the development of affordable housing for low and moderate income workers is vital to attracting and retaining businesses to sustain the District's continued economic development;

WHEREAS, ANC 1A finds that for almost 30 years, hundreds of cities and counties throughout the United States, including areas neighboring the District, have been using inclusionary zoning to help meet their affordable housing needs and build vibrant, mixed-income communities.

WHEREAS, ANC 1A believes that mandatory inclusionary zoning is a critical tool for achieving the goals of producing affordable housing, discouraging displacement, creating opportunities for homeownership; and maintaining and creating mixed-income communities in the District by leveraging the expertise and capacity of the private market;

WHEREAS, the text amendment filed with the Zoning Commission in Case No. 04-33 would establish an Inclusionary Zoning Overlay in the District of Columbia that would meet ANC 1A goals of producing affordable housing for low and moderate income residents and maintaining and creating mixed-income neighborhoods, at little economic cost to the District;

NOW THEREFOR, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that ANC 1A urges the Zoning Commission to adopt the text amendment submitted in Case No. 04-33 as quickly as possible.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



July 19, 2005

Ms. Peggy Cooper Cafritz
President, District of Columbia Board of Education
825 North Capitol St, NE, 9th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: Old Miner Elementary School Use

Ms. Peggy Cooper Cafritz:

At the regularly scheduled and duly noticed July 14, 2005, ANC 6A public meeting, and with a quorum present, the Commission voted unanimously to request that the District of Columbia Board of Education release the Old Miner Elementary School building to the Metropolitan Police Department. Since the Police Service Area (PSA) realignment, our community has been working to raise the First District's presence in the Northeast community. Currently, both the First District's station and substation are located in Southwest and Southeast respectively.

Prior to the PSA alignment, our Commission identified a police substation on the H Street, NE corridor as a high priority. As the entire near northeast community continues to experience an increase in residents, business and services along H Street, NE, the need for a substation becomes more and more self-evident as each month passes.

It is our hope that the Board will adopt the Superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools recommendation to allow MPD the use of the Old Miner Elementary School. We believe this will be a tremendous opportunity for the community as well as dramatically improve the safety of the students attending the New Miner Elementary School.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler, Chair
ANC 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Tommy Wells, District of Columbia Board of Education
Dr. Clifford B. Janey, Superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools
Commander McGuire, First District, MPD



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



July 15, 2005

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

Jerrily R. Kress, Director
District of Columbia
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Special Exceptions for fast food establishments in C-2-A zone on H Street, NE

Dr. Canavan and Ms. Kress:

At the July public meetings of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 6A and 6C, held respectively on July 13 and July 14, 2005, and with a quorum present for each Commission, both Commissions voted to seek your immediate assistance with enforcing BZA Order 17214 on H Street, NE.

Specifically, we are formally calling for the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs not to issue Certificates of Occupancy for any fast food restaurants on C-2-A zoned portions of H Street, NE without the required Board of Zoning Adjustment Hearing. As clearly outlined in BZA Order 17214, fast food establishments in the C-2-A zone require a special exception. Please find the BZA Order enclosed for your immediate review.

Since the date of this order, one fast food establishment, Taste of Jamaica, opened on the corner of 6th and H Streets, NE and another is poised to do so at 1123 H Street, NE, Cluck-U-Chicken. We further apply for an immediate review of how the Certificate of Occupancy was issued to the Taste of Jamaica and what steps both departments will undertake to ensure that a Certificate of Occupancy is not issued to Cluck-U-Chicken without the required Board of Zoning Hearing.

Finally, we note that even the business at issue in the BZA case 17214 itself – Chans Food, Inc – continues to operate Blimpie's / Noble Roman Pizza, located at 721 H Street, NE, despite the lack of a valid certificate of occupancy. Absent a stay of the BZA order, which we believe remains fully effective, the Zoning Administrator should take prompt action to prevent any further illegal operation of this fast food restaurant.

On behalf of both Commissions,

Joseph Fengler, Chair, ANC 6A
Mark Dixon, Chair, ANC 6C



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



July 26, 2005

William O. Howland

DC Department of Public Works
Government of the District of Columbia
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th Street NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Request to Increase Frequency of Public Trash Can Pick-up at 8th & H Streets, NE

Dear Mr. Howland,

On July 14, 2005, ANC 6A voted 7-0 request that the Department of Public Works increase the frequency with which the street trash cans near the 8th and H Street, NE bus lines are emptied. The trash cans subject to this request are all within one block in each direction from this intersection and are the brown metal trash cans usually located near bus stops.

The intersection of 8th and H Streets, NE is one of the busiest transit intersections in the city. According to the H Street Strategic Redevelopment Plan, the X2 bus line has over 16,000 weekday riders and the 90/92/93 bus lines have over 17,000 weekday riders. The intersection of 8th and H Streets, NE is the transfer point between these lines, and many transit customers spend time waiting to transfer here. As a result, there is a high volume of trash generated and the public trash cans fill up quickly.

On June 28, 2005, our Commission's Economic Development & Zoning Committee toured H Street NE between 7th and 14th Streets, NE. The committee found that litter tends to be more of a problem on the 700 and 800 blocks of H Street NE than further east. It appeared that this may be related to the heavy pedestrian and transit passenger use of these blocks. The committee found many of the trash cans were completely full, suggesting that DPW needs to empty them more frequently.

The committee also noticed that some of the trash cans had bagged trash, suggesting illegal dumping. It may be advisable for DPW to send a sanitation inspector to determine if this bagged trash can be linked back to a person or business.

We would request the courtesy of a written reply to this request by September 1, 2005 so that we may provide an update at our September ANC meeting. If you have any questions about recommendation, please contact Commissioner Cody Rice at 544-3734 or rice6A03@verizon.net.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Peter Jones, Ward 6 Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Merrit Drucker, Office of the Clean City Coordinator



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



July 26, 2005

Dear H Street Business Owner,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A urges you to help keep the H Street corridor clean and safe. As the elected representatives of ANC 6A, we represent your neighbors—and your customers. A clean H Street corridor will make the neighborhood safer and earn you more money by attracting customers.

The H Street Main Street is coordinating an effort to hire a contractor to keep the corridor clean. This program requires the monetary support of businesses like yours. We hope that you will contribute to the clean and safe fund.

The H Street Main Street plans to establish a maintenance squad to patrol the 13-block H Street corridor. The team will maintain a clean, safe, and friendly environment for the H Street community. This program will be modeled after similar efforts underway with the Capitol Hill and Downtown DC Business Improvement Districts. Members of the maintenance team will be provided with uniforms featuring the logos of sponsoring organizations. Each person will be outfitted with a trashcan, broom, shovel, trash bags, and other cleaning materials.

The Main Street team will keep the streets and sidewalks clean, remove graffiti, provide information to pedestrians and shoppers, and coordinate with the Metropolitan Police Department to report any problems. They will receive extensive training in public safety and crime prevention, customer service, District of Columbia city services, neighborhood attractions, and other important information.

The maintenance service will be provided through a contract with a nonprofit organization that operates an employment training program. Several nonprofit organizations have programs that serve the formerly homeless and substance abusers. Typically, these programs provide job training, paid employment, and social services.

Clean, well-maintained businesses attract more customers, reduce overhead costs, increase safety for employees and the public, and give your community a more pleasant look. Beautification efforts through building renovation, repair, or landscaping go a long way in showing your business and community pride.

We hope that you will join the effort to clean up the H Street NE corridor.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



July 26, 2005

Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th St, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC Case No. 04-33 (Text Amendments to Require the Provision of Affordable Housing)

Dear Zoning Commissioners,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on July 14, 2005, ANC 6A voted 6-0-1 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to provide this letter of support for text amendments requested by the Campaign for Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning to require the provision of affordable housing wherever possible in the city.

Inclusionary zoning has been used with success in other jurisdictions, including in areas neighboring the District. In the District, it will add a critical tool for generating affordable housing opportunities in larger projects by leveraging the expertise and capacity of the private market. It will create opportunities for home ownership for residents with low to moderate incomes and reduce displacement pressures among lower income renters by adding to the supply of affordable units.

The advertised text amendment allows for bonus density to accommodate affordable and additional market rate units. At the Commission's Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting and as well at the Commission meeting, we discussed of the potential effect of the density bonus on neighborhood character if buildings may be taller or cover more of their lot than surrounding buildings through bonus density. There was discussion of the potential trade-offs between new buildings "fitting in" to their neighborhood and the need for affordable housing that might only be possible with larger buildings. The density bonus would allow larger buildings as a matter of right, and some residents might be surprised that they would have no opportunity for input on the scale of the building receiving the density bonus. Even with existing zoning, many new buildings are at least a story taller than surrounding structures. ANC 6A recommends that a review mechanism be created for ANCs to ensure that the density bonus for specific projects can be added without significant detriment to existing neighborhood character.

It was also noted that bonus density could create incentives for lot assembly and demolition of existing buildings, especially in older areas of the city without historic preservation protection. ANC 6A also recommends that emphasis be given to retaining existing buildings that contribute to neighborhood character.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Commissioner Cody Rice, the chair of our ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee, at 544-3734 or rice6A03@verizon.net.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Single-Member District 6A-06 Report

8/30/05

Neighbors,

Thanks very, very much to all of you for helping our neighborhood decide whether to oppose or support Carlink / Jotts Car Rental's request for a public space permit. The permit would allow the business to continue operating its used car lot and start a new car rental business largely in a (barbed wire) fenced-in area on the public sidewalk at 1400 Maryland Ave. NE. Thanks to those of you who contributed your thoughtful comments, and thanks to the four of you who helped get the word out to your neighbors about this issue.

The ANC's zoning committee tonight read your comments, received from 18 people, all of whom were opposed to the request. Among the reasons you cited for opposing the application: the property has been an eyesore for years; the owners have not demonstrated an ability to be good neighbors in terms of maintaining the property; trash accumulates outside its property; it uses illegal barbed wire; there are better uses for the public space, such as a broad sidewalk, green space, a playground, a vegetable stand or a sidewalk cafe; a car lot on public space is inconsistent with the neighborhood's vision for the future of our area and of the H Street Corridor in particular, which is a half-block away.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend that the ANC oppose the public space permit application. The ANC will vote on this on Sept. 8. I expect that the ANC will follow the committee's recommendation. The city's Public Space Committee will then consider and vote on the application on Sept. 22, giving "great weight" to the ANC recommendation.

I am truly grateful for everyone's comments about Carlink (if you haven't sent one, it's not too late; please send them by Sept. 7). I'll forward them to the Public Space Committee, so the Committee's members understand that our neighborhood is serious about our opposition. Might as well not take anything for granted.

We've been handed a chance to significantly improve a part of our neighborhood. I'm hopeful that thanks to everyone's weighing in, we'll see real improvements there soon.

On another note, many thanks to 6A06 Chief of Vacant Houses Tammi Cioffi for pulling together a list of the vacant houses in our neighborhood (see <http://anc6a06.us>). The zoning committee tonight unanimously recommended that the ANC report the following properties to the Office of Tax and Revenue, so that it can determine whether the properties should be taxed at the vacant property rate, which is 5 times higher than the regular rate that they're currently being charged:

- 1337 Emerald St. NE
- 1341 Emerald St. NE
- 1366 Emerald St. NE
- 1308 F St. NE
- 534 13th St. NE
- 603 14th St. NE
- 627 14th Place NE



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



The following two houses, across the street from me, need to be added to the list: 523 13th St. NE and 525 13th St. NE.

If there's another vacant house near you, please let Tammi know (cioffit@verizon.net or 202-544-2806) so she can see if it's being taxed at the vacant property rate and, if not, add it to the list. One vacant property is already being taxed at the higher rate: 1323 Emerald St. NE. The hope is that if the properties are taxed at the higher rate, their owners will feel more pressure to fix them up and sell them, and we'll no longer have so many nuisance properties right next door, and our streets will be safer, with more residents at home.

Finally, if any of you are not on the 6A06 e-mail discussion group for our neighborhood, please join it! It's a way for neighbors to connect and communicate about important issues affecting our lives. If getting too much e-mail is an issue, use the "Daily Digest" or "No E-mail" settings. I'd be glad to explain those options. But let me know if I can add you! There are currently 91 members of the group.

- Marc Borbely
Comissioner, ANC 6A06
536 13th St. NE
202-544-2447



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



7/22/05

Hello Neighbors!

Looks like we'll have some top police brass as neighbors in the not-too-distant future! This can only help with our many public safety issues. Thanks to Tommy Wells on the school board, and DCPS Superintendent Clifford Janey, for supporting this plan...

The DC Board of Education on Wednesday evening unanimously approved a plan to lease the vacant former Miner Elementary School building, at 15th and F Streets NE, to the Metropolitan Police Department.

The principal at Miner, a local co-location review committee and DCPS Superintendent Clifford Janey all recommended that MPD's proposal be approved. ANC 6A had also expressed its support for allowing MPD to use the building.

Some more details about MPD's plans, from the 6/15/05 MPD Letter of Interest...

MPD plans to completely renovate the building and then move in its Regional Operations Command-Central (which oversees the 1st and 5th Police Districts) administrative offices, which are staffed by about 10 employees, including sworn police officers and civilian employees. ROC-Central is led by Assistant Chief Brian Jordan. No prisoners are processed at the facility. Depending on the availability and configuration of space, MPD may also house one Police Service Area at Miner -- most likely PSA 103.

The facility will be a model ROC facility, similar to the old Petworth Elementary School at 801 Shepherd St. NW. MPD will pay for relocating the playground equipment directly behind the facility to an agreed upon location.

The facility will include offices and at least one Community Room that would be available for meetings of the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission, PSA, or community or civic organizations. MPD and the principal of Miner have agreed to a parking plan to identify space for MPD's vehicles.

- Marc Borbely, Commissioner
ANC 6A06, 202-544-2447



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



ANC Treasurer's Report
July & August 2005

Period Covered: 07/01/05 - 08/31/05

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded			\$	8,048.04
Receipts:				
	District Allotments 3rd Q FY05		\$	5,794.43
	Interest Income		\$	-
	Transfers from Saving Account		\$	-
	Total Receipts		\$	5,794.43
Total Funds Available			\$	13,842.47
Disbursements:				
	Kid Power-DC Inc Grant	CK# 1254	\$	500.00
	Roberta Weiner (Minutes May 05)	CK# 1255	\$	127.50
	Spingarn HS PTA Grant	CK# 1256	\$	502.00
	Kinko's	CK# 1257	\$	1,611.45
	Total Disbursements		\$	2,740.95
Ending Balance			\$	11,101.52

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded			\$	4,139.36
Receipts:				
	Interest 06/30/05		\$	1.36
	Interest 07/29/05		\$	1.41
	Transfers from Checking Account		\$	-
	Total Receipts		\$	2.77
Total Funds Available			\$	4,142.13
Disbursements:				
	Total Disbursements		\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	4,142.13



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



Quarterly Report Period Covered 04/01/052 - 06/30/05
Summary of Receipts and Disbursements: Checking Account

	ANC	6A
Balance Forwarded		\$ 6,189.22
Receipts:		
District Allotments 2nd & 3rd Q FY05	\$ 11,588.86	
Interest Income	\$ -	
Other Deposits	\$ -	
Transfers from Saving Accounts	\$ -	
Total Receipts		\$ 11,588.86
Total Funds Available		\$ 17,778.08
Disbursements:		
1. Net Salary and Wages Workers	\$ -	
2. Compensation	\$ -	
3. Insurance:		
4. A. Health	\$ -	
B. Casualty/Proper ty	\$ -	
5. Total Federal Wages	\$ -	
6. Taxes	\$ -	
7. Tax Penalties	\$ -	
8. Local Transportation Office	\$ -	
9. Rent Telephone	\$ -	
10. Services Postage and Delivery	\$ -	
11. Utilities	\$ -	
12. Printing and Copying	\$ 1,588.31	
13. Flyer Distribution	\$ -	
14. Purchase of Service	\$ 2,173.30	
15. Office Supplies	\$ -	
16. Office Equipment		
A. Rental	\$ -	
B. Purchase	\$ -	
17. Grants	\$ 174.00	
18. Training Petty Cash	\$ -	
19. Reimbursement	\$ -	
20. Transfers to Saving Account	\$ -	
21. Bank Charges	\$ -	
22. Other	\$ -	
23.	\$ -	
Total Disbursements		\$ 3,935.61
Ending Balance:		\$ 13,842.47



Summary of Receipts and Disbursements: Savings Account

Balance Forwarded			\$ 4,136.59
Receipts:			
Transfers From Checking Account	\$	-	
Other (Interest Earnings, etc.)	\$	4.13	
Total Receipts			\$ 4.13
Total Funds Available			\$ 4,140.72
Disbursements:			
Transfers to Checking Account	\$	-	
Other	\$	-	
Total Disbursements			\$ -
Ending Balance:			\$ 4,140.72

CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT DEPOSITS		
Deposits to Checking Account (Including transfers from savings account)		
Date	Amount	Source
05/12/05	\$ 5,794.42	District Allotment 2nd Q FY05
06/20/05	\$ 5,794.42	District Allotment 3rd Q FY05
Total	\$ 11,588.84	
Deposits to Savings Account (Including transfers from checking account)		
Date	Amount	Source
04/29/05	\$ 1.36	Interest
05/31/05	\$ 1.41	Interest
06/30/05	\$ 1.36	Interest
Total	\$ 4.13	



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Expense Category	Purpose of Expenditure	Date Approved (1)
1245	04/14/05	Roberta Weiner	\$ 120.00	15	Recording of Minutes (Mar. 05)	10/14/04
1246	04/24/05	Kinko's Inc.	\$ 474.50	13	Photocopying ANC Business	02/10/05
1247	05/12/05	Voice of the Hill	\$ 500.00	15	Advertising May Special Ad	03/8/05 & 06/9/05
1248	05/12/05	Kinko's Inc.	\$ 1,113.81	13	Photocopying ANC Business	2/10/2005 & 03/10/05 & 04/14/05
1249	05/12/05	Roberta Weiner	\$ 137.50	15	Recording of Minutes (Apr. 05)	10/14/04
1250	05/12/05	Cheerleading Co.	\$ 174.00	18	Grant to Gibbs Elementary PTA	5/12/05 & 11/11/05
1251	06/09/05	Roberta Weiner	\$ 128.35	15	Recording of Minutes (May. 05)	10/14/04
1252	06/20/05	Bode & Grenier LLP	\$ 1,287.45	15	Legal Services before ABC Board	10/14/04
1253	06/29/05	VOID	\$ -			
Total			\$ 3,935.61			



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



DRAFT
ANC Budget for FY06

Proposed 8/31/05

Projected Assets

Projected FY05 Year End Savings Balance	\$	4,100.00
Projected FY04 Year End Checking Balance	\$	9,000.00
Projected FY06 District Allotments	\$	23,200.00
Projected Total Funds Available	\$	36,300.00

Budget

Expenditure

Total Yearly Expenditure

Photocopies	\$	8,500.00
Advertising	\$	6,000.00
Transcription Service for Minutes	\$	2,000.00
Post Office Box	\$	200.00
Grants	\$	6,000.00
Postage	\$	100.00
Office Supplies	\$	100.00
Office Equipment	\$	500.00
Rental Space	\$	1,500.00
ANC Security Fund	\$	25.00

Total Expenditures	\$	24,925.00
Projected Surplus	\$	11,375.00



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



FY05 Expenditures
Oct. 2004 – Aug. 2005

Expenditure	Total Expenditure	
	10/04 – 8/05	
Photocopies	\$	5,636.89
Advertising	\$	6,264.40
Transcription Service for Minutes	\$	1,343.35
Post Office Box	\$	100.00
Grants	\$	5,603.61
Office Supplies & Postage	\$	61.61
Office Equipment	\$	0.00
Rental Space	\$	0.00
ANC Security Fund	\$	25.00
Legal Services	\$	10,915.45

Total Expenditures	\$	29,950.31



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



ABL ANC 6A meeting
Meeting Minutes -- July 19, 2005

Committee Members Present: Chair Mary Beatty, Malcolm Ross, Tim Carney, Tolu Tolu, Lyndon Bonaparte

Committee Members Absent: Tish Olshefski, Patti Neil, Michael Herman

Audience Members: ANC6a Commissioners Nick Alberti and Marc Borbely, and Raphael Marshall

I. The meeting minutes of June 21st, 2005 were accepted, as was the agenda for the July 19th meeting by the ABL Committee.

II. There were no comments by the community.

III. Update on ANC Actions on ABL Recommendations

Chair Beatty briefed the Committee members on actions of the ANC regarding the ABL Committee's June recommendation. That recommendation was that the ANC enter into a voluntary agreement with Joe Englert for the Argonaut, Beehive, Rock and Roll Hotel and Red and Black, using the standard voluntary agreement with the stipulation that the Beehive be amended from a CT to a CR. She stated that initially the ANC did not accept the two amendments recommended by Englert's attorney, but later revisited the issue regarding the hours of playing music and accepted the amended hours of 12 midnight on weekdays and 1:30 on weekends. However, the ANC did not accept the word "live" before the word music, thus in effect prohibiting the playing of a jukebox or recorded music after those hours.

Ms. Tolu asked why the ANC voted as they did, to which Chair Beatty replied though she could not answer for each individual, she felt that the sense of the ANC was that we should not amend our standard agreement in the ANC meeting. Chair Beatty pointed out that each of our VA's have gone through a negotiation and amendment process before being accepted by the ANC. However, this was the first time that each amendment was discussed and voted on as separate items. Some ANC members were not comfortable with that process.

Commissioner Borbely then explained his reasoning for not accepting the amendments, stating that he felt that Joe Englert had agreed to terms of the VA, that he had expected the negotiations to have been completed before the ANC meeting and was surprised to learn of requests for the changes for the first time at the meeting. Chair Beatty clarified his statement, stating that the ABL Committee only recommended that we present our standard VA to Mr. Englert. Mr. Englert had made no representation that he would agree to every word. A negotiation process on terms of our standard VA is normal, and has occurred with every applicant.

Chair Beatty then explained that the ANC also approved a motion to present our standard VA for the Pug and Granville Moore's Brickyard with the stipulation that Granville Moore's Brickyard be amended from a CT to a CR.

IV. New Business

A. Joe Englert's VA's- Chair Beatty then opened a Committee discussion of language that we might recommend for the VA's that would address the issue of



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



playing music after 12PM and 1:30PM. She first explained that this clause, regulating the hours of playing music, is not in our standard voluntary agreement. She stated that it was her mistake to include this provision since the ABL committee had voted to present the standard voluntary agreement. This clause was a provision that had been added to another VA that she should not have included.

Chair Beatty then stated that while this was the one issue that could be easily fixed (by simply reinserting the word “live”) that before a recommendation was made that it might be worthwhile to look at the VA as a whole. Several issues that had been raised by ABRA regarding our VA with the Olympic and, more importantly, our current VA uses outdated law.

B. Standard Voluntary Agreement- The Committee then began looking at our current standard voluntary agreement to discuss each item that 1) had been described as “unenforceable” by ABRA or 2) was outdated. Chair Beatty explained that she hoped that we could correct these problems and recommend a new “cleaned up” version of the standard VA to the ANC.

Chair Beatty described the three provisions that ABRA had concerns about with regard to the Olympic VA. They are 1) that we require applicants to join the Business Improvement District (BID), 2) that we required Joe Englert to give hiring preference to those in the neighborhood (Olympic and Showbar), and 3) that we use a clause stating that the applicant must ensure that sounds “are not heard by in the surrounding neighborhood”. ABRA counsel, Tiwana Clark, had indicated that ABRA considered each of these clauses unenforceable.

The Committee then reviewed two documents prepared by Chair Beatty. The first document omitted old law and the language that ABRA considered unenforceable and the second document inserted new (current) law regarding an entertainment endorsement.

Chair Beatty explained the rationale for each proposed modification to our current standard VA, line by line. On page one, redundant language was removed (two sentences). On page two the BID requirement was removed. On page three brand names of alcohol were removed, recitation of old law regarding the differentiation between classes of licenses was removed, and the clause regarding noise was rewritten to comply with ABRA concerns. On page four, old law regarding entertainment provisions was removed.

During this discussion, there was general committee and audience discussion of two other clauses in the standard agreement, namely, the use of alcohol signs in windows and installation of pay phones. After significant discussion of pros and cons of banning all signage promoting specific brands of alcohol (which is currently in our agreement) Commissioner Alberti suggested that the committee limit signs to no more than 25% of window space (as in our Class A and B standard agreement) unless current law for CR and CT licenses already addresses signage, in which case the VA should incorporate current law. The committee accepted this recommendation. Regarding pay phones, Ms. Tolu stated that she felt that not having a pay phone was an inconvenience to the



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



neighborhood that was being justified by illegal behavior (drug dealing) when in fact the drug dealing should be remedied by the police, not merchants.

The Committee then began a review of a document which inserted the current law where old law had been omitted. Specifically, on page three the new language regarding cover charges was inserted, and new DC law which defined an entertainment endorsement was inserted. In addition, the former paragraph regarding noise was rewritten in order to satisfy ABRA's concerns about unenforceability of our old clause.

The committee began with a discussion of the rewritten paragraph. In the proposed amendment the language regarding music "not being heard by the neighborhood" was changed to ensuring that sounds are "mitigated" by soundproofing, controlling of the sound system's volume, and keeping doors and windows closed while music is being played. Chair Beatty explained that ABRA's legal counsel indicated that these types of measures, particularly soundproofing, were used in many VA's approved by the Board.

There was a great deal of discussion of the new cover charge provision. Commissioner Alberti stated that he did not feel that the new definition covered an "admission" fee as the old provision had. There was general disagreement on how the new DC law should be interpreted. Chair Beatty stated that the new language clearly restricted sales of 'drink tickets' masked as a cover charge. However, Commissioner Alberti felt that an applicant might be able to charge an "admission fee" for drinks alone. Chair Beatty reminded him that the intent of the old language and this new clause was the same, that is, that excessive drinking not be promoted by purchasing drink tickets at the door. Lyndon Bonaparte commented that the applicant would have to follow DC law on this and that our current and old VA's merely recite that law.

There then was a general discussion on whether our old language was more restrictive than this new language. There was a great deal of disagreement among committee members and the audience whether the ANC should be more restrictive on this clause. Ms. Tolu felt that cover charges should be determined by the business owner. She stated several times that she didn't understand the problem that they were trying to address on this.

As the time was nearing 9PM, Chair Beatty asked the Committee for recommendations. Commissioner Alberti stated that he was not satisfied with the changes that had been proposed. Tim Carney stated that he still had questions regarding the cover charge vs. admission charge and wanted more time to consider alternative language. Since the ANC will not be meeting in August, Chair Beatty asked committee members if they were willing to come back to the issue next month. They agreed that they would.

Chairman Beatty then returned to the issue of Joe Englert's VA's and the subject of the playing music after 12Midnight on weekdays and 1:30AM on weekends. Chair Beatty made a motion to recommend that the ANC insert the word "live" before the word music. Commissioner Alberti recommended that we also include the words "or disc jockeys". Chair Beatty stated that disc jockeys are explicitly included in the definition of live entertainment in DC law so that this was not necessary. The original motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



**REPORT OF THE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING COMMITTEE (ABLC)
OF ANC 6A**

August 16, 2005
Sherwood Recreation Center
7 p.m.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

Mary Beatty	Chair
Tim Carney	Committee Member
Patti Neal	Committee Member
Tish Olshefski	Committee Member, Secretary
Malcolm Ross	Committee Member
Michael Herman	Committee Member
Tolu Tolu	Committee Member

Absent: Lyndon Bonaparte

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Marc Borbely ANC 6A06

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE

Sharon Pine; Dea Vasovczky; Victor McKay; Stephen Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Beatty asked for introductions as some committee members have not yet met.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Mary Beatty moved to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2005 meeting. No objections. Passed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Mary Beatty moved to accept the agenda. No objections. Passed.

III. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None



IV. OLD BUSINESS

Standard Voluntary Agreement CR, CT, CN-ReWrite

The Committee reviewed and amended the new draft standard voluntary agreement. The highlighted sections are specific items of discussion and other areas were raised by the committee.

Preamble

First highlight is not new language but it was moved from the last paragraph.

Accepted

2.d. Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub “crawls” or “tours” ...

Accepted to take out “tours”

2.a. Applicant will not directly or indirectly, sell or deliver alcohol to any intoxicated person, or to any person of intemperate habits, ...

Accepted to leave in term “intemperate” as this is language in current law. If we can find the correct citation agreed to possibly change term to “convicted” as opposed to “arrested” in 2.a.i

2 j. – Applicant agrees to not post any alcoholic beverage signage (promotions) in the windows.

Accepted to remove this item and renumber section.

3.b. Applicant agrees that all windows will be closed and doors will not be propped open ...

Accepted after lengthy discussion to remove this language and replace it with language from first paragraph of DC Code 25-725 and then the rest of the code section is cited in VA.

3.c & d The language in these two sections covers entertainment endorsements and cover charges. The old language wasn’t consistent with law. Cover charge is now defined in DC Code

Accepted to include language.

3.d ... may offer facilities for dancing for patrons only with an entertainment endorsement and may have recorded ...

Accepted to change “and” to ‘but’

6. b. added language about posting this voluntary agreement along with the ABL. Old language referenced a document that is a summary of voluntary agreement.

Accepted

Mary Beatty moved to recommend the revised document to ANC as our new standard voluntary agreement. Seconded and Passed.

Discussion ensued about putting Joe Englert ‘s agreements in this new standard voluntary agreement with the exceptions of the times that will be put back into his agreements. (That is, to add that live music can’t be played after 12:00 pm on weekdays and 1:30 pm on weekends.) Some committee members felt that this clause created a competitive disadvantage for his



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



establishments. Commissioner Borbely stated that if we include the discussed noise abatement provisions that he felt the time limitation was not needed.

Mary Beatty moved to recommend that the voluntary agreements for the Rock and Roll Hotel, Red and Black, Beehive, Argonaut, the Pug, and Granville Moore's be updated with this standard agreement (without the time limit on playing live music) and then resigned by the applicant.* Seconded and Passed.

H Street Singles Moratorium-Strategy Document

This item will be held over for the next meeting.

Adjourned: 8:50

Next meeting: September 20

*While not specifically mentioned in this motion, the requirement to change the Beehive and Granville Moore's from CT to CR will be retained in the VA's.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



Draft Standard Voluntary Agreement

Made this _____ day of _____, 200X, by and between
_____, (Applicant's Name)

(Address)
Washington, DC 20002

and

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Preamble

Through this agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby the applicant may operate as a viable contributing business in the ANC 6A community, while concurrently curtailing any adverse effects a business such as the applicant's could have on the surrounding neighborhood.

The applicant agrees to work regularly with the ANC 6A, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this agreement are reasonable and must become wholly integrated into the day-to-day operation of the business establishment.

Further, ANC 6A acknowledges that this Cooperative Agreement shall be presented to all Class C applicants within the boundaries of ANC 6A. The community and merchants have agreed that it is in all the parties best interests to standardize the requirements for the operations of restaurant, tavern, and nightclub establishments within the boundaries of ANC 6A. To the greatest extent possible, the ANC will not insist upon or allow any significant changes to this Cooperative Agreement that will unfairly benefit or, conversely, cause competitive disadvantage to, any individual applicant or establishment within the ANC, unless such change is required by the District of Columbia government, other authorized governmental bodies, or rule of law.

The community and merchants understand and agree that the changes imposed upon the operations of all licensees within the ANC as set forth herein are important measures to protect the safety, peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood, its residents, and businesses.

Witnesseth

Whereas, Applicant's premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A; and,

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into an agreement governing certain requirements and understandings regarding the issuance of a Retailer's Class C Liquor License at the subject premises; and,



The Parties Agree As Follows:

1. Public Space Cleanliness and Maintenance. Applicant will maintain the public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition by:

- a. Picking up trash, including beverage bottles and cans, and all other trash a minimum of twice daily (once immediately before business hours and again between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.).
- b. Maintaining regular trash garbage removal service, regularly remove trash from the trash and dumpster area, and see that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.
- c. Applicant shall deposit trash and garbage only in rodent-proof dumpsters, and shall see that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash or garbage is being added or removed.
- d. Exercising due diligence to prevent and/or rid vermin infestation in and around the establishment, including following, minimally, the recommendations and guidelines of the Vector Control Division of the Department of Public Works.
- e. Assisting in maintenance of the curb in front of the establishment to keep them free of trash and to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk and comply with all applicable D.C. laws and regulation in these respects.
- f. Planting, watering, and generally tending to tree boxes directly in front of the subject premises, if any.
- e. Promptly removing or painting over any graffiti written on the exterior walls of the property.

2. Business Operations and Practices:

- a. Applicant will not, directly or indirectly, sell or deliver alcohol to any intoxicated person, or to any person of intemperate habits, or to any person who appears to be intoxicated. A person of intemperate habits shall be defined as:
 - i. Any person convicted of alcohol offences or alcohol-related crimes three times or more in any one year; and
 - ii. Who has been so identified to the licensee by the Metropolitan Police Department by giving a photo and name to the licensee.
- b. Applicant agrees to take all necessary steps to prevent patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- c. Applicant agrees to ensure that no patron bring alcohol into the establishment from outside sources, and at no time exits the establishment with alcoholic beverages.
- d. Applicant will not provide or sell alcoholic beverages "to go." Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub "crawls" or any other event of this nature.
- e. The licensed establishment will be managed by the applicant in person or a board licensed manager.
- f. Applicant, and all employees of the applicant, shall attend and complete an alcoholic beverage server training course/seminar.
- g. Applicant shall post a notice kept in good repair and visible from point of entry a sign, which states:



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



- i. Proper ID required (proof of age 21 minimum to be served and assurances that ID's will be checked at all times prior to serving alcoholic beverages to patrons).
- ii. Prohibition against selling alcohol to minors.
- iii. Request to patrons to not litter, loiter, or make excessive noise in the neighborhood as they arrive or depart.
- iv. Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects.
- v. Request that customers do not contribute to panhandlers.
- h. Applicant shall make every effort to prohibit and prevent loitering and criminal activity on or in front of the establishment premises, to include:
 - i. Asking loiterers to move on whenever they are observed outside the establishment,
 - ii. Calling the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to remove loiterers if they refuse Applicant's request to move on,
 - iii. Calling the Metropolitan Police Department if illegal activity is observed,
 - iv. Keeping a written record of dates and times (i.e. log) when the MPD was called for assistance.
- i. Applicant's log shall be provided to the Board and, for good cause shown to the Board, to any valid protestant during hearings involving future renewals or contested proceedings involving the Applicant's license.
- j. Applicant shall not support of the installation of pay phones outside of the establishment on their property.
- k. Applicant will utilize and maintain high-intensity flood-lights on the exterior of its premises so as to fully light any abutting alleyway from dusk until dawn.

3. Music / Dancing / Entertainment:

- a. Applicant agrees to ensure that sounds originating from within the establishment are mitigated by installing adequate sound proofing.
- b. Applicant shall not produce any sound, noise, or music of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment in accordance with DC Official Code Title 25-725.
- c. Applicant shall obtain an entertainment endorsement to have a cover charge. For purposes of this clause, a cover charge is a fee required by an establishment to be paid by patrons for admission that is not directly applied to the purchase of food or drink.
- d. Applicant may offer facilities for dancing for patrons only with an entertainment endorsement and may have recorded and background music without an entertainment endorsement. "Entertainment" means live music or any other live performance by an actual person, including live bands, karaoke, comedy shows, poetry readings, and disc jockeys. The term "entertainment" shall not include the operation of a jukebox, a television, a radio, or other prerecorded music.

4. Cooperation with ANC 6A. Applicant agrees to work with the Single-Member District ANC Commissioner within whose boundaries the establishment is located, on resolving issues preventing the applicant from fulfilling its obligations under this cooperative agreement.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



5. Modifications. This agreement can be modified only by mutual agreement of all the parties with the approval of the ABC Board. In the case of ANC6A, if applicant desires to modify the terms of this agreement, the applicant, prior to implementing the change(s), shall receive written agreement from ANC6A after a majority of the commissioners shall have voted in favor of the changes at a full public meeting.

6. Miscellaneous:

- a. Applicant certifies that it does not owe more than \$100 to the District of Columbia government as the result of any fine, fee or penalty interest or past due tax.
- b. Applicant shall post a copy of this voluntary agreement in the establishment in conjunction with the posting of its alcoholic beverage license.
- c. Applicant will operate in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

7. Enforcement:

- a. If either party hereto believes in good faith that the applicant is in violation of this agreement, written notice specifying the alleged violation shall be delivered to the applicant and the applicant shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice to come into compliance with this agreement or respond to said alleged notice of default.
- b. Applicant and the ANC 6A Commission agree to enter into this agreement. If the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement, it is understood by all parties that the ANC 6A, and/or its committees, or others shall immediately petition the ABC Board for a "show cause" hearing pursuant to 23 D.C.M.R. 1513.5.
- c. This cooperative agreement is binding on the applicant and its assigns and will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.

In Witness Whereof

The parties have affixed hereto their hands and seals.

Applicant:

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Advisory Neighborhood Council 6A Representative:

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

ABC Board-Licensed Manager:

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____



**REPORT OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING COMMITTEE
OF ANC 6A
August 30, 2005**

Present: Commissioners Nick Alberti, Marc Borbely, Gladys Mack, and Cody Rice; Resident Members Jeff Fletcher, Virginia Gaddis, Laura Peterson, Drew Ronneberg; and Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert.

Commissioner Rice chaired the meeting.

Community Comments

Jenefer Ellingston expressed concern about the city's effort to declare five old school buildings to be "surplus" and redeveloped for private use. None of these schools are in ANC 6A, but other public property in 6A may be declared "surplus" at some point.

Report on approvals for fast-food restaurants on H Street NE and related issues

The committee heard from Dr. Patrick Canavan (Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)) and Neil Stanley (Acting Zoning Administrator) on four questions posed by the ANC in a letter to DCRA from August 2, 2005:

1) Certificates of Occupancy (CO) for new eating establishments:

DCRA issued a CO to Taste of Jamaica (528 H St NE) on March 10, 2005 for use as a carryout. Mr. Stanley noted that this CO was issued before the final date of BZA Order 17214 (ANC 6A's successful appeal of the Blimpie CO). DCRA is in communication with Taste of Jamaica, and the establishment will be given a "reasonable opportunity" to come into compliance with the requirements of a restaurant-related use.

DCRA issued a CO to Cluck-U Chicken (1123 H St NE) in July 2005 for use as a restaurant. Mr. Stanley was unable to recall the exact date although he indicated that he has been personally supervising the review and issuance of COs for eating establishments as Acting Zoning Administrator. Mr. Stanley indicated that DCRA considers this CO to be correct. He said that if there are any mistakes or problems, a system of "checks and balances" (e.g., an ANC appeal to BZA) exists to resolve them. Commissioner Rice indicated that he and Commissioner Fengler have looked at Cluck-U and that the establishment appears to meet the criteria for a fast-food restaurant.

DCRA did not bring requested copies of the COs and floor plans for Taste of Jamaica and Cluck-U. As a result, DCRA was unable to demonstrate how Cluck-U would qualify as a restaurant despite the amount of floor space devoted to the queuing area and the area for on-site consumption. Dr. Canavan directed Mr. Stanley to provide the requested documents to the ANC.



2) Status of Blimpie/Noble Roman Pizza (721 H St NE): Mr. Stanley acknowledged a lag between the final date of the BZA Order 17214 and revocation of the CO for a restaurant at this location. Once DCRA acted, the owner was given 10 days to come into compliance by obtaining a special exception from BZA to operate a fast-food restaurant or meet the requirements to operate as a restaurant. To date, Blimpie has done neither and remains closed.

3) Inspections of all food establishments between the 200 and 1500 blocks of H Street NE: DCRA conducted inspections relating to regulations that DCRA enforces. It is unclear if DCRA noted or referred public space violations (a Department of Transportation responsibility), rodents (a Department of Health responsibility), or trash in public space (a Department of Public Works responsibility) to the responsible agencies. DCRA found violations and expects to complete its work by the end of the week. A report on types of violations, responsible parties, and sanctions will be provided to the ANC by mid-September.

4) ANC 6A's request for Ward liaisons in DCRA: Dr. Canavan is aware of this request and agrees with the utility of Ward liaisons to coordinate across the agency. He is currently considering this as part of a larger reorganization effort and is attempting to fill the existing ANC coordinator position.

Recommendation: That the ANC appeal the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for Cluck-U (1123 H St NE) to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Report on 525 9th St, NE (old police station) and 1341 Maryland Ave, NE (old firehouse)

The committee heard from Don Pross, a Senior Development Director at the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC).

NCRC and the RLA Revitalization Corporation agreed in principle in May 2004 to transfer each company's respective interests in the Southwest Waterfront to the DC Government in exchange for cash, land, and other resources at a date to be mutually agreed upon. The old police station and firehouse are 2 of 35 small parcels that are expected to be transferred to NCRC. Until the ownership of the properties is resolved, they will not be redeveloped.

The Memorandum of Understanding that would finalize this deal and release the properties from legal limbo has not been completed, although NCRC continues to work with Deputy Mayor Stanley Jackson and the DC Council. Until further notice, the DC Department of Housing and Community Development will be responsible for on-going property management and maintenance.

NCRC commits to work with the ANC to decide how to proceed with redevelopment of the properties within 45 days of obtaining title. The properties will not necessarily be sold to the highest bidder, although re-use of the buildings should be self-sustaining without need for operating grants or subsidies. In response to a question, Mr. Pross indicated that the Community Development Block Grant requirements that some portion of the redevelopment serve persons with low-to-moderate incomes conveys with the properties. Further meetings may be scheduled.



Recommendations: 1) That the ANC send a letter to NCRC, DC Council, Deputy Mayor Stanley Jackson, and Representative Norton stressing the importance of resolving the ownership of the old police station and firehouse so that redevelopment can occur; 2) That the ANC send the letter of December 10, 2004 to NCRC outlining use recommendations for the old police station.

Public Space Application (1400 Maryland Ave NE)

Mr. Olufemi Fakiyesi, a part-owner of Jott's Car Rental, presented his request to the committee to be allowed to occupy public space with parked cars and a chainlink fence topped with barbed wire. He said he has been leasing the property for the last seven months. DDOT recently informed Mr. Fakiyesi that he either needs to remove the cars and fence from public space or apply for permission to use this public space.

Commissioner Borbely said he had asked his constituents to comment on the application, and he presented the committee with written comments he received from 18 constituents, all of whom opposed the application. Among the reasons cited: the property has been an eyesore for years; the owners have not demonstrated an ability to be good neighbors in terms of maintaining the property in an attractive way; trash accumulates outside its property; it has illegal barbed wire on its fence, on the sidewalk; there are better uses for the public space, such as a broad sidewalk, green space, a playground, a vegetable stand or a sidewalk cafe; a car lot on public space is inconsistent with the neighborhood's vision for the future of the H Street Corridor, which is a half-block away. Borbely asked the committee to oppose the application for all of these reasons.

Recommendation: That the ANC send a letter opposing the application to the Public Space Committee.

Letter on Vacant/Abandoned Buildings in SMD 6A06

Commissioner Borbely asked the committee to recommend that the ANC notify the DC Government of 7 vacant/abandoned buildings in his SMD so that the higher tax rate can be applied. Commissioner Borbely said that he has looked at each of the properties and checked their status in the DC Property Assessment Database.

The properties are 1337 Emerald St. NE (1029 0087); 1341 Emerald St. NE (1029 0089); 1366 Emerald St. NE (1029 0117); 1308 F St. NE (1028 0161); 534 13th St. NE (1007 0097); 603 14th St. NE (1051 0167); 627 14th Place NE (1051 0091).

Commissioner Alberti suggested that the letter also ask for a response from DCRA to indicate whether they accept or reject these nominations and why.

Recommendation: That the ANC send a letter to DCRA and the Office of Tax and Revenue identifying these properties as vacant and request a written response on the classification of these properties.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



Light Rail for H Street/Benning Rd NE

Commissioner Rice presented a letter that Commissioner Fengler has been drafting to request light rail along Benning Road and H Street NE to connect the Minnesota Ave Metro with Union Station. This is a more detailed request to follow up on previous ANC statements of support for a streetcar as part of the ANC's comments on the H Street Strategic Revitalization Plan and DDOT Transportation Study.

This route has been identified as a near-term priority corridor in the latest DC Transit Future Study (<http://www.dctransitfuture.com>), as well as in the 4 previous studies. It also fits in with revitalization efforts for H St NE, Benning Rd, and East of the River. The Benning Rd resurfacing is just about to get underway and H Street is also scheduled for streetscape improvement. This would be an opportunity to lay tracks while the street is already disrupted.

ANC 6A would work on this with four other affected ANCs: 6C also on H St NE; 5B north of Benning Rd; & 7A and 7D east of the river. A draft of the letter was provided as part of the committee agenda package.

Recommendation: That the ANC send this letter to DDOT.

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, September 27, 2005
7-9 PM
900 G Street, NE
Community Room of the Capitol Hill Towers



DRAFT

September 23, 2005

Dan Tangherlini, Director
District Department of Transportation
2000 14th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Re: Light Rail Track Installation between Minnesota Avenue and Union Station metro stations

Mr. Tangherlini,

At the duly noticed and regularly scheduled Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B, 6A, 6C, 7A and 7D meetings, held on September 1, September 8, September 14, September 12 and September 20 respectively, the Commissions voted to request support to fund and install light rail tracks between the Minnesota Ave and Union Station metro stations as part of the H Street NE streetscape and Starburst Plaza for Maryland Avenue / Benning Road capital improvement projects. This request is made for the following reasons:

1. Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road Government Center Project. The District of Columbia is working to spur economic development in communities east of the Anacostia River by providing office space for the Department of Employment Services and the Department of Human Services to include ground floor retail and a Metro Station parking garage. As these critical agencies will be serving the broader community on both sides of the Anacostia River, providing efficient transportation will not only help the community; but significantly decreases the automotive demand on this corridor.
2. Minnesota Avenue Business District. The Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road area is considered the downtown of Ward 7. Planning for light rail access that can transport residents from Union Station to Minnesota Avenue expands the potential development of the Ward 7 downtown business district.
3. District of Columbia Great Streets Initiative. The 3.5 miles of H Street and Benning Road NE as well as the 3.5 miles Minnesota Avenue NE have been included in the Great Streets Initiative. The goals of this initiative are: (1) make major corridors and boulevards clean, safe, and attractive neighborhood destinations that represent the city's diversity and overall quality of life; (2) use public tools to leverage private investments and enhancements; and (3) provide neighborhood-preferred goods and services in well-maintained facilities while retaining, expanding, and attracting businesses. Installing the light rail tracks will accomplish these goals and create a shared synergy between these two Great Street Initiatives providing a common catalyst for long-term development on both corridors.
4. H Street NE Revitalization / H Street Main Street. Private investment on H Street NE is starting to arrive and flourish. The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) streetscape initiative will completely repair the H Street NE corridor to include



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



improved lighting, pedestrian sidewalks, bulb outs at key traffic lights, and new traffic signals. One of the key recommendations of both the Office of Planning's H Street NE Reutilization Plan and DDOT's H Street NE Corridor Transportation Study was to install a light rail system that runs the entire length of the corridor. Over 5,000 additional housing units will be added to the H Street NE Corridor over the next few years. Combined with the development of the H Street NE corridor as a shopping and entertainment destination, planning to solve the pending parking challenge before it occurs is one of the community's key concerns. Accordingly, incorporating the installation of the light rail tracks in conjunction with the streetscape improvements not only makes sense, but will limit the disruption to the emerging business on the corridor. To borrow an often used phrase, "measure twice and only cut once."

5. Commercial Corridor/Small Business Development. The Fiscal Year 2005 Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Consolidated Plan for the District of Columbia lists both H Street NE and the Minnesota/Benning locations as two of the four citywide target areas for intensive revitalization efforts in commercial corridors and neighborhoods. One of the best ways to signal long term commitment to revitalization is to install the light rail tracks in Fiscal Year 2006. It is understood that the funding for the actual streetcars and the day-to-day operations will still need to be identified. However, the message to the business community will be clear – brick and mortar, and in this case steel tracks, are the evidence of that commitment.
6. Affordable Housing. The same DHCD Consolidated Plan also identified Minnesota and Benning Road as one of the eight neighborhoods for affordable housing. Affordable housing requires safe and accessible public transportation. Using the light rail that links Minnesota Avenue and Union Station metro stations will provide the much needed direct east to west public transportation. We look forward to the day that not only residents from east of the river can travel to downtown; but when the downtown residents can travel to east of the river.
7. Existing High Demand. 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 investment.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



In closing, we are quite literally at a crossroads. Should we settle for capital improvements that do not embrace the complete vision of a unified city? Providing the additional funds to incorporate the light rail tracks into the current capital improvements planned in our respective communities for Fiscal Year 2006 not only is a good planning and financial decision; but one that will bind our communities together to continue and expand the existing efforts to reverse decades of economic decline and decay.

On behalf of the respective Commissions,

William Shelton, ANC 5B, Chair
1355 New York Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Joseph Fengler, ANC 6A, Chair
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013

Angela Murphy, ANC 7A, Chair
4310 Texas Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20019

Mark Dixon, ANC 6C, Chair
P.O. Box 77876
Washington, DC 20013-7787

Dorothy Douglas, ANC 7D, Chair
P.O. Box 64052
Washington, DC 20019

Cc: Mayor Anthony Williams
Councilmember Vincent Orange
Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember Vincent C. Gray
Councilmember Kwame R. Brown
Councilmember David Catania
Ms. Carol Mitten, Director, Office of Property Management
Ms. Ellen M. McCarthy, Interim Director, Office of Planning



**Community Outreach Committee
Minutes for July 18, 2005**

The Committee convened at 7:30 PM, at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE.

Attending COC members: (quorum)

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

Community member present:

- Pamela Shaw of Ludlow-Taylor ES PTSA
- Barbara Anderson

I. Grant proposal from Ludlow-Taylor ES PTSA, presented by Pamela Shaw

A grant request of \$1,298.36 for the purchase of material to repair 8 benches for their neighborhood garden. Ms. Shaw explained that although the school is one block outside ANC 6A, a significant number of children from ANC 6A attend and its facilities are available to ANC 6A residents. The area in question is a garden the children have been working on. The children are very involved in the garden; pictures were shown of them weeding, planting, and installing two barrels for catching rainwater for the plants. Eight benches with metal bases are in the garden area. The wooden seats, replaced two years ago, are already splitting and broken. The proposal is to replace them with a wood composite made of half wood-waste fiber and half recycled and reclaimed plastic. A member questioned if this work was not covered by Public Works, which it isn't. The COC members unanimously agreed that funding should be recommended.

Committee recommendation: that ANC 6A approve the grant request made by Ludlow-Taylor ES PTSA in the amount of \$1,298.36 for the purchase of bench repair materials as stated in the application.

II. COC membership update

Elizabeth gave a report of the June ANC 6A meeting. Sharon Cochran and Barbara Anderson were suggested to be on the committee. The next step was for them to attend a COC meeting prior to confirmation by the full ANC. Barbara Anderson attended this meeting.

Committee recommendation (request of the Chair): that ANC 6A confirm membership on the Community Outreach Committee for Barbara Anderson.

III. Pending grant applications

1. Elizabeth is working closely with SummerTime and Reading Together (START) to submit a grant application.

2. Elizabeth is also working with Eastern HS PTSA to submit a grant. A sample grant and application were sent and advice was emailed. The request pertains to items needed for the band.



IV. Status report on Gallaudet University thank you letter

A draft of a thank you letter to Gallaudet University for hosting the ANC 6A website was reviewed and approved. It will now be presented to the full ANC for approval and mailing.

Committee recommendation: that ANC 6A send a letter to Gallaudet University thanking them for hosting the website. (sample letter provided)

V. Status report on identifying sign language interpreters for ANC 6A functions

Elizabeth reported that we have received a lot of positive feedback from the ads in *The Rag* and *The Buzz*. A group of individuals who responded to the ads are communicating among themselves and may come up with a recommendation. They are keeping Elizabeth informed; there has been a tentative invitation to attend a brainstorming session. Shorter versions of the original ads will be in August's *The Rag* and *The Buzz*.

VI. Status report on identifying additional *The Rag* distribution points in ANC 6A

Elizabeth gave a report from the July ANC 6A meeting. SMD 6A08 has one new box at a location close to where the community requested it. Commissioner Ibangha gave an additional two business names and Andrew Lightman of *The Rag* will speak with the owners about providing a distribution point. An additional street-side distribution point may be discussed in future.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is August 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Irwin



**Community Outreach Committee
Minutes for August 15, 2005**

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
- Marissa Irwin
- Elizabeth Nelson (chair)
- Rose Williams

Community member present:

- Barbara Anderson, prospective member
- Edwin Hopkins, Acct. Exec. of The Washington Examiner newspaper
- Tracey Weisler, START grant applicant
- George Blackmon, Maury ES PTSA grant applicant

I. COC membership update

Barbara Anderson attended a second COC meeting today as a prospective member. She is still waiting to be formally nominated and confirmed to the COC at the full ANC6A meeting. The next full ANC meeting won't take place until September.

II. Presentation for marketing option by *The Washington Examiner*

Edward Hopkins, Accounts Executive of *The Washington Examiner* newspaper, spoke with us about the ANC6A establishing an advertising account. He explained that newspapers are distributed free in two ways: door-to-door to households with incomes equal to or greater than \$75,000 and in boxes located near Metro entrances. We explained that numerous households within ANC6A would not qualify for the door-to-door distribution and that we weren't sure many ANC6A citizens took Metro as opposed to riding the bus where they would not pass distribution boxes. Concerns were expressed about paid advertising for ANC functions in a publication that targets households by income. Mr. Hopkins offered to get statistics on distribution and box locations in the 20002 zip code.

Mr. Hopkins had originally contacted ANC 6A through our website. Commissioner Borbely responded to his inquiry and then referred the matter to the COC.

III. Pending grant application

Elizabeth has sent repeat follow-up emails to Eastern HS PTSA about their submitting a grant. We are still waiting to hear from them about their request for items needed for the band.

IV. Grant proposal from SummerTime and Reading Together (START), presented by Tracey Weisler

A grant request of \$500 for the purchase of books for use by the Lincoln Park book club members who reside in ANC6A. The program targets children ages 5-14. Books for the library are supplemented through donations and purchases on eBay, at yard sales, and at second hand stores. This money will be used specifically to establish an Environmental Science library



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



in keeping with the ongoing theme of the book club. For further information, please see project proposal in the ANC6A September minutes. One COC member asked if START couldn't find used (ie. cheap) books on environmental science. Ms. Weisler explained that age-appropriate books are not easy to find which is why START needs to buy them new and why they have asked for a grant. The COC is familiar with START from previous grant proposals and recommendations. The COC members unanimously agreed that funding should be recommended.

Committee recommendation: that ANC 6A approve the grant request made by START in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of books as stated in the application.

V. Grant proposal from Maury ES PTSA, presented by George Blackmon

A grant request of \$995.80 for the purchase of equipment needed to support the plant and animal life that will be present in the classroom as part of the school's new science laboratory. The school has also obtained private funding for other items in the lab. This particular request is for a river ecosystem tank and an indoor tabletop garden. The members were excited to receive a second grant request for educating our children about science and nature. One question was asked concerning who would be responsible for maintaining the items and animals when the children would be out of school in the summer and during holidays. Maury ES will be hiring a special subject, or resource teacher, for the new science lab who would be responsible for maintenance. The COC members unanimously agreed that funding should be recommended.

Committee recommendation: that ANC 6A approve the grant request made by Maury ES PTSA in the amount of \$995.80 for the purchase of a river ecosystem tank and indoor tabletop garden including shipping and handling as stated in the application.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.
Next meeting is September 19.

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Irwin



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



1. DATE OF APPLICATION

7/13/05

2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

9/15/05

3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS

Ludlow-Taylor E.S. Courtyard Garden Project/PTA
659 G St. NE, Washington, DC 20002

4. CONTACT NAME

Pamella Shaw

5. TITLE

Grade 6 Teacher/Garden Project Manager/PTA Member

6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

637 Third St., NE #401, Washington, DC 20002

7. TELEPHONE

(202) 547-4612

8. FAX

() -

9. E-MAIL ADDRESS

pamella.shaw@verizon.net

10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY

Ludow –Taylor students are have taken on the task of renovating the courtyard garden for the school and community. In addition to the soil preparation and plantings, the seating of the eight garden benches need to be replaced with lumber that is longer lasting and low maintenance. Currently the (2-yr. Old) wood is split, broken, warped and peeling.

11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST

\$2,780.

12. AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$1,298.36 (NOT TO EXCEED)

13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES)

GROW \$1,000 mini-grant; Home Depot \$250. gift card; Am. Plant Food Co. \$100. est. bulb donation; Pamella and Robert Shaw \$100 est. purchased bulbs, tools, materials. We will also contact the lumber mfg., Trex, to request a discount from the retail price.

14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY)

The project will benefit the Ludlow-Taylor E.S. Community, including students, families, staff, neighbors and other community members including students, families, and other residents of ANC6A because the Ludlow-Taylor actively encourages the local community to be part of the school and utilize the facilities. The benches will be very durable, providing a lasting benefit to the community.



Proposal and Budget for Ludlow-Taylor Courtyard Garden Bench Seat Replacements

July 12, 2005

Name: Pamela Shaw
Organization: Ludlow-Taylor Elem. School
Address: 659 G St., NE
City, State: Washington, DC, 20002

Daytime Telephone #: 202-698-3244
Evening Telephone#: 202-547-4612
Fax #: 202-698-3250
pamella.shaw@verizon.net

PROJECT LOCATION

659 G St., NE, Ward 6, Capitol Hill

Amount Requested: \$1, 298.36.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Ludlow-Taylor (L-T), which is just one block from the ANC 6A border, accepts a significant number of children from within ANC 6A. Its facilities are available to the nearby ANC 6A community. It has a secure, inner courtyard, that had become over recent years neglected to the point of abandonment. Two years ago three beloved staff members unexpectedly passed away: a kindergarten teacher, a PK teacher and a cafeteria worker. Dr. Presswood had recently become the principal during this time. He wanted a way to honor the staff members who had passed, while at the same time, he wanted to bring the courtyard garden back to life for school social gatherings and educational experiences. He saw this as an opportunity for the '05 graduating sixth graders to give back to their school through their labor to beautify the garden and as a way for them to honor the staff members who most of them knew. Mrs. Shaw, a sixth grade teacher, wants the garden to also be utilized as a learning place for all students, current and future at L-T, through observation, drawing, planting, planning, listening, cleaning, maintenance etc. Mrs. Shaw met with two teachers from the autism program at L-T to learn how they could utilize the space over future years. L-T plans to involve regular education students, and students with disabilities (autism and MR) in ongoing gardening projects: school lunch composting, use of cold frames for winter gardening, growing annuals from seeds indoors, raised bed herb and food gardens. We plan to incorporate these plans into the garden over future years. The garden will serve as a resource for children in the autism program to grow and observe life cycles of plants. The garden will appeal to their senses by touch, smell, tasting of edible plants and listening to insect noises. The garden will provide; opportunities for social interaction through team work across all grade levels and programs; physical activity; mental and memory stimulation; increased self-esteem; decision-making; a safe and secure environment that can also provide a sense of freedom (as shared by Ms. De Torres and Dr. Mantey.) The goal is to develop a low maintenance garden through the planting of long term perennials and short-term annuals that the students will plant. The garden is to be enjoyed by all.

During School Year '04 -'05, Students at L-T have: cleared weeds, hand-tilled the soil, added soil amendments, planted bulbs, planted perennials, installed two rain barrels, built a small garden wall for a raised bed, researched garden design, bulbs, trees, shrubs and perennials, measured, made a scale drawing and mapped out the site, wrote journals and taught other students about gardening and grew annual plants from seed.

Bench Replacement -- the garden has eight benches made of metal bases anchored to the pavement and covered with wood 2 x 4's. Currently (and previously) the bench seats were replaced with 2 x 4 framing lumber and painted. In the two years since the seats were replaced the wood has become split, broken and the paint is peeling.

We would like to replace the benches with a higher quality wood, that is low maintenance, and longer wearing, similar to redwood. We have found a composite plank, manufactured by a company called Trex, that meets these requirements. Each bench is made of seven 2 x 4's approximately ten feet long. The custodial staff, assisted by teachers and students, will cut and install the lumber.

BUDGET/ Amount Requested: \$1, 280.

8 x 7 = 56 planks; \$21.56 (Home Depot Trex price) x 56 =	\$1,207.36
Miscellaneous hardware including screws	30.00
Tax (approx.)	61.00
Total	\$1,298.36



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



1. DATE OF APPLICATION

July 22, 2005

2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

Summer/Fall 2005

3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS

SummerTime and Reading Together, c/o Robert Strauss Building
1333 New Hampshire Ave. NE, Suite 330B WDC 20036

4. CONTACT NAME

Elizabeth Marsh Ide

5. TITLE

Director

6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

1726 Peartree Lane, Crofton, MD

7. TELEPHONE

(202) 419-3508

8. FAX

(202) 659-4971

9. E-MAIL ADDRESS

start_dc@yahoo.com

10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY

Purchase of books for use by Lincoln Park book club members who reside in ANC6A.

11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST

\$ 500

12. AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$500

13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES)

CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (WAS CHAMPS)

14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY)

The program targets children ages 5-14 of families residing in ANC 6A. The Lincoln Park Book Club members are children who meet with adult volunteers in their neighborhood once each week for an hour of individual reading time. Motivation to improve literacy skills will be enhanced when children are given the opportunity to choose books to borrow and write reports on. Furthermore, the fact that the books will remain the property of START, Inc. will help children to learn responsibility in caring for and returning the books.

ATTACH:

- Proposal (maximum of 2 pages)
- Itemized budget showing all projected expenses
- Grant applications should include this application form, form, proposal, and budget, as well as copies of every supporting document such as financial statements, newspaper clippings, brochures, etc.



ANC 6A PROJECT PROPOSAL

Program Background

History

START began in the summer of 1988 with the founding of the E Street Book Club located in Capitol Hill. During this first summer, six children met at either house every Saturday, reading together as a group, and individually during the week. By 1990, more than 30 children were active in the book club, which was featured in a Washington Post article, as well as on local ABC and CBS affiliate television news programs. START was incorporated in 1991 with the help of its new Board and of its new pro bono legal staff of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, l.l.p.

The Lincoln Park Book Club joined START in 1992 and has grown from an initial 10 children to an average of 30 children participating in a summer of reading at Lincoln Park. The children in the Lincoln Park Book Club have benefited through their participation in START by reading with dedicated volunteers, attending educational field trips such as canoe trips on the Anacostia River, attending field trips to purchase their own books at local book stores and being acknowledged for their reading efforts at START's annual Fall Awards Dinner.

Core Activities

Literacy is addressed by START by two methods:

1. Each book club conducts group reading sessions throughout the summer where children participate in creative, literacy based activities with their peers and adult volunteers; and
2. START recruits, trains and matches volunteers to read individually with a child during the summer. The individual reading sessions supplements the group reading activities. The volunteer works with a child in developing their reading, comprehension and writing skills. Each child is provided a booklet to write and illustrate about the book they have read.

Project Proposal

START, Inc requests \$500 from ANC 6A to help pay for books for use by the Lincoln Park Book Club participants and their adult Volunteer Reading Partners. Specifically, the money will be used to establish an Environmental Science library in keeping with the ongoing theme of the Book Club. The books will inspire interest in ecology and conservation, and represent an introductory step toward a more comprehensive study of the local environment, e.g. the Anacostia River, to be continued next summer. The introduction of the children to environmental study with books, followed by more hands-on experience in forthcoming



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



summers will serve to encourage repeat participation, and tangible progression of the learning experience. START’s possession of the selection of books will ensure that the same titles are consistently available to all of the children.

The current program consists primarily of weekly meetings during which children read individually with trained adults. The one-on-one structure not only eliminates many of the distractions that weaken group instruction, but allows children to form meaningful relationships with role models. In fact, many of the children and their Reading Partners have worked together for multiple summers. We believe that consistent attention and feedback from someone who cares about their progress is unique motivation for a child to learn to read.

Our Reading Partners come from all walks of life with a common factor of dedication to child literacy. They are not compensated financially in any way for their commitment of weekly hours spent working with children.

The availability of a Book Club library will help the children to learn valuable lessons in responsibility and respect for shared property. Participants will be allowed to borrow books and taught to take good care of them, and to understand that they are the property of the entire Book Club. In this structure, children have the opportunity to appreciate sharing and concern for others, as the fact that their peers may be waiting to read the book they have borrowed could provide motivation to return it. Lastly, the library would serve as a visible, material extension of the Book Club that will help the children feel pride in themselves and the organization they are part of.

Budget Narrative

The \$500 that START requests from ANC 6A will be spent on a variety of books, especially environmental science books to be used by the children in the Lincoln Park Book Club during their Reading Partner sessions. The books will remain in the possession of START, Inc, to be used by Lincoln Park participants each summer for years to come.

Budget

Purchase of books	<u>\$ 500</u>
Amount requested:	\$ 500



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



ANC 6A Grant Request Application Form

1. DATE OF APPLICATION

2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

08/15/05

Fall, 2005

3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS

Maury ES 1250 Constitution Ave N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

4. CONTACT NAME

George Blackmon

5. TITLE

PTSA President

6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

529 Peabody St. NW #3, Washington, DC 20011

(202) 726-6922

7. TELEPHONE

(202) 698-3838

8. FAX

(202) 698-3844

9. E-MAIL ADDRESS

gblackmon@hewfcu.com

10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY

The Maury Elementary School PTSA requests \$995.80 to purchase the equipment needed to support the plant and animal life that will be resident in the classroom. The school has obtained private funding to establish a science laboratory in the school but these items have not yet been funded.

11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST

\$9,000.00 (approx.)

12. AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$995.80

13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES)

- Federal Express Inc.
- Capitol Hill Community Foundation
- PTSA fundraiser
- Discount from Delta Education (vendor)

14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY)

Maury ES is located within ANC 6A and a majority of the students reside in ANC 6A. Its entire in-boundary area is within ANC 6A. All students in the school will have regularly scheduled access to the science lab. The students will benefit by having "hands on" learning experiences. This is important for all subjects but particularly so for the sciences. All too often, schools are forced to rely solely on text-books because they don't have access to the proper facilities, equipment and supplies. This science lab will rectify that situation and let the children experience, first hand, the excitement of scientific inquiry and the thrill of discovery. Not only will the children benefit, but also the larger society as there are critical shortages of scientists in our country's research facilities and institutions of higher learning.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



PTSA Proposal for
Maury Elementary School

Maury Elementary School serves approximately 230 children from pre-K through sixth grade. The new principal, Mr. Michael Wilson, has written a series of grant applications to provide funding for a new in-school science laboratory. Private funding is necessary because resources for a science lab are not allocated in the DCPS budget.

These funds have been expended to refurbish a classroom and purchase appropriate equipment to teach life and physical sciences such as, telescopes, microscopes, landscape models, solar system models, safety goggles, etc. While many of the basics have already been purchased, the lab still lacks the equipment needed to support the ecology component. We are requesting funds to pay for a Growlab Indoor Garden and a River Tank Ecosystem. The indoor garden is a compact center for growing plants. This activity will help students learn the relationships between the basic needs of plant growth: soil, light, temperature, humidity and water. The river tank ecosystem requires very little maintenance to maintain an ecologically balanced habitat that is a cross-section of a river. Students observe and study the interactions of plants and animals in a river ecosystem that features deep pools, waterfalls, caves and currents. Children will take turns serving as “zoo keepers”, to care for the plants and animals maintained in these model ecosystems. This will teach them responsibility both for the creatures who are dependent on them and for the natural environment they represent.

Living, as we do, in an important watershed, it is important for the children to fully understand the benefits and responsibilities of our situation. These additional tools will enable us to leverage our proximity to the Anacostia River and youthful curiosity to produce the future eco-minded citizens and scientists we need. The systems are complete, easily maintained and durable and can be used for many years.

BUDGET

20 gal. River Tank Ecosystem	\$ 435.95
20 Gal. River Tank Accessory Kit	\$ 62.95
20 Gal. Aquatic Plants and Animals material card	\$ 59.95
Tabletop Indoor Garden	\$ 515.95
Total merchandise	\$ 1,074.80
Less 15% discount	\$ 161.22
Plus Shipping and Handling	\$ <u>82.22</u>
TOTAL	\$ 995.80



REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 17, 2005 at Sherwood Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

Commissioners: None

Resident Members: Raphael Marshall, Chair; Elsie Taylor, Stephanie Nixon, Frances Lee, Gary Lucke and Brian K. Williams

Guests: Frances Lee and Mr. Alphonso Coles, Metropolitan Police Department

Raphael Marshall opened the meeting at 7:15 pm and asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.

Community Concerns:

Ms. Nixon raised concerns about condo-tenant relationships within her condo building and solicited advice from the committee.

First District has a new commander, Diane Groomes.

Mr. Coles will be conducting training for Partnerships for Problem Solving on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 at 6:30 pm in Sherwood Recreation Center. All community members are invited. Elizabeth, Chair of the Community Outreach Committee, will be contacted about placing this on the ANC6a calendar.

Mr. Coles announced that PSA 102 went door-to-door requesting permission to paint addresses on rear. They haven't finished with all of the streets.

Mrs. Frances Lee, DC Senior Citizens' Police Academy

Mrs. Lee presented on the DC Senior Citizens' Police Academy in which she and Mrs. Taylor have participated. The graduation date for the academy will probably be in September. This group has been recognized by the AARP.

Mrs. Lee provided the committee with information on Emergency preparedness that she received at the Academy. She would like to have the Chairperson of Emergency Preparedness, John Woods, speak at a public safety committee meeting. Mrs. Lee pointed out several workshops and trainings available to citizens and emergency response personnel including: Emergency Evacuation Routes, Emergency communication to Residents, Cluster-based Community Emergency Response Plans, Smallpox and Anthrax Preparation and Response, School Emergency Response Procedures, Community Emergency Response Team Training, Personal Safety and Protection, Community Emergency Response Teams, Emergency Response to Terrorism, and Earthquakes, Flood, and Inclement Weather. She also mentioned that during an emergency people should "shelter-in-place" (i.e., meaning stay inside), following emergency routes into and out of area, meeting places with household members. There are several items to include in an emergency kit and citizens can register their pets with the vets because there is even a pet shelter in case of natural or man-made disaster. There is a website, alert.dc.gov where people may register computers, cell phones, blackberries, pagers, and more to receive emergency text alerts. DC has multiple efforts for guidance during an



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



emergency. Also, in addition to 727-1000, there is an after hours emergency call center open in the evenings and on weekends, 727-6161

Another item Mrs. Lee Mentioned is the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). There is a training that provides for community members to help in case of emergency. If any community members are interested, please call 727-7925.

Mrs. Lee mentioned some crime fighting tips. Particularly discussed were timers on lights and house alarms. Remember to remove keys from double-key deadbolts in glass doors and alarm skylights. Ms. Nixon, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Lee mentioned setting timers at different times according to the room and time of day. Mrs. Lee said to pay attention to characteristics of individuals that do not change because thieves are wearing tear-away clothing or clothing similar to everybody else to limit the ability to identify them with clothing descriptions. Describe people using race, hair length, eye color, and height.

Mr. Marshall asked Mr. Coles if we would have a police representative again at the meetings. It was suggested that the committee contact Lieutenant Caldwell, Inspector Sohlberg, and Commander Grooms.

The Committee discussed potential guests for the September meeting. It was decided that the Committee would work on action plans to coincide with the Partnerships for Problem Solving. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2005. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Nixon.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE
August 24, 2005

Present

Committee Members: Commissioner Marc Borbely (6A06), co-chair; Mfon Ibangha, co-chair (6A08)

Committee Plans for the 2005-2006 School Year

The co-chairs discussed plans for further strengthening relationships between the schools serving the ANC 6A community and their neighbors. They spoke with Miner Principal Angela Tilghman about possible approaches.

Committee members will continue to speak with DCPS officials and local school administrators in an effort to create a mechanism whereby resources in the community (neighbors' "time, talent and treasure") could be made more available to the school communities.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2005, 7-9 p.m., at Miner Elementary School, 601 15th St. NE (15th and F NE).

Respectfully submitted by Marc Borbely