



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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March 19, 2025

Director Kent Boese
Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW - Suite 11
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Request for Appeal for Denial of 2024 grant to Guerrilla Gardeners

Dear Director Boese:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on March 13, 2025 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send of Appeal to the Director of OANC asking for reconsideration of the denial of ANC 6A's 2024 grant of \$1,000 to Guerrilla Gardeners. The purpose of the grant was to hold a public, community event to plant Tulips around the periphery of Sasha Bruce House. We respectfully urge OANC to consider the following points:

1. The planting event "Tulipoolza" was an open event to which the entire community was invited, and also highlighted the work of Guerilla Gardeners interns who are at -risk youth in the community and the work of Sasha Bruce. (The event was widely publicized to the community.)
2. The planting was done on property deemed "Public Parking" by City Code. This property is under the ultimate control of DDOT, NOT by the adjacent property owner.
3. The visual impact of the flowers is enjoyed by the entire community and is visible by people in cars, pedestrians, and bikers on Maryland Avenue, 11th and F Streets NE and from the triangle park and playground on 11th Street NE.
4. The adjacent property is owned by a 501c3 that is a contractor to the City of DC to provide interim housing to adolescents
5. The property where the bulbs were planted can be accessed by anyone from the F Street and Maryland Avenue sides or by an entrance on 11th Street NE.
6. The local public school's students, School within School @ Goding, have participated in the beautification and ongoing maintenance process as have many community volunteers. A repeat community Tulipoolooza is scheduled for April 5, 2025.
7. Finally, should the property to conveyed to a private owner, the periphery would remain in DDOT control, but the bulbs could be reclaimed and replanted on

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of the Commission. I can be contacted at 6A05@anc.dc.gov and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro at robertafor6a03@gmail.com .

On behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

¹ ANC 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.