



District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Agenda for October 9, 2014



2nd Thursdays at 7pm, Miner Elementary, 601 15th St., NE
Public Meeting - All Are Welcome to Attend

- 7:00 pm **Call to order**
Call of the roll and announce the presence of a quorum
Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes, Adopt Agenda
- 7:05 pm **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)
- 7:10 pm **Community Presentation**
Update on Pepco plant demolition - David Holmes
Update on Options Public Charter School - Josh Kerns
- 7:30 pm **Officer Reports:**
Chair (2 minutes)
Vice-Chair (2 minutes)
Secretary (2 minutes)
Treasurer (2 minutes)
1. Approve Treasurer's Report
2. Approve FY14 4th Quarter Report
- 7:40:pm **Standing Committee Reports:**
Community Outreach
1. Approve September 2014 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** The COC recommends that ANC 6A send thank-you letters to organizations providing meeting space for ANC 6A activities. (unanimous)
3. Accept resignation of Rose Williams from COC.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 20, 2014 (4th Monday)
- 7:50 pm **Alcohol Beverage Licensing**
1. Approve September 2014 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** The ANC take no action regarding the Class B Retail license renewals for China House (1601 Benning Road NE), J&K Market (234 15th Street NE), and M&T Grocer's Beer and Wine (201 15th Street NE).
3. Consideration of Red Rocks Substantial Change Application
4. Consideration of 1101 Convenience Mart Renewal Application
5. Consideration Ocopa's Substantial Change Application
6. XII Restaurant & Lounge Protest will be resubmitted
7. Authorization for Jay Williams to represent ANC 6A before ABRA and the ABC Board
8. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 16, 2014 (3rd Tuesday)
- 8:00 pm **Transportation and Public Space Committee**
1. Approve September 2014 committee reports
2. **Recommendation:** The ANC conditionally approve the application for a sidewalk café at 1380 H Street NE with the conditions agreed to by the owners, provided that the owners present an acceptable trash management plan at the October 9, 2014 ANC 6A meeting.



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3. The Committee was not able to make a recommendation concerning the application for a public space sidewalk cafe presented by Ben's Chili Bowl at 1001 H Street NE given the Committee ran out of time in our space at Maury ES.
Commissioner Mahmud offers the following motion as a Commissioner: The ANC approve the application for a sidewalk café at 1001 H Street NE provided the owners and the ANC agree to acceptable terms of use concerning the sidewalk cafe space at the October 9 ANC 6A meeting or at a reasonable time before the application is before the DDOT Public Space Committee.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 20, 2014 (4th Monday)

8:10 pm

Economic Development and Zoning

1. Committee did not meet in September 2014.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 17, 2014 (3rd Wednesday)

8:15 pm

New Business

1. ANC Budget
2. Allocation of funds for:
 - a) Agenda Package Prep
 - b) ANC Meeting Minutes
 - c) Photocopying for ANC Business

8:45 pm

Single Member District reports (2 minutes each)

8:55 pm

Community Comments Round II, time permitting (2 minutes each)

9:00 pm

Adjourn



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Regular Business Meeting Miner Elementary School September 11, 2014

Present: Commissioners Nick Alberti, Andrew Hysell, J. Omar Mahmud, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Calvin Ward, Chris Ward, Jay Williams

Absent: Commissioner Gloria Nauden

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

1. Agenda

Mr. Williams asked to have the discussion of the license renewal for Rock and Roll Hotel and the H Street Country added to the ABL Committee because they are currently in discussion. The agenda, as amended, was agreed to without objection.

2. Minutes

The July 2014 minutes were accepted without objection.

3. Community Presentation

Mayoral Forum

Mr. Phil Pannell came before the Commission to request that the ANC co-sponsor a Mayoral Forum DC Federation of Civic Associations and the DC Federation of Citizen Associations. to be held at Eastern High School on October 21, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The forum, to be moderated by Washington Post columnist Colby King, will be organized to give Eastern students a role in the proceedings. He asked that the ANC appoint someone to work with the Committee on the preparations for the event.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mrs. Phillips Gilbert seconded a motion to become a co-sponsor with the DC Federation of Civic Associations; and that Calvin Ward be appointed as the ANC's representative to the planning committee. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Officers' Reports

Chair

Seventeenth (17th) and Nineteenth (19th) Streets NE Safety Improvements

Chairman Alberti reported that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) plans to begin construction on Nineteenth (19th) Street, but has postponed construction on the Seventeenth (17th) Street portion until September 2015. Based on information we had in July, it was thought that the delay for Seventeenth (17th) Street was due to construction by DC Water and Sewer Authority (WASA). The ANC voted, based on that information, to send a letter to WASA requesting they complete their project as quickly as possible. Since then, the ANC learned that WASA has **no** plans for construction on Seventeenth (17th) Street north of East Capitol Street. Mr. Alberti questioned why they cannot proceed with the Seventeenth (17th) Street construction on the same schedule as the Nineteenth (19th) Street construction. He has expressed those concerns to the DDOT Director. Representatives of DDOT are scheduled to attend the September 15, 2014 Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Committee meeting to discuss the issue.



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Gibbs School

Mr. Alberti reported that Deputy Mayor for Education Abigail Smith is looking for charter schools to occupy the Gibbs School, 500 Nineteenth (19th) Street NE. Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert said that her community wants to see a school that has vocational, GED, and other classes of interest to adults in the surrounding area.

Options Charter School

Mr. Alberti said that the Public Charter School Board (PCSB) would have a mid-September 2014 hearing on Options Charter School, and that Mr. Scott Pearson of the PCSB and Mr. Josh Kern, the person acting as the school's receiver, will be coming to the ANC's October 9, 2014 meeting.

Vice Chair

Mr. Mahmud reported that he has been hearing a great deal about trash in the neighborhood, and he plans to undertake the development of a comprehensive plan about resolving the problem.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the opening balance in the checking account was \$18,286.80 and the savings account balance was \$13,718.95. There was an allotment to the ANC from the DC Government of \$4,229.46 and an interest deposit of \$0.23 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$180.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the July 2014 ANC minutes (Check #1661); \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the July 2014 agenda package (Check #1662); \$126.12 to the DC Treasurer for security for September ANC meeting (Check #1663); \$300.00 to Eliot-Hine Middle School for a grant (Check #1664); \$229.00 to FedEx Office for July 2014 expenses (Check #1665); \$191.43 to the Maury Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for a grant (Check #1667); \$248.00 to FedEx Office for June 2014 expenses (Check #1658); \$1,715.00 to Serve Your City for a grant (Check #1666), leaving a balance of \$19,766.14 in the checking account, and \$13,719.18 in the savings account.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to accept the disbursements. The motion passed 6-1-0, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

5. Committee Reports

Community Outreach

Motion: Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert moved/Mr. Calvin Ward seconded a motion to not accept the Committee's report because she believes it excluded changes she had made to the document. The motion failed 5-1-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition and Mr. Calvin Ward abstaining.

The report of the Committee was accepted 5-1-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition, and Mr. Calvin Ward abstaining

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to approve a grant of \$300.00 in support of the Miner Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) request for athletic equipment such as kick balls and double dutch ropes. The motion passed 5-1-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition and Mr. Mahmud not voting.



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Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to approve a grant of \$733.00 in support of the Maury Elementary School request for items to enhance their Math Resource Room; and \$1,760.00 in support of the aquatics component of the Serve Your City grant request. The motion passed 4-1-2, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition and Mr. Calvin Ward and Mr. Mahmud abstaining.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection

Mr. Williams reported that Vendetta's request to terminate its Settlement Agreement (SA) was dismissed by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) for failure to attend a required hearing. He also reported that the Committee voted to take no action on licenses for Kitty's Saloon (1208 H Street) and Ocopa (1324 H Street NE), which have taken over the Settlement Agreements of the previous occupants of their spaces (Souk and Chicken Tortilla, respectively). Neither establishment has an endorsement for outdoor seating.

Rock and Roll Hotel, H Street Country Club and Little Miss Whiskey

Mr. Williams reported there appears to be outline of an agreement with the three establishments, the community and the ANC. The main outstanding issue is the hours of their outdoor rooftop spaces. However, he said, research shows that, to date, there have been no noise complaints.

Motion: Mr. Williams moved/Mr. Hysell seconded a motion that from Sunday to Thursday the establishments would continue to close their roof decks at 11:00 pm and, on Friday and Saturday, the back part of the deck—specifically designated—will close at 1:00 am, and the portion facing H Street will close at 2:00 am. The motion passed 6-0-0. Mr. Alberti did not participate in the discussion or vote. Mr. Hysell thanked Mr. Williams for his work on what was a difficult issue.

Transportation and Public Space

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting that they examine the traffic pattern at the intersection of F and Eleventh (11th) Streets NE, and indicating that the ANC would support changing it from a two-way stop to a four-way stop. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a recommendation that the ANC send a letter in support of legislation to name the 1100 block of Florida Avenue NE in honor of Ruby Whitfield. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a recommendation that the ANC send a letter to the Department of Public Works (DPW) concerning the process and policy for requesting litter cans in the community as well as specifically the ones at Twelfth (12th) and K Streets NE. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/ Mr. Williams seconded a recommendation that the ANC send a letter to DDOT asking that they conduct an assessment of drainage, cleanliness and traffic conditions in the alleys in ANC 6A, including the 1200 block of Wylie Street, 1200 block of Linden Place, and the alley behind the 800 block of H Street NE, asking specifically for tools to address the situation, including



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additional signage to discourage vehicles from blocking the alley. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Williams seconded a recommendation that the ANC send a letter to the Director of DDOT, copying it to Councilmember Tommy Wells and the Chair of the DC Council Committee on Transportation to address the designation of street addresses for Zone 6 residential parking permits, noting particularly the 1000 block of Florida Avenue NE. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Williams seconded a recommendation that the ANC write a letter to DDOT asking for information regarding the process for issuing emergency no-parking permits and opportunities for the ANC to weigh in on longer term permits. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Economic Development

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection

1229 F Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a recommendation that the ANC write a letter of support to the Bureau of Zoning Authority (BZA) for the request of special exceptions from the rear yard setback restrictions at 1229 F Street NE for a two-story garage addition. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

1419 F Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a recommendation that the ANC write a letter of support to BZA for the request for a special exception from the lot occupancy and rear-yard setback restrictions and for an addition to a non-conforming structure, for the addition of a screened porch at 1419 F Street NE. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

1215 Wylie Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a recommendation that the ANC write a letter to the Zoning Administrator calling to his attention that the permitted construction occurring at 1215 Wylie Street NE is occurring on a lot that measures only 8225 square feet in area and therefore does not meet the minimum lot-dimension requirements for the R-4 district and requesting that the Zoning Administrator require that the developer obtain the appropriate zoning approval prior to continuing construction. In the event that the Zoning Administrator elects to take no action in response to the ANC's request, the ANC will appeal the Zoning Administrator's decision to the BZA. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

1000 C Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Chris Ward seconded a recommendation that the ANC write a letter to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) relating recent observations regarding the condition of 1000 C Street NE and requesting that the property be inspected to evaluate whether it meets the criteria of a vacant or blighted property. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

6. New Business

DDOT Proposed Rules on Private Improvements to Pocket Parks

Mr. Alberti reported that DDOT has issued proposed rules that will govern the private improvements to pocket (triangle) parks that would



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- Revise the definition of the term “public parking”;
- Explicitly exclude US reservations that have been transferred to the District of Columbia;
- Establish the Department’s policies and procedures to obtain occupancy permits for the purpose of making private improvements to reservations that are controlled by DDOT; and
- Make explicit DDOT’s authority to modify or remove private modifications made to such reservations.

Mr. Alberti suggested several comments on the policy document, which appears in the September 2014 agenda package and on the ANC website (anc6a.org).

§3314.5 - ANCs should be given the opportunity to review alterations to triangle parks, including those made for transportation purposes.

§3314.5 B - The time for ANC comment should be extended to forty-five (45) days.

§3399 - The definition of “triangle park” should be amended to one that fits the definition when jurisdiction was initially transferred to the District but due to subsequent alterations no longer fit the proposed definition: *Triangle park - an area of open space, generally triangular in shape located at the intersection of two (2) streets (generally one of which is orthogonal and one of which is diagonal) and that has been set aside for public ownership.*

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to send a letter to DDOT including the ANC’s comments on the agency’s policy on triangle parks. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

ANC Transparency Bill

Mr. Alberti reported that Councilmembers Mary Cheh and David Grosso have proposed legislation with the intent of making all ANC documents and action publicly available through the District’s Office of ANCs. ANCs would have to submit minutes, measures adopted by ANCs (recommendations to District offices, and recommendations on government actions and legislation), the ANC’s yearly calendar, agreements entered into by the ANC, reports issued by the ANC and bank statements. The proposed bill requires the ANC to report this information to the Office of ANCs within fourteen (14) days of a monthly meeting. (The proposed legislation is included in the September 2014 agenda packet.)

Mr. Alberti stated that the ANC 6A information is already included on the ANC’s website.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to send a letter to Councilmembers Cheh and Grosso containing the following comments:

- The reporting requirements are very likely to require a substantial commitment of time on the part of the ANC. ANCs cannot simply send the documents - there will need to be formatting requirements, rules for labeling and describing the content of files submitted. Fulfilling those requirements within fourteen (14) days will place an onerous burden on the ANC.
- Bank statements include account numbers. Making those publicly available presents security issues. The same information can be gleaned from an ANC quarterly report.
- There will be a significant fiscal impact on the ANC Office in organizing, managing and the posting of information from forty (40) ANCs, which will require a considerable addition to the staff resources of the Office. There may also be a fiscal impact to ANCs as well if they require someone to assist with the reporting requirements.



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The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

Congratulations Letter to Rev. Dr. Wendell O. E. Christopher, Sr.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to send a letter to Rev. Dr. Wendell O. E. Christopher, Sr. of Phillips AME Church on the occasion of his fortieth (40th) Pastoral Anniversary. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

7. Single Member District Reports

Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert reported that Phillips AME Church hosted a summer camp program for the Rosedale Community during July and August 2014 with over fifty (50) children attending. She sponsored five (5) children to attend. She also said she attended the Transportation and Public Space Committee meeting in August to insure that the ANC followed through with DDOT on the delay in the Seventeenth (17th) and Nineteenth (19th) Street project. Finally, she reported that she organized the Rosedale community to attend a meeting on September 9, 2014 on the re-use of the Gibbs Elementary School. People are interested in having an adult education/vocational program. There is a high demand for programs to help adults gain skills to obtain gainful employment, and gain skills to make them more marketable in the workplace. The next meeting will be October 20, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.



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September 12, 2014

Samuel D. Zimbabwe
Associate Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street, SE 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Proposed Rules on Private Improvements to DDOT-Controlled “Pocket” Parks –
Amendments to Chapters 1 and 33 of Title 24

Dear Mr. Zimbabwe,

ANC 6A commends the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) for issuing the much-needed proposed rulemaking on private improvements to DDOT-controlled “pocket” parks. At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 11, 2014 our Commission voted 6-0-1 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to submit the following comments on the proposed amendments to Chapters 1 and 33 of Title 24.

- 1) Section 3314.5 - ANC's should be given the opportunity to review **all** types of alterations to triangle parks including those made for transportation purposes.

The proposed Section 3314.5 states, “Before issuing a permit for a landscaping or hardscaping improvement to a United States reservation that is a triangle park under the Department’s jurisdiction, the Director shall send the permit application to the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) for its review and recommendations”. We understand that proposed language to mean that the ANC's would only be given the opportunity to provide input on landscaping and hardscaping improvements and that ANC would not be given an opportunity to provide input on other types of alterations such as those made for transportation purposes. We believe that Section 3314.5 should be modified to required that affected ANC's be noticed and given the opportunity to comment on **all** proposed alterations to triangle parks that affect their use as publicly accessible amenities, including alterations made for transportation purposes as such alteration will also affect the use of triangle parks as publicly accessible neighborhood amenities.

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- 2) Section 3314.5 – ANC’s should be given 60 days in which to review and provide recommendations on permit applications or proposals to make alterations to U.S. Reservations.

The proposed Section 3314.5 states “The Director shall provide the ANC thirty (30) business days to perform its review and provide its recommendations.” ANCs must be given sufficient time to notify their constituents, receive public input, and for the full ANC to consider and vote on the proposal. It is unreasonable to expect an ANC to accomplish those tasks in 30 days. ANC 6A recommends allowing a 60-day period for review and comment, as it would provide a more reasonable opportunity for public input.

- 3) Section 3399 – The definition of ‘triangle parks’ should be amended to include parks that fit the definition when jurisdiction was initially transferred to the District but due to subsequent alterations no longer fit the proposed definition.

The proposed Section 3399 defines a triangle park as “an area of open space, generally triangular in shape, that is located at the intersection of two (2) streets (generally, one of which is orthogonal and one of which is diagonal) and that has been set aside for public ownership”. Some triangle parks, which fit the proposed definition of triangle parks when jurisdiction was initially transferred to the District, no longer fit that definition because they have since been intersected by roads or otherwise altered. The definition of triangle parks should be expanded to include all open spaces that were located at the intersection of two (2) streets (generally, one of which is orthogonal and one of which is diagonal) at the time jurisdiction was initially transferred to the District.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberti
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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September 12, 2014

Mr. Clifford Moy
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 18835 (1229 F Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 11, 2014, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request for a special exception from the rear-yard setback requirement (§ 404.1) in the above referenced application. The applicant seeks the foregoing relief to permit the construction of a two-story garage addition at the rear of the property with a second-floor apartment, connected to the existing house with a covered walkway.

The Commission supports granting the requested special exception because the proposed structure will not unduly affect the light and air available to neighboring properties nor unduly compromise their privacy of use and enjoyment. The applicant is the owner of one of the adjoining properties at 1227 F Street, NE. A letter of support was provided by the owner of the other adjoining property at 1231 F Street, NE.

Please be advised that Nicholas Alberti, Andrew Hysell, and Daniel Golden are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberti
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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September 12, 2014

Mr. Clifford Moy
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 18836 (1419 F Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 11, 2014, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request for a special exception from the lot occupancy requirement (§ 403.2), the rear-yard setback requirement (§ 404.1), and for additions to nonconforming structures (§ 2001.3), in the above referenced application. The applicant seeks the foregoing relief to permit the construction of a one-story rear porch addition to the rear of an existing rowhouse structure.

The Commission supports granting the requested special exception because the proposed porch will not unduly affect the light and air available to neighboring properties nor unduly compromise their privacy of use and enjoyment. Letters of support were provided by owners of the adjoining properties at 1417 F Street, NE and 1421 F Street, NE.

Please be advised that Nicholas Alberti, Andrew Hysell, and Daniel Golden are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

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September 18, 2014

Mayor Vincent Gray
Executive Office of the Mayor, Sixth Floor
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Renaming a portion of Florida Avenue N.E. in honor of Ms. Ruby Whitfield

Dear Mayor Gray,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 11, 2014, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter of support for the proposed renaming of a portion of Florida Avenue N.E. in front of New Samaritan Church (the 1100 block of Florida Avenue N.E.) in honor of Ms. Ruby Whitfield. Our Commission is aware of your personal investment in this effort given the commitment you expressed to honoring Ms. Whitfield in this manner shortly after her tragic death the night of March 21, 2013. As you know from attending the community event at New Samaritan Church shortly after Ms. Whitfield's death, Ms. Whitfield was tremendously loved, well respected and an integral part of our ANC 6A community. We therefore believe the proposed street renaming should move forward as soon as possible with the full support of ANC 6A.

Thank you for advancing the effort to honor Ms. Whitfield and for accepting this letter of support from ANC 6A. I can be reached at 6A04@dc.gov if you need anything further on this matter from ANC 6A.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberty,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Phil Mendelson, Council Chair
Tommy Wells, Councilmember Ward 6
Ms. Necothia Bowens

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September 25, 2014

Mr. Matthew Brown
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Mr. William Howland, Jr.
Director, Department of Public Works
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

Mr. Keith A. Anderson
Director, Department of the Environment
1200 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Mr. Rabbiah Sabbakhan
Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 4th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Partnership to create comprehensive proactive solution to maintenance and sanitation of
alleys abutting commercial properties in Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A

Dear Gentlemen,

I write to you with an invite for your respective agencies to engage our ANC and community in an ongoing partnership to create an effective, proactive plan for addressing serious sanitation, maintenance and traffic concerns that are blighting the commercial alleys in our ANC. Residents in our ANC have asked us to take this step because, despite the best efforts of all concerned to reactively address these concerns, we continue to experience significant quality of life issues in our alleys. Accordingly, at a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 11, 2014, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that your agencies partner with our ANC and community to create a comprehensive, proactive plan for addressing sanitation, maintenance and traffic concerns in our alleys, which should include at a minimum the alleys adjacent to the following blocks: 1200 block of Wiley Street NE; 1200 block of Linden Place; 1300 block of Linden Court; and the 800 block of H Street NE.

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Our hope is that this effort will include an assessment of current conditions (drainage, cleanliness, city service and commercial traffic, etc.) and an examination of all tools available to address these concerns, including an effective enforcement program for violators of city regulations concerning food disposal and trash, focused cleaning efforts, any necessary signage and the like.

Our ANC and community realize that resolving this problem cannot fall on one agency or one individual, which is why we are reaching out to all of you together in a spirit of partnership to work with your agencies collaboratively to address these concerns. Several residents in our community have also contacted us expressing interest in doing all they can to help with this effort. It seems many people feel frustrated with a seemingly insurmountable problem and they are not sure where else to turn to get relief. Our goal is to provide all parties concerned an avenue to arriving at a comprehensive, lasting solution to addressing these serious concerns. We therefore urge you to engage us on this effort by sending a representative to our next meeting of the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee on Monday, October 20, 2014. Once you confirm, we will be sure to send your representative a meeting agenda and confirmation of the meeting location about a week before the meeting.

Thank you for giving consideration to this proposal by ANC 6A. Please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@dc.gov or J. Omar Mahmud, Vice-Chair of ANC 6A, at mahmud6a01@gmail.com to coordinate our efforts on this proposal.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberti,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

J. Omar Mahmud
Vice-Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Mayor Vincent Gray
Council Chair Phil Mendelson
Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh, Chair of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment
Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety



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September 28, 2014

Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie
Chair, Committee on Government Operations
350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 506,
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Bill 20-471 - The Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Transparency Amendment
Act Of 2014

Dear Councilmember McDuffie,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 11, 2014, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose Bill 20-471. While we appreciate the intent of Bill 20-417 and support increased transparency throughout the District government, we must oppose Bill 20-147 in its current form. If enacted, the bill will add significantly to the administrative and compliance obligations of ANC's.

The proposed legislation lists eleven (11) types of official action ANC's would be required to report to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) within fourteen (14) days of each meeting and shortens the reporting period for amendments to ANC bylaws from thirty (30) days to fourteen (14) days. Additionally, it requires that the OANC develop and maintain a publicly assessable database of the documents. The time required to file reports with the OANC is very demanding and the reporting requirements will add significantly to the monthly administrative duties of ANC 6A.

There are many potential consequences of the proposed legislation. The additional reporting burdens will detract from our ability to best serve our community. They will distract our Commission from addressing the tasks and issues on which we should be focusing. The additional burden may require our Commission to assume the cost of employing staff to assist with reporting actions to the OANC. Without additional city funding or support those cost will divert funds from other important functions of our Commission. Our Commissioners volunteer a great deal of personal time to serving constituents and making our Commission an efficient and effective government body. Adding to the work of Commissioners will only discourage citizens from volunteering to serve as ANC Commissioners.

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Additionally, the OANC does not currently have adequately staff and resources to meet the obligations assigned by the proposed legislation. Cataloguing, managing and electronically posting hundreds of reports from 37 ANC each month will require significant human and technical resources that do not currently exist in the OANC.

ANC 6A has for the past decade operated with the degree of transparency this proposed legislation aims to achieve. Each month we post on our website (anc6a.org) all of the documents and information that would be required by the proposed legislation. Materials dating back to 2003 are publicly available on our website. The proposed legislation would only serve to duplicate the efforts of our Commission while requiring additional work for our Commission.

We ask the Committee on Government Operations to closely evaluate what affects the proposed legislation will have on ANC's and the OANC before proceeding further with deliberations of Bill 20-147. The goals of this legislation do not justify the extreme burden it would place on ANC's and the OANC, and the detrimental consequences that will result from such a bill. In the event that the Committee goes forward with the legislation, we ask that the reporting deadline be extended from 14 days to a minimum of 30 days.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberti
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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September 28, 2014

Mr. Matthew Brown
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Process for issuing emergency no parking permits/signs and opportunity for ANC input

Dear Director Brown,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 11, 2014, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that DDOT consider a change to its emergency no parking permit issuance process that will allow the ANC to weigh in on long-term permits, i.e., permits that extend two weeks or more. Often the parking restrictions imposed by those long-term permits have a negative impact on the availability of parking in residential neighborhoods. We have observed instances of long-term issuance of permits along streets in our ANC with severe parking demands, which causes a strain on neighbors, particularly when it seems the length of the use is unreasonable. We are concerned that these uses are approved without follow up or an evaluation as to whether the long-term use is necessary for the particular request. Our ANC would like an opportunity to weigh in in these instances and ask for a review of the DDOT issuance in light of neighborhood parking demands.

Thank you for giving consideration to this proposal by ANC 6A. Please let us know if a representative from DDOT is available to discuss this matter with our ANC by reaching out to me at 6A04@dc.gov or J. Omar Mahmud, Vice-Chair of ANC 6A, at mahmud6a01@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberti,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report September 2014

Period Covered 09/01/14 - 9/30/14

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 19,766.14

Receipts:

District Allotments: \$ -

Transfers from Saving Account

Total Receipts \$ -

Total Funds Available \$ 19,766.14

Disbursements:

FedEx Office (Aug. 01, 2014 Invoice) Ck #1667 \$ 187.50

Roberta Weiner (June '14 Minutes) Ck #1668 \$ 180.00

Irene Dworakowski (Agenda July 2014) Ck #1669 \$ 200.00

DC Treasurer(Monthly Security Oct '14 - Jun '15) Ck #1670 \$ 1,176.48

Total Disbursements \$ 1,743.98

Ending Balance \$ 18,022.16

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 13,719.41

Receipts:

Interest 09/30/14 \$ 0.23

Deposit -

Transfers from Checking Account

Total Receipts \$ 0.23

Total Funds Available \$ 13,719.64

Disbursements \$ -

Ending Balance \$ 13,719.64

Prepared Oct. 1, 2104



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report September 2014

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Balance Forwarded	\$	25.00
Deposit to Petty Cash	\$	-
Total Funds Available	\$	25.00
Disbursements:		
Total Disbursements	\$	-
Ending Balance	\$	25.00

Prepared Oct. 1, 2104



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ANC QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY Quarterly Report Period Covered: July-September 2014

ANC [6A]

Summary of Receipts and Disbursement: Checking Account

<u>Balance Forward</u> (from "Ending Balance" of Previous Quarterly Report)		\$18,286.80
Receipts:		
District Allotment	\$4,229.46	
Interest	\$0.00	
Other	\$0.00	
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00	
Total Receipts	\$4,229.46	
Total Funds Available		\$22,516.26
Disbursements		
1. Net Salary & Wages	\$0.00	
2. Insurance:		
a. Health	\$0.00	
b. Casualty/Property	\$0.00	
3. Total Federal Wages Taxes (Income and Soc. Sec.)	\$0.00	
4. State and Local (DC, MD, VA) Income Taxes Paid	\$0.00	
Unemployment Insurance Taxes	\$0.00	
6. Tax Penalties Paid	\$0.00	
7. Local Transportation	\$0.00	
8. Office Rent	\$0.00	
9. Telecommunication Services		
a. Landline Telephone	\$0.00	
b. Cellular Telephone	\$0.00	
c. Cable/Internet Services	\$0.00	
10. Postage and Delivery	\$0.00	
11. Utilities	\$0.00	
12. Printing and Copying	\$416.50	
13. Flyer Distribution	\$0.00	
14. Purchase of Service	\$2,062.60	
15. Office Supplies	\$0.00	
16. Office Equipment		
a. Rental	\$0.00	
b. Purchase	\$0.00	
17. Grants	\$2,015.00	
18. Training	\$0.00	
19. Petty Cash Reimbursement	\$0.00	
20. Transfer to Savings Account	\$0.00	
21. Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	
22. Website/webhosting	\$0.00	
23. Other	\$0.00	
Total Disbursements	\$4,494.10	
Ending Balance: (Should Agree with Checkbook Balance at End of Quarter)		\$18,022.16

Approval Date By Commission: _____

Treasurer _____ Chairperson _____

Secretary Certification _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that the above noted quarterly financial report has been approved by a majority of Commissioners during a public meeting in which there existed a quorum.



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INCOME FORM

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance Forward:		<u>\$13,718.95</u>
Receipts:		
Transfer(s) From Checking Account	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Other (Interest Earnings, etc.)	<u>\$0.69</u>	
	Total Receipts	<u>\$0.69</u>
Total Funds Available		<u>\$13,719.64</u>
Disbursements:		
Transfer(s) to Checking	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Other	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	Total Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance:		<u>\$13,719.64</u>

CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT DEPOSITS		
Please list each bank deposit made this quarter into the ANC's checking and savings account		
Deposits to Checking Account (Include transfers from savings account)		
Source	Amount	Date
District Allotment	\$4,229.46	8/25/14
Interest		
Other		
Savings		
Deposits to Savings Account (Include transfers from checking account)		
Source	Amount	Date
Checking account		
Other - Interest Total for Quarter	\$0.69	Various



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EXPENDITURE LISTING

ANC [6A]

Please list each check issued this quarter, including voided checks, and submit copies of your bank statements, back and front of canceled checks, receipts/invoices, contracts, agreements, grant request letters, minutes, and any other documentation that supports the disbursements listed herein. **Failure to submit copies of appropriate supporting documentation will result in disallowance of the related disbursement.**

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Expense Category #	Purpose of Expenditure	Date Approved (1)
1661	7/10/14	Roberta Weiner	\$180.00	14	June 2014 Minutes	Budget
1662	7/10/14	Irene Dworakowski	\$200.00	14	Agenda Package July 2014	Budget
1663	7/10/14	DC Treasurer	\$126.12	14	Meeting Security	Budget
1664	7/10/14	Eliot-Hine PTO	\$300.00	17	Grant to Eliot-Hine PTO	5/8/14
1665	7/21/14	FedEx Office	\$229.00	12	Photo Copying	Budget
1666	8/7/14	Serve Your City	\$1,715.00	17	Grant to Serve Your City	9/12/13
1667	9/11/14	FedEx Office	\$187.50	12	Photo Copying	Budget
1668	9/11/14	Roberta Weiner	\$180.00	14	July 2014 Minutes	Budget
1669	9/11/14	Irene Dworakowski	\$200.00	14	Agenda Package Sept. 2014	Budget
1670	9/25/14	DC Treasurer	\$1,176.48	14	Meeting Security Oct '14 - Jun '15	



Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)



Minutes - September 15, 2014

Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Maury Elementary School (ES), 1250 Constitution Avenue NE

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Committee members present: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Jean Kohanek, Roni Hollmon, Pat Joseph, Gladys Mack, Shirley Worthy, Rose Williams, Louis Barbash (quorum)

Committee members absent: Maurice Cook

Commissioners present (second half of meeting): Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Nick Alberti

Community members present: Ed Gilbert, Scott Perry

I. Agenda

Adopted.

Committee member Louis Barbash assisted Chairperson Elizabeth Nelson in chairing the meeting.

II. Ms. Nelson reported on ANC/COC activities:

1. At the September 2014 ANC meeting, the commissioners approved the COC recommendations with respect to the grant applications from Miner Elementary School (ES) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Maury ES Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Serve Your City.
2. Ms. Nelson is currently doing all the development/maintenance of the ANC 6A website free of charge as she has for the past twelve (12) years. The ANC has never budgeted funds to perform these tasks in the event that she is unable to continue doing them. Committee member Gladys Mack asked if this meant that the COC was considering hiring someone to carry these duties. Ms. Nelson said that she had no plans to quit so she is not suggesting that the ANC make plans to begin a hiring process, only that the ANC might want to consider setting aside funds. She has started keeping track of her hours so that an estimate can be made as to how much time is involved. Ms. Nelson estimates that she probably spends about 15-20 hours per month although there are periods when she may exceed that. She will have a more accurate estimate by the time of the next ANC meeting. Another consideration is that some items are very time sensitive - which could increase the cost. Committee and community members present suggested that an hourly rate for such services is likely to be in the range of \$50.00 to \$75.00. Mr. Barbash reported that he knows of a service that charges \$25.00 by the post. Committee member Jean Kohanek will do additional research on this. Ms. Kohanek said that she would be willing to serve as a backup in an emergency but that she would not be able to commit to doing it on an on-going basis.
Mr. Barbash asked if there is a requirement that all ANC materials be posted on the website. Ms. Mack said that there is a requirement that all materials be available to the public and that having it on the website was a good way to accomplish that. Mr. Barbash and Ms. Nelson noted that it was also less expensive and more convenient to the public than maintaining an office (another alternative). Ms. Nelson also reported that, at the September 2014 ANC meeting, Ms. Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Tommy Wells' office stated that ANC 6A had a reputation for being one of the most transparent, due to the content on the website.
3. Ms. Nelson reported that Committee member Maurice Cook has offered to help the Rosedale Tiger Cheerleaders apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Ms. Nelson forwarded his contact information to the organizer, Ms. Chandell Butler, who said she would follow up on the offer.



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III. Mr. Barbash introduced the topic of “thank you” letters for organizations providing facilities for ANC meetings. He noted that this has been done annually and that Ms. Nelson was prepared to draft the letters. Ms. Worthy said that she thought it was a good idea and the polite thing to do.

Ms. Williams moved (seconded by Mr. Barbash) that:

The COC recommends that ANC 6A send thank-you letters to organizations providing meeting space for ANC 6A activities. The measure passed unanimously.

IV. Mr. Barbash introduced a discussion of possible changes to the administration of the grants program, the first in a series of such discussions. The COC will provide a detailed report, farther along in the process. The following topics were discussed:

1. Mr. Barbash cited the current timing of the grant application cycle, with smaller grants considered monthly and larger grants considered twice a year. Ms. Nelson noted that the way the funding is divided prevents the entire budget from being depleted early in the fiscal year.
2. Ms. Worthy asked why EINs were required of grant applicants. Longer-serving committee members explained that the ANC has always restricted grants to public charities, exempt under 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Such organizations must either have an EIN or have less than \$5,000.00 in annual receipts. Mr. Barbash pointed out that some organizations may use fiscal agents; Ms. Nelson offered the example of the North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (which has an EIN) serving as the agent for the Kingman Basketball League for a grant application some years back.
3. Committee member Pat Joseph suggested that there might be some limit placed on funding to the same organizations during a fixed time period, though she recognized that ANC 6A is a small area and that will limit the number of organizations serving that population. She did not advocate a ban, but preference for organizations not having received recent funding.
4. Ms. Kohanek noted that, due to the small size of the ANC area, there is a limited number of charitable organizations with an ANC 6A focus. She offered to do some research of the grant applications, which are all posted on the website, to analyze amounts and timing of grant funding. [A partial accounting, through 2012, is available on the website.]
5. Committee member Rose Williams noted that it was good to publicize the grants program but that a lot was already being done in this area. Ms. Nelson reported her outreach activities, which include running notices in local publications and contacting potential applicants directly. Ms. Worthy asked if Ms. Nelson followed up with local organizations to remind them of the opportunities and was told that she does.
6. Mr. Barbash noted that some potential applicants might be intimidated by the application form; however, the COC provides extensive help in completing the application, especially for new applicants. Ms. Worthy noted that the current application is very simple. Ms. Kohanek added that a cover sheet could be developed to help potential applicants better understand the process.
7. Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert said that a reference to the grant application process should appear on the homepage of the website. Ms. Nelson noted that it already does. She has recently changed the font of the reference to make it more obvious.
8. Ms. Phillips-Gilbert suggested that a reference to the grants program be added to the monthly Hill Rag ad.
9. Ms. Phillips-Gilbert said that verification was needed that organizations were spending the money consistent with their grant applications. Specifically, she requested that Serve Your City be required to give a report including documentation of ANC 6A participation in the aquatics component of their program, since the Deanwood Aquatic Center, the facility being



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used for the aquatics activity, is located in Ward 7. Ms. Williams noted that there is already a requirement that an accounting be made of funds spent within sixty (60) days. Commissioner Nick Alberti explained that the ANC receives a letter from each applicant, at the time they receive the funds, documenting the expenditure; this information is included in the Treasurer's quarterly reports posted on the website. Several Committee members suggested that applicants might be asked to provide a very brief additional report, either at the end of the project or after it has been underway for some time, outlining the activities and quantifying participation, especially with respect to ANC 6A.

10. Ms. Nelson noted that, at one time, the presence of the grant applicant at the ANC meeting was required by statute. However, Mr. Gottlieb Simon, Director of the ANC office, recently told her that the law has been changed. An ANC may still require applicants to present their applications in person, if that is the ANC's policy. But they may now allow someone else to do it for them; the representative could be someone unaffiliated with the applicant, for example, a commissioner. However, it is important to be consistent and treat all applicants the same. So, the COC may consider advising the ANC to change the current requirement or, if the requirement is retained, develop a policy regarding what action is taken if an applicant fails to appear at the ANC meeting. In any case, the policy must be set by the ANC rather than relying on the statute.
11. Mr. Scott Perry, a community member, said that he had contacts that could be helpful in publicizing the availability of grants. He will provide information to Ms. Nelson.
12. This discussion will continue at subsequent meetings.

V. Committee member Rose Williams resigned her membership on the COC since she is moving outside the ANC 6A boundaries. She will be sorely missed, being one of the longest-serving members. The COC thanked her for all her hard work on the Committee.

VI. Confirmation of next meeting date.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Maury Elementary (ES, 1250 Constitution Ave NE (enter from 200 block of 13th Street)).

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



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October xx, 2014

Carolyn Albert-Garvey
Principal
Maury Elementary School
1250 Constitution Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Albert-Garvey,

Since January 2013, you have provided meeting space for the Community Outreach and Transportation and Public Space Committees of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort you have put into helping us hold these public meetings. Our ANC has worked hard to represent and protect the people of the surrounding community and we appreciate your assistance.

Please extend our thanks to the custodial staff who have been so gracious in keeping the building open for us and helping us set up for the meetings.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nick Alberti
Chair

October xx, 2014

Mr. Raphael Marshall
Director
Sherwood Recreation Center
640 Tenth Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Marshall,

For eleven years Sherwood Recreation Center has provided a meeting place for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A activities including the meetings of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee and the Economic Development and Zoning Committee. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort you and your staff have provided to help us hold these monthly public meetings.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nick Alberti
Chair



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Community Outreach Committee (COC)



October xx, 2014

Anne Evans
Principal
Miner Elementary School
601 Fifteenth Street, NE
Washington DC, 20002

Dear Ms. Evans,

For eleven years Miner Elementary School has provided a meeting place for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort you and your staff have contributed to help us hold these monthly public meetings, which are crucial to the functioning of our ANC.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nick Alberti
Chair

October xx, 2014

Ms. Tynika Young
Principal
Eliot-Hine Middle School
1830 Constitution Avenue NE
Washington DC, 20002

Dear Ms. Young,

Thank you so much for making your auditorium available to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A. It was enormously helpful to us that you were able to accommodate us in our time of need. Your flexibility in providing the space on short notice last October is very much appreciated.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nick Alberti
Chair



Committee Reports

Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



Minutes

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A

September 16, 2014

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm on September 16, 2014 at Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Jay Williams (Chair), Michael Herman, Adam Healy, David Oberting, and Christopher Seagle.

Committee Members Absent: Roger Caruth.

Commissioners Present: None.

Community Members Present: Rafael Marshall and Coralie Farlee (ANC 6D ABL Committee).

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jay Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business with a quorum. Mr. Williams reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any additions or edits. There were none.

II. Community Comment

- None

III. Old Business

- Mr. Williams reported that ANC 6A had approved an agreement with H Street Country Club and Rock and Roll Hotel to extend the establishments’ rooftop deck hours on weekends, but with earlier closing hours for the rear deck facing the alley. He further reported that the protest hearing regarding the request by Little Miss Whiskey’s Golden Dollar was moving forward because Little Miss Whiskey’s had refused to negotiate.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion of Class B Retail license renewal for China House at 1601 Benning Road NE (ABRA # 025169).

- Mr. Williams noted that all of the establishments discussed at today’s meeting had settlement agreements with the ANC.
- Mr. Williams reported that he had notified the Commissioner in whose single-member district the establishment was located about the renewal, and that she had reported there were no complaints she was aware of.
- Mr. Williams further reported that he had heard no complaints regarding the establishment.
- Mr. Williams reported that according to the investigative history, there were a couple of investigations of incidents of sales to minors, but he did not feel there were enough to be concerning. Community member Mr. Rafael Marshall stated that he believed all sales to minors were concerning. Mr. Williams agreed, but said he didn’t believe the investigative history was lengthy enough to justify action by the ANC without something more.



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- B. Discussion of Class B Retail license renewal for J & K Market at 234 15th Street NE (ABRA # 090684).**
- Mr. Williams reported that he had similarly notified the Commissioner who covers this single-member district, and had also received no complaints.
- C. Discussion of Class B Retail license renewal for M & T Grocer's Beer and Wine at 201 15th Street NE (ABRA # 077390).**
- Mr. Williams reported that he had received no concerns from any neighbors or the single-member district Commissioner.

Mr. Williams moved/seconded by Mr. Seagle that the ANC take no action regarding the Class B Retail license renewals for China House (1601 Benning Road NE), J&K Market (234 15th Street NE), and M&T Grocer's beer and Wine (201 15th Street NE). Motion carried 5-0.

V. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)



Minutes

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Maury Elementary School (1250 Constitution Avenue, NE)
September 15, 2014

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
- II. Introductions
Committee members in attendance were Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) Commissioner J. Omar Mahmud (Co-Chair), Todd Sloves (Co-Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Lara Levison, and Andrea Adleman. Also in attendance were ANC 6A Chairman Nick Alberti and Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert; Commissioner Brian Flahaven of ANC 6B; Mohammad Dahir (DDOT); several representatives of DC Water including Emanuel Briggs (Community Outreach), Tamrat BeDane, and Denise Sanders (Manager, Water and Sewer Construction Branch); Thomas Perry (DC Streetcar Program Manager) and other DC streetcar representatives; Duane Washington and Tina Washington (owners of Old Time Jazz and Blues at 1380 H Street NE); Sage Ali (one of the owners of Ben's Chili Bowl at 1001 H Street NE) and Frank White (representing Ben's Chili Bowl); and other community members.
- III. Community Comment
Mr. Raphael Marshall presented an ANC letter from May 2013 to the Committee claiming it resolved an issue the ANC voted to send a letter about at the September 11, 2014 ANC 6A meeting (the naming of Ruby Whitfield Way on a portion of Florida Avenue NE). Mr. Mahmud examined the May 2013 ANC letter presented by Mr. Marshall and found that the letter had nothing to do with the dedication of Ruby Whitfield Way as Mr. Marshall claimed. Mr. Mahmud informed the Committee and those in attendance that the ANC would still be sending the letter voted on at the September 11, 2014 ANC meeting dedicating Ruby Whitfield Way since the letter Mr. Marshall presented did not address this important issue.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Update from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and DC Water concerning the Seventeenth (17th) Street NE and Nineteenth (19th) Street NE streetscape project and the Seventeenth (17th) Street water main project.
 - i. Representatives of DDOT and DC Water attended the meeting to provide this update. Mohammad Dahir, DDOT Project Manager, described the project timeline, making several statements about the timeline that seemed to conflict.
 - ii. Mr. Dahir stated that, for Nineteenth (19th) Street, the plans have been completed and the contractor selected. The contract needs to be finalized, and they are hoping to start in late October 2014. Subsequently, he made statements that seemed to indicate the work would not start until some time in 2015.
 - iii. For Seventeenth (17th) Street, from Potomac Avenue SE to Benning Road NE, Mr. Dahir stated that when DDOT completed the drawings, they found some conflict with utilities. DDOT has met with DC Water and the two agencies are working to incorporate the changes. They will advertise the contract, then take four to six (4-6) weeks to award it, and construction will start early next year. ANC 6B Commissioner Brian Flahaven countered that this is a little misleading, since DDOT will start at the other end and take a year to reach Seventeenth (17th) Street. The safety improvements are being pushed behind the water main project. The delay is due to the water main replacement project



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- on Seventeenth (17th) Street. There are twenty (20) inch and eight (8) inch mains next to each other.
- iv. A question was raised about how traffic would be routed around Seventeenth (17th) Street during the water main dig. Mr. Dahir replied that DDOT will do two to three (2-3) blocks at a time, and that DDOT had provided drawings of the traffic detour to the affected ANCs. Commissioner Flahaven of ANC 6B said he hadn't seen the alternate routes, and neither have Commissioners Alberti or Mahmud.
 - v. There was considerable discussion between Mr. Dahir and the meeting participants, including ANC 6A Chairman Alberti, Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert, and others, seeking to clarify the timeline. Commissioners and community members expressed considerable concern about how long this project has been delayed.
 - vi. ANC 6A Chairman Alberti asked for more clarity on the project timeline, for which the following was offered by Mr. Dahir:
 - 1. The plans for Seventeenth (17th) Street were finished, but then the conflicts with DC Water were identified, which has caused delay while the conflict is being worked out.
 - 2. The plans will be sent to the contract office by December 30, 2014. The process of preparing, advertising, and awarding the contract will take four to six (4-6) weeks.
 - 3. The contractor will be selected by mid-February or March 2015.
 - 4. The contract will be executed. Then the contractor will start construction, one (1) month after selection.
 - 5. ANC 6A Chairman Alberti said that the ANC will send an email message to Mr. Dahir so that he can double check process and timelines with his team and provide that information to the ANC prior to the October 2014 Commission meeting. Mr. Dahir said he will speak to his supervisors to contact the office of contracts to accelerate the process.
 - vii. Neighbors asked several times whether measures can be taken immediately to slow down traffic on Seventeenth (17th) Street. Mr. Dahir said he would inform his supervisors.
 - viii. Representatives of DC Water, including Emanuel Briggs (community affairs) and Tamrat BeDane, provided an update and fact sheet on the Seventeenth (17th) water main replacement project. DC Water is replacing twenty (20) inch and eight (8) inch water mains. Mr. Briggs noted that a lot of the water infrastructure in DC is older than the Civil War. The eight (8) inch main was installed in 1920. The twenty (20) inch main will solve the low pressure in this neighborhood and east of the river. They will start construction from the north (C Street NE). The anticipated utility construction start date is December 29, 2014, and the anticipated finish date is March 26, 2016.
- B. Update from DDOT concerning streetcar project.
- i. Thomas Perry, DC Streetcar Manager, reported that DDOT is now in the midst of operator training. Each operator needs thirty (30) hours of training. Passenger service is expected by the end of the year.
 - ii. It will take two (2) weeks to sixty (60) days for review of the rail activation package by the State Safety Oversight Program, under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Locally, jurisdiction for the review is under the fire department, following FTA guidelines.
 - iii. The fare for initial service is under discussion. RDMT (RATP DEV McDonnell Transit) won the operations contract.
 - iv. DDOT indicated DC is adding 1,000 residents a month. Streetcars will connect neighborhoods. There are several phases of streetcar development in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Three (3) routes are going through Environmental



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Assessments over the next twelve to eighteen (12-18) months: 1) Union Station to Georgetown (evaluation started in July 2014), 2) continuing the H Street line (Benning Road Extension from Langston Golf Course to Benning Road Metro)--first public meeting will be in October 2014, and 3) Southeast (SE) waterfront to historic downtown Anacostia. DDOT is seeking an outcome of a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration so it can move these projects forward.

- v. Funding for streetcars was recently cut in half by the DC Council. DDOT is evaluating how to proceed in light of this funding cut. Commissioner Mahmud noted that we did not, as a community, get a chance to engage the Council on the cuts. He asked that DDOT advise the ANC when we need to weigh in on the budget discussion.
 - vi. Perry noted that before 1960, there were one-hundred (100) miles of streetcar track in DC. Hope is to return to that in the long-term. A discussion ensued on the differences between streetcars and buses (streetcars are more permanent and larger), fares, effect on personal vehicles (vetting through the NEPA process for the long-term effects), transfers, implications for the X2 bus (not affected in current plans given the X2 serves a different route), conflicts between streetcars and metro buses (cannot verify that WMATA bus drivers are being trained to drive on routes with streetcars, though they have been given information), signal timing (only three (3) signals in the corridor have preemption for streetcars now). North-south streetcars are not yet in the NEPA phase.
- C. Review of proposed DDOT regulations concerning operation of streetcar. The proposed regulations can be found at <http://www.dcregs.dc.gov/Gateway/NoticeHome.aspx?NoticeID=5070013>] - Commissioner Mahmud moved that this item be addressed at the end of the agenda out of consideration for the business owners waiting to discuss items in Old Business.

V. Old Business

- A. Reconsideration of public space application for sidewalk café at 1380 H Street NE (Fourteenth (14th) Street side of the property).
- i. Duane and Tina Washington were in attendance to answer questions about the business's sidewalk café and to confirm agreement with the ANC on key operational matters. One key issue is the buffer zone between the café and the property next to it. It is not adjacent to an R-4 (zone district); the surrounding properties are all commercial, but the property next to them has residents living in some sort of housing facility. The owners therefore agreed to a more limited eight (8) foot buffer from this property. Commissioner Mahmud pointed out that the ANC would not seek a larger buffer area from the nearest property like it has for other businesses on H Street since all surrounding properties here are commercial and the character of this street and surrounding neighborhood is not residential (R-4) unlike the other side streets where the ANC has evaluated sidewalk café applications.
 - ii. Trash plan: The Washingtons have a verbal agreement at this time with a neighbor for locating trash dumpsters. However, they are still working out the details and do not have a formal agreement in place. Commissioner Mahmud stated that he needs to know the trash management plan before the next ANC meeting on October 9, 2014 since the ANC wants assurance that trash will not be stored on public space. Trash management is the only open issue.
 - iii. Commissioner Mahmud restated the conditions for supporting this application, which the owners agreed to at the meeting:



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1. The Committee/ANC would prefer that owners cover the expense of moving the bike rack and trashcan, but will defer to DDOT's decision on this if DDOT decides to cover the cost.
2. Owners agreed to follow hours and terms of sidewalk café operation stipulated in ANC6A's standard voluntary agreement (SA), including closing at 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 am Friday and Saturday. This agreement includes no music on the sidewalk café and only food and drink service.
3. Food will be plated; it will not be light-weight paper or plastic that is prone to litter the area.
4. Attractive fencing consistent with DDOT requirements and other sidewalk cafes on H Street, with a preference for fencing that contains trash in the sidewalk café area by having bars that go down to the ground.
5. Owners agreed to move chairs and tables to the side and lock them up when not in use.
6. A buffer area of at least eight (8) feet at the northern end of the space so as to not have tables right next to the front yard of the adjacent property on Fourteenth (14th) Street NE. They could use that buffer area as space for quiet sidewalk café operations.
7. Presentation of an acceptable trash management plan to ANC 6A which demonstrates an aggressive trash removal schedule and shows no trash container of any sort will be stored anywhere on public space.
8. Regularly maintain the adjacent tree boxes and keep all areas in front of the business and the sidewalk café area clean, including the adjacent sidewalk and street gutter.
9. Ensure the sidewalk café allows for an adjacent sidewalk that maintains a consistent width with the sidewalk on the rest of the block.

iv. Co-Chair Mahmud offered a motion to send a letter to DDOT conditionally approving the application for a sidewalk café with the conditions agreed to by the owners as indicated above, along with the presentation of an acceptable trash plan at the October 9, 2014 ANC meeting. Seconded by Jeff Fletcher. The motion was approved 5-0.

- B. Reconsideration of Ben's Chili Bowl public space application for sidewalk café at 1001 H Street NE (Tenth (10th) Street side of the property).**
- i. Co-Chair Mahmud first explained that the Ben's team had presented before the Committee before (over a year ago), at which time the ANC raised a number of questions about the sidewalk café. Ben's withdrew the sidewalk café application soon afterward to instead focus on obtaining a liquor license. The sidewalk café application has since been resubmitted to DDOT, and the ANC has been told by DDOT that the ANC would have a chance to weigh in on the application before it is reviewed by the DDOT Public Space Committee.
 - ii. Frank White, representing the owners, presented the sidewalk café plans. Owner Sage Ali also participated in the discussion. The sidewalk café on Tenth (10th) Street will have about 34 seats and will be fully enclosed with plastic windows on the side; Co-Chair Mahmud noted that DC has regulations concerning when the windows should be open or shut so the business will not always be able to close the plastic flap windows whenever it wants for purposes of noise control. The door opening to the sidewalk café from the inside of the restaurant will be on Tenth (10th) and H Streets, close to the street, not in the direction of the side closest to residences. There was a discussion of various elements of the plan, including the size of the café; sidewalk width (7'8"); relocating the curb cut for the use of trash receptacles, but not for trucks; removable space heaters, fans, and lights; trash will be kept inside the building; and the height of awning.



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- iii. Co-Chair Mahmud noted that there had been a question of operating hours, and the TPS Committee had expressed an interest in this sidewalk café following the same hours as those contained in the ANC standard voluntary agreement - closed at 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 am Friday and Saturday. Committee recommendations will insist on those same hours for this sidewalk cafe.
- iv. Co-Chair Mahmud discussed “centering of the activity” of the sidewalk café - as close to H Street as possible, and as far from the R-4 residential area as possible. Mr. Mahmud asked about moving the seating area closer to H Street and away from the adjacent homes. Mr. Ali noted that he owns the first home, and Mr. White noted that from the edge of the outdoor café to the next house’s front door (the house located next to the one owned by Mr. Ali) is at least sixty (60) feet, but that Ben’s would take a look at Mr. Mahmud’s recommendation about orienting the sidewalk café as far from adjacent homes as possible.
- v. Mr. Mahmud also indicated the ANC recommendation would include standard requests the Committee has made of other similar businesses with a sidewalk café, including, but not limited to, no music or amplified noise; keeping tree boxes clean; maintaining consistent sidewalk width, moving tables and chairs when not in use, establishment of a trash management plan, etc. Mr. Mahmud also pointed out that the owners had agreed to participate in a trash clean-up effort for the surrounding block.
- vi. Ben’s indicated the business’s trash service will pick up 7 days a week; pick-up times will be arranged to be between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Monday through Friday. Mr. Mahmud recommended no earlier than 11:00 am on weekends and not during later evening hours.
- vii. Ms. Meek, the neighbor living in the house next to Mr. Ali and closest to this business expressed her experience that the construction and dumpster pick-up noise has been very loud and disruptive to the quiet enjoyment of her home. She also expressed several concerns about noise from the operation of the café similarly disrupting her home once the business opens. Some argument followed among neighbors, Ms. Meek and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert, which took up the remaining meeting time.
- viii. Since the meeting time ran out before this recommendation could be finalized, Co-Chair Mahmud indicated he would summarize the recommendations discussed during the meeting, work out details concerning the final recommendations with Ben’s Chili Bowl by email, and bring the recommendation to the full ANC at the meeting on October 9, 2014.

Adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm because the custodians were closing the school auditorium.



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Economic Development and Zoning Committee



Committee did not meet in September 2014.



New Business



ANC 6A FY15 BUDGET DRAFT

Expenditures	Amount	
Photocopies	\$	7,200.00
Advertising	\$	5,000.00
Minutes	\$	2,400.00
Agenda Services		2,400.00
Other Contracted Services	\$	1,000.00
Post Office Box & Postage	\$	360.00
Grants	\$	2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$	100.00
ANC Security Fund	\$	25.00
Amer. Sign Language Interpreter	\$	600.00
ANC Flyer	\$	1,000.00
Petty Cash	\$	100.00
ANC Meeting Support	\$	1,600.00
Web Services	\$	7,000.00
Accounting Services	\$	4,000.000

FY15 Budget Total	\$	34,785.00
Undisbursed funds committed to FY14 grants	\$	2,793.00
Total FY15 Projected Expenditures	\$	37,578.00

SUMMARY OF ANC FUNDS

1.	FY14 Year End Savings Balance (09/30/13))	\$	13,719.41
2.	FY14 Year End Checking Balance (09/30/13)	\$	18,022.16

3.	Total FY14 Year End Balance	\$	31,741.57
4.	FY14 District Allotment Outstanding for 4 th Quarter	\$	4,607.82
5.	Projected FY15 District Allotments ¹	\$	18,431.00

6.	Projected Total Funds Available For FY15	\$	54,780.39
7.	Total FY15 Proposed Budget Expenditures	\$	37,578.00
8.	FY15 Projected Surplus Funds	\$	17,202.39

¹ Estimate based on FY14 funding.



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ANC 6A FY15 BUDGET DRAFT

SUMMARY of FY14 EXPENDITURES

Expenditures (10/01/13 – 09/30/14)	Amount
Photocopies	\$ 1,955.90
Advertising	\$ 3,815.00
Minutes	\$ 2,160.00
Agenda Services	\$ 2,200.00
Post Office Box & Postage	\$ 342.00
Grants	\$ 4,960.55
Office Supplies	\$ 0.00
ANC Security Fund	\$ 25.00
Amer. Sign Language Interpreter	\$ 0.00
ANC Flyer	\$ 0.00
Petty Cash	\$ 0.00
Meeting Support (Security Guard)	\$ 1,135.08
Transportation	\$ 204.64
Web Services	\$ 178.2
Bank Fees	\$ 30.00

Total Expenditures	\$ 17,006.37