



**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P.O. Box 75115
Washington DC 20013**



October 12, 2006, ANC 6A Draft Agenda

- 7:00 pm **Call to order**, adopt agenda and approve previous meeting's minutes.
Community Comments (*2 minutes each*)
- 7:15 H Street NE Streetscape update with Ms. Karina Ricks, DDOT.
- 7:35 Commissioner's Single Member District reports (*2 minutes each*)
- 7:45 **Officer Reports:**
1. Chair (*2 minutes*)
 2. Vice-Chair (*2 minutes*)
 3. Secretary (*2 minutes*)
 4. Treasurer (*2 minutes*)
 - A. Approve treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements.
 - B. Approve monthly photocopying expenses.
- 7:55 **Standing Committee Reports:**
1. Alcohol Beverage Licensing (*5 minutes*)
 - A. Class CR Application – Liquid – 914 H Street, NE. Recommend: Do not protest the application for a CR and pursue a voluntary agreement.
 - B. Accept committee report.
 2. Economic Development and Zoning (*5 minutes*)
 - A. BZA 17533, 1405 N. Carolina, NE. Recommend: Designate Commissioner Alberti as the representative for the Commission (Note: Committee did not have a quorum).
 - B. BZA 17532, 138 12th Street, NE - Appletree's BZA Appeal. Recommend: Designate Commissioner Alberti as the representative for the Commission (Note: Committee did not have a quorum).
 - C. BZA 17526, 1411 Ames Pl, NE. Recommend: Designate Commissioner Alberti as the representative for the Commission (Note: Committee did not have a quorum).
 - D. October Meeting. Recommend: As the next meeting falls on October 31, reschedule next committee meeting to October 24, 2006.
 - E. Accept Committee Report.
 3. Community Outreach (*2 minutes*)
 - A. No recommendations - Accept Committee Report.
 4. Public Safety (*2 minutes*)
 - A. Sherwood Recreation Center Fence. Recommend: Send a letter to Department of Parks and Recreation for a stronger fence to better secure the property after hours.
 - B. Accept Committee Report.
 5. Schools Committee
 - A. No meeting.
 6. Transportation Committee (*4 minutes*)
 - A. 1500 block of Gales Street NE. Recommend: Send letter of support to request a Traffic Calming Study.
 - B. Illegal Parking in car share spaces. Recommend: Send letter of support for increased enforcement.
 - C. H Street NE double parking. Recommend: Send letter to DDOT and MPD encouraging development of a plan to resolve illegal parking.
 - D. Accept Committee Report.
- 8:10 **Unfinished Business**
1. Consideration of ANC Bylaw changes (last three proposed changes from July meeting):
 - a. Amendment Number 7
 - b. Amendment Number 8
 - c. Amendment Number 9
- 8:20 **New Business**
- 8:21 **ANC 6A Candidates** - Introduction of candidates (*two minutes per candidate*).
- 8:52 Community comments – Round 2 (if time permits)
- 9:00 **Adjourn**

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



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

Minutes

September 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Beatty, Borbely, Fengler, Ibangha, Mack and Marshall.

Approval of agenda

The agenda, as amended, was adopted without objection.

1. Minutes

The minutes for the July meeting were adopted without objection

2. Community Comment

An announcement was made about the Higher Achievement Program, an after-school tutoring program at Stuart Hopkins, School and a request was made for volunteers for the program which meets on Tuesday and Thursday.

Anwar Saleem said that H Street Main Street never had a proposal from the Capitol BID, but he had met with them and discussed different ideas. He is now in discussions with the developers at the west end of H Street, who are interested in underwriting an H Street BID.

Mr. Marshall thanked Ms. Beatty on behalf of his SMD for her work in keeping Woodward Liquors from opening on H Street.

3. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Update

Bill Crews and Eric Rogers of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs took questions from members of the Commission.

Nick Alberti

1405 North Carolina Avenue: Mr. Alberti said he has copies of the permits for the project at that address, but has been waiting for six weeks for a response to a FOIA request for the plans, and the only response he has received is that they're looking at it. His question: When will he receive a response and what is the status of the investigation? Mr. Crews said that he didn't know there was a FOIA on the application. He said he had put a stop work order on the project, and told the contractor to get back to DCRA because they can't leave the site as it is. The contractor came in good faith, and went back to find a new architect to build a two-unit building. He said the Service Integrity Officer turned the matter over to him. Mr. Rogers said that no permits are given unless an application is filed. He said that the application was filed on April 28th and the permit was granted on April 30th, and DCRA is now looking at the possibility of criminal charges. Mr. Alberti responded that he expects



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information on the status of the investigation, and the public deserves the information. He said he wants to have the plans when DCRA receives them. He said that the lot is not configured for parking, and with two units, parking plans are needed, with a formal review process. Mr. Rogers replied that the applicant doesn't meet the requirements, he won't get the permit.

1519 Constitution Avenue

Mr. Alberti said the house is in his SMD and he has requested all the information relating to the plans and permit, and he has learned that the permits have been issued and the construction is not legal. He has requested the plans, and has not received a call to get them. Mr. Ropers replied that the permits will be available Monday. He said the FOIA officer takes requests on a first come/first serve basis, and she had a four to six month backlog. Debbie Britt is the officer, and his office has no control over the length of time she takes.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Constituent Access to DCRA

Mr. Alberti asked how deaf and hard-of-hearing constituents could have easier access to DCRA, particularly to reporting illegal construction. Mr. Rogers reported that the DCRA website was being revamped. He said they have instituted a PIN-based system, whereby people can check on the status of their permits, etc. by entering a PIN number. They have brought in an outside contractor to streamline the system, and to work with TTY phones. They will also have an e-mail site for hard-of-hearing clients, and are hiring an interpreter to be on site full-time.

Joe Fengler

810 F Street NE

The building has an illegal third story, and the permits have no signatures, and are illegal, and the third story just doesn't look right. Mr. Crews said he has sent the Chief of the Illegal Construction Unit to look at the building, and he found a non-conforming structure that's using more than 60% of the lot occupancy. Mr. Fengler asked how to get them to remove illegal structure, which affects the neighbors. Mr. Crews responded that he hasn't much experience with the issue, and he's exploring whether DCRA has the right to tear it down. Mr. Rogers added that they do have the right to fine, and fine, and once they pay the fine, they can be fined again. Mr. Fengler said it should be made difficult and expensive to continue.

926 Maryland Avenue NE

Mr. Fengler wanted to know what is being done about 926 Maryland Avenue NE which he said is an illegal bed and breakfast. MR. Crews said he has a letter ready to go to have them come in and discuss the issue. Mr. Fengler said that it is legal to have a B&B in an R-4 district but not more than two rooms and not owner occupied. Mr. Crews said it is a matter for the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and requires a variance. The applicant has to prove uniqueness, and if no-one objects he can get the variance. Mr. Fengler noted that 926 is being used as a rental space for parties and the owner is never there.



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Marc Borbely

FOIA Backlog

Mr. Borbely asked why there was a four-six month back-up on FOIA requests, when the law requires a three-week turnaround. Mr. Rogers said it was partly due to a lack of staff resources and partly due to an abundance of requests, largely from contractors looking for details on the properties they're working on. Mr. Borbely requested a copy of DCRA's annual FOIA report.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Borbely reported having a terrible time with 501 12th Street NE, and that it took many months to get inspections, and after they found many violations, there was no follow-up. Mr. Rogers reported that the agency is undergoing a "huge re-engineering," and there will be a new process, whereby a person has 30 days to fix a violation, and if it is not fixed, it will go to code enforcement, and they will get fined. The process used to take as long as eight months. Until now, he said, there has been no standard operating procedure. However, they are now training inspectors and have developed a standard operating procedure. Mr. Borbely asked Mr. Rogers to send a copy of the new Standard Operating procedures. Mr. Rogers agreed to do so.

Joe Fengler

AutoZone

Mr. Fengler said that the illegal mechanics are back in the AutoZone parking lots. Mr. Crews said he has inspectors checking twice a day. Mr. Fengler complained that the situation was back to inspections and fines, after the City made an investment in cleaning up the alley and it can all be undone. He asked at what point it goes beyond fines. Mr. Crews said that the installation of windshield wipers and light bulbs is allowed. Mr. Crews said that AutoZone owned the parking lot and had certain rights.

631 10th Street

Mr. Fengler said there is an illegal boardinghouse at 631 10th Street NE, and inquired as to what was happening with it. Mr. Crews said he has checked and it has no license. He checked with the Department of Mental Retardation and it doesn't belong to them. Mr. Fengler said it is across the street from Sherwood Rec Center and Prospect Goding School and it shouldn't be there.

701 11th Street NE

Mr. Fengler reported that they stopped work on the project ten months ago and nothing has happened, and the grass is very long.

Mr. Alberti said that part of the reason for this session is to make the issues public, and get some action. Mr. Crews said that DCRA is down one position, and he has authorized some



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contract work to get some of these things cleaned up He is increasing overtime to get through the DCRA backlog. The permit office is now open Thursdays until 8 pm, and on Saturdays until noon. Mr. Fengler said that if you educate ten people, they'll educate ten people. Mr. Crews told the audience to report illegal activity. Stephanie Nixon reported that at 423 189th Street NE, there is construction going on after 7 pm, on legal holidays and on Sundays. Mr. Crews said that with the additional overtime, he can send people out to look. He told people to call 442-STOP to report illegal construction, or send e-mails to bill.crews@dc.gov.

4. Officers' Reports

Chair

Mr. Fengler reported that Cody Rice has officially resigned to take a job in Montreal. He said that a quorum is now four, and a two-thirds vote requires five.

He said that Miner School does not have someone to stay to keep the doors open. Mr. Borbely suggested the possibility of a remote bell.

He reported that the Office of Planning will be holding a series of hearings on the proposed Inclusionary Zoning proposal.

Treasurer

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. The report shows that the opening checking account balance was \$9,695.87, and that the savings account balance was \$4,155.95. There was an allotment check from the District of Columbia in the amount of \$5,694.42, for a total in the checking account of \$15,390.29. There was interest to the saving account of \$1.37 and \$1.41. There were disbursements of \$10 to Nick Alberti for parking (Check #1282); \$120 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of minutes (Check #1283); and \$50 for an order of checks, leaving a balance of \$15,210.29 in the checking account, and \$4,158.73 in the checking account. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was approved without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved acceptance of the Quarterly Report for the 3rd Quarter of FY06. It was approved without objection.

Mr. Alberti reported that the Office of the Attorney General said that grant approval process does not require that the grantee be present at the ANC meeting for approval of the grant.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved approval of up to \$250 for rental of a post office box for the next year. It was approved without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved approval of \$30 for postage for ANC business. It was approved without objection.



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Mr. Alberti reported that he is responding to a request from the Auditor for complete documentation for two grants given in the first quarter: to Maury PTSA for its computer lab and to the Northeast Library for a puppet theater.

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

No other officers had reports.

5. Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing Committee

Ms. Beatty reported that the license application for Woodward Liquors had been withdrawn, and she had received a letter from ABRA to that effect. She thanked Rafael Marshall for his hard work in his SMD.

She announced the resignation of Tim Carney as a member of the ABL Committee. **The resignation was accepted without objection.**

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

Economic Development and Zoning

The meeting was chaired by Nick Alberti.

1104 East Capitol Street NE

This is a request to remodel the facade of the second floor rear addition to the property at 1104 East Capitol Street and enclose the space under the addition. The owner is seeking a special exception from BZA because the enlarged dwelling does not meet the lot occupancy requirements, the rear yard requirements and the nonconforming structure provisions for an R-4 district. The owner stated that her neighbors are supportive of the construction, and it would be an aesthetically pleasing structure. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter of support be written to BZA in favor of granting the special exception. It was seconded by Ms. Beatty and approved without objection.

Appletree School

Mr. Alberti reported that DCRA did not approve Appletree's zoning permits, and Appletree is appealing the ruling on five points.

- a. The charter school proposal is not subject to the minimum lot area and minimum lot width requirements established by the Zoning Commission (ZC) February 13th emergency rule making.



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- b. DCRA's requirement for ten parking spaces is not valid because no additional parking can be required for a historic structure.
- c. The ZC's February 13 emergency rule making, on which DCRA relied, is invalid because there is not emergency.
- d. The ZC's emergency rule making expired after 120 days. On June 13, the ZC erroneously extended the rule making beyond 120 days.
- e. Assuming the rule making expires after 120 days, the new rules were not in force when DCRA ruled on Appletree's building permit application.

The Committee determined that it did not have the legal expertise to address items 4 and 5, but it recommended that the ANC write a letter opposing the appeal on the first three points:

1. The Committee thought that Appletree had misinterpreted the zoning law by arguing that because the structure existed before May 12, 1958, the minimum lot area and minimum lot width requirements do not apply. It appears that Appletree believes that the school is permitted as a matter of right because the building's structure is grandfathered under zoning regulations. It is the committee's position that the charter school, which is a nonconforming use under the ZC emergency rules, is not permitted because the most recent use of the structure (a private club) is a conforming use. §2002.3 of the zoning regulations prohibit nonconforming uses. If the non conforming use as charter schools is permitted then any extension of the structure (as proposed by Appletree) is prohibited by §2002.3.
2. The committee thought that Appletree had misinterpreted the zoning law parking requirements. Appletree holds that because the building was built before May 12, 1958, it is not subject to parking requirements. The current building is 4300 sq. ft. and zoning regulations require seven parking spaces of a structure of that size. With the proposed additions to the building, the site would require a total of ten spacers. It is the committee's position that because the most recent use of the property provided space for at least seven legal spaces in the rear of the property, Appletree is required to provide at least seven parking spaces. But Appletree has proposed plans for only three parking spaces. As a result, Appletree can only make the site a nonconforming property with respect to parking regulations by obtaining the necessary zoning relief (special exception or variance) from the BZA.
3. It is the committee's position that the prior zoning regulations did not allow charter schools as a matter of right in an R-4 district. Because a number of charter schools needed to make decisions about where they would open for the start of the school year, the zoning commission was justified in promulgating the emergency zoning regulations.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC approve the committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter to the BZA stating that the Appletree appeal lacks merit on the grounds outlined above. It was passed without objection.

Large Electrical Boxes



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There is a t 1125 G Street NE, a newly constructed townhouse, a five foot electrical box erected in public space between the sidewalk and the front of the dwelling, which blocks the sightline down the street. According to the DDOT website, electrical installations on public space require a public space permit. Drew Ronnenberg is currently trying to determine if the property has the required permit. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC accept the committee's recommendation that if it is determined that 1125 G Street NE does not have a permit for the electrical box, then the ANC write a letter to DDOT asking for action to move the box out of public space. It was seconded by Mr. Fengler and passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved acceptance of the Planning and Economic Development Committee report. It was accepted without objection.

Community Outreach

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that Astri Klievedal be named as a member of the Community Outreach Committee. Her nomination was accepted without objection.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC support the Community Outreach committee recommendation to send thank you notes to organizations that support the activities of the ANC. The recommendation was accepted without objection.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that the Community Outreach Committee report be accepted. It was accepted without objection.

Public Safety Committee

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that the report of the Public Safety Committee be accepted. It was accepted without objection.

Schools and Libraries Committee

Mr. Borbely reported that a developer is planning to build a development across from Eastern High School, and that he appears to be willing to invest in the school facilities. He presented the committee's recommendation that the ANC write a letter to the developer expressing support for an investment at Eastern. Mr. Alberti, who attended a recent community meeting on the development, suggested that the ANC work with ANC 6B in proceeding with this, as the new development will be in 6B. Mr. Fengler agreed to coordinate efforts between 6A and 6B on this. Mr. Alberti said there is no rush on this, as the development is still in its early stages.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC accept the report of the Schools and Libraries Committee. The motion was accepted without objection.

Transportation Committee

Lance Brown discussed sending a letter to DDOT on the issue of double parking on H Street, but no draft of the letter was available, and it was suggested that it be put off until October when a draft would be available.



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Motion: Mr. Fengler moved to accept the Committee report. The motion was accepted without objection.

6. Single Member District Reports

Mr. Marshall reported that he had the local candidates at his SMD meeting.

Mr. Alberti reported that the ANC has appealed a conversion at 411 Ames Place NE to a two unit building, which has no plans for parking.

Mr. Fengler reported that he is looking into the question of residents selling parking spaces in newly constructed buildings. He also spoke about the new development at 1700 East Capitol Street, which will be zoned at R-5, up from R-4, and will have 40 to 49 units, plus penthouses, and he is working with ANC 6B to work with the developer on a proposal for involvement in Eastern High School.

Ms. Beatty reported that construction has begun on Lovejoy Park.

Mr. Borbely reported that Commander Groomes attended a meeting in his SMD. He also said that the Beautification Day at Miner Elementary had been a great success. He introduced the candidates for his seat

7. New Business

New Committee Chair for Economic Development Committee

Motion: Mr. Fengler nominated Drew Ronneberg to chair the Economic Development Committee until January 1, 2007. The nomination was accepted without objection.

Allocation of Funds for ABL Activities

Motion: Ms. Beatty moved that the ANC retain the services of Ram Uppuluri as counsel for the single sale moratorium hearing and approve funding of between \$3000 and \$5000 for his services. Mr. Alberti said that a more global discussion was needed of funding for counsel and that for now less money should be requested. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that \$3000 should be struck and replaced with \$2500, and that \$5000 be struck and replaced with \$3500. The amendment, and the original motion, both passed without objection.

Motion: Ms. Beatty moved that \$1,150 be paid to resident Micah Salb for preparing and filing the moratorium petition. Mr. Borbely said that the ANC should be using volunteer legal services where possible, to take advantage of the number of attorneys who live in the community. Mr. Marshall asked how one holds a volunteer accountable. Ms. Mack said that \$1,150 is not a lot of money for legal services. The motion passed 5-1, with Mr. Borbely voting no.



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MPD Cameras

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC write a letter to Commander Groomes recommending that cameras be placed at 8th and G Streets, 15th and C Streets, 15th and Gales Place, 16th and Gales Place. Other recommendations included 15th and East Capitol, and 18th and D. The motion passed without objection. Ms. Beatty volunteered to write the letter.

635 H Street NE

Mr. Fengler raised the issue of a new development being planned for the top of 635 H Street NE, extending back to G Street. The project is the first to which the H Street Overlay guidelines will apply, and the developer is applying for variances that would override the overlay, including a reduction in the 14' ceiling height for retail on H Street. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that ANC 6A apply for standing at the BZA, opposing the special exception for the height reduction and stressing the long and careful planning that went into developing the Zoning Overlay. The ANC will also join in ANC 6C's request for a postponement of the BZA hearing. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.



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Dear Chairman Burger,

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on May 12, 2005, and with a quorum present, our Commission voted to support a moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcoholic beverages on Class A and Class B license holders on the portion of H Street, NE that is centered at *Me and My Supermarket* located at 1111 H Street, NE.

Over the last 18 months, our Commission's Alcohol Beverage and Liquor License Committee lead by Commissioner Beatty, and comprised of resident volunteers, worked to complete the attached application. The goal of this petition for a moratorium on single sales is to reduce the negative impact of single sales as well as enhance the economic revitalization of the H Street Corridor.

This application is modeled after the successful moratorium along Mount Pleasant Street, NW which yielded a 41% reduction in total calls for Metropolitan Police service and a 51% reduction in "disorderly" calls. Commissioner Mary Beatty will represent our Commission at all hearings and meetings regarding this matter. Assisting Commissioner Beatty will be our Commission's legal counsel, Mr. Ram Uppuluri.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

PS - Ms. Nelson, please post to our website at www.anc6a.org.



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Text of application:

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

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IN THE MATTER OF: |

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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A | Application No.:

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TO REQUEST A SINGLE SALE MORATORIUM |

WITHIN ANC 6A BOUNDARIES |

**WRITTEN REQUEST OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A
FOR A SINGLE SALE MORATORIUM WITHIN ANC 6A BOUNDARIES**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6a, by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby makes this written request to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (hereinafter "Board") for a Moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcoholic beverages by certain establishments with either Class A or Class B professional liquor licenses.

ANC 6a seeks a moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcohol by current and future Class A1 and Class B2 license-holders in the Portion of the District of Columbia centered at Me & My Supermarket, located at 1111 H Street, NE, effective as to those license holders along the H Street, NE, corridor.

ANC 6a seeks the aforementioned moratorium to promote the goals of (1) improving the quality of life of ANC 6a residents by reducing the negative impact on the community caused by the sale of singles, such as litter, public drunkenness, and loitering; and (2) encouraging and contributing to the economic revitalization of the H Street corridor. In support of its written request, ANC 6a states as follows:

Reducing the Negative Impact of Single Sales.

1. The proposed moratorium will support the goals of H Street revitalization by reducing the incidence of crime, public intoxication, loitering, and litter along and near the corridor, which are the negative byproducts of the sale of single-servings of alcohol. These problems harm the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. A reduction of these problems will improve the quality of life for residents and will make the corridor a more desirable location for commercial and retail operations.

2. The most important of the problems which this moratorium aims to address is crime. Criminal activity commonly occurring along and near the H Street Corridor includes public



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consumption of alcoholic beverages, public urination, public intoxication, violence, and disorderly conduct. These activities negatively impact the quality of life within the neighborhood and give rise to other undesirable behaviors. The adoption of a limited-term moratorium on the sale of single servings of alcoholic beverages at Class A and Class B establishments will help to reduce criminal behavior in this area.

3. A moratorium zone such as the one proposed here has previously been enacted with success in other parts of the District of Columbia. Over the course of the four years from 2000 to 2004, a similar moratorium along Mount Pleasant Street, NW, yielded a 41% reduction in total calls for Metropolitan Police Department service (from 1,423 calls to 834 calls), and a 51% reduction in “disorderly” calls (from 486 calls to 240 calls). This reduction in crime makes the area safer and more pleasant and also makes police officers available to intervene in more serious crimes elsewhere. The ANC anticipates improvements in this area similar to those seen on Mount Pleasant Street.

4. Single-serving sales of alcohol within the proposed moratorium area often produce behavior that is too transitory to allow for any true law enforcement intervention. Numerous eyewitnesses have provided accounts of public urination, public drunkenness, and loitering directly outside the stores where single servings of alcohol are purchased. These offenses are often not reported to law enforcement because of their transitory nature. This proposed moratorium is expected to reduce these criminal behaviors that are difficult to police against.

5. In addition to reducing criminal behaviors, the proposed moratorium will reduce the loitering, littering, and public intoxication associated with single sales of alcohol. The sale of single servings of alcohol destroys the peace, order, and quiet in the neighborhood and harms the quality of life for the residents, visitors, and shoppers in the corridor.

Enhancing the Economic Revitalization of the H Street Corridor.

6. The crime, loitering, littering, and public intoxication associated with single sales of alcohol is a significant impediment to the H Street corridor’s economic revitalization because they contribute to an overall perception of an unpleasant and unsafe area, thereby discouraging people from shopping or dining along the corridor.

7. The District Government anticipates spending significant amounts of tax revenue to revitalize the H Street corridor, which was once one of the area’s busiest commercial areas. The goal of the Great Streets initiative is to create “safe, vibrant places” that attract visits to merchants and that offer a pleasant atmosphere for residents.

8. For the H Street corridor to be revitalized, it cannot continue to be a site of criminal conduct, public drinking, public intoxication, urination, and litter. The proposed moratorium will make the H Street corridor and surrounding areas safer and more attractive, thereby making it a more desirable place for residents, visitors, shoppers, diners, and those seeking entertainment. This moratorium is crucial to the economic revitalization that the corridor so greatly needs.

For all the foregoing reasons, ANC 6a respectfully requests a moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcohol by current and future Class A and Class B license-holders in the Portion of the District of Columbia centered at Me & My Supermarket, located at 1111 H Street, NE, effective as to those license holders along the H Street, NE, corridor.



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September 26, 2006

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

Re: Letter of Authorization for BZA #17521

Board Members:

At our regularly scheduled and properly noticed monthly meeting on September 14, 2006, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted unanimously to oppose the variances and special exceptions requested by the 601-605 H Street Ventures LLC.

Our Commission is requesting party status in this case because it is the first time an applicant has been required to obtain a special exception for the H Street NE Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District design guidelines. Our Commission believes that compliance with the design guidelines is essential to insuring that buildings on lots greater than 6,000 square feet fit into the architectural context of historic H Street NE. It is our position that the proposed building does not comply with the mandatory design guidelines of the H Street NE Design Guidelines referenced in §1325.1a of the H Street NE Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District.

Specifically, it is our position that:

1. The applicant's plan has not received adequate community input.
2. The current application is flawed because the FAR of the building in the C-2-A portion of the lot exceeds the 2.5 FAR standard outlined in §771.1.
3. The applicant has not met the standards of §3103 and §3104 required to justify the granting of the requested variances and special exceptions.

Please be advised that Mr. Terres Andrew (Drew) Ronneberg is authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler, Chair

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October 5, 2006

LaVonne Taliaferro-Bunch, Principal
Miner Elementary School
601 15th St. NE
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Ms LaVonne Taliaferro-Bunch,

For over three years you have provided a meeting place for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A and, more recently, for the meetings of the Schools Committee, as well. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort you have put in to helping us hold these public meetings, which are crucial to the functioning of our city.

Please share our thanks with Ms. Brenda Artis, of your staff, who has made a special effort to ensure our access to your building.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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Minister Thompson
Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith
1235 C St. NE
Washington DC 20002

Dear Minister Thompson,

For the past three years you have provided a meeting place for the Community Outreach Committee of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort you have put in to helping us hold these public meetings, which are crucial to the functioning of our city.

Please extend our thanks to Mrs. Thompson who has been so gracious in opening the building for us.

Once again, thank you.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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October 5, 2006

Ms. Maria Barner, Director
Sherwood Recreation Center
Corner of 10th and G Sts. NE

Dear Ms. Barner,

For over three years you have provided a meeting place for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A activities – the meetings of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee and, more recently, the Public Safety Committee. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort you have put in to helping us hold these monthly public meetings, which are crucial to the functioning of our ANC.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Paulette Page, Director
Capitol Hill Towers
900 G St NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Page,

For over three years you have provided a meeting place for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A activities – the meetings of the Economic Development & Zoning Committee and, more recently, the Transportation Committee. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort you have put in to helping us hold these monthly public meetings, which are crucial to the functioning of our ANC.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
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Dr. I. King Jordan, President
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Ave. NE
Washington DC 20002

Dear Dr. Jordan,

For the past three years Gallaudet University has hosted a website for Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A. This website (www.anc6a.org) is an essential component in our efforts to provide the greatest possible public access to our proceedings. Non-ANC related information of community interest is available as well. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort your staff has contributed to this endeavor.

Please share our thanks with Mr. Jon Mitchiner, Director, Information Technology Services, who has gone out of his way to provide the best support possible. His colleagues have been enormously helpful as well.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Treasurer's Report

Period Covered:		09/01/06	-	09/30/06				
Checking Account:								
Balance Forwarded								\$15,210.29
Receipts:								
	District Allotments							\$-
	Interest Income							\$-
	Transfers from Saving Account							\$-
	Total Receipts							\$-
Total Funds Available								\$15,210.29
Disbursements:								
	Roberta Weiner (July '06 Minutes)						\$120.00	
	Postmaster (PO Box (Oct 06 - Mar 07))						\$105.00	
	Lippman, Semsler & Salb (Legal services)						\$1,150.50	
	Total Disbursements							\$1,375.50
Ending Balance								\$13,834.79
Savings Account:								
Balance Forwarded								\$4,158.73
Receipts:								
	Interest 08/31/06						\$1.41	
	Transfers from Checking Account						\$-	
	Total Receipts							\$1.41
Total Funds Available								\$4,160.14
Disbursements:								



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	Total Disbursements								\$-
Ending Balance									\$4,160.14



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**ANC 6A ABL Committee
September 19, 2006
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Committee members present: Mary Beatty; Michael Herman; Tish Olshefski; Malcolm Ross

Committee members absent: Lyndon Bonaparte

Community members present: LaZerrick Howard; Eric Griffin; Monir Islam; Shushan Israel; Sherry Howard; Wilhelmina Brown

I.a. Welcome/Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves. Tim Carney has resigned from the committee. We now have 5 committee members and Mary would appreciate help getting additional members. Our quorum is now 3.

I.b. Agenda

Chair Beatty moved to accept the agenda. No objections.

II. Minutes.

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

III. Community Comment

Chair Beatty asked for community comment on any issues not already on the agenda. Mr. Howard asked about H Street redoing sidewalks. Ms Beatty responded that supposed to start sometime in the fall. Need to get this done soon.

IV. Old Business

A. H Street Moratorium Filing

Petition for a moratorium on the sale of singles on H Street was filed three days ago. We are waiting for a hearing date. Have commitment from Commander Grooms and our current Council Member.

B. Viggys Protest

Went to our first roll call hearing. Commission asked that we come back with a VA and we are working on that. A neighborhood group is joining with the ANC separately to protest. They want to combine their wishes with our standard voluntary agreement.

C. Woodward Liquors

We protested for density reasons. Owner withdrew his application for economic circumstances.



V. New Business

A. Class CR Application - Liquid, 914 H Street, NE; LaZerrick A. Howard, Owner

Comments from Owner:

Mr. Howard is planning to open a restaurant/lounge. With him at the hearing are the restaurant manager and financial manager. The restaurant will be 2,500 square feet; kitchen with 800 sq. ft. in the cellar; restaurant with 1200 sq. ft. on the first floor, Lounge with 600 sq. ft. on second floor. Hours of operation. M - W, 4-11; Thursday-Saturday; 4-2. Number of employees: 17; Number of seats: 70 people. Their focus is mainly on food; lounge will have entertainment. The will be applying for a beverage license. The building is a shell right now, bought it three years ago and got together with the concept of bringing dining to H Street. H Street is changing and they want to be a part of that change. Looking to be part of the revitalization from 8th to 10th street.

What type of entertainment and what type of license are they applying for? The owner is in the process of applying for an entertainment certificate. The entertainment will be a unique blend of live entertainment—live jazz, bands, r&b, but also comedy. They are going after a mid to older crowd. Music will be at the front of the lounge, upstairs and they are planning to put a sound barrier.

Mr. Howard has lived or worked in the community since 1990, bought first property at 17th & Independence in 1988 and then moved to 5th & K for 8 years and still owns them. No longer lives in DC but his business is in DC.

What is background of other partners? Want the restaurant to be the main focus. This will bring the clientele back. Restaurant manager's background was with the American Café, worked with Peasant Restaurants out of New Orleans until that was taken over by Morton's of Chicago. Opened new restaurants mostly.

How frequent is the live entertainment? The entertainment will probably be two nights a week.

Suggestion made to contact Derrick Woody with Great Streets about the sidewalk renovations and the current trees and the new landscaping plans.

Have they considered opening up on Sundays? After the place is up and running, they may do brunch.

Malcolm: thinks that it will be difficult for them at first and hopes they stick with it and figure out ways to draw the clientele they need.



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Mary: this is what H Street needs to break the ice on restaurants. Want to ensure it's a business that won't disturb the peace. Will work with them on Voluntary Agreement.

Chair Beatty moved that we recommend to the ANC no protest of the application and that we pursue a voluntary agreement. Seconded by Tish Olshefski. Unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Move to adjourn 7:52 pm. Next meeting: October 17, 2006 at 7:00 pm.



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**REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
COMMITTEE OF ANC 6A**

September 26, 2006

Present: Commissioners Nick Alberti;
Resident Members Drew Ronneberg, and Linda Whitted.

Drew Ronneberg chaired the meeting.

1811 and 1815 D. St NE

Dr. Veronica Jenkins of Homes for Hope and her architect spoke about the organization's plans to develop a 10-12 unit, 3 story building to house a community based facility directed at the long-term care of the chronically ill at 1811 and 1815 D. St. NE. Homes for Hope currently operates a similar facility at 3003 G. St. SE.

Use: Dr. Jenkins said the building is intended to house people who are chronically ill and having difficulty meeting treatment regimes under their own care. She said that the facility is intended to provide permanent housing with supportive services for the residents instead of being a temporary pass-through facility. The building would have on-site staff, but the staff will likely not be available around the clock. Dr. Jenkins stated that although the facility was set up to serve the chronically ill, some residents would require additional substance abuse and mental health services which would be provided by the on-site staff. She claimed that residents who had past problems with drugs would have to pass regular drug testing to stay in the program. The facility is intended to primarily serve single people or small families with the typical case of a mother and her children.

Dr. Jenkins and the architect said that there were no facilities of similar use on the same square or within a radius of 700 feet from the proposed site. When asked by members of the community if Homes for Hope has considered alternative sites, she replied that they had not.

Lot and Proposed Structure: 1811 and 1815 D. St. NE are adjacent lots comprising 5600 sq. feet facing D Street with alley access to the rear of the lot. There are currently no structures on the site. The architect provided an initial concept for a 3 story building that would be constructed of brick and other materials consistent with the surrounding neighborhood. The building would house 8-10 1-2 bedroom apartments with floor areas of approximately 900 sq. feet. Some residents complained that the proposed building was larger than the typical 2-story buildings in the surrounding neighborhood.

Parking: The architect thought that the site could accommodate 6-8 parking spaces in the rear of the lot. §2101.1 of the zoning code requires 1 parking spot for every 3 units, so this site appear to have enough available parking spaces to accommodate a 10-12 unit structure.



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Zoning Issues: This development will require zoning relief which includes:

- 1) a variance to build an apartment house or multiple unit dwelling in an R-4 zone (§330.5)
- 2) Potentially a variance from §401.3 which may restrict the number of units in an apartment based on the lot size (although this is not explicitly stated in the zoning regulations)
- 3) Potentially a special exception for §332.1a to allow a community based facility in a R-4 zone. Facilities usually claim that such facilities are intended to help the "handicap" and are permitted as a matter of right under §330.5i

BZA 17521: 601-645 H Street NE

Drew Ronneberg gave an update on the application to build a large mixed use commercial and residential facility on the site of the old Mega Foods between the 5 story towers on the south side of the 600 block of H St NE (where the Weekend Farmer's Market is held). The applicant proposes to build a 9 story building facing H Street with an attached 5 story building in the middle of the square. The application appears to be incomplete and does not request a variance from the FAR requirements in a C-2-A zone, or a special exception for a curb cut on H Street. The design of the building is strongly reminiscent of 1960s era architecture and appear to be made of concrete, glass and metal. The building doesn't appear to conform to any elements of the Design Guidelines contained in the H Street Strategic plan. The design has seen little public review and the applicant refused to present the plans at the ANC 6C meeting. Dr. Ronneberg stated that ANC 6A was requesting party status in this case because it was the first test of the Design Guidelines referenced in the H Street NE Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District. The resolution of this case will determine whether the BZA will enforce Design Guidelines for future large lot developments in the ANC 6A portion of H Street.

BZA 17526 (1411 Ames Pl NE) Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to issue building permits in cases where the permits appear to violate the parking requirements of under sections 2100.4, 2100.6, 2100.7, 2100.9, 2101.1, and 2115.6 of the Zoning Regulations. The ANC has already filed an appeal in this case but has not designated a representative to the BZA hearing.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously recommends that Nick Alberti be designated the ANC representative for BZA case 17526.

BZA 17533 (1405 N. Carolina NE)

Appeal of the administrative decision of the Zoning Administrator's to approve the construction of a three (3) unit apartment house. ANC 6A alleges that the apartment use is in violation of several sections of 11 DCMR, including subsections 330.5, 401.3, and 2101.1 The ANC has already filed an appeal in this case but has not designated a representative to the BZA hearing.



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Recommendation: The committee unanimously recommends that Nick Alberti be designated the ANC representative for BZA case 17533.

BZA 17532 (138 12th St NE)

Appletree is appealing the Zoning Administrator's ruling that Appletree's opening of a charter school requires a special exception to use the lot for a charter school. ANC 6A has already filed its support of the Zoning Administrator's ruling but has not designated a representative to the BZA hearing.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously recommends that Nick Alberti be designated the ANC representative for BZA cases 17532.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the ED&Z committee is scheduled for October 31st. However, this is Halloween and many people will likely be out trick-or-treating with their children. It was recommended that the meeting be held on October 24th.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously recommends holding the next Economic Development and Zoning Committee Meeting on October 24th.

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
Tuesday, October 24, 2006
7-9 PM
900 G Street, NE
Community Room of the Capitol Hill Towers



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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A
Community Outreach Committee (COC)
Minutes for August 14, 2006

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

Attending COC members: (quorum)

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

Absent members:

- Barbara Anderson

I. Feedback from September ANC meeting

1. Astri Klievdal has been confirmed as a member of the Community Outreach Committee by the commissioners at their September 14 meeting.
2. The "thank you" notes were approved. Ms. Nelson reminded the Commissioners and Committee Chairs to review them and provide suggested changes.
3. ANC 6A Chair, Joseph Fengler, asked that agendas, minutes, etc. be supplied promptly to the webmaster for posting. This is particularly important as intermittent technical problems are interfering with posting.

II. Progress report on outreach to potential grant applicants

1. Ms. Williams spoke with Joshua Rich who is doing musical theater for children at the H Street Playhouse. She forwarded his contact information and an article about the program to Ms. Nelson. She, in turn, sent him an e-mail outlining the grant application process. She has not had a reply but was able to get publicity for the program by publishing the article in The Buzz and The Hill Rag.
2. Ms. Nelson has been in touch again with Larry Kaufer who is active in "sports on the hill". He is considering applying for grant money, possibly for a wrestling program. Mr. Barbash will follow up on this. He will offer to help publicize some of the new programs, particularly the wrestling program, so as to attract more participants from ANC 6A. We have had confirmation that, as a result of our introduction to Options Charter School, he has secured a commitment to use their site for youth sports activities. He is not sure that the organization needs anything at present that could be funded by ANC 6A (except possibly portable basketball hoops) but will think about it and possibly file an application. Ms. Nelson was able to help in other ways, however, by putting him in touch with Charles Vincent at Options Charter School (in the old Kingsman school building) who has an indoor basketball court that might be offered. Subsequent to the COC meeting, Ms. Nelson accompanied Mr. Kaufer on a tour of the Options facilities so she could introduce him to Dr. Vincent.
3. Ms. Nelson has been unable unsuccessful in contacting the Gibbs Elementary PTSA but will try again.



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4. Ms. Nelson has been in touch with Stephanie Nixon who has a contact at Eastern High School who may be interested in applying for grant money for a sports related program.

III. Other - website

1. The Committees and Commissioners pages have been updated to reflect the resignation of Commissioner Cody Rice and the appointment of Drew Ronnenberg. The ANC 6A flier is under revision as are the ANC ads for the Hill Rag and Voice of the Hill.
2. The flier has been made available on the website as have many of the grant applications.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Next meeting is October 16, 2006.
Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Nelson



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ANC6A Public Safety Committee Meeting
DRAFT NOTES
Sherwood Recreation Center
Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 7 pm

Committee members present: Stephanie Nixon, Mark Laisch, Joe Bellino, Michael Seneco, Laura Brown

Commissioners present: Gladys Mack (6A07)

Community members present: Marcus Ellis (DPR Ward 6 Manager), Michael Showalter, Mike Kuiken

Ms. Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Crime Emergency Status:

The crime emergency, police morale, and juvenile crime were discussed at the meeting. Crimes committed by juveniles have increased to 1 in every 4 criminal offenses. A memo by Vincent Shiraldi was discussed and the idea of making Oak Hill into more homelike facilities was discussed. Court Social Services has not responded to Ms. Nixon.

Mr. Bellino mentioned that juveniles are not regularly sentenced and held for their entire sentence. The only case where the juveniles were taken by the U.S. attorneys was the National Mall in the recent past. Mandatory minimums are typically used with the juveniles.

When asked about the 10 pm curfew, the committee noted that it appears to be helping. Mr. Bellino said that the curfew law is a tool. If you see them walking down the street with a stolen car, then you can stop them and get them back in the home where they belong. Mrs. Brown mentioned that it saves them from themselves. However, repeat offenders are not regularly known by the police department.

The Crime Emergency 6 day work week is not favored by the committee. Mr. Seneco and Mr. Bellino suggested using the data from these extended work weeks to justify a request for increased forces in MPD. Mr. Seneco suggested asking about sick leave increasing/on the job injuries. Mrs. Brown will work on getting the ANC6A Public Safety Committee on Phil Mendelson's email list.

Mr. Laisch noted the juvenile youth opportunities and the Community Outreach Grants. They have done most of their work via Basketball and PTSA grants to support schools.

Sherwood Recreation Center:

Ms. Nixon brought the crime statistics through May 22, 2006. In addition, Commander Groomes stated that there were no notable additional calls for service at Sherwood Recreation Center over the summer.

Complaints were discussed about the House of Ruth, 631 10th St NE and 633 10th St NE. In addition, there are usually lots of alcohol bottles in front of Sherwood Recreation Center. People noted that it is difficult for the police to say that the alcohol bottles are their bottles because the kids



put them behind the tree. Mr. Bellino mentioned that drinking in public is illegal even in a paper bag. Mr. Ellis went to get the tree blocked off, but they will not let them because it is not DC property.

The tree and the area around the tree provide a certain area of “protection” to people hanging out there. Mrs. Brown sees kids that don’t care where they are standing. Mr. Ellis sees this as derooting the problem.

It was noted that this summer the kids were gone. However, you would not know that there is a curfew since September because the children are reportedly coming in and riding mopeds and going around the walking/riding track. Neighbors report that the fence is flimsy and falls down in some places. Reportedly activity increases after 9 pm and most is at the corner. Because the grounds are not secure, most of the folks will hide in the dark corners. Mr. Ellis said that perhaps they need to improve the angles of the camera and he is hoping that the cameras will help here. Mr. Seneco mentioned having signs saying monitored by closed circuit television. Mr. Ellis will back on the fence part because it will help keep people on the grounds.

There was a long discussion about maintenance and supervision.

Mr. Ellis said that the average monthly attendance is around 3300 at Sherwood Recreation Center .

Problems with 633 10th St NE and the Recreation Center are affiliated because the people run from the Sherwood Recreation to 633 10th St NE. 631 10th St NE is now a residential housing facility. There are reports that it is a rooming house and that it is a place to house other individuals. People are there every morning and there are reports of drug dealing at this location.

The community wanted a stronger fence at Sherwood Recreation Center than is currently present. The committee strongly advised the tallest wrought iron fence allowable by DC code with spires on top. There was a discussion between security and fence. Make sure that a fence is not jail-like and that it should be an attractive piece of the recreation center.

Mrs. Brown volunteered to draft the letter.

Rosedale Recreation Center:

Mr. Ellis briefed the committee on changes at Rosedale Recreation center noting that it does not look like the same place. They are repairing field lights and have repaired several broken windows. They are receiving positive responses to leaving the lights on over night. Some residents would like the lights angled away from their homes but the general feeling was the lights are preferred to no lights. Mrs. Brown mentioned LEDs as an alternate form of light that could cost less over time. The sign in is better now than it was with the desk is at the front door. Rosedale Recreation Center (without football) is at 709 monthly activity. More lighting is to be put in the “cave”. The cameras have also been installed.

The community has noticed the good response time from MPD, but would like MPD to stay a little longer until the children disperse. The community mentioned that the police followed the children



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out after the activities. 633 18th St NE illegal candy house is allegedly selling candy without a license.

Office of Unified Communications

Calls are being lumped in calls for service reports by the Office of Unified Communications. Mr. Seneco would be happy to talk with Mr. Latessa and meet with him regarding this.

Community Concerns

In July, there was a fire on the 1300 block of Emerald St NE and the fire department had to run a line all the way to 13th St NE because the hydrant on his block was not working. After asking around, Mr. Laisch realized more hydrants in this immediate area do not working. Mr. Laisch will look into this and update at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Nixon.



ANC6A Public Safety Committee memorandum

to: ANC6A Public Safety Committee
FROM: STEPHANIE NIXON
SUBJECT: DYRS, VINCENT SHIRALDI DYRS
DATE: 6/23/2006
cc:

NOTE: All examples, are merely examples.

DC is an unusual place for the sentencing process. Juveniles are confined at Oak Hill and other places but then sent home. There is no set amount of time for a sentence.

Mr. Shiraldi functions similar to State systems and County systems in other locales. If a juvenile is detained, then it is done by Mr. Shiraldi. If the juvenile is not detained, then he/she is released back to community. Supervision at that point is completed by Court Social Services (Terry Odom) by CSS probation officers. In DC, the District funds DYRS and the Federal government funds CSS.

Several options to judge if convicted – (1) sentenced to DYRS or (2) placed on probation. DYRS is usually monitoring about 450 kids that have spent time at Oak Hill or in program, this monitoring is *similar* to parole. Probation is under the auspices of CSS and Parole is under the auspices of DYRS.

Recidivism:

Recidivism statistics are from the most recently analyzed available data from 2001 and 2002: Within 6 months after juveniles committed to Oak Hill are released, 30% are re-arrested. Mr. Shiraldi stated that this number is “unacceptably high”. We discussed that it is difficult to leave behavior that leads to being committed, if and when juveniles return to the place the behavior occurred.

32% of DC’s juveniles released from Oak Hill go to adult prisons with 3 years of exiting the juvenile system. In Missouri , this number is only 8%. In other parts of country 32% is not unusual. To obtain the reduction, Missouri moved away from large facilities to smaller facilities that are more home-like. DYRS has brought in people from Missouri to train the people. They have started 1 demonstration unit and will begin to train 30 staff for 2 more unit s in October. The trainers are there for several days, on-site. The goal is to change the culture of a very prison-



like facility. Oak Hill is not good. Mr. Shiraldi reported that at times teenagers were locked down 24 hours per day in Oak Hill, but he argued against continuing to keep juveniles locked down this much. If this continues, then it is more likely that juveniles will turn back to streets as they came to Oak Hill. The Deputy Superintendent for Oak Hill was taken from St. Louis, Mo. They are currently working on a demonstration unit and they plan to do 2 more by October and 1-2 more by January.

Evidence-based practices:

DYRS is trying to bring in evidence-based practices. The Justice department has done some nice randomized control trials. Mr. Shiraldi focused on those examining multiple contact programs because a juvenile doesn't go to Oak Hill on the first arrest, *usually*. Also, a child is almost 100% likely to be arrested a 4th time if arrested 3 times.

- (1) *Multi-systemic therapy*. (MST) Most of the research has been done in across types of areas (i.e., urban, rural, suburban, Northeast, South, etc.). This type of therapy has been effective in showing decrease in negative behaviors and an increase in positive behaviors such as education. The best version was completed by the Washington Institute of Public Policy. There are a series of blueprints for violence prevention. A prerequisite: The home has to be tenable. Some are initially untenable but with some help some of those become tenable. If juveniles are not primary locus of rehab, then view in multi-systems by looking at family. If the family provides trouble and the juvenile returns to the environment, then the juvenile will be more likely to get in more trouble with the law. Therefore, the job is to do classic family therapy and serve as advocates for the children like many parents do. This program began in February/March 2006. This approach includes individualized therapy, getting the juveniles back in school, getting them the necessary services (e.g., special education, counseling, etc.).
- (2) *Multi-dimensional treatment in foster care*: Multi-systemic therapy in a foster home setting when the juveniles home is entire untenable. There is strong oversight and Universities that developed this follow-up. Local vendors need to increase capacity. There are programs like this in other jurisdictions.
- (3) *2 new detainee programs* –
 - a. *Intensive monitoring*: Intensive supervision used to be 2 meetings face-to-face per week. A contract was recently issued for intensive monitoring 3x per day, 21x per week. The goal is for the juvenile to go back to court without messing up. The worker doesn't sit in classes with them. Research shows that return to court is really high and later rearrests are lower than control.
 - b. *Evening recording program in Wards 4 and 8*: The children's families are not home after school. Therefore, they drive the children from school to the program in Ward 4/Ward 8. There is access to a variety of items including family counseling.



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The programming occupies the entire evening and provides face-to-face supervision Mon-Sat. Rearrests are only 2% and failure-to-appear is only 4%. Mr. Shiraldi was unaware of a single statistic with an overall number of failure-to-appear. However, none of Mr. Shiraldi's statistics indicated a failure-to-appear rate over 10% - technical violations.

Why the recent change?

Mr. Shiraldi went through all technical failures and made new protocols. It took too long to get children into a program. Now the DYRS picks child up from court. DYRS would like to reduce the 30% failure rate.

DYRS is trying to data driven. The goal is to provide effectiveness data to the judges monthly. People still make mistakes, but DYRS is trying to build trust in what is done in community and the legal system. In fact, DYRS had just closed a shelter home that provided lousy service at the time of this conversation. Mr. Shiraldi is requiring data from those working with and for DYRS.

To keep children out of arrests in the first place, we need positive youth development. Deputy Mayor Reiskin is very focused on this. How to keep kids out of arrest in first place?

Court Social Services

The head of Court Social Services is Terri Odom. This is similar to CSOSA for juveniles.

*There is **no** bail/bond for juveniles.*



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[INSERT DATE HERE]

Marcus Ellis
Department of Parks and Recreation
Government of the District of Columbia
3149 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
(202) 673-7647

Mr. Ellis:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 7 pm our Commission voted unanimously to request and support the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in installing a new fence at both Sherwood Recreation Center and Rosedale Recreation Center .

Accordingly, these fences should address specific concerns for the public safety of the residents as well as the visitors who use the facility for recreational purposes. At Sherwood Recreation Center , neighbors report that the existing fence is flimsy and falls down in some places. Neighborhood residents also noted that children are entering the facility to ride mopeds around the walking/riding track. It was also noted that there is a large tree that stands on the edge of the existing fence as well as extending over onto the public sidewalk. The tree and the area around the tree provide a certain area of "protection" to people hanging out there. Mr. Ellis stated that he attempted to get the tree blocked off, but was blocked because the tree is on DC property. There was some concern from the community that the fence installed not make the Sherwood Recreation Center look and feel like a prison and that the fence should be durable, strong, and attractive.

Regarding Rosedale Recreation Center , to continue the improvements and yield a safer place for all we need a secure fence surrounding the facility. The present fence is chain link and has been cut multiple times and the repairs do not stop people from entering the grounds without supervision. Regularly, people note broken windows at the facility as well as graffiti. Beyond that violent crimes, such as the shootings this year on the basketball courts make it further important to improve the fence.

In order to continue improving the safety at the Sherwood and Rosedale Recreation Centers , we request that the money be set aside for DPR to have a fence installed with the following characteristics:

1. Constructed of wrought iron
2. The height shall be the maximum 7 feet allowed by zoning code
3. Decorative caps shall be placed on the tops of the fence posts to help appearance
4. Regarding Sherwood Recreation Center : Apply for an exception of Zoning to allow the large "hideout" tree to be fenced in

In close, we respectfully ask that you strongly consider our request. If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Chair, Stephanie Nixon, at (202) 396-7234.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler



ANC 6A Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)
September 25, 2006 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm
 - A. Present: Lance Brown, Jennifer Flather, DeLania Hardy, Omar Mahmud (Chair), Victor McKoy, Claire Rodriguez, Marlon Smoker, Warner Sterling
 - B. Absent: Aryeh Fishman, Ken Granata, Diane Hoover
- II. Committee members and attendees from the community introduced themselves
- III. Community Comment
 - A. Ms. Hardy has noticed buses idling in front of her property. She is going to contact Prospect School about resolving the issue since going directly to the school seemed to be an effective way of resolving the last bus idling problem at Options/Sasha Bruce.
- IV. Announcements
 - A. Mr. Brown announced he has rules for adding car sharing spaces. He will send the information out to the group by e-mail.
 - 1. Ms. Hardy volunteered to help out on the Zipcar project. From her conversations with Flexcar, she knows Flexcar is interested in adding more spots on the Hill.
 - 2. Mr. Mahmud suggested we query the Commissioners about possible car sharing parking spots in their SMDs.
 - B. Mr. Mahmud announced that the Capitol Hill Transportation Study (CHTS) Open House will be held on September 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Northeast Library (330 7th Street NE)
 - 1. Presentation of final study by DDOT and consulting team.
 - 2. Mr. Brown said they recommended that 17th Street be two ways. Mr. Mahmud said a draft copy of the study is online, and that he would ask Chris Delfs about getting final copies for our ANC.
 - C. Mr. Mahmud announced that Karina Ricks of DDOT will discuss the streetcar and streetscape projects at the next ANC6A Commissioners Meeting, October 12 at 7 pm - Miner Elementary School (601 15th Street NE).
- V. New Business
 - A. Presentation by Bill Schultheiss on traffic engineering and neighborhood planning with Q&A



1. Traffic calming is about reducing traffic speeds and re-distributing traffic for the safety of pedestrians.
2. Stop signs: unwarranted signs may encourage rolling stops and/or increase vehicular speed between stop signs.
3. The Pace Car Theory/Project: The idea behind the Pace Car initiative is to lead by example. A resident signs a pledge to drive the right speed limit, be courteous to bikers and pedestrians, then they put a bumper sticker on their car. Peer pressure and guilt are the motivating factors. This program has been implemented in Atlanta, Santa Clara, CA, and North Hampton, MA
4. Toolbox available for traffic calming:
 - a. **Speed bumps:** commercial areas or alleys, 3"-4" in height, 5-15 mph.
 - b. **Speed bumps/humps:** speed increases with length, speed decreases with height. 3"-4" height, rounded top, 6'-14' length. The longer the bump or the hump, the faster cars will travel. The ones recently installed in Lincoln Park are hard to see as is the advanced warning.
 - c. **Speed Tables:** 12ft -22ft, 3 in – 4in height, average speed 25-30 mph.
 - d. **Speed cushions:** allow trucks and emergency vehicles to bypass hump, if improperly designed allow regular vehicles to avoid. May be less effective.
 - e. **Raised crosswalks:** similar to speed tables.
 - f. **Raised intersection:** ramps up at the approach to the crosswalk, the whole intersection is level at the intersection. Could be good in the Barracks Row area. Causes drainage problems. Probably not appropriate for H Street since the traffic volume is too high.
 - g. **Curb extensions at corners/intersections:** extend the sidewalk corners out into the intersection. They help very much with line of sight for pedestrians. Also good for slowing down vehicles that want to turn around the corner. Curb extensions could be implemented all over the Hill. But it is hard for buses to make the right turn. This may be good on the right hand side of C Street NE, for example.
 - h. **Chicane:** Little islands installed at regular intervals on the street (looks like a slalom course for cars).
 - i. **Median closures:** For example, at 16th and North Carolina. Installed to primarily to limit traffic down the street.
 - j. **Half closures**
 - k. **Traffic circles:** Inserting a circle into the middle of the road forcing cars to slow down to go around. Designed to cause you to slow down. Reports indicate traffic circles installed in Seattle have caused a 90-100% reduction in accidents.
5. George Branyon new person in charge of pedestrian coordination at DDOT.



Our committee should reach out to him.

- B. Traffic Calming Study (Transportation Audit) request for 1500 block of Gales Street NE
1. Laura Brown informed the committee this block has a lot of traffic, cars are stolen and the thieves speed down Gales Street in the wrong direction. Children and people walking their pets regularly use this street, so it is very dangerous. Also there is no parking enforcement so people park on the side of the street designated no parking. The neighbors on this street are requesting assistance with getting motorists to slow down and otherwise follow all rules, including parking restrictions. Mrs. Brown indicated a petition has already been prepared. Ms. Flather indicated she would follow up on obtaining the already-completed petition so the ANC could send the request to DDOT on behalf of the neighborhood.
 2. ***Recommendation: Send letter supporting the Gales Street neighbors' request for a Traffic Calming Study (Transportation Audit) for the 1500 block.***

VI. Updates

- A. Traffic Calming Study (Transportation Audit) Requests – Jennifer Flather
1. 14th and E: Ms. Flather reported there had been no community input and that there is now a new charter school there.
 2. 15th and F: Ms. Flather reported there had been no community input.
 3. The ANC has approved going forward with requesting the traffic calming study, but the community has not completed the required petition.
 4. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that, going forward, the Transportation Committee will request the community petition information before going to the ANC to request approval for a traffic calming study request.
- B. Joint Effort with Public Safety Committee to Request Increased MTA PD Presence at 8th and H – Diane Hoover
1. Ms. Hoover was unable to attend the meeting.
 2. Mr. Mahmud reported that the city has installed a camera at this location.
- C. Lack of parking enforcement for car sharing parking space on 12th Street NE, just South of H Street – DeLania Hardy
1. Mr. Brown reported that at the meeting that our actions were to write the letters and the ANC needs the letters. The ANC people asked that the transportation committee have the letter to the commissioners in time to put it in the agenda packet.
 2. Ms. Hardy reported that Rick Rybeck of DDOT tried to convene a meeting with the Dept. of Public Works regarding the car share parking issue and he said that no one showed up for the meeting. Mr. Rybeck would like a letter



in hand from the Transportation Committee.

3. In addition, Mr. Rybeck sent Ms. Hardy the response times for ticketing cars illegally parked in Flexcar spots. Ms. Hardy indicated that by the time Flexcar is able to send a tow truck, the illegally parked car has already been moved from the spot.
4. ***Recommendation: Send letter of support to Mr. Rybeck regarding increased enforcement of illegal parking in car share parking spaces.***

D. Prevention of persistent double parking problem on H Street – Omar Mahmud

1. Mr. Mahmud reported that this issue will become a bigger problem once the streetscape project is completed and streetcars are in place.
2. The best idea is to get the community and businesses in the area to get use to enhanced double parking enforcement now so behavior won't have to be changed later when it will be a bigger problem.
3. ***Recommendation: Send letter to DDOT and MPD encouraging development of a plan to resolve double parking problems along the H Street corridor.***

E. Mr. Mahmud also raised the need for additional parking along H Street as the business community continues to grow

1. We should start thinking about this issue now as a committee. One thing we can do is learn who owns the properties with parking along and near H Street so that we can discuss possible arrangements to allow for additional parking in the evenings (e.g. Auto Zone, Hechinger Mall). We should also reach out to other ANCs where these properties are located.
2. Mr. Schultheiss reported that for the Business Improvement District project, the businesses in Adams Morgan got together to help solve persistent parking problems.

VII. Assign Tasks/Duties for Committee Members

- A. Ms. Brown to follow up on the community petition for a traffic calming request for the 1500 block of Gales St. NE.
- B. Ms. Hardy to assist Mr. Brown in the Zipcar/Flexcar issue
- C. Mr. Mahmud and Ms. Hardy to draft necessary letters

VIII. Additional Community Comment

- A. Mr. McKoy indicated the need to get residential zoned parking for later hours. The parking restriction has been changed to midnight in his neighborhood.

IX. Adjourn meeting at approximately 8:30 pm



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October ____, 2006

District Department of Transportation
2000 14th Street NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Request for Transportation Audit (1500 block of Gales Street NE)

Dear Sir or Madam:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on October 12, 2006, our Commission voted [unanimously] to support the Transportation Audit (Traffic Calming) petition prepared by the neighbors of the 1500 block of Gales Street NE. The petition is attached for your convenience.

In particular, the neighbors on this block have cited rampant vehicle speeding, illegal parking on the side of the street designated no parking, vehicles driving down the street in the wrong direction and a general sense of lawlessness amongst many motorists using Gales Street NE. This problem is of particular concern given that children and neighbors walking their pets regularly traverse this street.

If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Transportation Committee Chair Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Christopher Delfs, DDOT (w/attachment)



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Mr. Rick Rybeck
District Department of Transportation
2000 14th St NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Car Share Parking Enforcement

Dear Mr. Rybeck:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on October 12, 2006, our Commission voted [unanimously] to support your efforts to implement greater enforcement of illegal parking in car share-designated spaces. Concerns have been raised by neighbors using car share parking spaces in our ANC, and in particular the parking space located on 12th Street NE, just south of H Street. Based on your conversations with DeLania Hardy of our Transportation Committee, it is our understanding that when a car is illegally parked in either a Zip Car or Flexcar parking space:

- During the workday, the car-share company calls Parking Enforcement through the Mayor's call center. Parking Enforcement then takes about an hour to respond and issue a ticket.
- On the weekend or after hours, the car-share company calls 311 for the police to respond. The police take about 30 minutes to respond and issue a ticket.
- Once the vehicle is ticketed, the car-share company contacts the tow company. However, before a vehicle is towed, a ticket number must be given to the tow company.

We understand you have spoken with Flexcar and Zip Car, and that both companies have expressed frustration with this process since it causes enforcement problems District-wide and is far more problematic than in other jurisdictions in Virginia and Maryland. Therefore, we support your efforts to work with other city agencies in working toward a creative solution to this problem. We are particularly interested in the possibility of allowing private tow companies to tow illegally parked cars, as is done in Arlington County. Authorizing private tow companies to remove illegally parked cars immediately may provide a greater deterrent to this illegal parking problem than the process outlined above.

We also understand that neither DPW nor MPD sent representatives to the meeting you called on this topic. Clearly, better coordination between agencies is necessary to address this issue properly.

We appreciate your efforts in working with Ms. Hardy on this issue and we look forward to assisting any way we can going forward. If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Transportation



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Committee Chair Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc:
William Howland, Director, Department of Public Works
Charles Ramsey, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department
Michelle Pourciau, Acting Director, District Department of Transportation



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

Re: Double Parking Enforcement on H Street NE

Dear Mr. Delfs:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on July 13, 2006, our Commission voted [unanimously] to request that DDOT and MPD create and implement a plan to address persistent double-parking violations on the H Street Corridor. This problem is troubling now, but promises to be even more troubling in the near future as new businesses continue to populate the corridor. And as you know, an efficient running H Street streetcar line will require the middle lane in each direction of the street to remain free of illegally double parked cars. We hope DDOT, working with MPD, will take the opportunity to change the driving and parking habits of those visiting the H Street corridor now, before these bad habits become further entrenched. As always, we remain committed to helping out any way we can so please don't hesitate to call on the Commission and our Transportation Committee to assist with this effort.

Since double-parking is a danger to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike, and given the transportation infrastructure changes coming to H Street, we are eager to see a solution to this problem implemented as soon as possible. Therefore, we would appreciate any effort to detail and communicate to our ANC a solution timeline once it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued hard work on transportation planning issues that impact our community. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact ANC 6A Transportation Committee Chair Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Commander Diane Grooms, MPD



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Old Business

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

Page 2, Article II. Commission Geographic Area

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

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

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

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

Action taken by Commission on July 11, 2006: The boundaries of the Commission are all in North East unless otherwise designated....”

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2

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

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

Page 3, Section 2. (c) Public Hearings

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

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

Rationale: Redundancy.

Action taken by Commission on July 11, 2006: Delete Section 2(c).

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3

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

Current Reading: Voting in Commission meetings shall be restricted to Commission members. All members shall have equal voting rights following the principle of one person one vote. There shall



be no voting by proxy. However, to the greatest degree possible, the principle of common courtesy and consensus should be allowed to prevail.

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

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

Action taken by Commission on July 11, 2006: Voting in Commission meetings shall be restricted to the Commissioners.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4

(d) Change the last "d" to "e"

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

Action taken by Commission on July 11, 2006: Accept correction.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5

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

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

Action taken by Commission on July 11, 2006: Accept corrections.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6

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

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

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

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

Action taken by Commission on July 11, 2006: Do not accept proposed change.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT 7 (Open)

Page 13, Article VIII, Section 1.

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

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

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

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

This also mirrors the current configuration of Commission officers and Committees chairmanship.
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT 8 (Open)

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

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

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

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 9 (Open)

Article XII. Bylaws, Section 3, page 24.



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

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

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