



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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To: The DC Public Charter School Board
3333 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

From: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Dear Board Members:

At a properly posted regular meeting, and with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted 7-0-0 to ask that the DC Public Charter School Board deny to any new charter school, or any expansion campus of an existing charter school, the right to locate in a facility or property that is not in compliance with the letter and spirit of the regulations recently promulgated by the Zoning Commission or the new regulation under consideration before the Commission.

ANC 6A also asks that the DC Public Charter School Board deny to AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation (AppleTree) or any other charter school use of townhouse locations in R-4 districts, specifically 138 Twelfth Street NE.

Further, ANC 6A asks that the DC Public Charter School Board require that charter schools seeking new locations or seeking to expand existing campuses in residential neighborhoods be required to give 45 days notice of their intention to the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission and to consult with that Commission in public session.

The PCSB should determine whether the requirements of the law have been met with respect to the purchase of services (architectural and environmental), goods, and property by AppleTree. We have been unable to discover the legally required filings by AppleTree in the DC Register.

We ask PCSB to determine if AppleTree obtained proper city permits and provided community notification for asbestos remediation.

If the PCSB finds that law and regulatory procedures have not been followed, we ask that their charter be withdrawn or, at least, their permission to expand to the new location, where these errors may have taken place, be refused.

We ask if the PCSB has considered the safety and welfare of the preschoolers given AppleTree's proposed location. If not, then we ask the PCSB to examine the traffic dangers of the surrounding one-way streets. The PCSB should also consider where parents may safely and appropriately wait for their children after school, and where they will safely park to deliver child and party cupcakes in the morning. In addition, the nearest playground is across busy East Capitol Street. Walking preschoolers, as a group at the speed of the slowest child, across the path of fast moving traffic is inherently unsafe.

Since PCSB is supposed to work with DC public schools, you also considered the conflict of locating a charter preschool facility within a block of the preschool started recently at Maury Elementary School?

On Behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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