



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for December 11, 2025



Second (2nd) Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Public Meeting - All are **welcome**

- 7:00 pm** Call to order
- 7:01 pm** Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes
- 7:02 pm** Community Presentation
Mr. Robert Hoyle New Site Manager for Sherwood Recreation Center to provide a brief introduction and share vision for Sherwood moving forward.
- 7:30 pm** Consent Agenda pg. 15
Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)
Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter to BZA in support of a special exception for the roof top or upper floor element requirements at 1378 C Street NE; Square 1032, Lot 41; (BZA 21401); submitted by Eric Konopka to construct front and side additions, to an existing, semi-detached, two-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.
- Transportation and Public Space (TPS)
Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT urging action to reduce traffic speeds and accidents along 11th Street NE between Florida Avenue and East Capitol Street. The letter will also reference ANC 6A's prior requests on this street.
- 7:35 pm** Officer Reports pg. 28
1. **Accept Treasurer's Report**
2. Reaffirmation of Budgeted Hill Rag and Directory Payments
- Standing Committee Reports:
- 7:40 pm** Community Outreach (COC) pg. 33
1. No report. COC did not meet in November 2025 due to the lack of a quorum.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, December 29, 2025 (5th Monday, usually 4th Monday) -
- 7:45 pm** Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) pg. 34
1. No report. ABC did not meet in November 2025.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, December 16, 2025 (3rd Tuesday ; usually 4th Tuesday)
- 7:50 pm** Transportation and Public Space (TPS) pg. 35
1. Accept November 2025 committee report.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, December 15, 2025 (3rd Monday)



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7:55 pm Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) pg. 37

1. Accept November 2025 committee report.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, December 17, 2025 (3rd Wednesday)

8:00 pm New Business pg. 39

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A authorize Commissioners Wethington, Gove, and Giertz to finalize its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025. (Wethington)

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A approve the testimony that was presented to the DC Council Committee on Facilities on December 3, 2025 regarding Bill 26-113 “Department of Parks and Recreation Hours Expansion Amendment Act of 2025” and other issues related to the Sherwood Recreation Center. The written testimony is to be submitted to the Council by the ANC prior to December 17, 2025. (Shapiro)

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A authorize 6A04 Commissioner Gove and/or Patrick Bloomstine, Chair of the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee, to testify at the DC Council Committee on the Environment and Transportation hearing concerning transportation to the RFK site redevelopment.

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A approve Rachael Loper as a member of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee. (Wethington)

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A change its’ January 2026 meeting date from January 8, 2026 (2nd Thursday) to January 15, 2026 (3rd Thursday).

8:10 pm Single Member District reports (2 minutes each)

8:20 pm Community Comments (2 minutes each)

8:30 pm Adjourn



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Zoom Meeting November 13, 2025

Present: Commissioners Dave Wethington, Jeff Giertz, Stephen Kolb, Amber Gove and Roberta Shapiro were present. Commissioner Paul Spires joined **during the Treasurer's report** and voted only on **the first of the three Treasurer's report agenda items**.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Dave Wethington called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Stephen Kolb seconded the motion that the agenda be amended to move the ABC report to after the consent agenda. The motion passed 5-0. The minutes for the ANC October 2025 meeting were accepted subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary. The agenda for the November 2025 meeting as amended was accepted by unanimous consent.

The community received meeting notice via listservs, the Hill Rag, ANC website, X, and Facebook.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with for Brewpub, Entertainment and Summer Garden endorsements for Henceforth DC, 1335 H Street NE (ABRA-129163).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license for Providencia, 1321 Linden Court NE (ABRA-125122).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with Dancing, Entertainment and Summer Garden endorsements for Sushi Sato, 1245 H Street NE, (ABRA-131883).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with an Entertainment endorsement for Solid State Books, 600 H Street NE (ABRA-108894).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with an Entertainment endorsement for The Little Grand, 808 7th Street NE (ABRA-110495).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with Entertainment and Summer Garden endorsements for Copycat Co., 1110 H Street NE (ABRA-096474).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with Cover Charge, Dancing and Entertainment endorsements for District Alley on H, 1378 H Street NE, (ABRA-127675).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with Dancing and Summer Garden endorsements for Pie Shop, 1339 H Street NE (ABRA-087422).



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- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with Entertainment and Summer Garden endorsements for Sol Mexican Grill, 1251 H Street NE (ABRA-092192).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with an Entertainment endorsement for Allure Lounge, 711 H Street NE, (ABRA-108303).
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with Cover Charge, Dancing and Entertainment endorsements for Ethio Vegan, 1362 H Street NE, (ABRA-130713)
- ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the Class C Tavern license with Cover Charge, Entertainment and Summer Garden endorsements for Little Miss **Whiskey's Golden Dollar**, 1104 H Street NE (ABRA-079090).
- ANC 6A revise its letter protesting Proper Exotic's application for a medical cannabis license (ABRA-128697) to include newly revised ABCA appropriateness standards.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter to BZA in support of a special exception for rear yard and lot occupancy requirements at 1332 Corbin Place NE; Square 1031, Lot 170; (BZA 21386); submitted by AMW Associates, LLC, to construct a third story and a three-story with basement rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.
- ANC 6A send a letter to BZA in support of a time extension for 1371-1375 H Street NE; Square 1027, Lot 166; (BZA 20967); submitted by Salvation Arts, LLC, to extend for an additional year, the Board of Zoning Adjustment Order Number 20967, to construct a new, attached, six-story with roof deck, 30-unit, mixed use building in the NMU-7B/H-A (formerly NC-15) zone.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT and WMATA asking that they coordinate to fill the gap in transit service that will be left by the early end of Streetcar service.
- ANC 6A Send a letter to DDOT outlining ANC 6A's requests for their update to the Strategic Bikeways Plan.

Standing Committee Report:

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

1. The October committee report has not been submitted.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 18, 2025 (3rd Tuesday; usually 4th Tuesday)

Officer Reports:

1. The November 2025 **Treasurer's report** submitted by Commissioner Roberta Shapiro reviewed the expenditures accrued in October: \$275 for notetaking and \$88.72 for web hosting services. After these distributions totaling \$363.72, the closing uncommitted funds available at the end of October as reported by OANC were \$30,403.39. The discrepancy between NCB and OANC balances are for an uncashed reimbursement check for \$102.06 and \$516.19 August admin payment. OANC finally resolved the perpetual \$1 discrepancy between the accounts. The savings account has a balance of \$100.05. **The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.**
2. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion that ANC approve the modified FY25 Q4 report. The modification is needed due to two checks that



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were submitted into the payment system but not sent, therefore throwing off future check numbers by two. This issue has been identified and resolved. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve changes to the previously approved FY 26 Budget as follows:
 - a. Category 3b will be increased to include a total budgeted FY 26 expenditure of \$125.00 to account for payments for website hosting and domain name registration (QFR Budget Category 3b);
 - b. \$200.00 will be added to the new Local Transportation category (Category 6). The motion passed 5-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

3. The October 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
4. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, November 24, 2025 (4th Monday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The October 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 17, 2025 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The October 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 19, 2025 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business:

1. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Paul Spires seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve Lorena Gil as a member of Community Outreach (COC). Commissioner Spires is getting to know Lorena Gil and her husband as they have recently moved to the neighborhood and are looking for ways to get involved. She has attended a COC meeting. The motion passed 6-0.
2. Commissioner Shapiro presented results of the survey about Sherwood Recreation Center, which received 289 household responses representing 988 people. Most respondents lived within a mile of the center but about two thirds did not use the inside facilities because of lack of awareness, lack of cleanliness and maintenance, concerns about safety, and generally feeling unwelcome. The outdoor facilities such as the track and tennis court were more widely used. More than half of respondents reported receiving no communication about programming. Only 14% of respondents said programming was **'good'**; **equipment was rated 'good' by 23%**; maintenance and cleanliness was rated **'good' by 25%**. **While sentiment was low, when asked if respondents would be interested in expanded programming, there was very strong interest in activities for young children such as a splash park and for adult exercise programs, school-aged sports teams, and a community garden.** In the open comment section, respondents mainly mentioned the need for extended hours and programming and concern about gambling, drugs, and



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loitering on the north side of the building. Commissioner Shapiro has shared these results with the new Sherwood director as well as with Councilmember Allen, DPR, and DGS.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Spires (6A01) is addressing a trash issue on K Street; a constituent has reached out **to Councilmember Allen's office** and the Commissioner is looking to expand cleanups in the area. Several new restaurants are opening along H Street and the Commissioner encourages neighbors **to join the People's** Front of H Street WhatsApp group.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) encourages neighbors to join a cleanup at SWS at 9:30 am on Saturday - there will be coffee and donuts.

Commissioner Amber Gove (6A04) celebrates how amazing Halloween was and congratulates Eastern High School who were the halftime performance for the quarterfinals of the Washington Spirit. Eastern High will play in the semifinals this Saturday. The Commissioner is grateful to neighbors who continue trying to wrangle leaves into tree boxes and try to get leaf bags picked up.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) recognized Commissioner Shapiro who has been working to recruit the vacancy in 6A02 - if neighbors are interested, they should reach out and get more information. A few special exceptions were approved at 259 Warren Street NE, which was a vacant property subdivided into three lots then two lots a little taller than other row houses on the street. It turns out the owner owns about a foot and a half of the already narrow alleyway and would like to decrease it by about a foot to increase space for the building. The Commissioner is trying to get DDOT and DOB to do a site visit. It seems there has been some site work and demolition done at Kingsman dog park.

Commissioner Jeff Giertz (6A06) reported some trash and recycling collection issues - DPW has cited staffing issues as a driving factor. It is particularly bad along Emerald Street and Councilmember Allen has been very engaged in this issue. DDOT completed the restriping of bike lanes along 14th Street NE including the block between E Street and Tennessee Avenue NE.

Commissioner Kolb (6A07) is pleased that his SMD is quiet and appreciates his communicative and supportive neighbors.

Community Comment

Mr. Erik Salmi **from Councilmember Allen's office** noted that a study is budgeted for Streetcar replacement and said that there are two upcoming Council meetings regarding extending recreation center hours. Council had a legislative meeting last week and decoupled from local taxes, making sure that local taxes do not mirror federal taxes and resulting in several hundred million **dollars in savings. That money will be spent on expanding DC's match of the Earned** Income Tax Credit and will go towards funding a local child tax credit beginning in 2027. The Committee on Transportation held a **roundtable on the future of 'streateries'** and Council is aware of the trash and recycling collection issues. Hypothermia season is coming up and DC offers transportation and additional shelters; the shelter hotline is (202) 399-7093 and they will send a van out to check on people and offer them blankets and a ride to a shelter. Finally, it is



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time for the 19th annual Ward 6 Brickie Awards, which are open and free to all Ward 6 residents. This year the celebration will be at Skyline 609 and nominations are being accepted.

MOCR Noah Glasgow **provided an update from the mayor's** office, noting that Marcus Manning has transitioned to Deputy **Director of the Mayor's Office** of Community Affairs. Because of the government shutdown, the District allocated money to fund SNAP and WIC for the month of November and the federal government is expected to start paying again in December. DPW indicated that 74% of leaf collection is complete in zone A (which includes all of ANC 6A) and should be totally complete by Saturday. More information here: www.Dpw.dc.gov/leaf. The missed trash and recycling pickups are frustrating and neighbors should continue to reach out to their local representatives. Hypothermia season is November 1st through March 31st and DC provides free outreach and assistance, warming items, and transportation to shelters.

Community member Ashley raised concerns about law enforcement agent presence inside residential buildings in Ward 6 **and hopes that MPD and the mayor's office will continue to be** held accountable for coordination between MPD and ICE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations



Mr. Robert Hoyle New Site Manager for Sherwood Recreation Center to provide a brief introduction and share vision for Sherwood moving forward.



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November 16, 2025

Ms. Keara Mehlert Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Via email at bzsubmissions@dc.gov

Re: ANC 6A Support for BZA #20967A of Salvation Arts, LLC

Dear Ms. Mehlert,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 13, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Salvation Arts, LLC at 1371-1375 H Street NE, BZA case number 20967A. The applicant is seeking the extension of a Board of Zoning Adjustment Order Number 20967 for an additional year, to construct a new, attached, six-story with roof deck, 30-unit, mixed use building in the NMU-7B/H-A (formerly NC-15) zone.

ANC 6A had unanimously supported the project in 2023, noting that the design had taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and will not disrupt the privacy, air, and light of neighbors. During ANC 6A's Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting on October 15, 2025, the participants voted unanimously to support the extension, which is now expected to carry the order's validity to November 2026. ANC 6A encourages the applicant to move forward promptly to aid H Street's post-pandemic revitalization.

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, or EDZ Co-Chair Michael Cushman at michael.cushman@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Re: ANC 6A Support for BZA #21386 of AMW Associates, LLC

Dear Ms. Mehlert,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 13, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request submitted by AMW Associates, LLC for development at 1332 Corbin Place³ NE, BZA case number 21386. The applicant proposes to construct a third story and a three-story with basement rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. Specifically, the applicant is requesting a Special Exception for relief from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 207.1, pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2; as well as a Special Exception to the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 210.1, pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2.

During the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting on October 15, 2025, Mr. Olutoye Bello, representing the applicant, presented a proposal for renovation of the property. The developer has demonstrated that the Special Exception criteria has been met through submission of architectural drawings. ANC 6A encourages continued engagement and partnership with the immediate neighbors and surrounding community. The ANC believes that this development will align with the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, or EDZ Co-Chair Michael Cushman at michael.cushman@gmail.com.

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Department of Transportation Director Sharon Kershbaum
WMATA General Manager Randy Clarke
Council Member Charles Allen

Via email

Re: Premature End to H Street/Benning Road NE Streetcar Service

Dear Mayor Bowser, Director Kershbaum, General Manager Clarke, and Council Member Allen,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 13, 2025 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that DDOT and WMATA act to ensure that service capacity is maintained along this corridor after the earlier-than-expected end of DC Streetcar service scheduled for March 31, 2026.

ANC 6A's preference would be for the DC Council and Mayor Bowser to extend Streetcar service in perpetuity. While flawed, it is an essential part of the H Street corridor that transports dozens of people at a time between Union Station and the RFK campus. Any proposed redevelopment of the RFK campus will require a way to transport people there from all the rail lines that service Union Station. The Streetcar has a high-capacity limit and with small tweaks can be used to transport people efficiently from Amtrak, MARC, VRE, and Metrorail down the H Street corridor.

The Streetcar currently carries large volumes of people from Carver-Langston and Hill East through the Benning Road and H Street NE corridors to Union Station. The D20 and D2X buses operated by WMATA also traverse this corridor. However, these buses are already very full, particularly during the morning and evening rush hours. The end of Streetcar service will significantly reduce transit capacity along the spine of this corridor and tax the already strained bus routes on this corridor. ANC 6A encourages DDOT and WMATA to work together to fill the gap left by the end of streetcar service. Running more frequent D20 bus service would help alleviate what will be a significant overcrowding issue.

Additionally, several of our neighbors who move with the assistance of mobility devices like motorized scooters and wheelchairs prefer to take the streetcar due to its level boarding platforms and abundant space for parking their devices. To assist with this issue, ANC 6A urges DDOT to install bus stop bumpouts at every bus stop along the corridor. This will help neighbors with mobility assistance devices more easily board and disembark WMATA's buses.

ANC 6A also requests that DDOT maintain the rail infrastructure, overhead electric wires, and Streetcar stations along this corridor so that service may be more easily restarted if funding is allocated in the future. ANC 6A further requests that any Streetcar infrastructure that has been included in plans to rebuild the hopscotch bridge be maintained. This would allow for a more seamless restart of Streetcar service in that event. This ANC also requests that DDOT and WMATA representatives join the ANC 6A Transportation and

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Public Space Committee to discuss filling transit capacity, the future of the infrastructure, and how these relate to the Hopscotch Bridge reconstruction.

Over the last five years, this ANC has expressed repeated support for the H Street Bus/Streetcar Priority project through five letters to DDOT and a questionnaire to help DDOT perform a Traffic Safety Assessment. In all of those letters, we have asked DDOT to help make this corridor a safer place to transit, live, work, and play. Only three years ago, 25 businesses along the corridor expressed support for the same changes that were proposed in the 90% plans released last year. Moving forward with any plans to make the corridor safer and move more people include the Streetcar or some other increase to bus/tram service capacity.

This ANC also believes that any plans for the development of the RFK stadium site will require robust and efficient transit from Union Station down the H Street/Benning Road corridor. There is no feasible way to force enough single occupant private vehicles through this thoroughfare. The solution has to be dedicated transit lanes that efficiently move dozens of people at a time in the same space that only three single occupant vehicles can use. During an appearance on the radio earlier this year, Mayor Bowser highlighted the H Street corridor as a pre-game destination for stadium events. Those patrons will need a safe way to transport down the corridor to the RFK site that does not involve bumper-to-bumper traffic through these residential neighborhoods. The solution is efficient and effective bus and/or streetcar service down H Street NE.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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November 16, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum
Gregory Billing
District Department of Transportation

Via email

Re: ANC 6A Support for and Requested Improvements to DDOT's Strategic Bikeways Plan Update

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 13, 2025 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this letter and linked map outlining the ANC's requested improvements to safe cycling structure in and around ANC 6A. This letter and map are intended to serve as ANC 6A's collective feedback to DDOT on updates to the Strategic Bikeways Plan.

Our goals for this update include: closing gaps in cycling infrastructure, creating safer cycling infrastructure that encourages more neighbors to consider cycling as a transit option, and making the neighborhood's streets safer for all users.

Below you will find a list of ANC 6A's requested additions to the Strategic Bikeways Plan. The different areas have been placed in order of priority as determined by the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee.

1. Massachusetts Avenue NE from 1st Street NE to 19th Street SE through Columbus Circle, Lincoln Park, and Stanton Park should be protected bike lanes. This will connect most of Capitol Hill with the 1st Street NE cycletrack and the MBT. This includes all four sides of both Lincoln Park and Stanton Park.
2. Maryland Avenue NE from Starburst Plaza through Stanton Park and merging on Constitution Ave NE and NW should have protected bike lanes. The Maryland Avenue NE lanes should be inside the parked cars. Continuing this lane across town on Constitution Avenue would provide a safe way for cyclists to travel from the East side to the West side of town.
3. East Capitol Street should have a center running protected cycle track (similar to Pennsylvania Ave NW) running from the RFK campus around Lincoln Park to the Capitol. The lane should also be connected to the bike path on the East Capitol bridge across the Anacostia River extending to Minnesota Ave (and if possible to the Fort Circle Park hiker/biker trail).
4. North Carolina Avenue NE between 14th and 16th Streets should have a protected westbound lane to mirror the eastbound lane on the south side of the street. This would close a gap in the middle of the city's best protected cycling infrastructure. On the west side of Lincoln Park, North Carolina Avenue should have curbside protected lanes in both directions extending to at least Folger Park at 3rd Street SE.

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5. 4th and 6th Streets NE and SE should have protected bike lanes moved to the curbside inside the car parking spaces. For 4th Street this should run from M Street NE to M Street SE, connecting to the MBT and the M Street SE cycle track. 6th Street's protected lane should be between the curb and parked cars from M Street SE running North to K Street NE (where there is already protected infrastructure).
6. Similar to 4th and 6th Streets, 11th and 13th Streets could be converted to south- and north-bound one way streets with protected curbside bike lanes. The southbound 11th Street lane should run from Florida Avenue NE to Lincoln Park. At that point, 11th Street should have a curbside protected cycletrack on the west side of the street running from Lincoln Park to the 11th Street bridge over the Anacostia river. This would connect to the Riverwalk trail and the path over the bridge to Anacostia Park. 13th Street's protected northbound lane should run from L Street SE to Florida Avenue NE.
7. 12th Street NE should have the advisory bike lanes on the South side of Lincoln Park extended North to Florida Avenue NE.
8. Bladensburg Road NE should have protected bike infrastructure that connects the Florida Avenue NE, 14th Street NE, and 15th Street NE bike lanes to the R Street NE entrance to the National Arboretum. This would also include a plan to connect the 15th Street NE bike lane through Starburst Plaza to the Florida Avenue NE lanes.
9. South Carolina Avenue SE should also have protected bike lanes in both directions running from Massachusetts Avenue SE to Marion Park.

In addition, the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee has compiled an interactive map diagramming these requested improvements to safe cycling infrastructure. It can be found [here](#).

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Consent Agenda



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Via email at bzasubmissions@dc.gov

Re: ANC 6A Support for BZA #21401 of Eric Konopka

Dear Ms. Mehlert,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 11, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request submitted by Eric Konopka for development at 1378 C Street NE, BZA case number 21401. The applicant proposes to construct front and side additions, to an existing, semi-detached, two-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. Specifically, the applicant is requesting a Special Exception for relief from the roof top or upper floor element requirements of Subtitle E § 204.1, pursuant to Subtitle E § 204.4, Subtitle E § 5201, and Subtitle X § 901.2.

During the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting on November 19, 2025, Ms. Lacy Brittingham AIA, representing the applicant, presented a proposal for renovation of the property, which includes construction of two full-height bay projections and resulting alteration of rooftop cornice. The design has taken measures to ensure that the additions are in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The architect and owner have proven that the Special Exception criteria has been met through submission of architectural drawings and discussions with neighbors. The ANC believes that this development will align with the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

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Consent Agenda



BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FORM 120 - APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

GIS INFORMATION

Square	Lot(s)	Zone	ANC
1032	0041	RF-1	6A05

Address of Property: 1378 C St NE

ZONING INFORMATION

Relief from section(s): 204.1

Type of Relief: Special Exception

Brief description of proposed project: Construct two two-story bays and partially renovate the existing house.

Present use of Property: Single-family

Proposed use of Property: Single-family

CONTACT INFORMATION

Owner Information

Name: Eric Konopka

E-mail: eric.j.konopka@gmail.com

Address: 1378 C St NE Washington, DC 20002

Phone No.s: (646)543-1483

Phone No. Alternate:

Authorized Agent Information

Name: Lacy

E-mail: lacy@lawlorarchitects.com

Address: 1134 C St NE Washington, DC 20002

Phone No.s: (202)422-7372

Phone No. Alternate:

WAIVERS

- **Solar:**
- I hereby certify my application is not subject to Subtitle D § 208.1 or Subtitle E § 206.3

FEE CALCULATOR

Fee Type	Fee	Unit	Total
Owner-occupied dwelling - single dwelling unit or flat, regardless of the number of variances and/or special exceptions	\$325	1	\$325
Grand Total			325

SIGNATURE

Date

Lacy Brittingham

10/4/2025

District of Columbia Office of Zoning 441 4th Street, N.W., Ste. 200-S, Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 727-6311 * (202) 727-6072 fax * www.dcoz.dc.gov * dcoz@dc.gov

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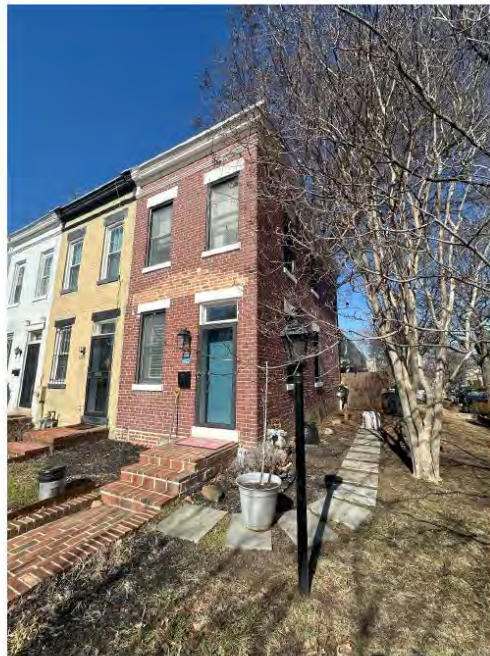
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C St. Street Facade

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Street Facades



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14th St. Street Facade

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Rear Façade



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Cornice Detail

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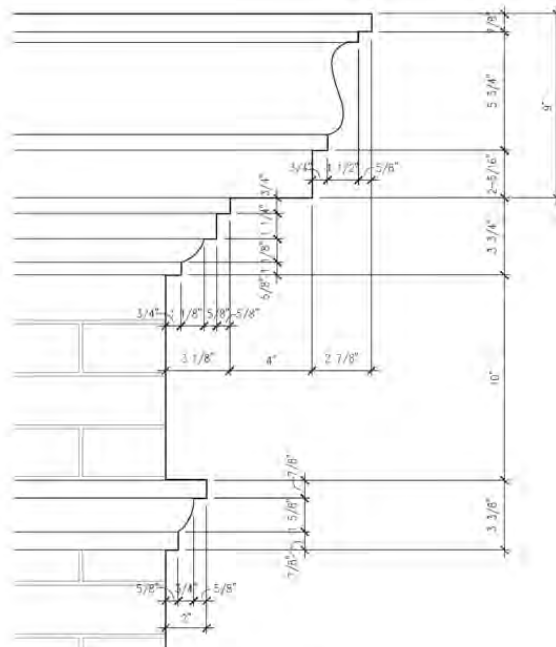


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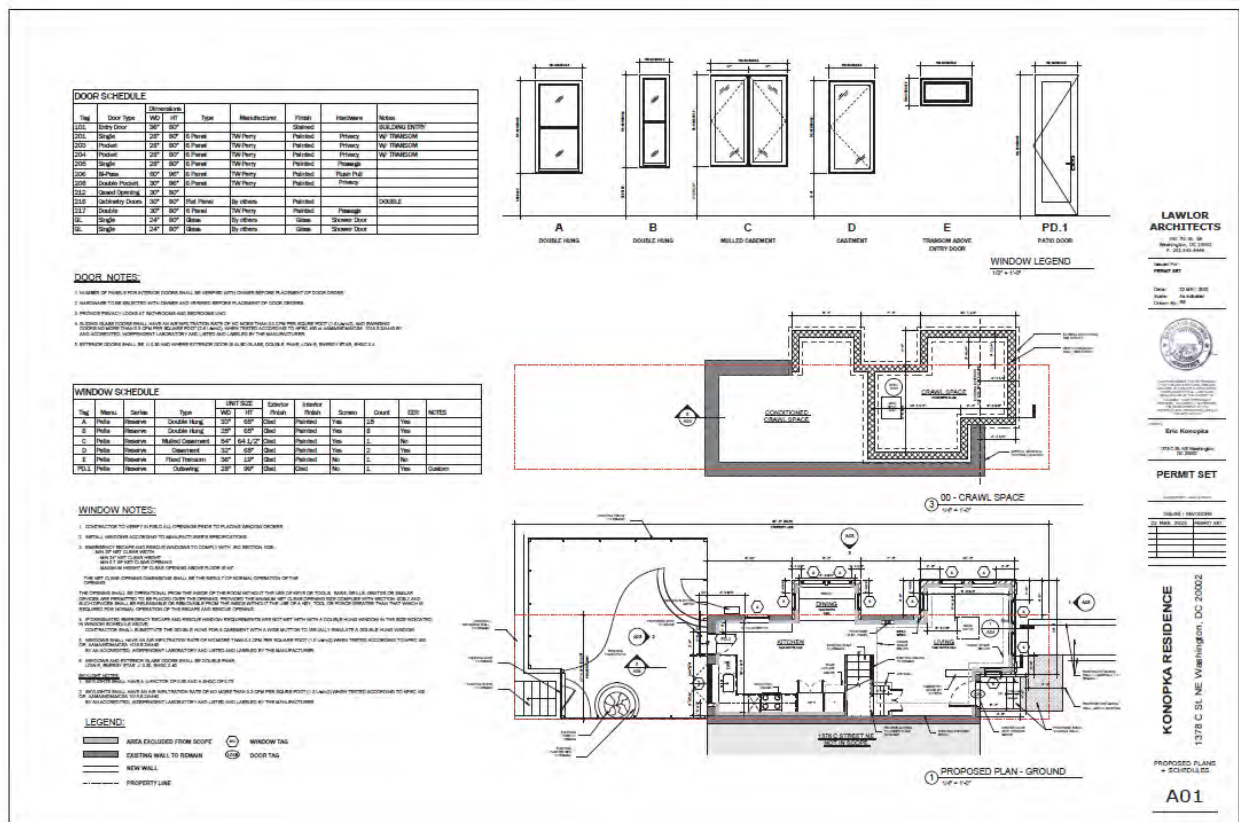
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Cornice Detail



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WINDOW LEGEND
1/2" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED ELEVATION - SIDE
3/8" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED ELEVATION - REAR
3/8" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED ELEVATION - FRONT
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Consent Agenda



December XX, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum
District Department of Transportation
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: Safety Concerns along 11th Street NE/TSI 25-00614939

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December XX, 2025 our Commission voted X-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to urge DDOT to renew its focus on the 11th Street NE corridor from Florida Avenue to East Capitol Street. According to DDOT's FY26 Q1 prioritization dashboard the intersection of 11th and E Streets NE is under investigation for speed and traffic issues. Given this intersection's proximity to School within School and Sherwood Rec Center, we encourage DDOT to coordinate with programs like Safe Routes to School to make this corridor safer for all users.

In February 2025, ANC 6A wrote to DDOT encouraging traffic calming action when the FY25 Q2 prioritization dashboard said part of this area is under investigation for speed issues (TSI 24-00515046 & 24-00277322/<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/TPS-FEB-2025-11th-St-NE-TSI.pdf>).

Concerns about this corridor have persisted for some time, including a June 2023 letter from ANC 6A (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Support-for-traffic-calming-11th-Street-NE.pdf>), detailing that residents have long requested vertical traffic calming and automated traffic enforcement to slow drivers. In response to this letter your agency replied (on July 7, 2023) that they planned to install 10 speed humps along the corridor. This promise was later rescinded for reasons we still do not fully understand. In the ensuing months there were several crashes, including one into a corner store at 11th and C Street NE. One resident had three cars parked on the street totaled by dangerous drivers.

In October 2024, ANC 6A sent a letter to DDOT requesting an update on plans to make this corridor safer (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC-6A-support-for-traffic-calming-on-11th-Street-NE.pdf>). While the inclusion of the corner of 11th and F Streets NE in DDOT's FY25 Q2 prioritization is a welcome step, we urge DDOT to reinstate the plan to install speed humps and raised crosswalks along the entire corridor which sees heavy and fast-moving traffic due to it feeding into I-695 in Southeast DC.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6

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Officer Reports - Treasurer



TO: ANC6A
FROM: Roberta Shapiro, Commissioner 6A03, Treasurer
Date: December 4, 2025
Subject: **Treasurer's Report** for November 2025 (for December ANC Meeting) and Informal Reaffirmation of Budgeted Hill Rag and Fagon Guide Expense

Current Financial Status

1. As of the end of November, 2025, the ANC 6A available funds balance reported by OANC was \$28,161, down from \$30,403.39 at beginning of November (See below)
2. The change of \$2,242.39 represented two checks that failed to issue for September 2025 notetaking services and administrative services, plus one check for October administrative services and one check for November notetaking services.
3. This NCB cash balance (See below) on November 30, 2025 was \$28,436.00. The difference between NCB and OANC balance is the uncashed check for \$275.00 for November notetaking services.
4. ANC 6A has a savings account balance of \$100.05

Motion requested to Approve Treasurers Report

Informal Affirmation for Payment of Hill Rag and Fagon Guide

The Treasurer requests affirmation for payment of budgeted expense of \$3,172.50 for 12 monthly meeting announcement ads in Hill Rag and one ad in annual Fagon Guide. (See invoice below)



ANC 6A Monthly Treasurer's Report

Month:

November

2025

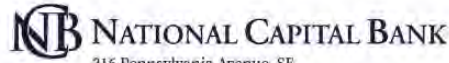
Opening Report Balance: \$30,403.39
Closing Report Balance: \$28,161.00
Change: (\$2,242.39)

Transactions

Check/Dep ↑↓	Date ↑↓	Payee/Payor	Cat ↑↓	Income	Expense
	2025-11-04	Irene Dworakowski	7		\$846.19
	2025-11-04	Anna Tsaui	7		\$275.00
	2025-11-04	Irene Dworakowski	7		\$846.20
	2025-11-29	Anna Tsaui	7		\$275.00



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316 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Return Service Requested

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Statement Date
Statement Thru Date
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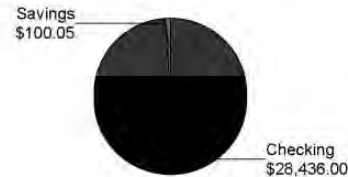
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Relationship Summary

Account Type	Balance
CHECKING	\$28,436.00
SAVINGS	\$100.05

Asset Allocation



COMMUNITY CHECKING

Account Number: XXXXXX2432

Balance Summary

Beginning Balance as of 11/01/2025	\$31,385.36
+ Deposits and Credits (0)	\$0.00
- Withdrawals and Debits (7)	\$2,949.36
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2025	\$28,436.00
Service Charges for Period	\$0.00
Minimum Balance for Period	\$28,436.00

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MISCELLANEOUS DEBITS & CREDITS

Date	Description	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
Nov 01	BEGINNING BALANCE			\$31,385.36
Nov 03	CHECK #17		275.00	31,110.36
Nov 05	CHECK #18		88.72	31,021.64
Nov 14	CHECK #20		275.00	30,746.64



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Account Number XXXXXX2432
Statement Date 11/28/2025
Statement Thru Date 11/30/2025
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MISCELLANEOUS DEBITS & CREDITS (Continued)

Date	Description	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
Nov 17	CHECK #16		516.19	30,230.45
Nov 17	CHECK #19		846.19	29,384.26
Nov 17	CHECK #21		846.20	28,538.06
Nov 17	CHECK #2143		102.06	28,436.00
Nov 30	ENDING BALANCE			\$28,436.00

CHECKS PAID

* Indicates a Skip in Check Number(s)

Date	Check No.	Amount	Date	Check No.	Amount	Date	Check No.	Amount
Nov 17	16	516.19	Nov 17	19	846.19	Nov 17	21	846.20
Nov 03	17	275.00	Nov 14	20	275.00	Nov 17	*2143	102.06
Nov 05	18	88.72						

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
Nov 03	31,110.36	Nov 14	30,746.64	Nov 17	28,436.00
Nov 05	31,021.64				

BUSINESS SAVINGS

Account Number: XXXXXX2738

Balance Summary

Beginning Balance as of 11/01/2025	\$100.05
+ Deposits and Credits (0)	\$0.00
- Withdrawals and Debits (0)	\$0.00
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2025	\$100.05
Service Charges for Period	\$0.00
Minimum Balance for Period	\$100.00

Earnings Summary

Interest for Period	\$0.00
Interest Paid Year to Date	\$0.00
Annual Percentage Yield Earned (APYE)	0.00%
Average Balance for APYE	\$100.05
Number of Days for APYE	30



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Capital Community News, Inc.
Hill Rag MidCity DC East of the River
Fagon Community Guide The Education Edition
PO BOX 15477
Washington, DC 20003-9997

ADVERTISING INVOICE

Month of Service	Invoice #
1/1/2026	661975

ANC 6A
PO Box 15020
Washington, DC 20003

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Quantity	Description	Item Price	Publication	Amount
12	1/7 Page -- 12x Frequency -- Vertical	315.00	GOV - Hill Rag	3780.00
1	1/8 Page -- Fagon Community Guide	450.00	COM - Fagon Guide Capit...	450.00
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	30% Pre-payment Discount	-25.00%	GOV - Hill Rag	-1057.50
	Subtotal		GOV - Hill Rag	3172.50

Thank you for your business.

Please mail checks to:
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Washington, DC 20003-9997

Total this Month	\$3,172.50
Payments/Credits	\$0.00
Balance Due	\$3,172.50

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Committee Reports Community Outreach Committee (COC)



No report. COC did not meet in November 2025 due to the lack of a quorum.



Committee Reports Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)



No report. ABC did not meet in November 2025.



Committee Reports Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



Minutes

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Public Meeting - All are welcome

*Community comment welcome; may be limited to two minutes to provide opportunity for all to speak.
Community comment time will be opened after each New Business item.*

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.
 - a. Commissioners Present: Chair Dave Wethington (6A05), Amber Gove (6A04), Paul Spires (6A01), Stephen Kolb (6A07),
 - b. Committee Members Present: Chair Patrick Bloomstine (6A01), Secretary Catilin Rogger (6A07), Jeff Fletcher (6A07), Mark Sussman (6A04)
- III. Old Business
 - a. 11th Street NE and E Street NE. Chair Bloomstine noted that TSI 25-00614939 at this **intersection is part of DDOT's prioritization for Q1 2026.**
 - i. Committee member Sussman noted that the intersection of Massachusetts Ave and Independence Ave SE is undergoing vision zero redesign after significant TSI submissions and that might be a good pathway to encourage DDOT work in certain corridors.
 - ii. Several other committee members agreed with that stance and that the 11th Street NE corridor still presents significant issues from Florida Ave through East Capitol. Including pairing with other programs like Safe Routes to School to make this corridor safer.
 - iii. Chair Bloomstine moved to send a letter to DDOT requesting traffic calming along this corridor and coordination with programs like safe routes to school and also referencing past ANC 6A letters concerning 11th Street NE. Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Constitution Avenue/13th Street NE/Tennessee Avenue NE. This area in front of Maury Elementary was a recent installation of arts in the right of way which may be damaged by DC Water work that is also delaying the Vision Zero Hardening at this intersection.
 - i. Chair Bloomstine read the update email he received from DDOT on this matter: The Maury Color the Curb project included two intersections: C Street and Tennessee Avenue NE and 13th Street and C Street NE. The project was unfortunately put on pause after the artist completed the mural at 13th Street and C Street NE. Work had started at the other location but was put on hold on September 4, 2025 due to a conflict with a DC Water main replacement project.
 - ii. DDOT initially notified ANC 6A of the Color the Curb plans on January 7, 2025. DDOT received all relevant permits for the work, with the initial permit issued on 6/18/25. **While DC Water's construction permit began April 26, 2025, their permit did not list any intersections, meaning DDOT's mural permit that was granted to occupy the right of way at the intersection of C Street and Tennessee Avenue NE was not flagged as a conflict**



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Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



within the permit review system. To date, work on the DC Water project has not reached the location mural location.

- iii. DDOT has been corresponding with DC Water, but they have indicated they do not intend to fund the cost of mural restoration as part of the in-kind repair process required by utility projects that damage city-owned assets in the right-of-way. DDOT is continuing to work with DC Water to find a resolution.
- iv. The Committee concurred that we should invite DC Water to the next meeting of the TPS committee in December (and tentatively have DC Water scheduled for the event).
- c. Atlas Court NE. This alley between 11th and 12th Streets NE and H and Eye Streets NE is **extremely wide and the site of speeding and truck traffic. A resident's alley dwelling was** damaged recently by truck traffic. ANC 6A requested DDOT traffic calming here over the summer.
 - i. Chair Bloomstine noted that several TSIs have been filed on this very wide alley which lacks speed bumps and stop signs to prevent speeding and cars driving over sidewalks. He has also contacted Councilmember Charles **Allen's office for help getting DDOT to place** sidewalks there.
 - ii. A neighbor who lives on the alley also recently stated that delivery trucks have damaged his front stoop which opens onto the alley and also damaged some planters hanging from his windows.

IV. New Business

- a. N/A

V. Additional community comment

- a. World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Violence Victims was November 16, 2025.
- b. Commissioner Kolb asked if anything could be done to stop sideswiping and speeding on 10th Street NE. Chair Bloomstine noted that it is similar to 11th Street NE but is along a Safe Routes to Schools pathway. Committee member Sussman also suggested mentioning 10th and 11th Streets in feedback to DDOT about Strategic Bikeways at the 12/3/25 Ward 6 event.
- c. Community member Shelby asked about the uneven walk signal timing along Constitution Ave NE. Chair Bloomstine said he would ask DDOT about signal timing along that corridor and also encouraged community members to file TSIs.

VI. Adjourn meeting.



Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



Minutes
ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Wednesday November 19, 2025
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attending:

Committee members: Scott Kilbourn, Becca Buthe, Russ Greenfield

Commissioners: Dave Wethington (6A05, also acting co-chair), Stephen Kolb (6A07)

7:00 pm Welcome/Introductions

7:01 pm Resolution of previously heard cases

7:05 pm Old Business

Resolution of previously heard cases, reviewed by Commissioner Wethington
1231 F Street NE; Square 1007, Lot 0113; (BZA [21391](#)): Submitted by Smita Rawoot, to construct a second story accessory dwelling unit to an existing, detached, accessory garage, in the rear of an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. The relief requested is for a Special Exception.

Background: In September 2025 ANC 6A EDZ voted unanimously to provide a letter of support for subject request, which was approved in the Consent Agenda during the October 2025 ANC 6A meeting. A letter of support was submitted to BZA dated October 26, 2025.

Update: Dr. Daniel Kocovski and/or Ms. Eleanor Garretson will testify as the owners and occupants of the adjacent property at 1233 F Street NE, located immediately to the east of 1231 F Street NE, which is the subject of the application for an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

Their testimony will describe the adverse impacts that the proposed ADU would have on the use and enjoyment of their property and their property value. In addition, their testimony will describe how the proposed ADU is not in harmony with the purpose and intent of the zoning regulations and zoning maps.

The BZA Hearing is currently scheduled for December 10, 2025.

7:12 pm New Business

1. 1378 C Street, NE (Square 1032, Lot 41); (BZA [21401](#)): Submitted by Eric Konopka to construct front and side additions, to an existing, semi-detached, two-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. The relief requested is for a Special Exception. A BZA Hearing has been scheduled for January 28, 2026.

Presentation- Architect - Lacy Brittingham on behalf of Eric Konopka

- Altering the cornice on the existing house alters the rooftop. They will be constructing two bays.
- Spoke with neighbors and have letters of support - across the street on both streets and next door. Only one missing is the church.
- Eric has lived in the house for the last 5 years and is planning to stay.

Comments/Discussion:

- Commissioner Wethington: Thankful to attention to maintaining the character of the house and area and effort going into finding the same brick.
- Scott Kilbourn: Appreciates sensitivity to context. Asked for clarification on what the



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exception is.

- Response: Section E204.1 - any portion of the existing rooftop element cannot be removed or altered. Relief from the section has happened before on other properties for adding 3rd floors, but in this scenario it is because they are altering the cornice.
- Commissioner Kolb: Estimated timeline for completion?
 - Hearing Jan 28, then resubmit to the city. Start of construction potentially in early February and 6-7 months construction.

Motion:

- Motion to support the request for special exception.
 - Passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next scheduled EDZ meeting is December 17, 2025.



New Business



Suggested Motion: ANC 6A authorize Commissioners Wethington, Gove, and Giertz to finalize its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025. (Wethington)

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A approve the testimony that was presented to the DC Council Committee on Facilities on December 3, 2025 regarding Bill 26-113 “Department of Parks and Recreation Hours Expansion Amendment Act of 2025” and other issues related to the Sherwood Recreation Center. The written testimony is to be submitted to the Council by the ANC prior to December 17, 2025. (Shapiro)

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A authorize 6A04 Commissioner Gove and/or Patrick Bloomstine, Chair of the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee, to testify at the DC Council Committee on the Environment and Transportation hearing concerning transportation to the RFK site redevelopment.

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A approve Rachael Loper as a member of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee. (Wethington)

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A change its’ January 2026 meeting date from January 8, 2026 (2nd Thursday) to January 15, 2026 (3rd Thursday).



Testimony for the Committee on Facilities Re: Bill 26-113 and Other Issues
Related to Sherwood Recreational Center

Members of the Council’s **Committee on Facilities, Committee Staff** and representatives of DPR, my name is Roberta Shapiro. I am a second term ANC Commissioner, representing Single Member District SMD) 6A03, the SMD in which Sherwood Recreational Center is located.

I am here to offer strong support for the “**Department of Parks and Recreation Hours Expansion Amendment Act of 2025**” which seeks to address a major deficit in District of Columbia Recreational Center access by requiring all DPR-managed facilities to be open at minimum from 12 pm to 5pm Sundays.

Sherwood Recreation Center is comprised of a large and very heavily used outdoor **space with a children’s playground**, a small soccer field and perimeter track, a basketball court and a single tennis court. The two-story indoor facility includes a large open gymnasium/basketball court, a relatively compact weight/workout room, and on the second floor, a kitchen and three multi-use facilities.

Strong Policy and Community Support for Expanded Hours

During my almost three years as ANC Commissioner, after parking related concerns, issues related to Sherwood has been the most frequent topic of communication from my constituents. Anecdotal complaints referred to broken equipment and facilities, poor or non-existent programming, sanitation and safety issues. In order to derive a more objective view of these issues, I recently conducted a community survey regarding Sherwood.

- **289 households** responded to the survey
- Respondent households represented **988 people**, from infants to older adults
- **90% live within a mile** of Sherwood; 71% with a half mile

Among the findings:

- The preponderance of households **do not utilize Sherwood’s various indoor facilities**
- Almost **15%** of respondent households cited “**hours not convenient**” as the reason for non-use
- While the **outside facilities** were much more widely utilized, especially by families with children, numerous respondents noted the **lack of access to bathroom facilities on Sunday** because the Rec Center was closed.
- Finally, **88 respondent households** took the time to add open narrative comments to the survey. Again, one of the **most common topics was the lack of Sunday hours**.



Obviously, there are robust public policy and public safety arguments for providing safe and appropriate recreational spaces and activities for young people to utilize on Sundays. In addition, however, the recent local survey data demonstrates strong community support for expanded, Sunday hours as called for in the **“Department of Parks and Recreation Hours Expansion Amendment Act of 2025”**

Expanded Hours Are Not Enough At Sherwood

Data from the recent Community Survey, as well as issues raised by ANC 6A in previous and repeated correspondence with DPR, indicates that expanded access time is necessary but not sufficient to meet the needs to the community.

Turning first to the recent survey, lack of relevant programs, and concerns about cleanliness/maintenance, safety and feeling unwelcome were commonly cited **reasons for not using Sherwood’s** indoor facilities.

Furthermore when asked to rate various aspects of Sherwood’s operations as “Good,” “So So,” or “Poor.”

- Programming was rated “good” by only 14% of respondents
- Equipment was rated “good” by 23%
- Maintenance and Cleanliness were rated “good” by 25%

However, when probed regarding their interest in, and probability of use of ,various programs, survey responses indicated a strong interest in new programs targeted across a wide variety of ages and interests.

For the Committee’s convenience, a full copy of the Survey results will be appended to the submission of written testimony.

In addition to data from the recent survey, ANC6A has a long history of official, repeated and unanswered correspondence with DPR on these issues, including cleanliness, maintenance and programming. Quoting from May 11, 2023 correspondence with DPR, which was re-transmitted later that year, but to which the ANC never received a formal response:

“ There is a dearth of programming at Sherwood. As evidence of this point, we scraped 631 program listings (excluding camps and aquatics) off the DPR website and analyzed them by Recreation Center, type of program and target [by age] audience. ... in summary, here is what we found.

- *Currently, there are only 6 total offerings at Sherwood (4 unique program types, one being a drop-in, one open-access program).....*



So, how does Sherwood compare with other Recreation Centers? The answer is not so well...

- *40 of 65 DPR sites offer more programs than Sherwood's 6; with an average of 10 per site and a maximum of 39.*
- *The most robustly programmed recreation center offers programs in 9 of 11 program categories, compared to Sherwood's 4*
- *Similarly, the most robustly programmed recreation center addresses 11 (of 17) target audiences versus 3 at Sherwood*

We ask that DPR provide a detailed list of what programs will be offered, including days, times, target age group, and number of sessions, over at least the next two quarters”

Again, these letters were never answered and programming options at Sherwood diminished further in the intervening time period, thereby explaining the abysmal 14% **”Good” rating for Sherwood programming in the recent community** survey.

Finally, in September of this year, we learned that yet another Manager, Mr. Robert Robinson, had been assigned to Sherwood, along with several other DPR facilities. Based on several interactions with him, I was cautiously optimistic about the prospects for getting Sherwood back on track. However, on December 1, 2025, we learned that Sherwood had been assigned to yet another manager, the fifth or sixth during my tenure as Commissioner. Frankly, I have lost all **faith in the ability of DPR’s** leadership and organizational structure to address the issues at Sherwood.

Therefore, in summary, we strongly support Sunday hours across DPR’s facilities, but note that to be productive at Sherwood, these hours must be coupled with attention to programming, maintenance, cleanliness and safety issues.

If you wish to discuss this testimony with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me or ANC6A Chair Dave Wethington at 6A05@anc.dc.gov.

Thank you,

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Survey was conducted by ANC Commissioner Roberta Shapiro in whose SMD (6A03) Sherwood Recreational Center is located. This seemed like an opportune time to gather data about community perceptions of the Rec Center as there is a new and responsive Director of Programming and as there is also a \$4 million capital allocation for Sherwood in the FY'26 budget.

In brief, survey results included:

- **289 households** responded to the survey
- Respondent households represented **988 people**, from infants to older adults
- **90% live within a mile** of Sherwood; 71% with a half mile
- With the exception of the workout room, the **preponderance of respondent households NEVER use Sherwood's indoor facilities.**
- **Lack of awareness** of programs was the predominant reason selected for not using Sherwood's indoor facilities, along with **lack of relevant programs**, and concerns about **cleanliness/maintenance, safety and feeling unwelcome.**
- Outdoor spaces were more commonly used than indoor spaces
- Most frequent reasons for not using outdoor spaces included crowding and access issues as well as concern about cleanliness and maintenance of outdoor spaces.
- **Almost one-half of respondents indicate that they receive NO communications** about DPR programs.
- There is **substantial interest in participating in a range of potential programs** for preschool and school age children, as well as for adults
- There is also significant interest in potential **music and film events** at the Rec Center, and praise for the recent music event.
- Sherwood failed to **exceed 42% "good" ratings across a range of metrics.**
 - "Programming" was rated "good" by only 14% of respondents
 - "Equipment was rated "good" by 23%
 - "Maintenance and cleanliness" was rated "good" by 25%
- Almost **50% of respondents would like to see a kiddie splash park** added at Sherwood and **25% would like to see community gardens.**
- Eighty-eight respondents entered open-ended narrative suggestions and comments. The most commonly issues cited were:
 - **Poor cleanliness and maintenance** (especially in bathrooms and weight room)
 - **Loitering, gambling, alcohol and drug use and littering on the property**
 - The **need for more programming**
 - The **need for expanded hours** (early morning, and Sundays, with a particular need for bathroom access on Sunday)
 - Needed **weight room improvements** (space, equipment, ventilation, cleanliness/maintenance)
 - Negative comments re **staff**
 - **Poor communications** re: programs and events
 - **Tennis** court related issues.



DETAILED RESULTS
Who Answered the Survey?

The responses proximity are as follows:

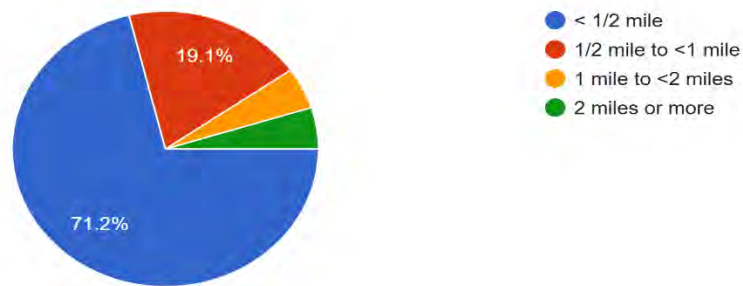
- 289 households responded to the survey
- 71.3% (206) respondents lived less than one-half mile of Sherwood
- **90.3% (261) lived less than one mile from Sherwood**

The responses re: age of residents in respondent **households** were as follows. There were:

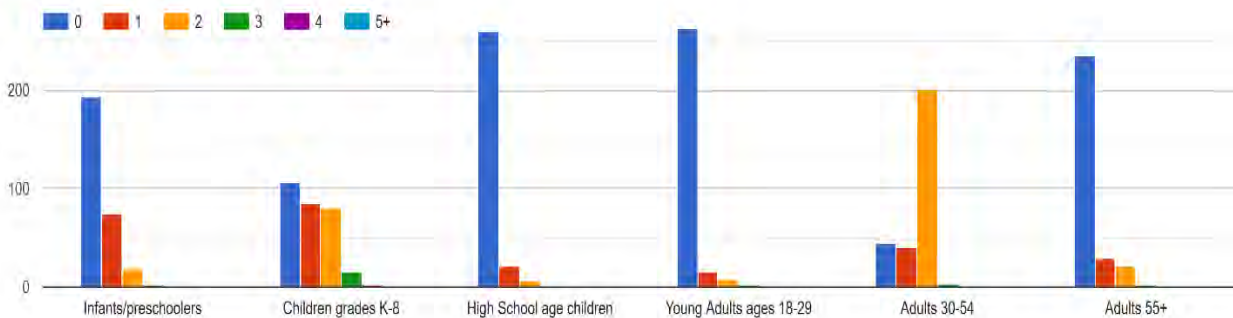
- **A total of 988 persons living in respondent households**
- 74 adults age 55 or older living in respondent households
- 443 persons age 30-54
- 32 young adults age 18-29
- 34 high school age students
- 293 children age k-8
- 110 infants/preschoolers

How close do you live to Sherwood Recreation Center?

288 responses



How many people in each of the following age groups live in your house





Use of Indoor Facilities by Respondents and Their Household Members

With the exception of the workout room, the preponderance of respondent households NEVER use Sherwood's indoor facilities.

Never Use (# of/% of Households)

Pickle Ball	248	86%
Basketball	223	77%
Volleyball	274	95%
Weight Room	189	65%
Yoga, Line Dance, Classes	242	84%
After School Programs	255	88%
Camps, Holiday Programs	233	81%
Permitted Space	213	74%

Only a small percentage of respondent households use an indoor facility weekly or monthly.

Monthly or Weekly Use (of/% of Households)

Pickle Ball	6	2%
Basketball	19	7%
Volleyball	0	0%
Weight Room	46	16%
Yoga, Line Dance, Classes	9	3%
After School Programs	11	4%
Camps, Holiday Programs	10	3%
Permitted Space	5	2%

Reasons for Not

How frequently do you and your family use Sherwood's various INDOOR facilities/programs..



Reasons for Not Using Indoor Facilities

The most common reasons for not using the indoor facilities include:

- Lack of awareness of programs (72.3%)



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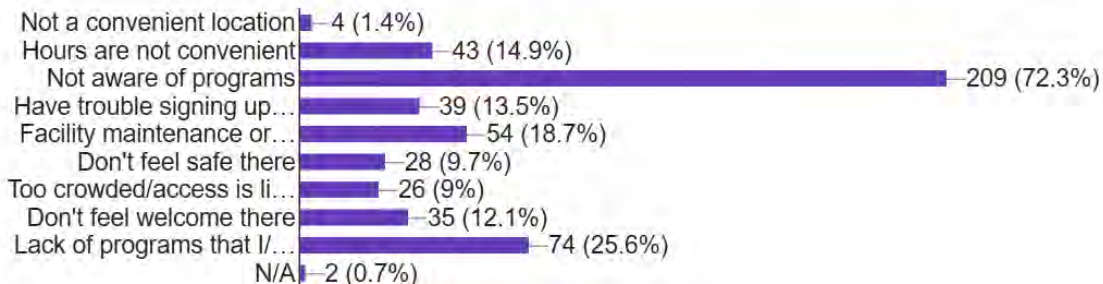
- Lack of programs of interest (25.6%)
- Facility maintenance of cleanliness issues (18.7%)
- Don't feel safe or welcome there (9.7% and 12.1%)

In addition, “other” comments included, overall poor facility when compared to other DPR centers. Lack of bathroom and kitchen cleanliness and supplies, poor maintenance of weight room, kitchen and bathrooms. Poor supervision of kids. Lack of Sunday hours. Unpleasant smells.

If you/your family rarely or never use Sherwood's **INDOOR** facilities, please check **ALL** the reasons why you do not.

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289 responses



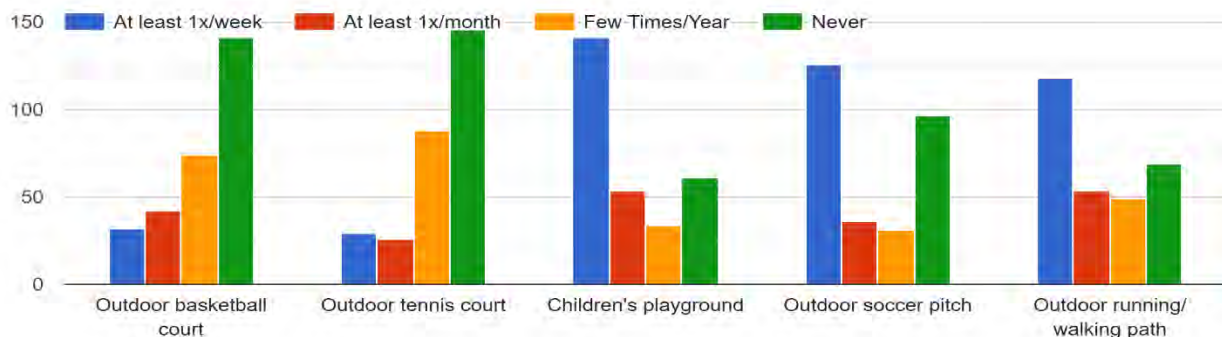
Use of Outdoor Facilities by Respondents and Their Household Members

Overall, respondents and their household members patronized Sherwood's outdoor facilities more than the indoor facilities.

Monthly or Weekly Use (#/% of Households)

Basketball	74	26%
Tennis	54	19%
Playground	194	67%
Soccer pitch	162	56%
Walking/Jogging Path	171	59%

How frequently do you and your family use Sherwood's various OUTDOOR facilities/programs..



Most Common Reason's for Not Using Outdoor Space



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- Too crowded/access issues 46 (15.9%)
- Maintenance/cleanliness 26 (9%)
- Don't feel safe there 15 (5.2%)
- Don't feel welcome there 12 (4.2%)

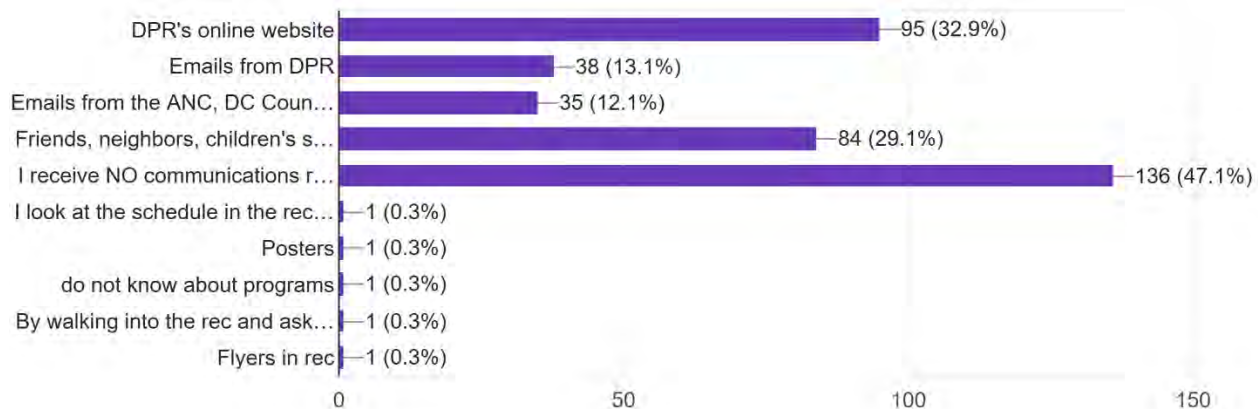


How Do You Learn About DPR's Programs at Sherwood?

As indicated in the graph below, almost one-half of respondents indicate that they receive NO communications about DPR programs, and those who do receive information are almost equally likely to learn about programs from non-DPR Sources such as friends, ANC Commissioners, neighbors, Council members, etc.

How do you learn about DPR programs at Sherwood? (Check all that apply)

289 responses

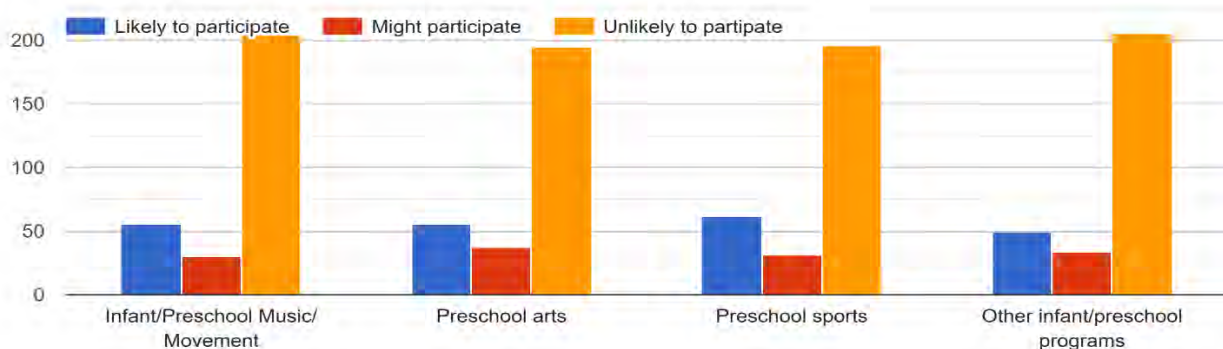


Interest in Preschool Programs

Between **50-60 households** reported that they would be **likely to use**, and **30-40** reported **that they might use**, various preschool programs such as music, movement, art, sports or other programs.

However, since **only 92 respondent households had preschoolers in them**, that means **that approximately 93% of households with preschooler were very or somewhat interested in these programs.**

How likely is it that you/your family would participate in the following programs for infants/preschoolers?



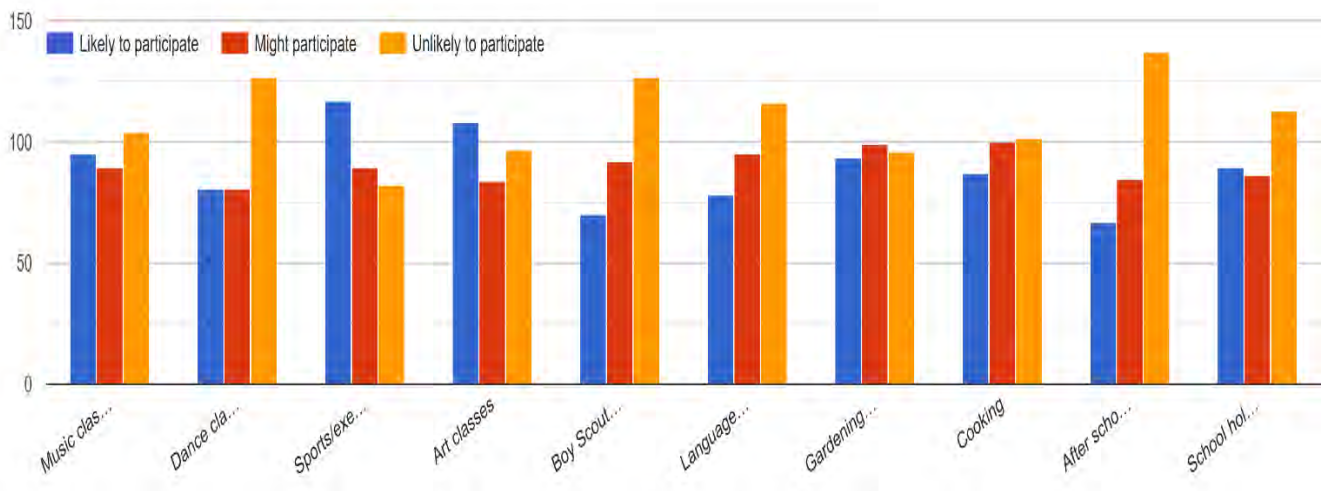


Programs for School Age Kids

There was significant interest across a broad array of potential programs for school age children.

Of the 208 respondents with school-age children approximately 90-127 respondents indicated that they were likely to participate in the various potential programs for school age children and, another 80-100 respondents said they “might.”

How likely is it that you/your family would participate in the following programs for school age kids?

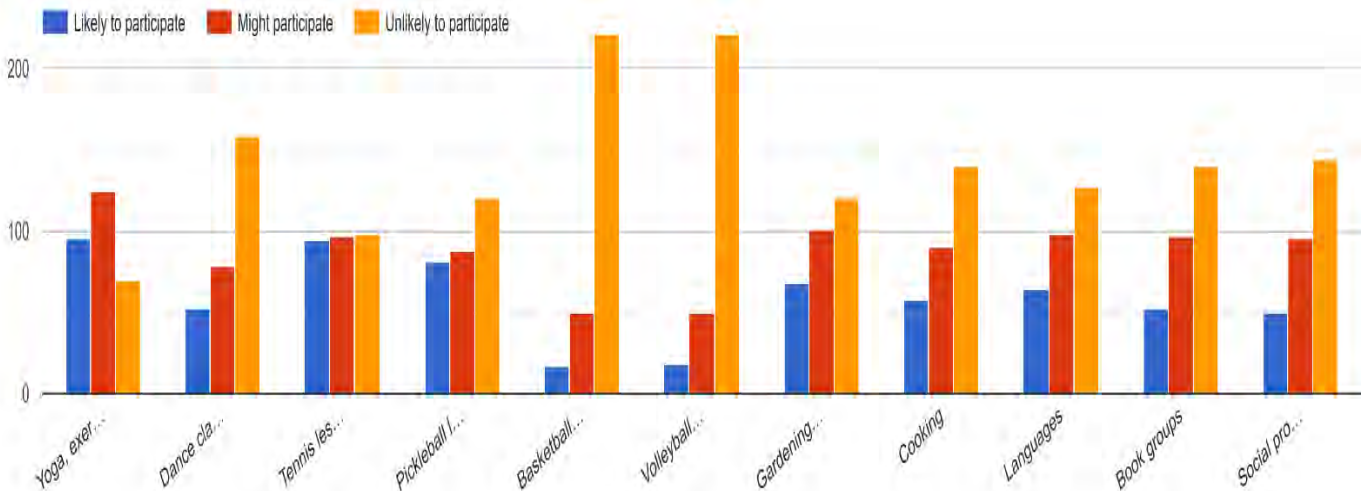


Programs for Adults

Yoga, exercise, tennis, pickleball and gardening were the activities most likely to be utilized by adult members of respondent households.



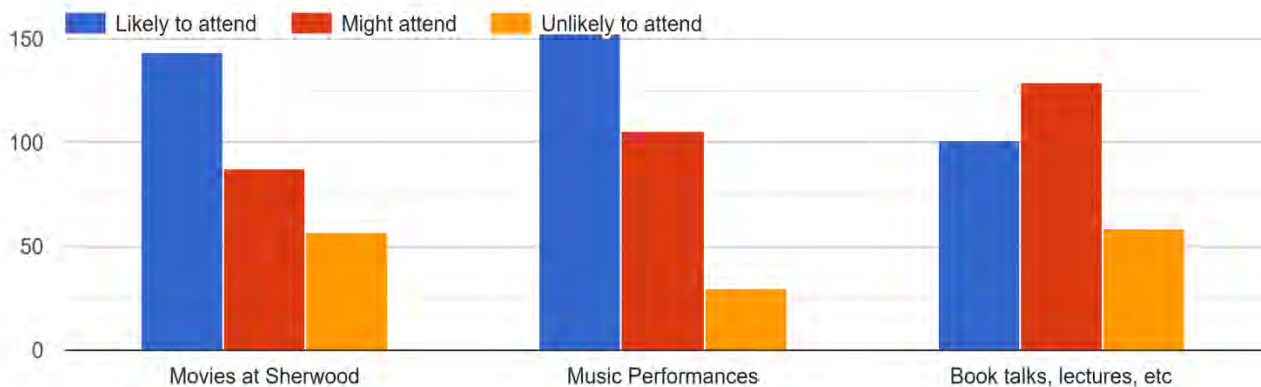
How likely is it that you/your family would participate in the following programs for adults.



Community Activities

Movies and music events rated very high in terms of attendance interest, with 232 respondent household saying that they were “likely” or “might” attend a movie and 259 respondent households indicating that they were “likely” or “might” attend a music event. There was less, but still significant interest in book talks, lectures, etc.

How likely is it that you/your family would attend the following types of programs?



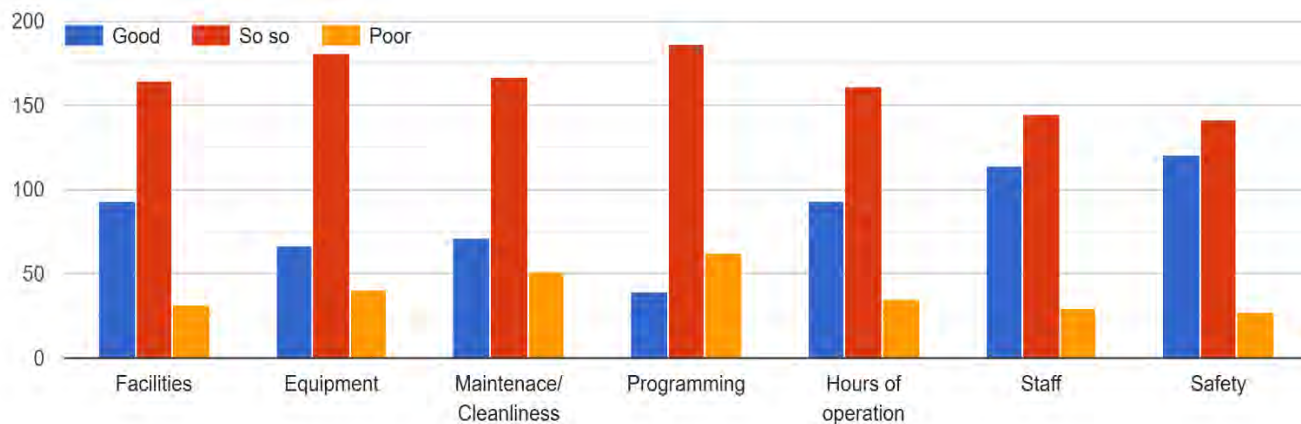


Ratings of Sherwood

Sherwood was rated “good” (versus “poor” or “so-so”) by **no more than** 42% of respondents for any of the metrics in the graph below. The lowest rated metrics were:

- Programming-Rated “good” by only 14% of respondents
- Equipment-Rated “good” by 23%
- Maintenance and Cleanliness – Rated “good” by 25%

Overall, how would you rate Sherwood Rec Center/Park



Additional Facilities to Be Added at Sherwood

Almost 50% of respondents would like to see a kiddie splash park (like the one at Eastern Market) added at Sherwood and 25% would like to see community gardens.



New Business



Given the space limitations, what kinds of new facilities or equipment would you like to see at Sherwood.

289 responses



Additional Comments re: **outdoor** facilities are found in Appendix A

- Aimed at adult recreation
- Better classes. Equipment is fine
- Better lighting outside
- Better repair/care of playground equipment
- Better weight room equipment
- Both splash park and community garden
- Community Gardens
- Community opportunity
- Dog park, splash park
- Either, as long as it is maintained. Playground equipment is broken for months. I'd rather have what we have now that is functional than a new thing that also breaks.
- Exercise equipment and weights.
- Family exercise ie room where a family can workout together. Currently the space does not accommodate a family that may want to exercise together
- Fans in the workout room.
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- I hear the jazz music was a big hit! (maybe a stage area could be created?)
- I like the idea of better gym and fitness classes
- I love the outdoor area. No changes needed
- Improve what already exists. Would love to use the weight room but some equipment is ripped. There was trash everywhere and I did not feel safe - easy to improve upon what is there
- Individual Swings on the playground
- Kiddie splash park (like the one near Eastern Mkt)
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- More exercise equipment for weight room
- More or larger gym space



- More stair-climbers in the workout room, please. There's almost always a line!
- More tennis courts
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- NEW PAINT AND LIGHTING - in non-industrial colors/bulbs would do a LOT to liven up the upstairs rooms.
- New playground equipment
- Nicer gym, opening earlier
- No more please it's always under construction. Let's just use what we have and the money to do maintenance and keep it nice.
- Open space
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- paint, equipped bathrooms, more tennis programs, fenced dog park area
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- POOL!!!
- Preserve the existing outdoor space, especially the sports field!
- Rec room for teens with pool table, foos ball table, etc. As a local parent, I would happily volunteer if supervisors are needed.
- Roller hockey like at Watkins
- Roller skating
- Second tennis court
- Skate park
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- The rubber playground surface is always in disrepair, and most turf surfaces aren't safe for kids anyway. We would feel safe with our kids playing on natural surfaces like wood chips and grass. The dangers of turf and recycled rubber are commonly known, so I'm surprised DC is using them on children's play facilities.
- Unless you provide additional parking, I'm not in favor of enlarging the facilities. No community gardens because of rat issues and additional congestion and noise during non-school hrs.
- Update playground equipment, have more swings, plus, replant plants that don't attract mosquitoes
- Upgraded weightlifting equipment for the fitness center: barbell racks, benches, dumbbells, etc.
- Weight room with good equipment
- Woodworking

Other Comments or Suggestions

Eighty-eight respondents took the time to enter open-ended narrative comments, some of which were paragraphs long and addressed multiple issues. In order to make these comments more digestible, I categorized them. However, in the interest of transparency the verbatim comments are found in Appendix B.



New Business



The most common issues cited were: the lack of overall cleanliness and maintenance(especially in bathrooms and weight room); loitering, gambling, alcohol and drug use and littering on the property; the need for more programming with many citing potential kids programs; the need for expanded hours (early morning, and Sundays, with a particular need for bathroom access on Sunday); needed weight room improvements (space, equipment, ventilation, cleanliness/maintenance); negative comments re staff; poor communications re: programs and events; and tennis court related issues.

Comment Category	Count
Cleanliness/Maintenance	18
Programming for Adults and Kids eg Sports, Gymnastics, Tae Kwon Do, Karate	14
Loitering/gambling/drugs/alcohol/trash	11
Expanded hours/days	11
Improve/expand/maintain weight room	10
Staff negative	6
Communications	6
Tennis Court availability/sign up	6
Splash Park-Positive	3
Use of outdoor spaces	3
Staff positive	2
Improve playground facilities	2
Community Garden-Positive	2
Pool	2
Music-Positive	2
Positive Overall	2
Outdoor Space-Positive	1
Dog area	1
Soccer field access	1
Longer hours/days	1
Splash Park-Negative	1
More Soccer Access	1
Easier access for community groups	1
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APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

Please add any **other comments or suggestions** about Sherwood Rec Center and Park that you want to share.

88 responses

- The yard and grass could be put to better use.
- lack of programming and communication with surrounding community are extremely poor. Staff's failure to collect trash that accumulates on site -- on basketball court and adjacent walkways is beyond unacceptable.
- I would like the staff to notice and remove all of the people who like to hang out in the g street steps, creating trash, gambling and looking menacing
- The staff is not welcoming at all. And all summer can't use the gym because of summer programming which is very frustrating. The kids don't use the gym so hard to understand why it's not open during the day. And the gym equipment is not well maintained. I stopped using the gym after making several requests to fix equipment. I used to use it 3 days a week. Haven't been in 4-5 years.
- Would like to see increase in communication about programs. Would love to go here for free or reduced price gym equipment or dance classes



- Need more soccer space. Workout room is too small & the equipment needs to be updated. For other questions above, we participate with programs with our school friends & other community groups we are in. We participate in activities not offered.
- I would love to do something with the side yard, perhaps for outdoor parties
- More school age tennis and ability to sign up for courts
- Give the dudes on G a trash can. I don't mind them hanging out and having a good time but give em a trash can or something so my dog isn't eating their chicken wing bones
- The fake turf was not an improvement; I wish they could have kept it as natural grass.
- More pickleball, tennis, and kids dance, gymnastics and sports
- A kiddie splash park would be AMAZING! Also the bathrooms need better, more regular cleaning.
- Better hours for the gym please
- the new turf is great - let's keep it that way, please
- Needs a pool!!!!
- Bathroom access on Sundays would be great for families using the playground or soccer field
- The playground should be better maintained and should use safer materials.
- Staff isn't very friendly. They don't leave the desk often and you hardly ever see them outside.
- The outdoor space is fantastic
- The indoor facilities really need to catch up to the outdoor facilities. HVAC is very antiquated (the heat is blasting in winter is actually too hot in there). We were initially opposed to an artificial turf soccer pitch but have grown to like it. We thought they would use the rubber pellets in the turn which are TERRIBLE but we found out that it's actually a somewhat organic material.
- The weight room needs a renovation and better cardio equipment. I would use it a lot if it were renovated and open before or after work hours.
- We appreciate Sherwood Rec! We've spent many hours here with our kids. While we won't use any Prek classes/events that doesn't mean we won't support a community demand for that. Thank you for the updates to the soccer fields. Also, I tend to use the weight room and would love to see some updates there!
- I am a privileged person living in the neighborhood. There are kids less privileged than me--maybe restless to the point of being pretty self destructive--I wonder if there's a way to engage them with facilities. Computers? Recreation? I don't know.
- I'd love to see more swings (baby and child) and shade structures added! I'd also love to see the nature walk area extended. The one safety issue I have encountered is people smoking pot on the kids' playground, which has cut my visits short. I wish there was better enforcement of the no smoking/no drugs policy.
- The yoga room is always a little dirty, and there are ceiling tiles missing.
- A community garden in this area would be fantastic. The demand can be seen because the gardens at Lovejoy Park, nearby, have a multi-year waitlist.
- The tennis court being closed for so long this year with no work being done is extremely disappointing. Work should have been rushed after the first botched job, instead it's just as slow the 2nd time. There should be a gate/entrance on 9th st. The tennis court side door to the park should re-open. It's been locked for the last few years.
- More programs for youth
- Volleyball for school age 18 and under.
- The biggest adjustment that I would like to see at Sherwood is extended hours for the building. I would love to see it open on Sundays and longer hours the rest of the week. I



think it would also be awesome if courses were offered there, like CPR training for community members. I would also love to see something like a learn to quilt workshop, those are hard to find in the District.

- For a while, hand wipes were available in the workout room to clean the equipment. More recently, those were replaced with brown paper towels (that disintegrate as soon as they get wet and are not suitable for this use) and a bottle of spray cleaner. This week, there weren't even paper towels, just the spray cleaner. The mats are in very poor condition. If I want to do any floor exercise, I should bring my own mat. I sense visitors to the Rec Center really appreciate having the facility available to them. I find the workout room too hot for comfort once I'm working out. This limits the amount of time I'm willing to spend working out, as I'm troubled by the heat. A fan or two would be nice!
- A fenced dog park would be a welcome addition to the community
- Please stay open later.
- The outdoor space is wonderful for the community, but challenging to have no restroom facilities on a Sunday. We often have to cut our visits short for this reason.
- Sherwood should definitely make better use of the grass spaces in front of buildings. The playground also desperately needs more shade. Either plant trees or add more sun shades.
- Can you keep those dudes who hangout on the north side drinking and shoot craps all afternoon/evening off the property?
- I don't use the indoor facilities at Sherwood but have tried in the past and received a lot of pushback from staff. Even when facilities are not reserved, they will deny DC citizens (children involved in a non-profit org) from using their open and available space or make it incredibly difficult to do so. It's a chilling effect that's affected lots of neighbors from using the facility that our tax dollars pay for. In terms of cleanliness, the bathrooms are often out of toilet paper, paper towels, soap, etc. And the rec center is closed on Sundays which is terrible for planning events - even outdoors - where bathrooms would be needed.
- none
- There's just a lot of kids smoking weed at the basketball courts all the time. That's tough if you're a family trying to use the playground. Honestly if you just switched the basketball court and the pickleball court that would be amazing.
- The location is great, but the programs are significantly lacking compared to other facilities. I always check your offerings first, but the results are consistently disappointing. I would strongly recommend adding adult and kids' Zumba classes. It would even be amazing — maybe even revolutionary — to offer a parent-and-child dance class! Other joint parent-and-child options like cooking, music, or art classes would also be fantastic. If you're looking for people to help build or organize these programs, I'd be happy to get involved.
- I would love to see more after school programming (tae Kwon do, basketball,
- I am a single adult with no children— like a lot of people in our neighborhood! I'd really love to have a better exercise room. The one we have is cramped and poorly ventilated, and there isn't enough exercise equipment. It should be 2-3x its size for the number of people trying to use it. I'd also like to get involved in pickleball or tennis but I can't figure out how and the online site is useless.
- Really appreciate when Sherwood staff are outside and helping to keep people on e-bikes away from playground/track.
- Maintenance is the biggest problem in this space -- the bathrooms alone are ALWAYS a mess and under-resourced (not enough soap or toilet paper, broken dispensers, etc)
- Monthly community-involved park clean ups. Involve SWS and have both entities marketing the events. There's too much trash and left clothing, lunchboxes, etc.



- Allowing local groups to have indoor & outdoor space when needed.
- The bathrooms need to be better stocked with toilet paper and soap.
- The playground often has broken equipment (ex: both baby swings)
- It's just run down. It seems like the city has forgotten about this rec center. It's nice that they did recently fix up the track. I would love to work out there in the weight room but it simply is inadequate.
- Na
- Would like to see TKD and/or Gymnastics for school age kids.
- Love Sherwood. Would love to see gymnastics or other programming indoor.
- I think it would help if the gym could open at 8:30 or 8:45am
- More marketing of activities
- Please fix the door. For about a year now it closes very fast and is heavy and is likely to hurt someone.
- Having used the weight room a few times a few years back, I was disappointed in the cleanliness and functionality of the machines
- Early morning weekday hours would be nice for people to exercise before work. Sunday hours would be good, too.
- There could be more seating and shade for those interested in enjoying the outdoor space but not necessarily doing a sport. Community gardens could be interesting if there is a strong and engaged group willing to maintain in addition to support from DPR - however these can quickly become overgrown eye sores if no one is maintaining them. The rec center is a huge value add for the community - especially families. We don't have kids (which is why I said no to the kid programming questions) but I fully support having family friendly spaces for the neighborhood - they're vital to a vibrant and engaged community. I am definitely interested in programming at the Center however the DPR calendar is very cumbersome and doesn't provide much information - so if there are classes happening I am not aware of them - some new outreach tactics about programming might need to occur. I was actually sad to see the unprogrammed lawn turned into a soccer field. It is now pretty much only used for kids soccer and prevents free play opportunities - there should be an effort to keep open use time on the schedule. If you look at the calendar it says reserved 8 am to 8 pm - this is very exclusive and limits everyone's fair use of the space.
- A working gym would be a great addition
- No splash park please. There are many walkable options.
- that old building needs some TLC. The dirt on the HVAC ducts is scary. The kitchen needs remodeling. The equipment room needs at least 2 more stair climbers, the one is always busy. The weight room also needs cleaning and a better way to wipe the equipment after use, the room is often out of wipes.
- The building doesn't seem designed for access or visual connection to its site or the neighborhood. It's fenced on nearly all sides with one entrance and few windows. The stairs on G Street go to doors that don't open. The people congregating on the sidewalk and stairs in this location seem to have nothing to do with the fitness/rec center purpose of the site. Honestly, a lot of my ignorance about the center and lack of interest in finding out more comes from not really being interested in going to a place that looks so uninviting to me.
- We'd love a splash pad
- Our 3 children go to Sherwood daily. We have lived on the H St. corridor for over 20 years. I just ask that you keep the soccer fields open to the neighbors - the DC Way monopoly is taking away play time from neighbors who cannot afford such programming.



- Thoroughly enjoyed the live band. I was proud to see such an engagement at the rec.
- More outreach to surrounding community
- Safety: I don't feel safe letting my son use the bathroom by himself, the other people that use the bathroom, rec center could be from anywhere. The bathrooms are dirty, sometimes there's no soap. Very few weights/machines in the workout space. That area is also poorly maintained. The tennis court was recently redone but now it's being redone again, why? I did notice that there's an issue with run-off from the grass going onto the tennis court. The new field is very nice, thank you. The staff at the rec center are not nice and welcoming, they're actually the opposite like why are you disturbing them?
- I used to participate in Zumba and Tiny Tots open gym time but now there are barely any classes or activities. I don't understand why other rec centers seem to have so many more activities. Trinidad Rec for example is always full of people and activities.
- We visit almost every weekend --it would be really great if the building were accessible on Sundays so children could use the bathrooms. It would also be great if there were designated times when elementary-age kids could utilize the gym--especially in the winter months. Early mornings would probably make the most sense given so many families head home mid-day for lunch/nap. Thanks for organizing this survey.
- No sand please!
- We'd really like to have access to the bathrooms when we're playing outside on Sundays!
- I could not rate Sherwood overall as I haven't been in years but you required a response so selected those from my experience years ago.
- It would be great to see updated gym equipment. The dumbbell set is incomplete (missing 55, 60, 65 to name a few). One of the two treadmills has been out of order off and on for a few weeks. Early hours on weekdays (7am?) would be awesome to get a lift in before work as well.
- I would love to see karate and gymnastics classes added to the sports offerings. Not every kid wants to play team sports.
- Can you please make this a drug free zone it's both a school and a rec center. The park and school are amazing and wonderful to see the changes in the outdoor spaces. As someone who lives nearby it is truly sad to see the indoor facilities feel so run down and that it feels unsafe to be indoors or close to the entrances as times
- Wonderful resource to have available.
- Weight room needs an actual squat rack
- More shaded areas around the playground seating
- A pool instead of tennis courts would be amazing.
- Playground needs to be better maintained - broken equipment will not be fixed for months, and more frequent trash pick up would be great
- Please have the drugs and alcohol and loitering addressed in the rear of the building.
- The front desk staff is fantastic and super helpful!
- please finish the tennis court ASAP. it's so sad its still not done.
- Note answered so-so for above where I don't have an opinion
- Basic PR, never knew it was there! I would use it if there were a range of fitness offerings especially. I see only 1 yoga class.
- Staff are frequently late and do not open the center on time. The fitness center is frequently out of stock of cleaning wipes. The water fountains and bathrooms are seldom in a state of good repair. DGS is slow to repair broken windows.
- A splash pad would be incredible!! We (Miles and Maggie at 644 9th St NE) have a 1.5 year old and I was thinking this summer I wish there was one closer. Thanks for doing the survey!



- Amateur band performances, more music programming for adult learners, music practice space for bands

Talents, Teams or Other Ideas to Be Offered at Sherwood

There were more than 30 open-ended responses to the following question. Several respondents provided contact information.

*“If you have a talent or a sports team, club or other group that you would like to have offered at Sherwood, please describe briefly below. **Please add you name and contact information so someone can get back to you.**”* 30 responses

- Wrestling
- Gymnastics, dance, music
- I would be interested in volunteering to help with reading or other school homework or enrichment.
- Most of our activities are fine arts. Music etc
- Youth basketball, ms volleyball.
- I I STRONGLY SUPPORT OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS! I think they'd be a great addition to the park/area!
- I was a voice/French major in college. I could conduct a choir or help someone learn French.
- Days out of school programming
- Kids Tennis lessons would be incredible
- Indoor pickleball and french language!
- Woodworking interest groups
- Knitting/Crocheting/Cross-stitching
- Organized men's/adult league basketball and soccer.
- Youth basketball!
- I'd love to help Sherwood create even more fun and engaging programs. For example, I'd be excited to see parent-and-child dance, cooking, art, or music activities. I'd be happy to support planning or brainstorming to help bring more families into the center. In addition, I can offer to lead/organize a Chinese kids' story reading or singing group at Sherwood. My email is:
- Entomology club for kids
- - indoor & outdoor teams with kids ages 7-12yrs old. Need practice space for futsal, indoor soccer, Wednesdays 7-9pm.
- Pickleball, pilates instructor
- Would be great to have diverse sports and offerings like Judo, capoeira, tumbling
- MoveIt Sports with Coach Smith from Ludlow would be PERFECT
- I am an Arborist and Landscape architect: I regularly lead youth and adult workshops and education events for planting, garden and tree maintenance, native plants and environmental education. I would be interested in doing this for the community. I live a block away. - Laura
- Mahjong
- My 12-year-old son loves soccer and cannot find an open field with the DC Way monopoly on public facilities. My kids go to Sherwood on a daily basis.
- Making tea blends.
- Pilates or barre
- Very interested in DPR tennis class, a tennis league, or other tennis events.



New Business



- Fitness classes in addition to yoga (aerobics, Zumba, etc)
- Amateur band performances, more music programming for adult learners, music practice space for bands



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May 31, 2023

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Re: ANC 6A Request for DPR attention to ongoing issues at Sherwood

Dear Interim Director,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 11, 2023 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to your agency requesting: 1) an explanation for the lack of programming at Sherwood over the last two quarters and specific plans for programming in Q3 and Q4; 2) plans for improvement in routine maintenance of the building and ground and cleanliness in the outdoor areas surrounding the building; 3) information on alternative plans for a hypothermia shelter for Winter 2024.

Programming at Sherwood

There is a dearth of programming at Sherwood. As evidence of this point, we scraped 631 program listings (excluding camps and aquatics) off the DPR website and analyzed them by Recreation Center, type of program and target audience. The detailed data are attached. However, in summary, here is what we found.

- Currently, there are **only 6 total offerings at Sherwood** (4 unique program types, one being a drop-in open-access program).
- Currently, 3 of these 6 programs are full.
- These specific programs appear to account for 13 hours of specific programmatic use/week at Sherwood, plus 12.5 hours of "afterschool open access."
 - There are only 2 hours of preschool programming/week, despite the explosion of children in our community.
 - There are 7 hours of indoor pickleball, a program that appears to be run (set-up/breakdown, etc) by the participants themselves.
 - We believe that the same DIY approach may be true of the 2 hours of weekly women's volleyball.

¹ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on anc-6a@googlegroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, on Twitter (@ANC6A) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



- There are 2 hours of yoga per week (apparently with an instructor/leader)
 - o There appears to be after-school open access to the gym; again, however, without any apparent leadership or organization.
 - o Despite a basketball court and a tennis court on site, there is currently no programming around these resources.
 - o There are no programs directed at our community's many senior citizens.
 - o Nor are there activities aimed at mentoring, leadership, tutoring or just keeping occupied our many middle-school through young adult residents.
 - o There are no music, dance or arts programs.

So, how does Sherwood compare with other Recreation Centers? The answer is not so well. Although, one could argue that programming is anemic at many other DPR sites as well. The attached Pivot Tables show the number and ranking of programs by Recreation Center by type of program and by the target audience.

- **40 of 65 DPR sites** offer more programs than Sherwood's 6; with an average of 10 per site and a maximum of 39.
- The most robustly programmed recreation center offers programs in 9 of 11 program categories, compared to Sherwood's 4
- Similarly, the most robustly programmed recreation center addresses 11 (of 17) target audiences versus 3 at Sherwood

We ask that DPR provide a detailed list of what programs will be offered, including days, times, target age group, and number of sessions, over at least the next two quarters.

Improved Maintenance

The Sherwood Facility, both inside and out, is poorly maintained. This is true in terms of routine maintenance, such as ongoing rat abatement, removal of litter and garbage around the facility, and in terms of responding to urgent issues, such as shattered glass in a door.

A partial list of maintenance issues cited by constituents includes:

- A strong smell of gas or fumes in the gym when the furnace is operating
- Weight room equipment that is old and broken
- Poorly maintained/cleaned restrooms
- A long-promised, but still unscheduled replacement of the playground surface
- Need to repair or replace many broken pieces of playground equipment
- Basketball and tennis courts that need to be resurfaced and are often full of trash
- A dumpster area is rat-infested and has a broken fence and piles of trash surrounding each dumpster.
- A walking track that has a dangerous crater in the middle of the grassy soccer field area and a track that may need resurfacing



- Landscaping and shrubbery on the property have been decimated with inappropriate trimming by the "landscaping company" that mows the lawn.
- A historic light on the north side of the entrance walkway is broken off at the base with wire exposed and another device has exposed wire on the southeast corner of the building
- Failure to clean up trash and debris left on the property or to notify authorities of drug use or other dangerous or illegal activities on the property

Alternative Plans for a Hypothermia Shelter for Winter 2024

It appears that Sherwood is one of only one or two DPR facilities used as a hypothermia shelter. The usage of this site is suboptimal for the people who need shelter. Concerns regarding the shelter use include:

- Limitations on the use of the Recreation Center for early morning and later night programs
- Use of storage for cots etc that could otherwise be used for DPR program-related equipment
- Lack of clear accountability and responsibility for security and maintenance due to the number of agencies involved (DHS, DHS contractors, DGS, DPR, DGS and DPR contractors, etc.)

We have been told by DHS that, each year, DPR provides a list of possible sites for shelter usage. Furthermore, DHS has indicated that subject to budgetary decisions, there would be no recreation center-based shelters next winter. We are empathetic to the plight of neighbors in need of emergency shelter for any reason. We ask DPR to allocate emergency shelter in a way that is equitable and transparent. .

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Commissioner Shapiro can be contacted at 6A03@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

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