



**December 8, 2005
Draft Agenda**

- 7:00 pm Call to order, adopt agenda and approve previous meeting's minutes
Community Comments *(2 minutes each)*
- 7:15 Commissioner's Single Member District reports *(2 minutes each)*
- 7:30 **Officer Reports:**
1. Chair *(2 minutes)*
 - A. January Commission Elections.
 - B. DCRA Advisory Neighborhood Liaison, Mr. Eric Rogers.
 2. Vice-Chair *(2 minutes)*
 3. Secretary *(2 minutes)*
 4. Treasurer *(5 minutes)*
 - A. Approve monthly treasurer's report and previous month's disbursements
 - B. Approve quarterly report
 - C. Approve monthly photocopying expenses
- 7:45 **Standing Committee Reports:**
1. Alcohol Beverage Licensing *(15 minutes)*
 - A. S&T Supermarket. Recommendation: Take no action.
 - B. Sun and Moon Grocery, Me and My Supermarket and Bella Market. Recommendation: Enter into negotiations for voluntary agreements.
 - C. Parks Economy Mart. Recommendation: Protest the renewal of the Class B license.
 - D. Accept Committee Report.
 2. Economic Development and Zoning *(10 minutes)*
 - A. Carsharing. Recommendations: (1) Send letter stating there is no objection to two carsharing spaces on the 800 block of 12th Street, NE. (2) Send letter to DDOT identifying other possible on-street and off-street parking spaces for shared vehicles.
 - B. 1124 E Street, NE. Recommendation: BZA appeal of DCRA decision to allow six residential units at 1124 E Street and letter informing Zoning Administrator of the appeal.
 - C. Accept Committee Report.
 3. Community Outreach *(15 minutes)*
 - A. Eastern SHS PTSA Grant. Recommendation: Approve \$2,000 grant.
 - B. Friends of Northeast Library Grant. Recommendation: Approve \$600 grant.
 - C. Maury ES PTSA Grant. Recommendation: Approve \$400 grant.
 - D. Fagon Advertising. Recommendation: Approve 1/8 page ad in Fagon Guide (\$220).
 - E. Candidates Guidelines. Recommendation: Adopt guidelines regarding political candidate participation at monthly Commission meetings.
 - F. Accept Committee Report.
 4. Public Safety *(5 minutes)*
 - A. Crime Public Forum. Recommendation: Send a letter of invitation to Chief Ramsey, and Councilmember Ambrose to participate in a public forum on crime in the area bordered by C Street to Benning Road and H Street Corridor.
 - B. Committee membership and attendance.
 - C. Accept Committee Report.
 5. Schools Committee *(5 minutes)*
 - A. Committee membership.
- 8:35 **Unfinished Business**
- 8:51 **New Business**
1. Town hall meeting on H Street singles moratorium (Borbely).
- 8:52 Community comments – Round 2 (if time permits)
- 9:00 Adjourn

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



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

Draft Minutes
November 10, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Beatty, Borbely, Fengler, Holden, Ibangha, and Rice

1. Approval of agenda

Mr. Fengler asked to add two items to New Business: an event held at Sherwood Recreation Center; and the status of the lease between the Office of Property Management and the House of Ruth. With those additions, the agenda was approved without objection.

2. Minutes

On Mr. Alberti's motion, the minutes from October were approved without objection.

3. Community Presentations

Lovejoy Park

Kimberly Flowers, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, introduced the staff members responsible for the Lovejoy Park project and ANC 6A area activities: Jackie Stanley, Shonda Ratliff, Ward 6 manager Wallace Perry, and Sherwood Rec Center director Maria Barner.

Jackie Stanley introduced Michael Valentine, senior project manager with the Temple Group, consultants on the Lovejoy Park project. Mr. Valentine reported that the contract for the project has been let, and they are now going through the steps in the permitting process, including the Department of Health, fire, electrical, storm water management, etc. He said the structural drawings are moving along, and that the timetable was that the permits should be issued in November, with construction scheduled to begin two weeks after the permit hearing, probably in December, with planting and other weather sensitive activities beginning in March. Ms. Beatty said that this was a "walk through" single permit project, and that Christopher Platt was shepherding the project as its expediter. She also said she was working with Anne Montgomery and Councilmember Ambrose.

Community member Kathy Hardy asked whether there would be community meetings to talk about lighting and security, and she was told by Ms. Stanley that DPR would come back to the community when there's a start date to answer additional questions. Lance Brown asked whether there would be a forum to talk about the uses of the park and was told that one would take place in May or June. Mr. Fengler asked about being updated on the progress of the project, and the Temple Group representative agreed to provide monthly updates to the ANC.

Construction schedule outline provided by The Temple Group:

November 2005: Building Permit; Notice to Proceed

December 2005-January 2006: Mobilize onsite; Temporary Fencing; Sediment and Erosion Control; Site Demolition; Earthwork

February, March and April 2006: Concrete Work; Unit Pavers; Resin Pavements; Playground Surface and Equipment; Fences; Wood Deck; Signage

April-May 2006: Landscape Work; Complete Project

Mr. Fengler then raised another issue: the use of Sherwood Rec Center as a “shelter” for out-of-town guests in town for an AIDS demonstration for five days without providing any prior notification to the community, and only one day’s notice to the Rec Center. Ms. Flowers said that the situation had been handled inappropriately by the Parks Department because proper notification had not been given. She committed to notifying the ANC, the Friends of Sherwood Rec Center and other groups of any non-traditional activity, including people staying at the Center, and allowing time for a response.

5. SMD Reports

Commissioner Beatty reported on a meeting with the Department of Parks and Recreation on the use of Kingsman Park as a dog park; no decision has been reached. It will be more than a year before DPR will be ready to move forward with the dog park project, but Ms. Beatty suggested that Kingsman be used as a pilot project for the initiative, or that the dogpark be located on private property.

Commissioner Borbely reported that there would be a block party on the 1300 block of F Streets NE; that his SMD would hold a meet and greet at the R&B Coffee Shop at 9:30 am on Saturday, October 19th; and that the HaHu Grocery’s ABC status hearing had been postponed but that he was continuing to work with the community on a protest of the license application.

Commissioner Fengler provided a lengthy written report (attached), with several action items he had undertaken.

Commissioner Ibangha reported on the increased violence in the SMD, which was reported to Commander Groomes at his last SMD meeting, including several fatalities and arrests. He also reported that there was a Take Back the Community event on November 9th.

Commissioner Alberti expressed his concerns about the proposed traffic increase in the 1400 block of C Street NE.

Commissioner Rice said he had testified at the DC Council, representing his SMD, on noise abatement legislation, expressing his concern about amplified church noise. He also said that the Historic Preservation Office notified him that construction will resume soon at 251 8th Street NE, with two residential units being included in the building.

Commissioner Holden said that at her last SMD meeting there was discussion of a DCRA project at 12th and Florida Avenue NE, where a huge fence has been under construction. There has been no notice of what is being constructed there, whether it is town homes or a home for a Negro Baseball Hall of Fame. She said there is no building permit, only a raze permit. She reported that the Department of Aging is constructing a senior wellness center at 5th and K Streets NE, which will also be the headquarters for the Department of Aging. She reported that anyone over the age of 60 will be able to use the center. She said that Commander Groomes is establishing drug-free zones around 10th and K NE, and that DPW came to her October SMD meeting and informed residents that all the alleys designated as needing work have been cleaned.

6. Officer’s Reports

Chair

Mr. Fengler reported that Commissioner Mack was not present due to a work emergency.

He said that he had begun hearing from candidates who wanted to speak before the ANC, and before accepting any speakers he wanted advice from the ANC on how to proceed. He said that the ANC was non-partisan, and he hoped to refer the issue to the Community Outreach committee before he proceeded. Mr. Alberti said that the ANC was an agency of the government and therefore he felt is

inappropriate to open the meetings to political presentations. He suggested that candidates would be welcome to speak during Community Comments and hand out literature if they so chose. Ms. Beatty agreed. Mr. Fengler reiterated that he would like to use the Community Outreach Committee as an arbiter on the issue, and asked that the committee provide the ANC with options.

Treasurer

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. The report shows that the opening checking account balance was \$8,707.36, and that the savings account balance was \$4,143.54. **Motions:** Mr. Alberti moved that a check for the following amount be approved: \$125 to Roberta Weiner for transcribing the ANC's minutes (Check #1261). The motion was approved without objection, leaving a checking account balance of \$8,582.36, and a saving account balance of \$4,144.90. **Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was 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.

7. Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing

HaHu Grocery

Ms. Beatty reported that she and Mr. Borbely have asked ABRA for a ruling on whether the 400-foot rule, which prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages within 400 feet of a school, applies in the case of HaHu, even though the school is on commercial property. **Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved the Committee's recommendation that if ABRA rules that the 400-foot rule does not apply, the ANC continue the protest and begin negotiations on a voluntary agreement.

In answer to a question from Mr. Alberti, Ms. Beatty said the grounds for a protest would continue to be that granting the liquor license would not be appropriate for the area; she said the community has said it does not want an additional licensed establishment at that corner. The motion passed without objection.

Other License Renewals

Ms, Beatty reported that there were five additional groceries whose licenses are up for renewal: 1101 Convenience Mart, DC Express, J&K, Lee's and China House. She said that there are problems with China House: selling liquor and cigarettes to minors, litter and garbage disposal, etc. **Motion:** Ms. Beatty moved the committee recommendation that the ABL committee begin negotiations with 1101, DC Express, J &K and Lee's on the current standard voluntary agreement, and that the ANC protest the renewal of China House. The motion was approved without objection.

Economic Development and Zoning

Carsharing Spaces

Mr. Rice reported that DDOT was asking the ANC's for their ideas on locations within the area to designate as locations for Flexcar and Zipcar parking, and if commissioners have ideas to let him know.

New Committee Member

Commissioner Ibangha nominated Linda Witted to serve on the Economic Development and Zoning Committee. Her nomination was approved without objection.

Apple Tree Early Learning Public Charter School

Mr. Rice presented information on the Apple Tree Charter School, which came before his committee prior to a scheduled hearing at the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The

school, which currently operates with 70 students at Riverside Baptist Church in Southwest, seeks to expand its operations to a building it purchased at 136-38 12th Street NE. The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs has determined that the use, number of students and size of the expanded building will be a matter-of-right in the R-4 zone district. He said he has asked the Zoning Administrator to provide a written determination of whether there have been any errors in interpretation or application of the zoning regulations for the application. He said the committee meeting was very well attended by members of the surrounding community and a large number of residents had communicated their concerns about the school, including the fact that the school is in the middle of a residential block with little parking and no buffer from surrounding houses; increased traffic on 12th and surrounding streets, and street blocking from drop-off and pick-ups; the effects of light and air; increased lot coverage; children playing on the roof; the lack of green space, etc. **Motion:** Mr. Rice moved the committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter to HPRB requesting that 1a) the hearing be delayed until DCRA makes a written determination of whether the proposal is a matter-of-right or requires zoning relief, and 1b) opposing the proposed design because of incompatibility with the surrounding neighborhood; 2) the ANC send a letter to DCRA explaining the need for this project to receive special exceptions and variances from the Board of Zoning Adjustment; and 3) the ANC send a letter to the District Department of Transportation asking the agency to require a traffic study for this proposal.

Ellen Opper-Weiner, representing Apple Tree, said she hoped she could facilitate discussion with the community. She said that, after listening to the community at the Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting, the developers had made modifications to their plans, offering to reduce the lot coverage from 80% to 60% in keeping with the neighborhood; eliminating the rooftop play area; reducing the number of students from 70 to 54; closing a contract of 10 parking spaces in a church parking lot one block away from the building; a staff reduction to 12 or 13 people; a drop-off plan that spreads out over one hour, and a three-hour pick-up plan; working to get a traffic light at 12th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; HVAC on the building roof; moving the dumpster out of sight; and not having school offices at the site.

Ms. Opper-Weiner said school representatives wanted to meet with residents and engage in mediation on the outstanding issues. She said the building has been designated as a matter-of-right, but that the administration of the school will come up with a detailed plan within the next several weeks, and no decision would be made on the matter-of-right issue until that time. Mr. Rice reminded Ms. Opper-Weiner that the HPRB hearing was scheduled for November 17th.

Dean Rosen, representing the neighbors in the Lincoln Park area, said that until tonight, the community had heard nothing about revised plans. He said that for the past five months Apple Tree had been pushing forward with its plans. He reiterated the issues that had been raised at the committee meeting, including the traffic and spillover to the surrounding neighborhood. He said that this was the first time that there had been outreach, and the attitude has been that the school can do this "by right." He questioned whether the community can trust Apple Tree now, after its performance during the past months.

Mr. Rice said that the ANC worked through two processes, one the formal process in getting papers signed and transmitting information to government agencies, the other an informal process to satisfy the concerns of the community. He asked Apple Tree to commit to a two-month delay to see if neighbors can reach an agreement with the school. Ms. Opper-Weiner suggested a delay of one month to see if neighbors can move things forward in that time.

Mr. Borbely said he was supportive of the committee's recommendations. He said charter schools, which serve the immediate neighborhood less directly than regular schools do, should not be allowed to pop up in a residential area without community input, and he urged the ANC to advocate that charter schools not be matter-of-right developments. Mr. Alberti said he is pleased that Apple Tree is making an effort to reach out to the community. He said that Maury Elementary School, one block away, serves three and four year olds, and he recommended that the ANC make it clear to DCRA that the ANC believes that the Apple Tree proposal is not a matter-of-right development. He expressed his fear that because enrollment at charter schools is growing, the ANC would be seeing such cases again.

Mr. Fengler said he supports the committee recommendations, and that the ANC has been fighting DCRA on matter-of-right development for two years. He said that the special exception process should be followed. He said a traffic study is warranted. He said it was unprofessional for an organization with lawyers and a community spokesperson to present radical changes at a meeting, having allowed no opportunity to analyze them.

Community members raised the issues of traffic, creating noise in a quiet neighborhood, destruction of the neighborhood's historic integrity, and the increased danger caused by installing a third traffic light at Lincoln Park. Gary Peterson, of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, said that its Historic Preservation Committee had considered the plans and recommends a continuation from HPRB.

Mr. Rice suggested amending 1b of his motion to add, "contingent on Applicant submitting revised plans." Mr. Alberti said that the concerns are with the plans already submitted, and the letter should say "we understand that Apple Tree is submitting revised plans, and ANC action is contingent on the withdrawal of current plans." Ms. Opper-Weiner said that the new proposal is offered in good faith, and she was pleased that the community is beginning to talk about this. She said it is a real proposal and that it was not presented sooner because there had been a short window of time. Community member Charlotte Holmes said the community is going to need time to look at the new plans prior to the December meeting.

Jack McCarthy, owner of the school, said that he will be happy to meet with residents and work through the issues. He said he believes there are two issues: some would argue it's not an appropriate use; and the building design itself may not be appropriate for the neighborhood. He expressed his willingness to work with the community.

Mr. Rice said that while Apple Tree presented new plans, and the recommendations are on the old plans, he is still in support of the Committee's recommendations. Mr. Borbely asked that the letter to DCRA make the case that charter schools should not be accepted as matter-of-right (not just ask DCRA to rule on this), and Mr. Alberti encouraged both dialogue and pursuing the special exception process. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Mr. Rice moved acceptance of his committee report, which was approved without objection.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Nelson reported that the committee had met with Andrew Lightman, editor of the Hill Rag, and that after the discussion, the committee recommended that the ANC stop advertising in DC North, because the paper's coverage is only minimally in the ANC area. There was also a discussion about redesigning the ANC's ad and increasing its size. Ms. Nelson said Mr. Lightman had told her that a larger ad would receive better placement, possibly with the ANC reports. The suggestion is to increase the size from the current 1/8 page, which costs \$145, to a 1/4 page, which will cost \$250.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved the committee's recommendation to discontinue the ad in DC North; that the ANC determine which size ad it wished to use; and that the Community Outreach committee be authorized to work with the Hill Rag on the final layout of the ad, and the transmission of its content. Mr. Fengler moved that the larger ad be used. Mr. Rice mentioned that the ad helps the ANC do a better job of meeting its official notice requirements and the papers were providing a service to the community and deserved ANC support. Mr. Borbely said that the \$1,000 the ANC would save by using the smaller ad could go to a grant; Ms. Holden said she could use that money for flyers in her community; Mr. Alberti said that the possibility of better placement was worth the money. The motion passed 4-3, with Mr. Borbely, Ms. Holden and Mr. Ibangha voting against.

The committee report was approved without objection.

Public Safety Committee

Rafael Marshall reported that the Operation Fight Back block party at 18th and D Streets NE was a great success and that all who attended had a good time. He also said that PSA 102 is looking for citizen coordinators, and anyone interested should contact him.

The committee report was accepted without objection.

Schools Committee

Mr. Borbely reported that the school facilities bill has been delayed twice and is now scheduled for a mark-up on December 5th. He said that Councilmember Ambrose appears ambivalent on the legislation, and residents should contact her to urge her to support the bill.

He also reported that the committee has decided to focus on the future of Eastern High School, and has invited school officials and activists to its next committee meeting on November 30 to discuss possible plans, which could include DCPS putting the school under private management for the next school year.

The committee's report was accepted without objection.

8. New Business

Sherwood Recreation Center Event

Mr. Fengler brought up the issue that was raised earlier in the meeting about the housing of participants in the Campaign Against AIDS at the Sherwood Recreation Center for five days without proper notification by the Department of Parks and Recreation to the ANC or the Rec Center.

Motion: Mr. Fengler moved that ANC 6A formally request the DPR promptly notify SMD Commissioners 30 days before non-traditional events are scheduled at a recreation center. It was passed 6-0. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that ANC 6A formally request that recreation not be used as housing centers—except for national emergency of natural disaster circumstances. The motion passed 5-0.

Lease Status between House of Ruth and Office of Property Management (OP)

The Office of Property Management stated last year that they would initiate a process in which the city and House of Ruth would negotiate a lease that would include provisions regarding maintenance and upkeep. To date, OPM has refused to either provide the lease, or acknowledge the request for a copy of the lease. **Motion:** Mr. Fengler moved that ANC 6A send a letter to formally request a copy of the lease from OPM. It passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Attachment: Commissioner Fengler's November SMD Report

1. **Event at Sherwood Recreation Center - Campaign to End AIDS.** This organization was given a permit by Department of Parks and Recreations to use Sherwood Recreation Center to house participants in their event for five evenings – from 9:00pm to 9:00am from November 4 through November 9. DPR did not inform with the community or the single member district commissioner of this event. According to the permits, Sherwood and Kennedy Recreation Centers were to be used as "shelters" for campaign participants. The participants and their staff will be sleeping in gymnasium and using Recreation showers. This permit was approved thru DPR (Director Flowers). Unfortunately, the Sherwood Recreation Center Staff was notified just one day before the event. Upon inquiry with DPR, Sherwood was to serve only as a back-up, overflow location. And as the number of participants projected did not exceed the capacity of Kennedy, Sherwood will not be used.

However, as it turns out, the Sherwood was required and notification was still not provided. **Action:** Twofold: (1) ANC 6A formally request that DPR promptly notify single member district commissioners 30-days before non-traditional events are scheduled at a recreation center. (2) ANC 6A formally request that recreation centers not be used as housing centers - except for national emergency or natural disaster circumstances.

2. **Lease Status between House of Ruth and Office of Property Management (OPM).** Last year, when we had several community meetings regarding the operation of the House of Ruth, it was discovered that the House of Ruth does not have a lease agreement with the city to use the old school house on the corner of 10th and G Streets, NE. At that time, OPM stated that they would initiate a process in which city and the House of Ruth would sign a lease that would include provisions regarding maintenance and upkeep issues. Unfortunately, and despite several e-mails over the last month, OPM has refused to either provide the lease or acknowledge the request for a copy of the lease. **Action:** Request that ANC 6A send a letter to formally request the lease from OPM.
3. **Zoning / Construction Issues at 1125 E Street, NE.** Working with the Zoning Administrator at DCRA to determine if the condominium conversion at this location meets the required zoning requirements in an R4 District. There are some challenges as to what part of the zoning code applies to this building – 900 square feet per condominium or one parking space for every three condominium. Also in contention is that the bulk of the construction was completed under two stop-work orders as well as work being conducted on Sundays. Mr. Crews acknowledged the request for information and will provide a written assessment by November 16, 2005. **Action:** Follow-up with DCRA on zoning interpretations and illegal construction with the possibility of forwarding this to our Economic Development and Zoning Committee for further recommendations.
4. **Abandoned, Broken Newspaper Boxes.** Over the last month, we have been working with DCRA and DDOT on the removal of abandoned, broken newspaper boxes on H Street (from 2nd Street to 15th Street) and 8th Street (from Florida Avenue to East Capitol). There is a minor jurisdictional issue between DCRA and DDOT. DCRA has the oversight responsibility to manage the use of newspaper boxes by registering each box for use (through a very nominal fee). However, DCRA would have the responsibility to remove those newspaper boxes that are not registered or abandoned. However, DDOT also has jurisdiction over the public space. DDOT is in the process of negotiating with DCRA on realigning the oversight responsibility from DCRA to DDOT. As a result, in the interim, DDOT coordinated the removal of the paper boxes that not in use and have removed others that are in use that were blocking handicap ramps were relocated. Thanks go to Mr. Lars Etzkorn and Mr. Tyrone Jackson at DDOT for completing this work. **Action:** Complete.
5. **Illegal Mechanics at AutoZone.** Illegal mechanics continue to operate in the parking lot, as well as the surrounding streets, at AutoZone despite coordinated efforts to work with MDP and DCRA to ticket both the mechanics and fine the business. **Action:** Exploring options to further increase enforcement of illegal mechanics – to include reviewing the certificate of occupancy requirements for AutoZone.
6. **Tree Removal and Fence Replacement at House of Ruth.** Working with Office of Property Management and the Urban Forestry Administration to remove trees on the public space on the G Street NE side of House of Ruth. These trees are leaning into the residences that abut the House of Ruth property. All the paperwork has been completed and the trees are scheduled to be cut down. Also, working with OPM to remove all old fencing and replace with a wooden fences, an iron fence or a combination of brick and iron. Bids are being solicited from contractors. **Action:** Follow-up with OPM on the bids for the fence.
7. **Sherwood Recreation Center.** We meet with Director Flowers on October 12, 2005 and discussed the following issues.
 - a) **Parking Lot Gate:** We again request that staff monitor this gate to ensure that it is not used as a “see-saw.” Further, we again suggest your department consider the installation of a sturdier gate. (*Status: Closed*)
 - b) **Street Safety:** As mentioned at our meeting and in previous correspondence, residents have

brought this matter to both the ANC 6A and the DDOT. You indicated your willingness to provide ANC 6A and DDOT with a letter indicated your support of our request for the installation of “driver awareness” crosswalks and rumble strips. (*Status: Open*)

- c) **Landscaping:** Thank you, again, for referring the issues related to landscaping at Sherwood Recreation Center to your Natural Resources staff. However, as previously discussed, their management of the landscaping to date has been less than impressive and continues to cause us concern. During our meeting, you assured us that the remaining landscaping issues would be addressed in the short- and long-term. We remain extremely concerned about this longstanding issue, and hope you will provide to us a plan to re-landscape and address any other landscaping issues at this property. (*Status: Open*)
 - d) **Parking Lot Lighting:** Thank you for your attention to the lights in the parking lot. As we highlighted during our meeting earlier this month, the lights at Sherwood had been burnt out for several months.
 - e) **Walking Track Lighting:** To date, it is unclear to us as to whether the lights around the walking track have been repaired, as the lights are not on in the evenings. On this item, we would, again, request that you have the lights turned on overnight. (*Status: Open*)
 - f) **G Street Lighting:** At the meeting, we requested that lights be installed on the G Street side of the property. To date we have not heard from your staff on this issue and it is unclear as to whether any action has been taken on this matter. (*Status: Open*)
 - g) **Trash Removal:** Your hourly “curb check” for trash program seems to be working quite well. Trash on the sidewalks and curbs along the center’s property remain clear of trash. We hope this program will remain in place, and we urge you to consider expanding it to both sides of the street aligning the property. (*Status: Closed*)
 - h) **Friends of Programs and Recreation Advisory Council (RACs):** During our meeting, we requested additional information about the rules and guidelines that govern “Friend of Programs” and RACs. Mr. Rogers of your staff assured us that we would receive this information in the days immediately following our meeting. To date, we have received no such information. (*Status: Open*)
8. **Traffic Calming Measures – 8th and Maryland, NE.** With the opening of Jacob’s Coffee House, combined with the already busy 7-11, the intersection at Maryland Avenue and 8th is seeing an increasing use by pedestrians. As Maryland Avenue is one of the major routes into the city, traffic during rush hour is also very high. We requested a review by DDOT and the service tracking number 1034985. **Action:** Follow-up with Christopher Delfs to schedule a Traffic Services evaluation. (Note: DDOT is now using the District’s Service Request Center -- either www.dc.gov or 727-1000 to track traffic related requests for service).
9. **Traffic Calming Measures on 10th Street between H and Maryland Ave, NE.** Increased pedestrian traffic at Sherwood Recreation Center and Prospect Learning Center needs to be accounted for in the traffic calming improvements. **Action:** Work with Christopher Delfs at DDOT for Traffic Services completes an evaluation.



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December 6, 2005

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Mr. Burger:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 10, 2005 with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to protest the Class B liquor license renewal of China House, located at 1601 Benning Road, NE.

The Commission opposes the license renewal on the grounds that the establishment has: 1) a negative effect on the peace, order, and quiet in the neighborhood, and 2) that the establishment violates DC law by selling to minors. Testimony of the community at an Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee held on October 18, 2005 indicates that several members of the community have witnessed "teenagers" drinking from single glass containers, bare cans, or brown paper bags in front of the store. The glass containers contribute to a significant problem of broken glass on public sidewalks. Further, the teenagers and other patrons of the store, loiter in the area eating the takeout food, thereby creating litter problems for nearby residents.

Commissioner Mary Beatty will represent our Commission at the renewal hearing on December 14, 2005.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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November 14, 2005

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Re: HPA #05-522 (138 12th Street NE)

Dear Ms. Burcham:

On November 10, 2005, at our regularly scheduled monthly public meeting, our Commission unanimously voted to send a letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board to assist in the review of 138 12th Street NE. As you are aware, this building was purchased by the AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation, a nonprofit organization with a charter from the DC Public Charter School Board. AppleTree has submitted plans for a preschool use and expansion of this property. The ANC opposes the proposed design submitted for our review because of incompatibility with the surrounding neighborhood.

At our latest ANC meeting, AppleTree indicated that they would be requesting a postponement of their scheduled November hearing date by submitting substantially revised plans which would require additional staff review. ANC 6A supports this postponement in order to provide time for community review of the revised plans. Although the revisions were described to the ANC, no actual plans were provided. As a result, ANC 6A is providing the following comments and general discussion on the plans for the "AppleTree Flagship" dated September 22, 2005.

First, the ANC recommends that HPRB delay hearing any proposal by AppleTree until the Zoning Administrator in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs makes a written determination of whether the proposal is a matter of right or requires zoning relief. In brief, the ANC has asked DCRA for a determination of whether AppleTree's use qualifies as a public school, a child development center, or private school. The outcome of this determination will have a substantial impact on the permissible size, scale, massing and lot occupancy of the expanded building. Depending on this determination, additional hearings by the Board of Zoning Adjustment may be necessary. As a result, it would be advisable for HPRB to wait for the zoning questions to be resolved before reviewing a project that may require substantial revisions for zoning reasons.

Second, the ANC opposes the design that has been submitted because of incompatibility with the surrounding neighborhood. According to AppleTree's submissions, the existing 4,320 sq. ft. building has two-stories plus basement with dimensions of 36' x 40' on a lot that is 36' x 117.5'. This corresponds to 34% lot occupancy. The plans call for an aggressive expansion to dimensions of 36' x 94' with an additional third floor of 800 sq. ft. set back 32' from the front of the building, a patio and a rooftop outdoor play area. This corresponds to 80% lot occupancy and 10,952 interior sq. ft. plus over 1,000 sq. ft. of usable roof space. The expansion would leave room for 3 parking spaces on the alley, but no yard or other greenspace in the rear of the building.



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One major concern is the scale and bulk of the expanded building with respect to neighboring historic residential properties. This property is located mid-block on the west side of 12th Street NE in the first block north of Lincoln Park. The immediate vicinity is composed almost entirely of modest residential rowhouses and lacks significant non-residential architecture. The existing building, while having a slightly less residential appearance, fits within the context of the residential neighborhood precisely because it does not overwhelm the surrounding properties with an excessive footprint on the lot. Any significant expansion beyond the existing building envelope would overshadow the existing contributing structure as well as the surrounding contributing residential structures. This would occur partly through projection toward the rear of the lot, but also because the addition would be two lots (36 feet) wide.

Another concern is the effect of the rear addition on the pattern of open rear yard/garden space behind the residential properties along the block. The addition proposed by AppleTree would create a mid-block obstruction to the current landscape of open backyards and garden areas immediately behind the rowhouses. This effect would be particularly pronounced for the neighboring properties, which would be presented with two-story blank walls topped with a rooftop recreation area. However, a double-wide addition would also affect the flow of the entire block. As a result of its overall mass and depth on the double lot, the proposed structure would destroy the open views along the rear of the 12th Street homes and would present itself to its 11th Street neighbors as a hulking institutional presence.

Another concern is the visibility of various elements of AppleTree's proposed structure from the street and alley. Based on the materials provided by AppleTree, it is unclear to what extent the third story addition, required mechanical systems, or any playground equipment in the rooftop recreation area will be visible from 12th Street NE, Constitution Avenue NE, Walter Houp Court NE, or the wide rear alley. The potential visibility of these elements would detract from the strong residential character of the surrounding area. Given the lack of details, it seems that there is a possibility that these elements could end up being more obtrusive as the proposal moves through other code reviews. In particular, the presence of children on the upper floor and roof may require additional fencing, fire escapes, or other elements that are not shown in current drawings.

In conclusion, should your review of the AppleTree proposal move forward at this time, we urge you to reject it. As described in this letter, in the staff report, in comments from the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, and in letters from residents, this project has the potential to reshape a historic residential neighborhood in radical and unwelcome ways.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Commissioner Rice at 202-544-3734 or rice6A03@verizon.net.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Emily Paulus, Historic Preservation Office



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December 6, 2005

Clifford B. Janey, Superintendent DCPS
825 North Capitol Street, NE,
Washington, D.C., 20002

Commander Diane Groomes, First District
Metropolitan Police Department
415 4th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Maury Elementary School Public Safety Challenge

Superintendent Janey and Commander Groomes:

At our October 13, 2005, regularly scheduled ANC 6A meeting, we voted unanimously to inform you in writing about the persistent problems at the Maury Elementary School playground. The school is located on the corner of 13th Street and Constitution Ave NE, in Police Service Area 103. Residents have seen ongoing drug activity and prostitution on the school's playground. Condoms, drug paraphernalia, and alcohol containers are found regularly on school grounds. School property has been vandalized, including the new playground equipment, which was installed just a year ago. Stolen cars have also been recovered from within playground fencing. The school staff has found it necessary to police the playground each morning, well before the students arrive, to ensure that the school grounds are safe for children. The site is particularly attractive to the criminal element due to the multiple escape routes afforded by the layout of the playground and the interruptions in the fencing. The fence is chain link and wide openings have been repeatedly been cut into it.

Principal Wilson recently called a community meeting regarding this activity at which Metropolitan Police Department First District officers were present. Videotape of vandals and photographs of graffiti and damaged property have been provided to the police. Sergeant Williams stated that the playground curfew ("closed at dusk") could not be enforced because the school is not completely fenced. He said the police could intervene if they witness a crime in progress but could not ask the loiterers to leave the premises unless the property is completely secured. Mr. Wilson has submitted a requisition for a secure iron fence, such as the one at Miner Elementary School., but it has not yet been approved.

Accordingly, our Commission requests that: (1) a secure iron fence, with gates that can be locked, be installed surrounding the Maury E.S. playground; and (2) the Metropolitan Police Department provide increased attention to the illegal activity on the site and begin to enforce the dusk curfew until such fencing has been installed.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc:
Mayor Anthony Williams
Michael Wilson, Principal of Maury
Cornell Brown, DCPS Office of Facilities Mmgmt
Edward Reiskin, Deputy Mayor of Public Safety
Peggy Cooper-Cafritz, School Board Chair

Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Tommy Wells, School Board Representative
Peter Jones, Neighborhood Services
Lieutenant Caldwell, PSA 103
Alphonso Coles , Community Outreach First District



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November 14, 2005

Dan Tangherlini, Director
District Department of Transportation
2000 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Need for Traffic Study for Proposed Preschool Use at 138 12th St NE

Dear Mr. Tangherlini:

On November 10, 2005, at our regularly scheduled monthly public meeting, our Commission unanimously voted to request that the DDOT require a traffic study from the AppleTree Institute for the proposed use of 138 12th Street NE as a preschool for 3 and 4 year olds. As initially proposed, the program would have capacity for 72 students and 16-20 staff. Hours would be from 8 am to 6 pm. This use has the potential to add to traffic during rush hours, impact safety, reduce on-street parking, and obstruct the alley.

The major traffic impact of this use is expected from parents as they attempt to navigate the surrounding streets, find space to park, and transfer their children from car seat to preschool and back. Reaching this location can be difficult due to the directional restrictions on the surrounding streets, magnifying the impact of a wrong turn. Parents will have to contend with rush hour traffic on Constitution Ave NE and East Capitol Street NE. As nearby residents can attest, the nearby intersection at 12th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE is the scene of frequent accidents. This intersection is controlled via a two-way stop on 12th Street NE. Adding more daily traffic during the periods of peak use will strain the existing infrastructure and probably increase the number of accidents.

Continued availability of residential parking is also a concern. AppleTree has not requested a loading zone in front of their building, but residents are concerned that one will be imposed by the city. This would reduce the number of on-street parking spots available for residents and their visitors. Furthermore, there are concerns about where AppleTree staff and visitors will park since the neighborhood is largely RPP zoned and only 3 off-street parking spots will be provided. There is a strong possibility that the alley behind the building will become jammed with illegally parked vehicles, denying residents access to their own garages and impeding mobility. Given the age of the children, it is likely that drop-off and pick-up will be a protracted process.

ANC 6A urges that you require the AppleTree Institute initiate this study as soon as possible and inform us of the schedule for completion and your subsequent review. Thank you for your attention and prompt action on this request.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

CC: Sharon Ambrose, Ward 6 Councilmember
Christopher Delfs, Ward 6 Transportation Planner
Commander Diane Groomes, First District of the Metropolitan Police Department



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November 14, 2005

Bill Crews
Zoning Administrator
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
941 North Capitol Street NE, Room 2000
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Need for Board of Zoning Adjustment Review of 138 12th Street NE

Dear Mr. Crews:

On November 10, 2005, at our regularly scheduled monthly public meeting, our Commission unanimously voted to send this letter explaining the need for the AppleTree Institute to seek special exceptions and variances from the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for their planned preschool use and expansion of 138 12th Street NE. Our concern is that DCRA will incorrectly issue building permits and a certificate of occupancy for a “public school” use at this location in the R-4 zone district.¹

In this case, the building will be operated and maintained by the AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation, a nonprofit organization. However, according to the zoning regulations, a public school must be operated and maintained by the DC Board of Education. By definition, if a building is operated or maintained by another entity, then it cannot be a public school for zoning purposes.² Therefore, DCRA should not treat this use as a public school for zoning purposes.

Instead, DCRA should recognize the intended use of the building as a “child development center.” This use encompasses other educational uses such as child care centers, preschools, nursery schools, and before-and-after school programs.³ Child development centers are permitted in an R-4 District as a matter of right per 11 DCMR 330.5(d), provided that the center shall be limited to no more than sixteen (16) individuals. A child development center may serve additional children if BZA grants a special exception and may expand beyond 40% lot occupancy if BZA grants a variance. Alternatively, DCRA could treat all charter schools as “private schools.” Either treatment would conform to the zoning regulations as they are currently written, since the “public school” definition is reserved exclusively for buildings that are operated and maintained by BOE.

¹ Public schools are matter of right use beginning in the R-1 District per 11 DCMR 201.1(k) and may exceed 60% lot occupancy per 11 DCMR 403.1, subject to certain limitations.

² 11 DCMR 199.1 reads in relevant part: “School, public - a building operated and maintained by the District of Columbia Board of Education for educational purposes and such other community uses as deemed necessary and desirable.”

³ 11 DCMR 199.1 reads in relevant part: “Child/Elderly development center - a building or part of a building, other than a child development home or elderly day care home, used for the licensed care, education, counseling, or training of individuals fifteen (15) years of age or less and/or for care of elderly individuals, totaling six (6) or more persons, who are not related by blood or marriage to the caregiver and who are present for less than twenty-four (24) hours per day. This definition encompasses facilities generally known as child care centers, pre-schools, nursery schools, before-and-after school programs, senior care centers, elder care programs, and similar programs and facilities.”

There are sound public policy reasons for limiting “by right” zoning treatment to public school buildings that are operated and maintained by the DC Board of Education (BOE):

- First, when BOE proposes a “by right” school there is a facility planning process with substantial community involvement and feedback. This process exists to engage affected neighbors and manages potential spillover effects. By contrast, AppleTree has claimed the right to 80% lot occupancy for a building with capacity for 72 students and 16-20 staff without any formal process to weigh concerns about traffic, noise, and effects on light and air of nearby properties.
- Second, for its public schools BOE has generally selected larger sites that provide for setback from neighboring properties, recreational fields, and adequate parking. By contrast, AppleTree proposes to embed their facility in the middle of a continuous block of residential rowhouses, leaving room for only three parking spaces and a rooftop play area.
- Third, if residents are dissatisfied with a BOE proposal or a public school’s operation and maintenance, their elected school board representatives can be held accountable. By contrast, AppleTree answers first to their private board of directors and then to the DC Public Charter School Board, which is unelected.
- Fourth, BOE schools have enrollment boundaries that ensure that most of the public benefit of the school will accrue to the surrounding residential area that must absorb its impact. By contrast, charter schools have open admissions to all DC residents and cannot guarantee any level of enrollment benefit to residents in the immediate area of the school.

It is understandable that AppleTree would prefer the “by right” privilege rather than seeking zoning relief. If treated as a public school for zoning purposes, AppleTree can maximize their enrollment (and revenue) without regard to any other consideration. Having AppleTree seek zoning relief from the BZA would ensure a fair and open process to parallel what BOE undertakes in exchange for their “by right” treatment in the R-4 zone district. It also happens to be what the zoning regulations currently require.

It is important to the residents of the neighborhood that DCRA correctly treat this property as a child development center and take steps to determine the number of children to be served at the location. If incorrectly treated as a public school, the neighbors of the property will have no effective venue for input on traffic, pedestrian safety, noise and parking demand associated with facility operations, or on potential impacts to light, air, and property values of adjacent properties from expansion of the existing building.

Based on these concerns, we request that you direct AppleTree to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to seek the required zoning relief before issuing any building permits. We would greatly appreciate the courtesy of a written response within two weeks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Commissioner Rice at 202-544-3734 or rice6A03@verizon.net.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Dr. Patrick Canavan, DCRA Director
Emily Paulus, Historic Preservation Office



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November 15, 2005

Ms, Kimberly Flowers, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
Government of the District of Columbia
3149 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Ms. Flowers,

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for attending our Commission meeting last Thursday evening on November 10, 2005 at Miner Elementary School to update our community on the construction progress of Lovejoy Park located at 12th and E Streets, NE.

As you know, last spring the community was told that construction on the park would begin in August 2005. The delays in the permitting process, now moving into the fifth month, have created concerns about the ability of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Temple Group to uphold Department of Parks and Recreation's commitment to initiate construction this year. We appreciate your renewed commitment to help expedite the process and begin construction in December 2005.

As Lovejoy Park is located in Commissioner Beatty's single member district, she will work directly with Ms. Jackie Stanley in your office to obtain monthly updates of the progress on this project. We have been promoting the construction of this park for over three years. We look forward to working cooperatively with Department of Parks and Recreation, Temple Group, and Forney Construction in moving this project to completion.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fengler
ANC 6A-02 Commissioner

Mary Beatty
ANC 6A-05 Commissioner

cc: Councilmember Ambrose
Ms. Anne Montgomery, President, Friends of Lovejoy Park (annehmontgomery@hotmail.com)
Ms. Catherine Shea, Secretary, Friends of Lovejoy Park (sheacatm@cs.com)

6A06 Report -- Borbely

October 14, 2005

Carlink, INC.
1400 Maryland Ave. NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: Illegal use of Public Space at:
1400 Maryland Ave. NE.

Dear Business Owner:

This letter is to officially notify you that the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Oversight Office has investigated the above-mentioned location for an encroachment in the public space. Upon further review, it was discovered that there is an enclosed fence erected at 1400 Maryland Ave. NE., in public space. This letter is written to formally notify you of the illegal fence and cars encroachment on the above referenced property. Pursuant to the District regulations, “[w]ithout a permit no person shall erect a fence or wall... in any public street, avenue, or other public space...” See, 24 DCMR § 101.4. In addition “[w]alls and fences of a height greater than three feet (3ft. x 6in.) shall be permitted only when specifically approved by the Mayor” See, 24 DCMR § 103.3.

The Department has no record of a public space permit authorizing the use of the Public Space encroachment. However, if you have such permit, you are hereby requested to provide a copy to the following address, immediately:

Lamont Register, Chief
Office of Infrastructure Oversight
4901 Shepherd Parkway, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20032

You were issued a notice of violation on September 28, 2005, for occupying public space without a permit. In addition, please note that your failure to remove this fence has also made you subject to fines of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) upon conviction for this violation; with each day the fence remains constituting a separate offense.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lamont Register, Chief, at (202) 645-7050.

Sincerely,

Lamont Register, Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: Jackson, Tyrone (DDOT) [mailto:Tyrone.Jackson@dc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2005 10:25 AM
To: 'Marc Borbely'
Subject: RE: Enforcement of Public Space -- 1400 Maryland Ave. NE

Morning, I talked to Charles Stewart from Street Maintenance yesterday and he informed me that they would not be able to remove the fence until after the first of the year. Do to the preparation for the snow season and the Holydays.

From: Marc Borbely [mailto:borbely@anc6a06.us]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2005 7:19 AM
To: Jackson, Tyrone (DDOT)
Subject: RE: Enforcement of Public Space -- 1400 Maryland Ave. NE

Hi Mr. Jackson --

just wanted to check in with you and make sure that Street Maintenance is still expected to remove the fence at 1400 Maryland in the next few days.

best

- Marc

-----Original Message-----

From: Jackson, Tyrone (DDOT) [mailto:Tyrone.Jackson@dc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2005 5:19 PM
To: 'Marc Borbely'
Subject: RE: Enforcement of Public Space -- 1400 Maryland Ave. NE

Good talking with you also, a copy of the letter is attached, thanks.

From: Marc Borbely [mailto:borbely@anc6a06.us]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2005 4:01 PM
To: Jackson, Tyrone (DDOT)
Cc: Donna Hanousek (DDOT); Aryeh Fishman
Subject: RE: Enforcement of Public Space -- 1400 Maryland Ave. NE

Great speaking with you today, Mr. Jackson.

It sounds like you're doing a terrific job.

I understand from you that

- 1) a Cease and Desist letter was sent to the property owner a few weeks ago, informing him that he must remove the fence, or it will be removed by the city, with the owner to be charged for the cost
- 2) that DCRA has not received a response to that letter
- 3) therefore Street Maintenance is due to remove the fence within the next 2-3 weeks, or hopefully sooner.
- 4) today or tomorrow you will e-mail or fax me a copy of the Cease and Desist letter that went to the property owner
- 5) we'll be kept in the loop moving forward.

Thank you so much for your service to our neighborhood.

-----Original Message-----

From: Joseph Fengler [mailto:fengler6a02@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2005 8:04 PM

To: ANC 6A Open

Cc: Gottlieb Simon; Nicholas Alberti; Mary Beatty (6a05); Marc Borbely (6a06); Mfon S. Ibangha (6a08); Gladys Mack; Raphael Marshall (PS); Elizabeth Nelson; Stephanie Nixon (6a08); Cody Rice (6a03)

Subject: Commissioner Holden Resigns

Commissioner Robyn Holden as resigned from our Commission. Here is the full text of the letter from Robyn Holden, postmarked 11/11/05:

Commissioner Joseph Fengler:

I am writing to inform you that I will be resigning my responsibilities as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, due to increased family obligations effective December 1, 2005.

I realize that selecting and introducing a new ANC may be difficult, and I will do whatever I can to make this transition a smooth one. I have streamlined the list of active SMD 6A01 residents that attend the monthly meetings. I can provide that list when the new commissioner takes office.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with ANC 6A. I wish you continued success and growth.

Sincerely

Robyn Holden

cc:

Board of Elections

Mayor Williams

Councilmember Ambrose

Chair ANC 6A

Jerome Duval

On November 18, 2005, the Board of Elections and Ethics issued a public notice announcing a vacancy in ANC 6A01, from Voter Services Supervisor Karen Brooks (727-2525) with petition circulation period of 11/29 through 12/19, and petition challenge period of 12/22 through 12/29.

If you have any questions, please contact our Commission Secretary, Commissioner Marc Borbely. His contact information can be found on our website at www.anc6a.org. You can also find the single member district map of ANC 6A-01 on our website as well.

On November 18, 2005, the Board of Elections and Ethics issued a public notice announcing a vacancy in ANC 6A01, from Voter Services Supervisor Karen Brooks (727-2525) with petition circulation period of 11/29 through 12/19, and petition challenge period of 12/22 through 12/29.

If you have any questions, please contact our Commission Secretary, Commissioner Marc Borbely. His contact information can be found on our website at www.anc6a.org. You can also find the single member district map of ANC 6A-01 on our website as well.

Ms. Nelson, please post the text of this letter to our website with a link on the opening page.

Regards,

Joseph Fengler



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ANC Treasurer's Report
November 2005

Period Covered: 11/01/05 - 11/30/05

Checking Account:

Balance Forwarded			\$	8,582.36
Receipts:				
	District Allotments		\$	5,794.42
	Interest Income		\$	-
	Transfers from Saving Account		\$	-
	Total Receipts		\$	5,794.42
Total Funds Available			\$	14,376.78
Disbursements:				
	Bank Service Charge		\$	3.00
	Kinko's Inc. (Sept. 05 bill)	CK# 1262	\$	1,105.28
	Roberta (Minutes Act. 05)	CK# 1263	\$	125.00
	Total Disbursements		\$	1,233.28
Ending Balance			\$	13,143.50

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded			\$	4,144.90
Receipts:				
	Interest		\$	1.41
	Transfers from Checking Account		\$	-
	Total Receipts		\$	1.41
Total Funds Available			\$	4,146.31
Disbursements:				
	Total Disbursements		\$	-
Ending Balance			\$	4,146.31



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Quarterly Report Period Covered 07/01/05 - 09/30/05 ANC 6A

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements: Checking Account

Balance Forwarded		\$	13,842.47
Receipts:			
District Allotments 4th Quarter	\$	5,794.42	
Interest Income	\$	-	
Other Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers from Saving Accounts	\$	-	
Total Receipts			\$ 5,794.42
Total Funds Available			\$ 19,636.89
Disbursements:			
1. Net Salary and Wages	\$	-	
2. Workers Compensation	\$	-	
3. Insurance:			
4. A. Health	\$	-	
5. B. Casualty/Property	\$	-	
6. Total Federal Wages Taxes	\$	-	
7. Tax Penalties	\$	-	
8. Local Transportation	\$	-	
Office Rent	\$	-	
9. Telephone	\$	-	
10. Services	\$	-	
Postage and Delivery	\$	100.00	
12. Utilities	\$	-	
Printing and Copying	\$	1,611.45	
14. Flyer Distribution	\$	-	
15. Purchase of Service	\$	127.50	
16. Office Supplies	\$	-	
17. Office Equipment			
A. Rental	\$	-	
B. Purchase	\$	-	
18. Grants	\$	3,296.16	
19. Training	\$	-	
20. Petty Cash Reimbursement	\$	-	
21. Transfers to Saving Account	\$	-	
22. Bank Charges	\$	3.00	
23. Other	\$	-	
Total Disbursements			\$ 5,138.11
Ending Balance:			\$ 14,498.78



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Summary of Receipts and Disbursements: Savings Account

Balance Forwarded			\$ 4,140.72
Receipts:			
Transfers From Checking Account	\$	-	
Other (Interest Earnings, etc.)	\$	4.18	
Total Receipts			\$ 4.18
Total Funds Available			\$ 4,144.90
Disbursements:			
Transfers to Checking Account	\$	-	
Other	\$	-	
Total Disbursements			\$ -
Ending Balance:			\$ 4,144.90

CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT DEPOSITS		
Deposits to Checking Account		
(Including transfers from savings account)		
Date	Amount	Source
09/28/05	\$ 5,794.42	4th Quarter Allotment
Total	\$ 5,794.42	
Deposits to Savings Account		
(Including transfers from checking account)		
Date	Amount	Source
07/29/05	\$ 1.41	Interest
08/31/05	\$ 1.41	Interest
09/30/05	\$ 1.36	Interest
Total	\$ 4.18	



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Listing of Checks

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Expense Category	Purpose of Expenditure	Date Approved (1)
1254	07/09/05	KidPower-DC Inc	\$ 500.00	18	Grant to KidPower-DC Inc.	06/09/05
1255	07/14/05	Roberta Weiner	\$ 127.50	15	Recording of Minutes (Jun. 05)	10/14/04
1256	07/25/05	DEHEN	\$ 502.00	18	Grant to Spingarn HS PTSA	07/14/05
1257	08/23/05	Kinko's Inc	\$ 1,611.45	13	Photocopying ANC Business	04/14/05 & 05/12/05 & 06/14/05
1258	09/16/05	USPS	\$ 100.00	11	PO Box (Oct 05-Mar 06)	09/08/05
1259	09/16/05	Delta Education	\$ 995.80	18	Maury Elem. PTSA	09/08/05
1260	09/18/05	Home Depot	\$ 1,298.36	18	Lulow Taylor Elem. PTSA	09/08/05
Total			\$ 5,135.11			



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Alcohol Beverage License Committee
ANC 6A
November 15, 2005
Sherwood Recreation Center

Committee Members Present:

Mary Beatty (Chair)
Lyndon Bonaparte
Tim Carney
Tolu Tolu
Tish Olshefski (Secretary)
Michael Hermanns

Committee Members Absent: Patti Neal; Malcolm Ross

Meeting called to order at 7:00 am.

Commissioners Present: Marc Borbely (ANC6A06); Gladys Mack (ANC6A07); Nick Alberti (ANC6A04)

Community Members: James Lewis; L. Jamerson Adams; Andre Davis; William Alexander, Jr.; Thomas Roy; Chung Yull Shim; Daisy D. ?; H. J. Arman; Soon Nom Park; David Shim; Chae Won Shim; Jordan Washington; Assefa Arefaine; Gary Cha. (Others present who did not sign in as requested).

I. Acceptance of Agenda. No changes made to the agenda as published. Mary Beatty asked for objections. None. Agenda approved.

II. Minutes. Mary Beatty asked for objections to accepting the minutes of the October 18, 2005 meeting. None. Minutes Approved.

III. Community Comment

Mr. Adams. CEO of Capitol Hill Carpet. Our community 6a06 is being flooded with drug activity. We have cleaned it up to some degree but don't feel that the commissioner is aware of what is going on in the community. Need to have the commissioner take a better look with police district 1D (PSA 103). (Mr. Adams was advised that the public safety committee meets on the 2nd wed of every month at Miner Elementary.)

IV. Updates of ANC6A Action. All recommendations and motions made at the October 18 ABL Committee meeting were passed by the ANC and the ANC will move forward on a protest of China House and with beginning the process to sign voluntary agreements with the other establishments.

V. Old Business

A. H Street Moratorium Task Force needs to schedule a meeting to follow up on tasks/assignments. The Task Force members (Mary Beatty, Tim Carney, Lyndon Bonaparte, Malcom Ross). The Task



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Force will meet once in November and once in December. In response to an audience question, this is only a task force meeting to assign tasks, not an open committee meeting for public comment, so there will be no notice to the community of the meeting dates/times. Discussion continued on the specifics of the moratorium.

B. ANC December meeting: The next meeting will be December 20. 4 to 2 vote to hold the meeting.

VI. New Business

A. We have 5 renewals to review and act on.

Me and My Supermarket--petition date: 12/12

Parks Economy Market--Petition date: 12/12

Bella Market--petition date: 12/19

S&T Supermarket--petition date: 12/19

Sun and Moon Grocery--petition date: 12/19

Mary Beatty asked for a show of hands for comments on each renewal and the order was determined by the renewals with the greatest number of audience members electing to speak. Because of the number of community members and our limited time, please limit comments to 2 to 3 minutes.

1. Sun & Moon Grocery

Community members making comments: Mr. Lewis; Ms. Adams; Mr. Roy; Mr. Davis; Mr. Adam; Mr. Pittman and store owner Mr. Chae Won Shim. Generally positive comments from all community members who spoke. Many times pointed out that problems with the citizens at the bus stop directly in front of the store are not related to sales at the Sun & Moon Grocery. Mr. Adams presented a petition signed by community members who say they have gotten good service from the owner.
Committee/Commissioner Comments/Questions:

Tolu Tolu: I do frequent the Sun and Moon store and have not one bad thing to say about the store. Store owners are very respectful to me.

Tim Carney: Is the standard voluntary agreement an option here?

Commissioner Borbely: I passed out 150 flyers to the community asking them to come to the meeting if they have any concerns. I received 3 letters and had one comment that the shop is ugly but can't deny a license for that reason; and another comment that the building needs extensive façade work.

Mary Beatty: Comment from an email: The Sun & Moon on H Street should close its doors. Saw a grown man urinating in front of the store.

Michael Hermann moved that the Committee recommend no action. Seconded by Miss Tolu. After discussion by the committee the motion amended to take a no protest action and offer a standard voluntary agreement. Further discussion. Vote: 6 to 1

2. Parks Economy Market

Community members making comments: Ms. Nixon; Mr. Yuzes and owner Mr. Soon Nom Park. Issue raised about inconsistencies between the posted name of the store (Nom Economy Market) and the name on the renewal application (Parks Economy Market); and that the sign posted for the renewal is not legible from a foot away. Issues raised about the presence of loitering individuals who



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harass community members. Comments were also shared from emails representing about 25 people. There is no voluntary agreement with this market. Point also raised that we need stores such as this in the neighborhood but the condition of the building needs a lot of work. Owner shared that he has the paint and materials to replace the sign to reflect the proper name and an estimate is given that the work should be done in two to three weeks depending on the weather.

Mary Beatty moved that the committee recommend a protest to this license renewal application at the same time we begin negotiations on a voluntary agreement. Seconded: Lyndon Bonaparte. Discussion including a request that we make clear to the ANC that the protest is just really a holding pattern until the agreement is signed. Vote: 5 to 2.

3. Me and My Supermarket

Community members making comments: Mr. Washington. There are no problems with this store. Owner Mr. David Shim: pointed out that this neighborhood has gotten significantly better over the last 17 years. He tries to deal with loitering and drinking issues to the best of his ability. He has a board ordered restriction on the times he can sell singles.

Committee/Commissioner Comments:

Miss Tolu: Problem is that this store can't sell singles and other stores in the area can.

Mary: Has he ever been offered a voluntary agreement? (Response is that there may be a cooperative agreement.)

Tim Carney: There were people in the neighborhood drinking publicly. May have gotten better but it still exists. There is another store across the street and it may have come from there.

Mary Beatty moved that we take no action and offer a voluntary agreement to review and sign. Seconded by Lyndon Bonaparte. No discussion. Vote: 7 to 0

4. S&T Supermarket

Community Comments: None

Committee/Commissioner Comments:

Nick Alberti – We have an agreement with Mr. Arefaine, the owner

Mary Beatty moved that the Committee recommend no action. Seconded by Tish Olshefski. No discussion. Vote: 7 to 0.

5. Bella Market

Community comments: None

Committee/Commissioner Comments: None

Mary Beatty moved that the Committee recommend no action and present the owner with our standard voluntary agreement. Seconded by Lyndon Bonaparte. No discussion. Vote: 7 to 0.

B. ABRA protest moved to the December meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 pm. Next meeting on December 20, 2005.

Respectfully submitted by Tish Olshefski, Secretary



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**REPORT OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING COMMITTEE
OF ANC 6A
November 29, 2005**

Present: Commissioner Cody Rice; Resident Members Jeff Fletcher, Virginia Gaddis, Rich Luna, Laura Peterson, Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert, Dea Varsovsky, and Linda Whitted.

Commissioner Rice chaired the meeting.

Recommendations to DDOT on spaces for carsharing

The committee heard a presentation by representatives from Flexcar and the District Department of Transportation on the new program to designate certain on-street spaces for carsharing. On-street carsharing spaces are marked with orange poles, special signage and pavement markings with brochures in boxes on the poles. These high visibility spaces are designed to expand carsharing usage and educate the public about carsharing. According to DDOT guidance, the on-street spaces should not be on streets with rush hour, street cleaning, Residential Permit Parking, or snow route restrictions.

According to DDOT, carsharing helps reduce demand for parking and lower traffic congestion and air pollution because 6-10 individuals or households share a car instead of each owning one. The experiences of Arlington and other localities, as described in research studies, show that people who join carsharing services often sell their car or avoid buying a second one, using transit or walking and biking instead. Carsharing can be especially advantageous for low-income persons when their transportation needs are not fully met by transit, taxis, traditional rental cars or car ownership.

In exchange for access to on-street spaces, the carsharing companies are required to sign a contract with DDOT in which they agree to various requirements. The one-year contracts may be renewed, renegotiated or terminated based upon an evaluation of results. DDOT reserves the rights to charge a fee for the reservation of public space should it determine that doing so is in the public interest.

On November 8, DDOT notified ANC 6A of their intent to designate two spaces on the 800 block of 12th Street, NE (Meter #120804NE and #120802NE) which are converted meter parking spaces. The committee discussed this recommendation and no objections were identified, although committee members did ask which side of the street the spaces would be and why one side of the street was chosen over the other. In a subsequent email, DDOT said that the spaces are on the west side of the street. The west side of the street was chosen because the east side has Residential Permit Parking restrictions.

The committee also discussed the utility of identifying other candidate locations in ANC 6A for carsharing. Some of these locations may be in private parking lots or on private property, which would require the carsharing companies to negotiate with property owners. Some of the locations discussed



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included the AutoZone lot on H Street NE, near the Capitol Hill Towers on G Street NE, in the lot at Eliot JHS, in the lot at Maury ES, at 18th & D Streets NE, in the Holy Name parking lot at 11th & K St NE, in the lot across from Peace Baptist Church, behind 1320-1322 H Street NE in Wylie Ct, and several locations in SMD 6A03. The DDOT representative indicated that DDOT would give serious consideration to any candidate locations recommended by the ANC.

Recommendations: 1) That the ANC not object to the designation of 2 spaces for carsharing on the west side of the 800 block of 12th Street NE, and 2) That the ANC send a letter to DDOT with additional candidate locations for carsharing based on Commissioner nominations.

Fast-food restaurants on H Street NE: update and status

The committee discussed three new eating establishments that are under construction or near completion on H Street NE in ANC 6A. These are Birdland at 1118 H Street NE, H Street Café at 1253 H Street NE, and Rib Tip at 1128 H Street NE. All of these locations have been brought to the attention of the Zoning Administrator in the expectation that he will properly distinguish between “by right” restaurants and fast-food restaurants that require a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

As with Cluck-U Chicken at 1123 H Street NE, the ANC may need to be prepared to appeal any improperly issued certificates of occupancy. DCRA does not appear to have changed its zoning review practices for eating establishments following the Blimpie appeal. Every new eating establishment seems to be classified as a restaurant, regardless of internal configuration or operating practices.

One committee member expressed her strong concerns about the need to keep the alleys clean behind these new eating establishments. She offered to draft an enforcement letter that the committee could consider for recommendation to the ANC. She also noted that businesses do not seem to be aware of the design guidelines and other aspects of the city’s H Street NE Revitalization Plan. It was mentioned that city agencies such as Office of Planning and the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, as well as H Street Main Street, could do a better job of educating businesses and investors of the need to comply with design guidelines (particularly on rolldown security gates) and obtain special exceptions for fast-food restaurants.

The committee also discussed whether the ANC might adopt additional strategies to ensure that DCRA properly classifies eating establishments and preserves the rights of residents to weigh in on the business practices of fast food restaurants that have spillover effects in the neighborhood. Two strategies that seemed promising were 1) to brief Councilmember Graham, who heads the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs with DCRA oversight and 2) to seek more meetings with DCRA leadership, specifically DCRA Director Patrick Canavan.



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1124 E Street NE: DCRA Error Regarding Expansion of Non-Conforming Use

The committee discussed a residential conversion at 1124 E Street NE that was brought to the attention of Commissioner Fengler by a resident. The resident was concerned about two unresolved Stop Work Orders that the developer seemed to be ignoring, construction activity on a Sunday, installation of 6 residential units on a 1,710 square foot lot, and possible problems with the number of parking spaces and lot coverage.

Commissioner Fengler brought these issues to the attention of the Zoning Administrator in DCRA, who is currently investigating. The Zoning Administrator stated that his chief zoning technician believes that if an R-4 building had a Certificate of Occupancy as an apartment, it can have as many units as it can provide parking for at 1 space for every 3 units. He also acknowledged that the building is an existing nonconforming structure for lot occupancy.

The R-4 District permits matter of right development of residential uses including detached, semi-detached and row single family dwellings and flats with a minimum lot area of 1,800 square feet, a minimum lot width of 18 feet, a maximum lot occupancy of 60 percent, and a maximum height limit of three stories/40 feet. Per 11 DCMR 401.3, The R-4 District requires a minimum lot area of 900 square feet per apartment unit.

Since the existing building predates the current zoning requirements of the R-4 District, the structure and the use of the structure were grandfathered. However, the property and its previously approved use for a 3 residential unit building constitute a nonconforming use within the R-4 District because the building did not conform to the minimum lot area of 900 square feet per apartment unit. Expansion of nonconforming structures and uses require variances from BZA, which have not been obtained by the developer. BZA dealt with a similar case in BZA Order 15657.

Recommendation: That the ANC submit an appeal to BZA on DCRA's decision to allow 6 units at this location without required variances. The committee also recommended a letter to the Zoning Administrator informing him of the appeal so that he will have an opportunity to bring the property into compliance.

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, January 31, 2005
7-9 PM
900 G Street, NE
Community Room of the Capitol Hill Towers



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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Community Outreach Committee
Minutes for November 21, 2005**

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

Attending COC members: (quorum)

Barbara Anderson

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

Community members present:

- Craig English, Eastern High School PTSA grant applicant
- Martin Carmody, Friends of Northeast Public Library grant applicant
- Tony Hurst, representing Northeast Public Library
- George Blackman, Maury Elementary School PTSA grant applicant

I. Update on discussion of advertising copy – at request of Commissioners

The COC has been authorized to purchase the larger ad in *The Hill Rag* and to work with advertising staff to get the copy ready (including frame set-up) for the January issue. After that, the ANC Secretary can just send the dates (or other information that has changed) rather than sending the complete ad. Andrew Lightman (*The Hill Rag*) has been contacted and will be back in touch to complete the arrangements. It was suggested that the ANC chair's phone number be included in the ad since the committee chairs phone numbers are listed. Marissa Irwin will do this.

II. Grant application from Eastern High School PTSA by Craig English

Mr. English gave us a brief history of the medical training program at Eastern SHS. It was established in the 80's and is currently being updated by him. Two items are being requested by the PTSA: curtains and medical reference materials/books. COC members asked about the price of the curtains: the curtains are needed to finalize the full scale real-life hospital room, which can double as a real hospital room in emergencies. The curtains will help the students learn how to respect patient privacy, a very important aspect to their training. The medical reference books provide scenarios for training purposes. These materials are not provided by DCPS. (Grant application and brochure attached).

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A provide \$2,000 (not to exceed) grant money to Eastern Senior High School PTSA for the purchase of curtains and medical reference materials/books.



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III. Grant application from Friends of Northeast Public Library by Martin Carmody and Tony Hurst

Mr. Hurst told us about the broadening of the children's section of the library. In the past six months, it has grown in interest and is bringing in many new children. As part of this effort, they are asking for funds to set-up a puppet theater. It will be the only full scale puppet theater in the DC Public Library system. Mr. Hurst has run puppet theaters in the past and will be managing this one with the help of volunteers. This will also provide opportunities to engage teens in the community. (Grant application attached).

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A provide \$600 (not to exceed) grant money to Friends of Northeast Public Library for the purchase of materials necessary to make and run a puppet theater.

IV. Grant application from Maury Elementary School PTSA by George Blackman

Mr. Blackman explained that the school has a fully functioning computer lab where students learn how to use a computer but the school does not have computers available that can be used for basic research and for getting projects completed. They have gotten computers and related materials from DCPS and other sources but need a few additional items (not provided by DCPS) to enable to them to get the internet research center fully functional. (Grant application attached).

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A provide \$400 (not to exceed) grant money to Maury Elementary School PTSA for the purchase of materials necessary to complete the internet research center.

V. Discussion of advertising in *Fagon Guide*

Fagon Guide is a telephone book for the hill and is delivered free of charge to hill residents once a year. In addition to the listing the ANC gets for free, we discussed placing an 1/8 page ad that would cost around \$220 (less non-profit discount). We discussed why placing an ad would be a good use of funds: it is a one-time payment and as people use it throughout the year there is a greater chance of people coming across the ad. The ad would be revised to get people's attention and encourage their participation. Marissa Irwin will produce a new draft of the ad.

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that a small ad be placed in the *Fagon Guide*.



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VI. Discussion of policy regarding requests from candidates to appear at ANC meetings

ANC 6A has been contacted by candidates seeking office. At the November ANC meeting, the commissioners referred the matter to the COC to develop a policy to deal with these requests in a consistent manner. After some discussion the COC developed the following statement:

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission is an official body of the District of Columbia government, as are the School Board, the Board of Zoning Adjustment or the City Council. The ANC meetings are held to conduct official business as are the hearings and meetings conducted by other City agencies. Campaign activities fall outside the purview of the ANC and are no more appropriate for ANC meetings than they are for the functions of any other body of the District government. Therefore, we recommend that:

- 1) Candidates for public office should not be given time on the ANC agenda for any discussion of their candidacy
- 2) If candidates wish to make a statement during community comments, it should be on a topic relevant to ANC 6A business, without mention of their candidacy.
- 3) Candidates wishing to introduce themselves to potential constituents or distribute campaign literature should be asked to do so outside the meeting room, as people exit, so as not to disrupt the meeting.
- 4) ANC 6A should not sponsor a candidates forum.

Committee recommendation (unanimous): that ANC 6A adopt the policy as outlined above.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.
Next meeting is December 19.

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Irwin



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1. DATE OF APPLICATION 11 /18 /2005	2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY Winter 2005
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3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS Eastern Senior High School PTSA on behalf of the Health and Medical Sciences Academy, Eastern SHS 1700 East Capital St, NE Washington, DC 20003
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4. CONTACT NAME Craig English	5. TITLE Program Director
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6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

7. TELEPHONE (301)792-1032	8. FAX (202) 698-4590
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9. E-MAIL ADDRESS englishca@gmail.com

10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY The Health and Medical Sciences Academy (HMSA) at Eastern SHS needs \$2000 to purchase track curtain system for mock hospital suite and professional medical reference texts. DCPS has already stated that they will not be able to provide these items, being outside the scope of their budget.
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11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST \$2000	12. AMOUNT REQUESTED \$2000 (not to exceed)
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13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES) Perkins Grant

14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY) The Health and Medical Sciences Academy at Eastern SHS is located on Capital Hill. Students are trained for certified nursing assistant, dental assistant, or emergency medical technician, while preparing for post-secondary education. The majority of students reside in the ANC6A area. Currently over 2/3 of the healthcare jobs in Washington, DC are outsourced. The Academy prepares students for college while certifying them in one of three mentioned disciplines. By enabling students to have a marketable trade there is less outsourcing of healthcare jobs and more money stays in the local community, allowing renewal and growth. .



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Health and Medical Sciences Academy
 Eastern Senior High School

The Health and Medical Sciences Academy (HMSA) at Eastern SHS accepts a significant number of children from within the ANC6A area.

The HMSA is a special high school program that prepares its participants to enter the health field upon graduation or to pursue post-secondary education. Students enrolled in the HMSA are members of a community that emphasizes positive values, education, constructive employment and training in one of the fastest growing industries.

Recent studies show that careers in health are among the most rapidly growing and most needed professions in America. This is no more apparent as it is in Washington, DC. Over two thirds of healthcare professions are outsourced to Maryland and Virginia; Emergency Medical Technicians are running at a 33% deficiency in the District of Columbia, both leading to the local communities paying the price. By training the community's youth and preparing them for careers in healthcare we are providing a means to better the local communities.

By filling healthcare positions with local residents we strengthen our local communities. More money remains in the local communities, while less leaves to Maryland and Virginia. By filling otherwise empty positions, we provide a greater security to our communities by being able to respond to emergencies faster and more efficiently. Through educating, mentoring, and training the youth of today, we strengthen local communities while molding tomorrow's leaders.

A mock hospital suite is being constructed for the training program. Some equipment is being provided, but not a track curtain system which is needed to complete the simulation. While DCPS does provide text books with the course materials, they will not provide a professional medical reference library. We therefore request that ANC6A partner with the Eastern SHS PTSA and provide these materials which will greatly enhance the learning environment.

***Budget:**

Track curtains for beds in mock hospital room	\$1500
Medical reference books	\$ 400
Shipping and Handling	\$ 100

Total	<u>\$2000</u> (not to exceed)

*Exact price of requested items cannot be known until time of purchase. Therefore, we request a grant not to exceed \$2000. Receipts documenting the actual purchase will be provided as required.



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1. DATE OF APPLICATION	2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY
08/15/05	Ongoing

3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS
Maury ES PTSA 1250 Constitution Ave N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

4. CONTACT NAME	5. TITLE
George Blackmon	PTSA President

6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)
529 Peabody St. NW #3, Washington, DC 20011 (202) 726-6922

7. TELEPHONE	8. FAX
(202) 698-3838	(202) 698-3844

9. E-MAIL ADDRESS
gblackmon@hewfcu.com

10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY
<p>The Maury Elementary School PTSA requests \$400 (not to exceed) to complete the computer installation in the Internet Research Centers. Maury already has a Computer Lab, however, it is fully occupied throughout the school day by scheduled kindergarten to six grade classes. Students and their teachers need additional access to the internet for research in other subject areas. An Internet Research Center is being developed to provide this resource. Mini-research centers are also planned for the Intermediate (3-6 grade) classrooms, which are not wired for the internet. Computers and printers have been acquired (from several funding sources) but not the other “odds and ends” necessary to complete the task. DCPS does not have funds to procure these items.</p>

11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST	12. AMOUNT REQUESTED
\$400	\$400 (not to exceed)

13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES)
In-school fundraising efforts.

14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY)
<p>Maury ES is located within ANC 6A and a majority of the students reside in ANC 6A. Its entire in-boundary area is within ANC 6A. All students in grades 3-6 (approx. 100 children) will have access to the Internet Research Centers. In today’s competitive environment, it is essential that our children have access to the advanced technology and research tools that they will encounter later in life. Students will benefit by learning to how to do independent research. Our community will benefit by having better educated youth and youth that are more engaged in the learning process.</p>



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PTSA Proposal for Maury Elementary School

Maury Elementary School serves approximately 230 children from Headstart through sixth grade. The school currently has a computer lab but it follows an hourly schedule of regular classes and there is little time for the lab teacher to work with students on an individual basis. So, it is generally not available to students and their teachers who want to do research outside of the scheduled lab time. A room has been set aside suitable for small groups of students. Computers and printers have been acquired (purchased or donated). However, there are numerous bits of hardware (Ethernet cables, hubs, etc.) that are still needed to complete the setup, without which the new equipment can't be used effectively. Unfortunately, these items are not provided for in the DCPS budget. While some of the equipment in the computer lab was provided by DCPS, Maury is developing the research center on its own. A grant from ANC 6A would enable Mrs. Walker (the computer science teacher) to complete the installation and get the existing equipment into working order. The installation and maintenance will be done by Maury faculty/staff under the direction of Mrs. Walker.

The exact number and cost of the required items won't be known until time of purchase. Therefore we request a grant not to exceed \$400.00. We will provide receipts for the actual amount received (which may be less than the amount requested) within the required timeframe.

BUDGET

Computer Hardware such as:

Switches:

Linksys - EtherFast 10/100 8-Port Workgroup Switch EZXS88W - \$49.99 (low end) or

Linksys - Ethernet Switch EG008W \$149.99 (medium range)

Cables (needed to connect computers to switches and switch to wall):

Dynex - 25' Cat6 Network Cable - Gray - \$22.99 (longest length) or

Dynex - 3' Cat6 Network Cable - Gray \$14.99 (shortest length)

TOTAL

\$400 (not to exceed)



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1. DATE OF APPLICATION	2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY
11/06/05	12/1/05

3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS	
Friends of the NorthEast Library (FONEL)	
330 7th Street, N.E.	

4. CONTACT NAME	5. TITLE
Darlene Gros	FONEL President

6. ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)
229-1/2 Ninth Street NE, Washington DC 20002

7. TELEPHONE	8. FAX
202-546-3611	(NONE) -

9. E-MAIL ADDRESS
quercus_and_quill@verizon.net

10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY
The Northeast Branch Children’s Department would like to offer teens a positive way to interact with their community by running a teen puppetry group. Staff and teens could put on afternoon and weekend puppet shows for toddler to grade school audiences. A community volunteer has been located to do the construction of the puppet theater and a different volunteer will sew the fabric back-drop and curtains.

11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST	12. AMOUNT REQUESTED
\$600	\$600 (NOT TO EXCEED)

13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES)
An additional \$60 in funds have been provided by Friends of the NorthEast Library.

14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY)
The project will benefit the Northeast Neighborhood community, including teens, families, staff, neighbors and other many residents of ANC6A. The puppet theater will be made of wood with a heavy duty fabric covering and, therefore, will be very durable. The puppet theater will provide a long lasting addition to library programming. The Library is not provided with funds for this purpose in its budget.



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**Proposal and Budget for
 Friends of the NorthEast Library Puppet Theater
 November 16, 2005**

Name: Darlene Gros, FONEL President
 Organization: Northeast Branch Library
 Address: 330 7th Street, N.E.
 City, State: Washington, DC, 20002

Daytime Telephone #: 202-546-3611
 Evening Telephone#: 202-546-3611
 Fax: None
 e-mail: quercus_and_quill@verizon.net

PROJECT LOCATION
 330 7th Street, N.E.

Amount Requested: \$600 (not to exceed)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Northeast Branch Library is just one block outside of the ANC 6A border, but serves a significant number of children and teens from within ANC 6A who participate in regular programs. As a response to the increase of patronage, the library will expand hours starting in January. This change will provide for more programs and opportunities for community participation in library activities. Having a puppet theater at the library will allow for greater creativity from staff, community members, and local teens. The project will be especially appealing to the large number of families with pre-school children who patronize the library.

Children’s programming at the library has recently quadrupled both the number of programs and attendees. Including a puppet theater would allow the library to reach an even broader audience. Recently, many school groups such as Miner, Options Charter, and Ludlow Taylor have come to the library for afternoon activities; the puppet theater would be a valuable teaching tool. In addition, the library is hoping to provide more ways for teens to positively interact with the library and their community. Currently there is a group of teens who use the library on a regular basis who have shown interest in being part of a teen puppetry group.

A community member with building experience has offered to build the puppet theater after consulting with Children’s Librarian Tony Hurst on the specifications. The curtain and the cloth backdrop for the theater will be sewn and attached by another community volunteer. Attached is a picture of a puppet theater in Idaho, which is providing the working model for the project.

BUDGET/ Amount Requested: \$600

*Materials such as:

Pipe 5	4.28	21.40
Fittings 8	1.13	9.04
White Duct Tape	6.17	6.17
Baluster Boards 24	.99	23.76
Utility Hinges 3	2.09	6.29
Strap Hinges 2	2.29	4.58
Wing Nuts and bolts box	4.45	4.45
Misc. Hardware	15	15.00
Covering fabric	75	75.00
Misc. Elastic Velcro Thread	15	20.00
Puppets & Miscellany	20+	400.00

Total 585.68 approx.

*As the exact number and cost of items cannot be determined until the time of purchases, a grant not to exceed \$400 is requested. The actual total may be less. Receipts documenting the purchase will be provided as required.



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
October 19, 2005 at Sherwood Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

Resident Committee Members: Raphael Marshall, Chair; Stephanie Nixon, Mark Laisch

Stephanie Nixon opened the meeting at 7:15 pm. A quorum was not present at the meeting. Mr. Marshall did not arrive until approximately 7:30.

Follow-up regarding Maury Elementary

Stephanie Nixon stated that there was some uncertainty about the status of the letter addressing the school issue discussed during the September meeting. She will follow-up on the issue.

Nuisance Property Issue:

Stephanie Nixon stated that ANC commission members had requested that the committee look into an issue related to the role of the U.S. Attorney's office in nuisance property abatement in DC. Councilmember Jim Graham has introduced legislation some people believe will weaken the ability of the Attorney's office to address this issue. Ms. Nixon reported that she had conversations with Councilmember Graham's staff who indicated that a scheduled October 6 roundtable on the issue had been delayed.

Ms. Nixon asked Mark Laisch to follow up with the U.S. Attorney's office to find out if they have a position on the legislation, which he agreed to undertake. Raphael Marshall offered to follow-up with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to see if they have taken a position with respect to this bill.

Ms. Nixon stated that if Committee members have difficulty with either of these tasks, it is possible that the ANC6A will write a letter to the appropriate officials seeking any relevant information.

Ms. Nixon suggested that the legislation be included in the October minutes.

Future Activities:

Legislation regarding Nuisance Property Abatement.

The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Laisch.



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Councilmember Jim Graham

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Jim Graham introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To amend An Act to provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by the Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes, to provide for administrative searches by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the Administrative Search of Drug-Related Properties Amendment Act of 2005.

Sec. 2. An Act to provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia

by the Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes, approved April 14, 1906 (34 Stat. 114; D.C. Official Code ' 42-3131.01 et seq.) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code ' 42-3131.02) is amended as follows:

(1) Designating the existing text as subsection (a).

(2) Add a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

A(b) Right of Entry; Administrative search warrants. C The Mayor may apply to a

judge of the District of Columbia for an administrative search warrant to enter any

premises to conduct any inspection required or authorized by law to determine compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(1) The application for an administrative search warrant shall be in writing

and sworn to by the applicant and shall particularly describe the place, structure, premises, etc., to be inspected and the nature, scope and purpose of the inspection to be performed by the applicant.

(2) Before filing an application for an administrative search warrant with a

court, the Mayor shall obtain approval by the Office of the Attorney General as to its

legality in both form and substance under the standards and criteria of this section and a statement to this effect shall be included as part of the application.

(3) A judge of a court referred to in this section may issue the warrant on

finding that:

(A) The applicant has sought access to the property for the purpose of

making an inspection; and

(i) after requesting, at a reasonable time, the owner, tenant or



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other individual in charge of the property to allow access, has been denied access to the property; or

(ii) after making a reasonable effort the applicant has been unable to locate any of these individuals.

(B) The requirements of subsections 1 and 2 of this section are met.

(C) The Mayor is authorized by law to make an inspection of the property for which the warrant is sought, and

(D) Probable cause for the issuance of the warrant has been demonstrated by the applicant by specific evidence of an existing violation of any provision of this code or any rule or regulation adopted under this code or by showing:

(i) that a reasonable administrative inspection program exists regarding the condition of the property, and

(ii) that the proposed inspection comes within that program.

(4) An administrative search warrant issued under this section shall specify

the place, structure, premise, vehicle or records to be inspected. The inspection conducted may not exceed the limits specified in the warrant.

(5) An administrative search warrant issued under this section authorizes the applicant and other officials or employees of the District to enter specified property to perform the inspection, sampling and other functions authorized by law to determine compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(6) An administrative search warrant issued under this section shall be

executed and returned to the judge by whom it was issued within:

(A) The time specified in the warrant, not to exceed thirty days; or

(B) If no time period is specified in the warrant, fifteen days from the

date of its issuance.

Sec. 3. The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact

statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code '1-206.02(c)(3)) .

Sec. 4. (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event

of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of

Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code ' 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
November 16, 2005 at Sherwood Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

Commissioners: Mary Beatty (6a05)

Resident Committee Members: Stephanie Nixon (Chaired in Raphael Marshall's absence)

Residents: Jeffrey Max (resident of PSA 102)

Guests: Michael Bonds, CSOSA

Stephanie Nixon opened the meeting at 7:11 pm. It was noted that quorum would not be present at the meeting.

Follow-up about Maury Elementary School:

Ms. Nixon reported that the committee is waiting to confirm that the letter has been sent. The letter was approved in the October 2005 meeting.

Follow-up on nuisance abatement legislation proposed by Councilmember Graham:

Ms. Nixon reported that based on the testimony of Dr. Canavan (DCRA, obtained by Raphael Marshall), Patricia Riley (US Attorney's office, obtained by Mark Laisch), Washington Post articles, and listserv postings, that the Councilmember Graham does not appear to be pursuing the legislation. [See Attorney Riley's testimony at the end of the minutes.]

PSA 102 Representative Suggestions:

PSA 102 is looking for a new community coordinator. Mr. Bonds reported that this representative would be needed to run the meeting, coordinate minutes, set time for the meeting, and set the agenda. It was suggested to have recruits contact Roger Mattioli who is the current PSA 102 Community Coordinator. Mr. Max is a citizen of PSA 102 and said he will e-mail Roger Mattioli.

New Community Group in NE needs help addressing public safety concerns:

A resident e-mailed Commissioner Ibangha and copied it to several community representatives requesting assistance with the increase in homicides and violence between 14th Street NE and 21st Street NE from C St NE to Benning Rd/H Street Corridor. Per Ms. Nixon the group has a series of positive community service activities in the planning stages and is working on a PSA 103 Action Plan to run by Lieutenant Renato Caldwell. This group has requested a meeting with Ward 6 Councilmember Ambrose, Chief Charles Ramsey, the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety, and other government entities. Discussion surrounded ways that government entities could help stop the violence and drug dealing in these areas. Commissioner Beatty suggested that that the Committee draft a letter to be signed by Joe Fengler, ANC 6a, requesting a meeting with Lieutenant Renato Caldwell, Commander Diane Groomes, Chief Charles Ramsey, and Councilmember Ambrose. Mr. Bonds suggested adding Diane Lucas, US Attorney, Peter Jones, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Ward 6, and the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety to attend to several nuisance property issues. Other invites suggested were Councilmember Mendelsohn (judiciary committee), Councilmember Vincent Grey



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(Ward 7), and ANC 7d01 Commissioner Veronica Raglin.

Community Concerns:

None addressed

Future Activities:

The committee will continue to update the ANC on the Maury School issue. Follow-up on the crime in Northeast.

Request for Action by the ANC:

Although quorum was not achieved, we would like to approve and submit letters to the aforementioned individuals on behalf of the ANC 6a.

Request for contact information on the following members from the Public Safety Committee secondary for non-attendance over the past 4 meetings: Elsie Taylor, Frances Lee, and Michael Seneco. We need to contact these individuals to determine whether or not they plan to re-engage with committee on a regular basis. The lack of attendance is hurting the committee's ability to have quorum. Accordingly, if we have not heard from them by the January 2006 ANC6a meeting, then we plan to request the removal of these members with the strong suggestion to them that they can continue participating in the activities of the committee as part of the audience without being part of the committee.

Request for the Maury Elementary School letter to be officially sent.

Call for new committee members who will be actively engaged in the Public Safety Committee and will be available for most meetings.

There will be no meeting in December 2005.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Nixon.



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To: Chief Charles Ramsey
Councilmember Sharon Ambrose (Ward 6)
Diane Lucas, US Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, 555 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530
Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, Edward D. Reiskin, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,
Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chief Ramsey, Councilmember Ambrose, Attorney Lucas, and Deputy Mayor Reiskin:

We have a serious and dangerous situation in the area ranging from 14th Street NE to 21st Street NE between C Street NE and Benning Rd/H Street corridor. Hopefully, you have been following the spiking surge of violence (specifically, multiple shootings). This group has sent e-mails to Commissioner Mfon Ibanga (ANC6a08), Chief Charles Ramsey, Joseph Fengler (ANC6a Chair), Tawanna Shuford in Councilmember Ambrose's office, Lieutenant Renato Caldwell, Commander Diane Groomes, and MPD-1D Community Outreach Alphonso Coles regarding the situation and requesting assistance. Although efforts have been made (i.e., Operation Fight Back) toward securing peace in this area, the violence continues and those responsible for the violence and drug-dealing continue to run the streets. This is a very serious situation with individuals being physically threatened if they dare to speak.

A PSA 103 action plan has been drafted and is ready for discussion, clarification, and adoption by PSA 103. Commander Groomes, Lieutenant Caldwell, Sergeant Gaumont, and Alphonso Coles (MPD Community Outreach) are working with the group on this plan. Representatives of the group met with Lieutenant Caldwell and Sergeant Gaumont on November 27, 2005 to put the plan in motion.

Although this plan has been adopted, the group would like to have a public meeting with Commissioner Ambrose, Chief Ramsey, US Attorney Lucas, Deputy Mayor Reiskin to discuss a specific strategy and implementation to combat those few individuals who are infecting our wonderful neighborhood with fear and violence. The group would like to know and use every available government agency and community-based organization to work collectively toward eliminating the violent drug-related activity.

The ANC6a supports this group's request for a "recent violent crimes public forum". We would hope that the agencies would be responsive to helping this group use available government resources to halt violent drug-related activity, which has plagued these areas for around 30 years. At this time the violent crimes part is on the rise and ANC6a community members as well as ANC7d community members.

Please contact ANC6a Public Safety Committee member Stephanie Nixon for assistance in hosting a "recent violent crimes public forum." Many members of this group have stated an interest in volunteering time and energy to abating violence, drugs, trash, and illiteracy in their community, but need assistance to come together, plan and implement.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6a

cc: Lieutenant Renato Caldwell
Commander Diane Groomes
Peter Jones, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Ward 6
Councilmember Phil Mendelson (judiciary committee, PMendelson@dccouncil.us) 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue,
N.W., Suite 402, Washington, DC 20004
Councilmember Vincent Grey (Ward 7, vgray@dccouncil.us),
ANC 7d01 Commissioner Veronica Raglin, 408 21st St, NE, WDC 20002
Kingman Park Civic Association



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ANC6a Public Safety Committee Meeting
DRAFT AGENDA
Sherwood Recreation Center
Wednesday, January 18, 2005 at 7 pm

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Follow-up about Maury Elementary School
4. Follow-up about PSA 102 Representative suggestions
5. Follow-up about New Community Group in NE public safety concerns
6. Community Concerns
7. Adjourn