



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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## November 9, 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 **Community Presentation:** Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF) Program, Ms. Geraldine Gardner, NIF Program Manager, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.
- 7:35 Single Member District reports (2 minutes each)
- 7:45 **Officer Reports:**  
Chair (2 minutes)
  1. Discussion for community presentation for December meeting
  2. Transfer of Commission mail box keyVice-Chair (2 minutes)  
Secretary (2 minutes)  
Treasurer (15 minutes)
  1. Approve treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements.
  2. Approve monthly photocopying expenses.
  3. Approve 2007 Budget Plan
  4. Approve 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report
  5. Discuss Kinko's Account Balance
  6. Approve funds for Hill Rag and Voice of the Hill monthly ads (1yr)
- 8:05 **Standing Committee Reports:**  
Alcohol Beverage Licensing (5 minutes)
  1. 1015 H Street NE Class CR Liquor License. Recommendation: Do not protest application, seek a voluntary agreement.
  2. 1357 H Street NE (R&B Coffee) Class CT Liquor License. Recommendation: Do not protest application, seek a voluntary agreement.
  3. Accept Committee Report.Economic Development and Zoning (15 minutes)
  1. 601-645 H Street NE (BZA 17521). Recommendation: Continue to oppose variances, appoint Dr. Ronneberg to serve as Commission representative, and authorize signature authority for letters to support Commission's opposition to the variances.
  2. 819 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Building Permit #97726). Recommendation: Upon completing an investigation of the "grandfathering" issue, if church is not permitted to build off-site parking as a matter of right, the ANC 6A should appeal the Zoning



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Administrator's issuance of the building permit and designate Dr. Ronneberg as Commission representative.

3. Accept Committee Report.

#### Community Outreach (2 minutes)

1. Maury PTSA Grant Application. Recommendation: Approve \$50 grant to cover costs of website template.
2. Accept Committee Report.

#### Public Safety (5 minutes)

1. MPD Court Time for Papering by Officers. Recommendation: Send letter requesting information for papering issue.
2. Lt. Falwell Appreciation. Recommendation: Send letter of thanks for cooperation.
3. Fire Hydrant Maintenance. Recommendation: Send letter requesting that WASA and DC Fire/EMS coordinate their fire hydrant inspection and consider out of service signage when hydrants are out of order. (Note: There was not a quorum for this recommendation).
4. Accept Committee Report.

Schools Committee - No recommendations.

#### Transportation Committee (10 minutes)

1. Resignation of Mr. Ken Granata.
2. New members: Recommendation: Approve Mr. Bill Schultheiss and Mr. Sean Lovitt.
3. H Street NE Streetscape Construction. Recommendation: Approve letter to DDOT that encourages: a comprehensive parking plan, inclusion community protection measures in the contract (example: rat abatement measurers) and consideration of longer daily construction periods (to include weekend work) if it can be demonstrated that it will shorten overall construction time.
4. Accept Committee Report.

8:45 Unfinished Business - None  
8:45 New Business - None  
8:45 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**

**Draft Minutes**  
October 12, 2006

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

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Beatty, Fengler, and Marshall.

**Approval of agenda**

The agenda, as amended, was adopted without objection.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes for the September meeting were adopted without objection

**2. Community Comment**

Tommy Wells, Democratic candidate for Ward 6 Councilmember, announced that his campaign had organized a walk on H Street for Saturday, October 14.

Commissioner Fengler announced that before he left for Montreal, Cody Rice had presented a zoning text amendment to the Office of Planning (OP) defining the difference between a restaurant and a fast food establishment, and that OP had endorsed the amendment and forwarded to the Zoning Commission for action. Mr. Fengler listed some of the requirements for a fast food establishment, and Mr. Alberti said that the letter to OP was posted on the ANC web site.

Will Cobb, an independent candidate for Ward 6 Council, briefly addressed the community on his campaign issues.

**3. H Street Streetscape Update**

Karina Ricks, transportation planner with DDOT reported on the status of the H Street streetscape plan, which will cover from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE to 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE, and from Benning Road to Oklahoma Avenue NE. She began by saying that the design plans are complete, and next month DDOT will be advertising for contractors. A contractor will be chosen by late February or early March. Construction will begin in April.

She said there were two approaches to phasing the project, which is about a mile in length. One option is to do short blocks at a time, which would be less disruptive, but could take up to 30 months. However, if done in larger segments, the project will move faster. The stores would be available to pedestrians, but there will be no parking. They plan to work with the community during construction, and will have a construction manager in a storefront for the duration of the project who will be available to answer community concerns. The manager will have weekly coffees and other activities to relate to the community. The streetcar tracks will be installed from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Oklahoma Avenue, and they are working on trying to find funding and accelerate the process.



Mr. Alberti asked about the initial phase of the streetcars being east of the river, and how that will impact the H Street phase. Ms. Ricks said that the issue is that they are geographically two separate systems, and when the Anacostia system was designed there was not a need for two separate maintenance facilities. It is not a different plan, but more upfront money is needed than originally planned.

She went on to say that the streets will be aggregate, and that brick was not an original material on H Street. There will be granite cobblestones on planting strips, and it will be the District's first truly green street—all the water will stay in the tree boxes. There will also be unique lighting -- similar to the Mall, but brighter.

She said the project will take between 20 and 30 months. Mr. Marshall asked how the construction will affect his SMD, and said his concern was that he was starting to plan next year's H Street festival and wondered if the construction would interfere with the festival.

Drew Ronnenberg asked whether there was any way to keep Pepco and Washington Gas from spray painting marks on the new streets. He was told that all work will have to be done before the streetscape is complete, because there is a five year moratorium on street work after the job is done.

He also asked about extending the terminus of the trolley to the rear of Union Station. He said he would love to see the tracks extended to Chinatown and the Convention Center. Ms. Ricks said that they are looking at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street as the terminus, but that they are also exploring the possibility of a Circulator-type bus from the station to H Street to mitigate the lack of access during the construction. Omar Mahmud asked when such a bus would begin and Ms. Ricks said it would begin running several weeks before construction begins to get people used to using it.

Mr. Mahmud also suggested the purchase of antique cars for the trolley, and said they could be purchased by private individuals with the promise of a name plaque on the car. Ms. Ricks said the cars are hard to come by and require a lot of work.

Robert Pittman said that along with a DDOT manager on site there should also be a parking enforcement officer. He also asked whether there was a bail-out plan when the trolleys fail. He asked why federal transportation dollars could not be used for the trolley, and was told that a lot of enhancements are not eligible, and used as an example the traffic light that ANC 6A wants at 5<sup>th</sup> and H., and there are just no extra federal funds,

Mr. Fengler asked what 6A could do to encourage funding of the trolleys, and was told that people are really looking for ways to make it work. He also asked about a pedestrian passageway to Union Station and was told that they are looking at that.

She closed by saying that there will be challenges during the construction period and DDOT will need the help of the community.

#### **4. Single Member District Reports**

Mr. Alberti reported that illegal construction continues at 1408 North Carolina Avenue NE, and nothing is new on the situation.



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Ms. Beatty reported that she had an SMD meeting at which the Department of Parks and Recreation was present.

Mr. Fengler reported on the status of the various projects he had raised with Bill Crews and Eric Rogers of DCRA at the September meeting.

Rafael Marshall reported that Washington Gas and PEPCO are tearing up the streets in his SMD. He also requested the owner of the proposed new club, Liquid, come to the ANC meeting and address the community. He thanked the community for its participation in the successful H Street Festival.

## 5. Officers' Reports

### Treasurer

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. The report shows that the opening checking account balance was \$15,210.29, and that the savings account balance was \$4,158.73. There was an interest payment to the saving account of \$1.41. There were disbursements of \$120 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of minutes (Check #?); \$105 to the Postmaster for the rental of a post office box for six months (Check #?); and \$1,150.30 for to Lippman, Semsler and Salb for legal services relating to the H Street Moratorium (Check #?), leaving a balance of \$13,834.79 in the checking account, and \$4,160.14 in the savings account. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Mr. Fengler and approved without objection.

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

Mr. Alberti presented the 2006-2007 budget, saying it will be discussed at the November meeting, and urged the Commissioners to study it. He said the Auditor requires a budget in January. Mr. Fengler said he would like to look at the budget from two years ago, and reminded Mr. Alberti to include allotments for ads for new committee members for the new ANC.

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved that a payment of up to \$200 a month be approved for payment for transcription production of ANC minutes. The motion was accepted without objection.

Finally, Mr. Alberti spoke about the post office box, saying that it was important that he gets the mail so that bills can be paid and the Commission's financials are in order. He said that Mr. Borbely had the key to the mailbox, and wasn't picking up the mail in a timely fashion. In July, he made inquiry at the post office and no one had authorization to pick up packages. He said he met with the previous secretary, and went to the post office to get the authorization switched. He said that he wants that discussed at the November meeting. Mr. Fengler said that Mr. Alberti has jurisdiction over the post office box from Michael Musante, and the November agenda will have a discussion of the role of the Secretary and an outline of what the Secretary's duties are.



Mr. Pittman suggested that perhaps the Secretary should resign. He also asked for a breakout of the legal services expenses, and was told by Mr. Alberti that it would be included in the budget.

No other officers had reports.

## 5. Committee Reports

### Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing Committee

Ms. Beatty reported that the Committee heard a presentation from the owner of Liquid, 914 H Street NE, which will be a restaurant and lounge. They are requesting a CR license, and said they are applying for an entertainment certificate to provide jazz, R&B and comedy, two nights a week, and will appeal to an older crowd. The entertainment will be at the front of the lounge upstairs, and there will be a sound barrier to minimize the sound. They are planning to put the focus on the restaurant. Ms. Beatty said that the committee requested that they sign a voluntary agreement and they are currently studying it. **Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved that the ANC accept the recommendation of the Committee to support the license application by the owners of Liquid for a CR license. It was seconded by Mr. Alberti.

Mr. Marshall said that because the establishment will be in his SMD, he should have standing in the matter. He said he has nothing against Liquid, but would like the respect due his position. Mr. Alberti asked about why it was necessary to apply for a separate entertainment certificate and was told that it constitutes a “substantial change” to the license they are requesting. Mr. Pittman said that with a 2500 sq. ft. establishment, the actual activity will not be food service, and he is concerned about people congregating on the street. Ms. Beatty responded that he has a chef, who came to the committee meeting, and they were convinced that they’re emphasizing the food. Mr. Marshall asked about whether there would be music on their patio, and was told there would be no outdoor music. Mr. Fengler added that they will be under the City’s low decibel requirements, and even if it on the roof it still falls under the same noise ordinance.

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

### Economic Development and Zoning

Mr. Fengler reported that the Committee did not have a quorum and so it took no action.

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC accept the Committee’s recommendation that Mr. Alberti be designated to represent the ANC in three cases coming before the BZA: Case BZA 17526 – 1411 Ames Place NE; 17533 – 1405 North Carolina Avenue NE; and 17532 – 138 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE. The recommendation was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that the Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting be changed from October 31 to October 24<sup>th</sup> because of the Halloween holiday. The motion was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that the report of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee be accepted. It was accepted without objection.



### **Community Outreach**

The Community Outreach Committee had no action items as a result of its meeting.

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

### **Public Safety Committee**

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved, for Stephanie Nixon, that the ANC approve the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation urging the construction of new, stronger fences at Sherwood Rec Center and Rosedale Rec Center. It was seconded by Mr. Marshall. Ms. Nixon said that the current fences are weak and collapse when leaned against. She also mentioned a large tree at Sherwood that is not fenced and provides a place for "hanging out". Mr. Alberti wondered whether the current fence could be reinforced, and Mr. Fengler suggested the possibility of wrought iron instead of chain link fencing.

Mr. Pittman, who is on the Sherwood Advisory Council, said he took offense that the Council had not been consulted on the matter. He said he could support the fence if the ANC would pay for it, and said the ANC could be of help in getting fencing put around the tree. He said that the Council has copies of every report that's been made on the matter. He said that they leave the fence the way it is so that a stronger fence doesn't get destroyed, and if people see someone on the grounds, they should call the police. The vote was 2-1-1, with Mr. Marshall voting in opposition and Mr. Alberti abstaining.

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

### **Transportation Committee**

Committee Chair Omar Mahmud requested that the ANC approve a letter requesting a transportation audit for the 1500 block of Gales Place NE. The request was approved without objection.

He also requested ANC support for a letter to DDOT requesting better enforcement of illegal parking in the care share spaces on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, just south of H Street. The request was approved without objection.

Mr. Mahmud asked that the ANC support the Committee's request to send a letter to DDOT requesting the development of a plan of action to deal with double parking on H Street. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC support the Transportation Committee's request to send a letter to Chris Delfs requesting an enforcement plan for double parking. It was seconded by Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Alberti suggested that the letter ought to request that the plan also include alternatives for parking. Mr. Fengler said he was hesitant to support changing the letter, and was uncomfortable having DDOT move into working on alternatives until there's further discussion on the issue. Mr. Alberti responded that the problem will not be solved until the larger issue is attacked, and it's just reinventing the wheel to do one without the other. Mr. Marshall said that people are lazy about parking, and they won't pay for parking structures. He said the letter is a



good one. Mr. Pittman said that PSA 102 had received a letter from the Sherwood Advisory Council about parking in the summer, and he would hope that the ANC, as it matures, will stop looking at band-aids. The motion was approved without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved to accept the Transportation Committee report. It was accepted without objection.

## 6. Old Business

### By-Laws Changes

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that the ANC accept proposed amendments to the by-laws 7 and 8, as proposed by Mr. Ibangha. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alberti, and accepted without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved acceptance of Amendment number 9, which would change the voting requirement for acceptance of a by-laws amendment from two-thirds of the ANC to two-thirds of those present and voting. Mr. Marshall moved that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Alberti clarified the motion, saying that it was not a motion to entertain the issue at the next meeting, but that Mr. Ibangha can bring it up at that meeting.

## 6. New Business

### Candidates for ANC

The candidates for ANC representatives introduced themselves and gave brief speeches:

- 6A 01 – Rafael Marshall
- 6A 02 – Joe Fengler
- 6A 03 – Jesse Rausch, David Holmes
- 6A 04 – Nick Alberti
- 6A 05 – Mary Beatty
- 6A 06 – Bill Schultheiss

### Community Comment

Chris Otten, DC Statehood Green Party candidate for Mayor, spoke, emphasizing his proposal to empower the ANCs and make them more effective in the community, including providing a voluntary stipend for serving.

Drew Ronnenberg said that there was no quorum at the last Economic Development and Zoning Committee, and he is looking for people that might like to serve on the Committee.

Elizabeth Nelson announced the Maury School Bazaar on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Raphael Marshall suggested that meeting flyers including the agenda be distributed by Commissioners going door to door.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.



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October 24, 2006

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

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

Mr. Christopher Delfs:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on October 12, 2006, our Commission voted 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, Mr. Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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October 24, 2006

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

Re: Car Share Parking Enforcement

Mr. Rybeck:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on October 12, 2006, our Commission voted 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 community, and in particular the parking space located on 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE, just south of H Street NE. It is our understanding that when a car is illegally parked in a car sharing parking space:

- During the workday, the car-share company calls Parking Enforcement at 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.

However, both Flexcar and Zip Car have expressed frustration with this process as it causes enforcement problems District-wide and is far more problematic than in other jurisdictions in Virginia and Maryland. Accordingly, we encourage District Department of Transportation (DDOT) efforts to work with other city agencies towards a creative solution. One suggestion would be to authorize private tow companies to tow illegally parked cars, as is done in Arlington County. This would remove illegally parked cars immediately and provide a greater deterrent to this illegal parking problem than the process outlined above.

Absent an alternative solution, we believe better coordination between agencies is necessary to address this issue properly. We look forward to your response. 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: 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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District Department of Transportation  
Transportation Policy and Planning Administration  
2000 14<sup>th</sup> St NW, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Double Parking Enforcement on H Street NE

Mr. Delfs:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on July 13, 2006, our Commission voted to request that District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) create and implement a plan to address persistent double-parking violations on the H Street NE 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.

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. We hope DDOT, working with MPD, will take the opportunity to change the driving and parking behavior of those visiting the H Street corridor today before these bad habits become further entrenched.

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 regarding this matter, please contact ANC 6A Transportation Committee Chair, Mr. Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Commander Diane Groomes, MPD



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**Kinko Account Summary Showing How A December 2004 Credit Was Spent**

**Summary of Charges and Payments - December 2004 to September 2006**

A credit of \$2,770.00 was received in Dec. 2004

No expenditures were charged against the credit until Aug. 2005.

Beginning Balance	\$2,770.00	Credit Balance
Charges - Aug. & Sept. 2005	\$(2,121.96)	
Payments for Sept. 2005 bill (paid on 11/8/05)	\$1,105.28	
Balance as of Sept. 30, 2006	\$1,753.32	Credit Balance
Charges - Oct. 2005	\$(323.58)	
Payments for Oct. 2005 bill (paid 12/8/05)	\$323.58	
Balance as of Oct. 31, 2006	\$1,753.32	Credit Balance
Charges - Nov. 2005 - Aug. 2006	\$(1,698.49)	
Balance as of Aug. 2006	\$54.83	Credit Balance
Charges Sept. '06	\$(176.86)	
Balance Due in Sept. '06 (paid 10/12/06)	\$(122.03)	Amount paid on Oct 12, 2006



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<b>Charges By Month</b>						
	Aug. '05	Sept. '05	Oct. '05	Nov. '05	Dec. '05	
	\$3.33	\$1,016.68	\$15.86	\$10.66	\$16.08	
	\$32.94	\$1,016.68	\$157.36	\$2.86	\$150.50	
	\$37.01	\$15.32	\$9.71	\$88.30		
			\$140.65	\$12.09		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73.28</b>	<b>\$2,048.68</b>	<b>\$323.58</b>	<b>\$113.91</b>	<b>\$166.58</b>	
	Jan. '06	Feb. '06	Mar. '06	Apr. '06	May '06	June '06
	\$7.23	\$102.60	\$139.79	\$36.00	\$15.24	\$136.00
	\$86.50	\$13.71		\$146.94	\$12.37	\$39.40
	\$9.52			\$2.16	\$100.77	
	\$13.13			\$9.52	\$7.61	
				\$58.06	\$177.60	
				\$11.25	\$12.85	
					\$21.36	
					\$35.85	
					\$18.75	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$116.38</b>	<b>\$116.31</b>	<b>\$139.79</b>	<b>\$263.93</b>	<b>\$402.40</b>	<b>\$175.40</b>
	July '06	August '06	Sept. '06			
	\$118.24	\$1.80	\$35.70			
	\$26.25	\$21.80	\$2.67			
		\$35.70	\$7.50			
			\$130.99			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$144.49</b>	<b>\$59.30</b>	<b>\$176.86</b>			



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### **Draft ANC Budget for FY07**

#### **Projected Assets**

FY06 Year End Savings Balance	\$	4,160.14
FY06 Year End Checking Balance	\$	13,587.26
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Total FY06 Fund Balance	\$	17,747.40
Projected FY07 District Allotments	\$	28,972.00 <sup>1</sup>
Projected Total Funds Available For FY07	\$	46,719.40

#### **FY07 BUDGET**

##### **Expenditures**

##### **Amount**

Photocopies	\$	5,000.00
Advertising	\$	7,000.00
Transcription Service for Minutes	\$	2,400.00
Post Office Box	\$	250.00
Grants	\$	6,000.00
Postage	\$	100.00
Office Supplies	\$	100.00
Office Equipment	\$	500.00
Rental Space	\$	1,500.00
ANC Security Fund	\$	25.00
Legal Fees	\$	4,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$	36.00
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Total Expenditures	\$	26,911.00
Projected Surplus	\$	19,808.40

<sup>1</sup> This represents District allotments for 5 quarters. Five quarters are expected instead of four because the 3<sup>rd</sup> FY06 allotment was delayed.



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**FY06 Expenditures Summary**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>10/05 – 09/06</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Photocopies	\$	2,660.63
Advertising	\$	5,187.00
Transcription Service for Minutes	\$	1,127.04
Post Office Box	\$	210.00
Grants	\$	2,461.94
Postage	\$	50.70
Office Supplies	\$	0.00
Office Equipment	\$	0.00
Rental Space	\$	0.00
ANC Security Fund	\$	25.00
Legal Services	\$	1,603.20
Bank Service Charges	\$	24.00
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Total Expenditures	\$	13,349.51

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ANC 6A QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
 4th Quarter FY06

**Summary of Receipts and Disbursements: Savings Account**

<b>Balance Forwarded</b>		\$ 4,157.32
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Transfers From Checking Account	\$ -	
Other (Interest Earnings, etc.)	\$ 4.19	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		\$ 4.19
<b>Total Funds Available</b>		\$ 4,161.51
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Transfers to Checking Account	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		\$ -
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		\$ 4,161.51

<b>CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT DEPOSITS</b>		
<b>Deposits to Checking Account</b> (Including transfers from savings account)		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source</b>
Total		
<b>Deposits to Savings Account</b> (Including transfers from checking account)		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source</b>
07/31/06	\$ 1.41	Interest
08/31/06	\$ 1.41	Interest
09/29/06	\$ 1.37	Interest
Total	\$ 4.19	



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ANC 6A QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
 Listing of Checks Issued  
 4th Quarter FY06

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Expense Category	Purpose of Expenditure	Date Approved (1)
1282	07/13/06	Nicholas Alberti	\$ 10.00	8	Parking	07/13/06
1283	07/13/06	Roberta Weiner	\$ 120.00	15	May 06 Minutes	10/13/06
1284	09/13/06	Roberta Weiner	\$ 120.00	15	July 06 Minutes	10/13/06
1285	09/13/06	Postmaster	\$ 105.00	11	6 months rental PO Box	09/14/06
1286	09/16/06	Lippman, Sensker&Salb	\$ 1,150.50	15	Legal Fees-Singles Moratorium	09/14/06
Total			\$ 1,505.50			

(1) If ongoing operating expense, indicate "Budget" and date budget was approved. If not included in approved budget, indicate date Commission approved the expenditure.



**ANC 6A ABL Committee  
October 17, 2006  
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

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

Committee members absent: Lyndon Bonaparte; Malcolm Ross

Community members present: Ronnie Allison (Napa Valley Caterers); George Velazquez (Napa Valley Caterers); Frank Hankins (R&B Coffee House); Jesse B. Rauch; Anwar Saleem

**I.**

**a. Welcome/Introductions** - Committee members introduced themselves.

**b. Agenda** - Chair Beatty moved to accept the agenda. No objections.

**c. Minutes** - Chair Beatty moved to accept minutes of September meeting. No objections.

**II. Community Comment**

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

**III. Old Business**

- A. Viggys' Liquor Store Renewal Protest.** We have had two hearings. Viggys' asked for more time to review the voluntary agreement and indicated to Chair Beatty and Joe Bellino, who leads a separate neighborhood protest, that they want to meet later, before the November 15 hearing.
- B. Liquid. 914 H Street.** Presented a Voluntary Agreement and received a signed VA with slight changes re: operating a television. Chair Beatty will speak with them about the change and get a new signed copy. We can accept this VA and will turn the VA over to Joe Fengler.

**IV. New Business**

1. Liquor License Applications – H Street, NE
  - a. George Velazquez.

Mr. Velazquez is the general manager of Napa Valley Caterers with Business Partner and Exec Chef Ronnie Allison. The catering company has been in business for 6 years. They purchased 1015 H Street three years ago and recently decided to open a restaurant in the property. Currently under renovation scheduled to be completed in December 2006. They are pursuing a CR license.



Restaurant will be open for dinner from 4:00 – 11:00 every day and will determine at a later date opening for lunch. Cuisine is California Bistro style with a French twist. Restaurant and kitchen on first floor and with second floor for overflow or private dinners. Third floor is private, residential.

Music will be piped in, no live entertainment. Anticipate seating about 50 downstairs, no specifics in upstairs. Will employ five kitchen staff; anywhere from 3 to 6 service staff and a bartender.

**Motion: Mary Beatty moved that we recommend that the ANC NOT protest the application for a CR License for (NAME) and that we seek a voluntary agreement. Seconded by Michael Herman. Unanimous.**

b. Frank Hankins. R&B Coffee House. 135? H Street, NE  
Mr. Hankins purchased R&B Coffee as of two Saturdays ago. Intention is to maintain the coffee bar. Property includes a section on the second floor of 1357 H Street which has a separate bar of its own. Owner intends to open this area as a wine bar with no intention of serving hard liquor; but will complement the wine menu with a few select bottle beers, no taps. Anticipates offering cheese, other light fare, things you would expect with a glass of wine. Owner will be applying for an entertainment endorsement. Entertainment will be light jazz, guitar, poetry readings, etc. Expected hours of service are: Sunday Noon to midnight; Saturday Noon to 2:00; Monday – Thursday 4:00 to midnight; Friday 4:00 to 2:00. The name SOBA Espresso and Wine.

**Motion: Michael Herman moved that we recommend that the ANC NOT protest the application and offer a standard VA. Seconded by Mary Beatty. Unanimous.**

2. H Street Moratorium Hearing. January 17, 2007
  - a. Hearing will start at 10:00 am and they are scheduling 4 hours for that hearing. This will be the only item on the agenda for that day.  
Committee discussed ideas for testimony:
    1. Police on reduction in loitering & crime. Commander Groomws was chief in Mt. Pleasant when that moratorium was initiated. She is our number one witness. Mary Beatty will be responsible for getting her there.
    2. Business Community – merchants other than liquor store owners or perhaps the H Street Main Street people. Tish



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volunteered to follow up on this re: economic development.

3. ANC Mary Beatty.

4. Mayor's office. We should contact before the election. Mary Beatty will follow up on this.

6. Church community that protested the Woodward Liquor application. Probably Douglas. Will seek them out for their support. Mary Beatty will do this with help of Anwar Saleem and Commissioner Marshall.

7. School community – see if we can get a witness. Tish Olshefski will follow up.

Our attorney will be coordinating and prepping the witnesses.

Question from Community: Is it possible to get an amendment? 6C might want to come with us to get the moratorium all the way down H Street.

Answer: It is possible any time before the hearing.

**V. Adjourn.** Move to adjourn 8:03 pm. Next meeting: November 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm.



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**REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING  
COMMITTEE OF ANC 6A  
October 24, 2006**

Present: Commissioners Nick Alberti, Raphael Marshall;  
Resident Members Drew Ronneberg, Jeff Fletcher, Linda Whitted, Rich Luna, Virginia Gaddis.

Drew Ronneberg chaired the meeting.

**Community Comments**

Rich Luna reported that 1121 H St NE was putting trash receptacles on the H Street sidewalk in violation of public space regulations. He also reported that the construction of 1015 H St NE was reducing the passable sidewalk to less than 4 feet and that public space regulations required the owner obtain a sidewalk closure permit. Monte Edwards asked ANC 6A to compile a 1-2 page list of ANC 6A's worst problems with DCRA.

**804 H St NE**

John Formant presented plans for the renovation of 804 H St. NE. The renovation preserves the existing facade, which under Section 1324.3 of the H Street NC Zoning Overlay permits an additional 0.5 FAR of new construction. The plans call for a 600 sq. foot mezzanine floor above the third floor. The first floor of 804 H St NE will be retail, the second floor will be office space and the third floor will be residential. No leases have been signed and Mr. Formant asked for suggestions from the community about potential tenants. Mr. Marshall asked how the trash would be stored because the current building occupied 100% of the lot. Mr. Formant thought that the trash would be stored on the interior of the building.

Mr. Formant was also questioned about plans for his other H Street properties. He said that he would renovate some of his properties on the Western end of H Street after the Abdo and Steuart developments were completed. Dr. Ronneberg reported that several community members expressed concerns that the condition of some of Mr. Formant's vacant properties (specifically 406 H St NE) was hurting the business of surrounding properties. Mr. Formant said he plans to renovate 406 H St NE in the next couple of years. Dr. Ronneberg asked if there was low cost maintenance and upkeep that could be performed to improve the look of the building until it was renovated. In an follow-up email after the meeting, Mr. Formant informed the chair that the 406 H St property would be painted and cleaned up.

**BZA 17521 (601-645 H Street NE)**

The architect of the proposed 601-645 H Street NE development presented revised plans for the project. Rendering are available to the ANC 6A website. The developer proposed keeping the 6<sup>th</sup>



and H and 7<sup>th</sup> and H towers and demolishing the old Mega Foods building. After the demolition of the Mega Foods building, the developer would construct roughly 270,000 square feet (240 units) of residential space, 30,000 square feet of office space and 5000 square feet of retail space. The developer claimed that the building needed to look “edgy” in order to attract the targeted demographic. The new design has bay windows and large 1960s style balconies. The construction materials include brick and limestone on the H Street facade.

The developer claimed that they are asking for a special exception to the 14 foot ceiling height because the connection of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office to the towers would not allow for 14 foot ceilings. The special exception to Subsection 1324.4 and 2514.2 and variance to Section 772 were requested to increase the floor area of the building. The special exception to Section 1032.3 was requested to allow a H Street curb cut.

Most people from the community spoke in opposition to the design and scale of the building, with the most common complaint being that the new building didn't fit with the size or architecture of existing historic buildings.

Dr. Ronneberg noted that, based on his calculations, 150 residential units could be built as matter of right and that the requested relief equated to 90 units. By comparison, there are only 57 rowhouses on the square.

Dr. Ronneberg asked the developer to clarify how they claimed compliance with the Design Guidelines when the proposed building was 9 stories and the guidelines called for a 4-8 story building. The response was that Section 1325.1a only required that they comply with the “intent of the design guidelines.”

Dr. Ronneberg also asked why the developer did not seek a variance to Section 1321.2 when they planned to build new non-residential uses even though the existing non-residential FAR exceeds the allowed 0.5. The developer responded that they were transferring non-residential FAR from the planned demolition of the Mega Foods structure. Dr. Ronneberg thought that this transfer of non-residential FAR was not allowed under Section 2002 of the DC Zoning Code.

Dr. Ronneberg made 4 suggestions about the design of the building to the developer. The first suggestion was to stagger the height of the H Street façade, in order to provide a “sawtooth” roofline that is more consistent with the rest of the buildings on H Street. The second suggestion was to use grey stone or concrete sills and lintels to frame the windows in a manner that avoids the “hollow eye” effect of the current design and is consistent with H Street fenestration. The third suggestion was to make the bay windows consistent with bay windows typical of H Street and not model them after Meridian Place on Mass Ave NW. The last suggestion was to model the balconies after more traditional designs rather than after the balconies of the 1960s internationalist period.

Dr. Ronneberg moved that committee recommend the ANC continue to oppose the development because the developer should use the PUD process to request zoning relief to build in excess of the matter of right floor area. In addition, Dr. Ronneberg thought that the development should be opposed because the developer was not complying with the requirements of the Design Guidelines.



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**Recommendation:** The committee voted unanimously to recommend that the ANC continue to oppose BZA 17521 and continue Drew Ronneberg's appointment as the ANC representative for the case.

**Building Permit #97726 (819 7<sup>th</sup> St NE)**

Pilgrim Baptist Church was granted building permit #97726 to build a parking lot on what is currently a vacant lot at 819 7<sup>th</sup> St NE on August 31, 2006. Some residents thought that a parking lot was not permitted as a matter of right in a R-4 district and that the Zoning Administrator erred in issuing the building permit. Section 2116.1 of the zoning code states that all parking needs to be located on the same lot as the building they are intended to serve. Churches are partially exempted from this requirement because Section 2116.3 allows the church to have up to 50% of its parking anywhere within 400 feet of the church. However Pilgrim Baptist Church currently doesn't have any parking spots on the lot associated with the church and thus do not meet the requirements for the exception in Section 2116.3.

Mr. Grevious, the Church's architect, presented plans for the proposed parking lot in which the number of parking spots was reduced from 18 to 14 and a buffer of shrubs was planted between the sidewalk and the parking lot. The parking spots appear to be behind the building line in accordance with section 2116.4, and the screening with shrubbery appear to conform to Section 2117.11 and 2117.12.

The Church said that DCRA told them that they were grandfathered into the zoning regulations and that this grandfathering allowed the church to construct off-site parking without the on-site parking requirements of Sections 2116.1 and 2116.3. Dr. Ronneberg thought that grandfathering only allowed the church to have no on-site parking and that subsequent construction of parking spaces had to comply with zoning regulations. Dr. Ronneberg said he would investigate the "grandfathering" issue and would consult zoning experts and the DC government before any recommendation was made to the full ANC.

**Recommendation:** The committee voted unanimously to recommend that upon completing an investigation of the "grandfathering" issue, if Dr. Ronneberg finds that the church is not permitted to build off-site parking as a matter of right, the ANC 6A should appeal the Zoning Administrator's issuance of the building permit #97726 and designate Dr. Ronneberg the ANC 6A representative.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:  
Tuesday, November 28, 2006  
7-9 PM  
900 G Street, NE  
Community Room of the Capitol Hill Towers**



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A**  
**Community Outreach Committee (COC)**  
**Minutes for October, 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**
- **Barbara Anderson**
- **Elizabeth Nelson (chair)**

**Absent members:**

- **Astri Klievdal**

**I. Grant application from Maury Elementary PTSA**

- Ms. Andree Scott (president) and Ms. Natalie Williams (vice-president) of the Maury Elementary School PTSA were in attendance to present their grant application. They are requesting \$50 to purchase a template to be used in the creation of a website for the PTSA/school. The site would be created and maintained by school staff and parent volunteers and hosted by Maury's own server (DCPS property), allowing content to be updated quickly. This website will provide information on Maury events and notices from the principal. Each teacher will have his or her own page on the site, allowing them to convey information to parents, as well as post homework calendars and due dates. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to work on select pages during supervised computer labs.
- Committee members, particularly those who are parents, themselves, remarked that it would indeed be very useful to get timely information on school closings and meetings and that the teacher-pages with homework assignments would be especially helpful.
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**Committee recommendation (unanimous):** that ANC 6A approve funding of the Maury PTSA grant application for \$50 to cover costs of website template.

**II. Progress report on outreach to potential grant applicants**

1. Ms. Nelson has exchanged additional e-mails with Mr. Larry Kaufer who is active in "sports on the hill". 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.
2. Ms. Nelson was able to contact Ms. Renee Perry, coach of the Gibbs cheerleading team and a member of their PTSA. Ms. Perry said that the PTSA would like to apply for funding for new pom-poms and an additional stunt map. The grant application may be submitted for consideration at the November COC meeting.
3. Ms. Nelson has again been in touch with Ms. Stephanie Nixon who has a contact at Eastern High School who may be interested in applying for grant money for a sports related program. Ms. Nixon is continuing to work the issue and hopes that a grant application may be forth-



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coming by the end of the year.

### **III. Website Update**

1. The website is being redone to eliminate the frames and change the menu. The overall appearance should not change significantly but it should load more quickly and Mac users should experience fewer problems. Ms. Jean Kohaneck has provided technical support as has Mr. Jon Mitchiner, our representative at Gallaudet University, the hosts of the website. All pages (approx. 50) have been recreated; the only remaining issues are the navigation from the “join e-mail list” page and the testing.
2. All committee members present volunteered to help with the testing. Each will be given a list of pages and they will test every link on their assigned pages to make sure all the documents load properly.
3. Ms. Patti Shea, a Mac user who is not on the committee, has been testing for Mac compatibility.

### **IV Meeting Schedule**

1. Committee members discussed the meeting schedule, especially as regards the upcoming holiday season, and decided to continue meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. However, it was decided that a 7:30 start time would make it easier for members to attend.
2. Ms. Nelson will notify ANC 6A Secretary Marc Borbely, *The Hill Rag* and *Voice of the Hill*, so that our ads can be updated to reflect the new time.
3. The ANC 6A flier and website will be updated as well..

### **V. Other**

1. The DC Marathon has asked to make a presentation at the November COC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.  
Next meeting is November 20, 2006.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Nelson



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## Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Grant Request Application Form

**1. DATE OF APPLICATION**

10 / 15 / 06

**2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY**

11 / 15 / 06

**3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS**

Maury Elementary Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

1250 Constitution Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002

**4. CONTACT NAME**

Andrenee Scott

**5. TITLE**

PTSA President

**6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)**

**7. TELEPHONE**

(202) 698-3838

**8. FAX**

(202) 698-3844

**9. E-MAIL ADDRESS**

AVSCOTT40@aol.com

**10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY**

Purchase of a prefabricated website template to customize into the official Maury Elementary website. The site will be created and maintained by school staff and parent volunteers and hosted by Maury's own server (DCPS property), allowing content to be updated quickly. This template is a one-time product purchase; it does not require renewal, nor does it require advertising.

**11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST**

**\$49.00**

**12. AMOUNT REQUESTED**

**\$49.00**

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

PTSA funds, if total funds cannot be met through this grant.

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

Maury Elementary is located in ANC 6A and a majority of the students, as well as some faculty members, reside in ANC 6A. This website will provide information on Maury events and notices from the principal, as well as list useful and educational links for parents to assist their children in achieving educational high standards. Each teacher will have his or her own page on the site, allowing them to convey information to parents (*i.e.* noting that jeans may be worn to school on the farm field trip day), as well as post homework calendars and due dates. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to work on select pages during supervised computer labs.

This is not a duplication of City services as DCPS does not purchase templates for website creation. It does provide standardized websites for individual schools on its own server but these cannot be updated directly by the schools. Content must be copied to disc and delivered to a central site. This precludes timely changes in website content.



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

Meeting Attendees:

Resident Committee Members: Stephanie Nixon, Chair, Mark Laisch, and Joe Bellino (not present for the entire meeting, so quorum was not achieved during his absence)  
Others: Alphonso Coles, MPD and Lt. Tony Falwell, DC Fire Service

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

Fire Hydrants: Mr. Laisch explained that a hydrant was not functioning when DC Fire Service responded to a fire in the 1300 block of Emerald Street, so staff had to run a hose from more than one block away. Mr. Laisch asked Lt. Falwell to explain whether it was DC Fire Service policy not to utilize mid-block hydrants and how they identify whether hydrants are functioning properly. Lt. Falwell stated that it is not policy to ignore mid-block hydrants. He also explained that Fire service staff routinely check hydrants and maintain lists of non-functioning hydrants in individual fire houses.

Mr. Laisch stated, based on conversations with DC WASA officials, that WASA also routinely checks hydrants and asked Lt. Falwell whether they coordinate with WASA when checking the condition of hydrants. Lt. Falwell said they do not, because each agency checks them for their own purposes. Ms. Nixon offered that she saw out of service signs on hydrants in another community. Despite lacking a quorum, Ms. Nixon offered a motion for the ANC to write a letter to the DCWASA and DC Fire/EMS Department to coordinate their inspections of the proper functioning of fire hydrants, share information on the working status of hydrants and consider out of service signage for hydrants not working. Mr. Laisch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, despite the lack of a quorum.

Fireworks Legislation (quorum now present:) Lt. Falwell stated that the purpose of the existing statute on fireworks is to control the sales of them, but noted that “trunk” sales are a big problem in many parts of the city. Mr. Bellino and Lt. Falwell engaged in a discussion of the limits of the existing statute, which makes fireworks violations a civil offense. As a result, it is difficult to enforce sufficiently violations of the statute. In addition, the height of firework season occurs at the same time as law enforcement agencies are dealing with regular workloads, summer vacations and other activities, which requires that this situation be addressed.

A resident asked Lt. Falwell where she should call when neighbors are setting off fireworks for a sustained period of time in the middle of the street. Lt. Falwell said that they are not a 24 hour agency, but citizens should report such incidents directly to the Fire Service at 727-1600 or arson investigations at 673-3300. He said citizens should not call 311.

Lt. Falwell also pointed out that better coordination among relevant DC agencies needs to take place to better deal with the firework situation. Ms. Nixon asked whether the Fire Service would be willing to put inspectors in MPD cars. Mr. Coles noted that they would probably have to ride along on non-firework calls, in addition to calls. Mr. Bellino suggested that what really needs to take



place is the current law needs to be changed, so it has more teeth.

After a brief discussion of making a motion, the Committee agreed to address this issue again at next month's meeting. A motion to send a thank you letter to Lt. Falwell was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MPD Court Time/Papering: Ms. Nixon noted that she finally received information on the number of hours MPD officers used associated with court time (331,863 comp hours). However, there was concern about the quality of the data provided because the number of officers listed as receiving comp time exceeds the total number on duty (i.e., 5,094 are listed). At issue is the amount of time spent papering by officers and attorneys that might be reduced via more efficient methods of papering. After a brief conversation about the history of this issue (detailed in past versions of the minutes), Ms. Nixon suggested that a letter be sent requesting the specific information needed to make a recommendation on this issue. Ms. Nixon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bellino, to request overtime and comp time for 2004 and 2005, in both hours and dollars, for MPD officers involved in papering activities. This information should reflect the costs of the lawsuit that overturned the policy of mandatory comp time for first court appearances. The motion passed unanimously.

Crime Statistics Policy: Ms. Nixon informed everyone of a policy that she was made aware of that limited her ability to get information on calls for service at a specific address. This policy was explained in an email she received in response to a specific request for information. Mr. Bellino offered to look into the matter and report back to the Committee.

Sherwood Recreation Center: Mr. Pittman apologized and retracted his comments made at the October ANC meeting related to the fence at Sherwood Recreation Center. He noted that it is a capital issue, and he would be happy to work with the Committee in a collaborative manner on relevant activities.

Request for Action by the ANC:

1. Approve and send letter regarding requested information for papering issue.
2. Approve and send letter thanking Lt. Falwell for appearance and cooperation.

Unofficial Request for Action by the ANC

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1. Consider, approve and send letter regarding fire hydrants.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Laisch.



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## DRAFT

Date

Loretta A. Braxton, CPA  
Cluster Controller, PSJC  
300 Indiana Avenue, NW  
Suite 4068  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Braxton:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 9, 2006, with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to request the following information as an extension of the information gathered by the ANC6A Public Safety Committee Chair, Stephanie Nixon regarding comp hours for court time:

1. Clarify whether all 5,094 names on the list were current officers working for MPD (i.e., Did the list include retired officers, Park Police, Capitol Police, etc?);
2. Provide the **dollar amounts** associated with the comp time for 2005 and **dollar and hour amounts** associated with court related comp time for 2004;
3. Provide dollar and hour amounts associated with court-related comp time (particularly papering) for 2004 and 2005.

The ANC6A Public Safety Committee has been long concerned with MPD manpower on our streets and with the availability of attorneys in both the Juvenile Division of the Office of the Attorney General and the US District Attorneys Office. One possible issue that has been brought to the committee is the papering process.

We respectfully request that that you strongly consider our community's request. If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Chair, Stephanie Nixon, at (202)222-8570.

On behalf of the Commission,  
Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

CC: Keely Williams, Chief Charles Ramsey



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## DRAFT

Date

Mr. Richard Fleming, Chief  
DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services  
1923 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 102  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chief Fleming:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 9, 2006, with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to send this letter thanking FEMS for Lt. Tony Falwell's presence at the ANC6A Public Safety Committee's October 18, 2006 meeting.

Lt. Falwell went beyond his tour of duty to appear at this meeting and had a slide show prepared for the audience on Firework/Firecracker safety. He ensured that this committee and the public were provided with a copy of the firework/firecracker code by sending it to Ms. Nixon, the Committee Chair.

We appreciate the continued cooperation with FEMS and look forward to continuing such work in the future.

On behalf of the Commission,  
Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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## DRAFT

Date

Mr. Jerry N. Johnson, General Manager  
DC Water and Sewer Authority (WASA)  
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20032

Mr. Adrian H Thompson, Chief  
DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services  
1923 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 102  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Johnson and Chief Thompson:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 9, 2006, with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to request that your agencies maximize your inspection activities to ensure that hydrants are checked for proper functioning and repaired, as soon as possible, by taking the following actions:

4. Coordinate fire hydrant inspection activities of DCWASA and DC Fire/EMS staff;
5. Share information on the working status of hydrants throughout the District on a routine basis;
6. Consider adopting out-of-service signage for hydrants that are not working.

These issues came to our attention as a result of a fire that occurred in the 1300 block of Emerald Street. In that situation, the nearest hydrant on Emerald Street was not working, so hoses had to be run from more than one block away. Fortunately, the extra time needed to take this action did not allow the fire to spread to adjoining homes or cause harm or the loss of life. However, in following up on this issue, our Public Safety Committee learned through conversations with representatives of your respective agencies that information is not shared between your agencies and collaboration does not occur with respect to inspections of fire hydrants.

We respectfully request that that you strongly consider our community's request. If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Member, Mark Laisch, at 202-399-5993.

On behalf of the Commission,  
Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



**ANC 6A Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)  
October 23, 2006 at 7:00 pm**

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:10 pm
  - A. Present: Lance Brown, DeLania Hardy, Omar Mahmud (Chair), Victor McKoy, Warner Sterling
  - B. Absent: Aryeh Fishman, Jennifer Flather, Ken Granata, Diane Hoover, Claire Rodriguez, Marlon Smoker
  - C. The committee failed to meet the quorum requirement
  
- II. Committee members and a member of the community, Sean Lovitt, introduced themselves.
- III. Community Comment
  - A. Mr. Lovitt raised a concern about DDOT's proposed timetable for changing 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets from one-way to two-way. The change is one of the major recommendations to come out of the Capitol Hill Transportation Study (CHTS). In email correspondence with Mr. Lovitt, Chris Delfs of DDOT indicated that it would take until 2009 or 2010 to implement the change. Mr. Lovitt said he wanted to know if the committee could help investigate ways to expedite this implementation.
    1. The committee agreed to help Mr. Lovitt look into this issue. Mr. Brown volunteered to take the lead on behalf of the committee.
  
- IV. Updates
  - A. Streetscape Improvement Project (H Street and Benning Road) – Mr. Mahmud gave a summary of the presentation by Karina Ricks of DDOT at the October ANC 6A meeting. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee:
    1. The H Street streetscape project will span from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE to 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE. The hope is to start construction in April of 2007 (note that a start date of May 2007 was presented at a later meeting with Karina Ricks – see summary below).
    2. The Benning Road streetscape project (which includes the Starburst) will span from 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE to Oklahoma Avenue NE, and is slated to break ground in late February or early March of 2007.
    3. DDOT is currently considering two construction options:
      - a. Shorter number of blocks in each construction segment – This option will impact each segment of blocks for a shorter time, but the overall project will take longer to complete (~ 30 months).
      - b. Larger number of blocks in each construction segment – This option will impact each segment of blocks for a longer time, but the overall project will take less time to complete than the option above (~20 months).



4. Parking on H Street will be reduced during construction. Karina intends to meet with members of the residential and business community to discuss this (see summary of this meeting below).
5. DDOT intends to make a construction manager available onsite (the plan is for this person to operate out of an H Street storefront) to address community concerns and answer questions.
6. DDOT also intends to set up a website that will provide construction progress updates.
7. The streetcar tracks will be installed during streetscape construction on H Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE to Oklahoma Avenue NE.
8. The new Director of Transportation, Michelle Pourciau, has tasked DDOT with finding funding for a full streetcar infrastructure. A financing consultant has been retained to help explore creative ways to finance the streetcar project.
9. DDOT will be using “green city” building principles.
10. DDOT is unsure which end of H Street construction will begin on but it was mentioned by Joseph Fengler that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE end is less ideal due to several current and planned construction projects in the area.
11. DDOT will implement a bus line that will traverse the route of the future street car.
12. The unused Union Station Metro tunnel people have talked about as a possible route to link the streetcar between the Metro and H Street is not currently feasible since it is not complete, it is meant for pedestrian traffic only and it doesn't open up to H Street in a place that it can be useful.

B. CHTS Open House – Summary of DDOT presentation

1. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee there were no new updates in this presentation as compared to the earlier DDOT open house.
2. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee Chris Delfs of DDOT agreed to provide the committee at least one hard copy of the final CHTS, and that he has been told the final report is currently available via the DDOT website.

V. New Business

A. Discuss letter of support for proposals discussed at October 18 meeting with DDOT (Karina Ricks and her staff) regarding the streetscape improvement project. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee he and Mr. Fengler attended this meeting along with other H Street business and community leaders. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee he learned the following at this meeting:

1. Construction on the H Street portion of the streetscape project is slated to begin in May of 2007, and is estimated to last about two years (however this timeline depends on which construction plan is implemented, as is discussed in more detail below).
2. One of the goals of the streetscape project is to make H Street less focused on providing access to commuters. For example, the parking lane is currently wider than it needs to be since it was originally designed to be a traffic lane. The streetscape project will narrow this lane on each side of the



- street from 10 feet to 8 feet. The extra two feet of space gained will be used to build out the sidewalks.
3. There will be more parking along the corridor post streetscape since parking restrictions at metro bus stops at certain parts of the street will no longer be necessary. This is because the “bulb outs” DDOT is building at the future streetcar stops will also act as bus stops. These bulb-outs are at the corners of intersections where parking is restricted anyhow and take up less space than the area required for current metro bus stop curbs.
  4. DDOT will also install multi-space meters like the meters currently in use in Georgetown. These meters do not confine motorists to parking along a pre-defined section of the curb as do the meters currently in use along H Street, thus allowing for more space overall.
  5. A curb cut moratorium is now in place along H Street and, post-streetscape construction, a five year moratorium will be in effect for any pavement cuts along the corridor. DDOT is encouraging businesses along the corridor to complete any utility upgrades or any other work requiring curb cuts before construction begins.
  6. A main concern of DDOT’s is to coordinate its construction schedule with the merchants and the resident community. However, since much H Street parking will be lost temporarily during construction, DDOT was very concerned about discussing this issue with the business owners. DDOT’s hope is to develop a plan to mitigate the impact of the lost parking problem.
  7. DDOT presented two options for the phasing of construction:
    - a. Option 1 – Construction to be performed in three phases or segments on each side of the street (six phases total for the north and south sides of the street). Phase 1, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street; Phase 2, from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street; and Phase 3, from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
      - i. Advantage: Each segment is burdened with construction for a shorter length of time.
      - ii. Disadvantage: The overall project will take longer to complete than it would with Option 2.
    - b. Option 2 – Construction to be performed in two phases or segments on each side of the street (four phases total for the north and south sides of the street). Phase 1, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street; and Phase 2 from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
      - i. Advantage: Each segment is burdened with construction for a longer amount of time than it would be with Option 1.
      - ii. Disadvantage: The overall project will take less time to complete than it would with Option 1.
  8. The immediate concern for the businesses owners in attendance under either option was parking since H Street parking will be eliminated on blocks under construction. However, of the two options, the business owners initially supported Option 1 since they were more concerned about the



- impact they would feel due to the loss of parking than they were about the length of overall construction time. They all stressed the need for DDOT to come up with a creative solution to the parking problem.
- a. Some solutions to the parking problem included obtaining authorization to utilize vacant lots and underutilized parking lots for customer parking; installation of temporary parking meters on side streets to allow for customer parking (note that RPP holders would be exempt from enforcement); and exploring the possibility of obtaining discount parking rates at Union Station and providing a shuttle to transport customers to H Street businesses (it was also mentioned that DDOT should insist the streetscape construction team use Union Station to park, not H Street and surrounding side streets).
9. However, the business owners in attendance indicated they would be open to Option 2 or less construction segments/phases if DDOT could produce a detailed plan to help alleviate the loss of parking problem. For example, if DDOT could demonstrate to the business owners of the blocks under construction for the X parking spaces they are losing, DDOT has identified and provided X spots elsewhere in a short walking distance for their customers to use.
  10. It was proposed that DDOT demand in their contracts that construction contractors provide for rodent abatement measures.
  11. A construction manager will be onsite to meet with businesses and address their concerns.
  12. Since a traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and H Street during streetscape construction, it was proposed that DDOT install a temporary signal there now. DDOT officials at first indicated this could not be done since there is no electrical infrastructure in place at that intersection to support a traffic light (installation of this infrastructure is one of the things that will be done during streetscape construction), but prompting from those in attendance swayed DDOT officials to indicate they would try to figure out a solution.
  13. DDOT proposes construction run from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, but is open to modifying this schedule to complete the project quicker (e.g. weekend work, later hours). However, DDOT indicated it would seek feedback from the community before initiating a plan that included a schedule with additional weekly construction hours.
- B. The committee discussed these proposals at length and came up with the following recommendations to be included in a letter Mr. Mahmud will draft:
1. That DDOT concentrate on providing H Street business owners with a comprehensive plan to alleviate the loss of parking problem, identifying for each construction segment alternative parking spaces in nearby vacant lots, underutilized parking lots, Union Station and residential side streets by temporarily lifting RPP parking restrictions, as opposed to the installation of



temporary meters (Mr. McKoy was hesitant to allow DDOT to install temporary meters on the side streets since he feared they may not be removed in a timely manner). Provided such a plan can be developed and implemented, we would support phasing the construction project in fewer phases in an effort to complete streetscape construction in as short a time possible.

2. That DDOT research all measures ordinarily included in contracts with construction contractors for the protection of the surrounding community during construction (including, but not limited to, rat abatement measures), and include in its contracts with construction contractors such provisions.
3. That nearby H Street residents will support longer daily construction periods (and weekend work) if DDOT can demonstrate this would significantly lessen overall construction time for the project.
4. ***Recommendation: Send letter to Ms. Ricks of DDOT supporting these proposals.***

C. Additional car sharing spaces for ANC 6A

1. Ms. Hardy stated that her Flexcar contact identified a few target spaces for cars in Capitol Hill but that none are in ANC6A.
2. Mr. Mahmud indicated he would ask ANC6A commissioners for car sharing space recommendations in their respective ANCs (subject to DDOT's rules, which Mr. Brown previously forwarded by email).

D. Additional parking on H Street

1. Mr. Mahmud encouraged committee members to start thinking about creative solutions to this problem as H Street continues to develop. As H Street grows so to will the strains on parking resources, especially for the surrounding neighborhoods. We should be identifying underutilized resources such as the Hechinger Mall parking and AutoZone parking lots, and trying to come up with ways to obtain authorization for parking in these areas for H Street businesses (the focus of this discussion was on the long-term problem, not just the immediate parking problems for business owners coming out of the streetscape construction project discussed above).

VI. Assign Tasks/Duties for Committee Members (5 minutes)

- A. Mr. Brown will look in to whether the committee should weigh in regarding the timing of implementing the recommendations of the Capitol Hill Transportation Study, as proposed by Mr. Lovitt.
- B. Mr. Mahmud will draft a letter to Ms. Ricks of DDOT expressing our support for some of the construction plan proposals discussed at the October 18 DDOT meeting.
- C. Mr. Mahmud will ask the ANC6A commissioners for car sharing spaces desired by constituents.

VII. Additional Community Comment

VIII. Adjourn meeting at 8:30



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Re: ANC 6A Streetscape Improvement Project Construction Recommendations

Dear Ms. Ricks:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on November 9, 2006 our Commission voted [unanimously] to support the following recommendations coming out of your October 18 meeting with H Street community and business leaders regarding planned construction along H Street and Benning Road during the Streetscape Improvement Project:

- IX. That DDOT concentrate on providing H Street business owners with a comprehensive plan to alleviate the loss of parking problem acknowledged at the meeting, identifying for business owners in each construction segment alternative parking spaces in nearby vacant lots, underutilized parking lots, Union Station and residential side streets by temporarily lifting RPP parking restrictions, as opposed to the installation of temporary meters. Provided such a plan can be developed and implemented, we would support phasing the construction project in fewer phases in an effort to complete construction of the overall project in as short a time possible.
- X. That DDOT research all measures ordinarily included in contracts with construction contractors for the protection of the surrounding community during construction (including, but not limited to, rat abatement measures), and include in its contracts with construction contractors such provisions.
- XI. That nearby H Street residents will support longer daily construction periods (and weekend work) only if DDOT can demonstrate this would significantly lessen overall construction time for the project.

Thank you for your tireless efforts to make the H Street/Benning Road corridor a safe and attractive place we can all enjoy and be proud of. Your hard work on this issue has not gone unnoticed by this community. We look forward to further discussions with you on these and other implementation issues as the project moves forward. 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: Mohamed Dahir, DDOT  
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