

AGENDA

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee
Monday, September 19, 2011, 7:30 PM
Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith Annex
1235 C St, NE

1. (7:30) Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. (7:35) Status report on ANC/COC activities
3. (7:40) Grant application from Cub Scout Pack 3838
4. (8:10) Other items as suggested by committee members
5. (8:20) Confirmation of next meeting date, October 17, 2011

Everyone is welcome! Call Committee Chair, Elizabeth Nelson with questions at 543-3512.

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Any last minute changes to the time/date/location will be posted on the Community Calendar page



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

1. DATE OF APPLICATION

9/12/2011

2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

Winter 2011

3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS

Cub Scout Pack 3838 (Chartered by Maury Elementary School Afterschool Program)

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4. CONTACT NAME

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5. TITLE

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10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY

Fund the purchase of a long-lasting and high-quality race track for model race cars. The Pinewood Derby is one of the central events of Cub Scouting.

11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST

\$944

12. AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$706

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

Balance of funds were earned at pack fundraiser in May 2011.

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

Fun with a purpose: boys learn to construct something and use their creativity; families participate in the project; culminating in an exciting community event. The majority of the participants are residents of ANC 6A. The Pack is based at Maury ES located within the boundaries ANC 6A.

Project Proposal: Pinewood Derby Track, Pack 3838

The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and memorable events in Cub Scouting. A Pinewood Derby consists of building and racing little wooden cars. The cars are gravity-

powered and run down a regulation track. Surprisingly, such a simple event provides many profound benefits.

The most obvious benefit of the event is pure and simple: fun for the boys. However, of great importance to the mission of Cub Scouting is the event's value in promoting positive family interactions and self-reliance. Although the race will be over in a matter of seconds, a Cub Scout will spend hours building a unique model car. They start with a block of wood and four plastic wheels. The boys are motivated to learn how to use tools and think about mechanics and design. The only limitation is their imagination. Family members are encouraged to help and guide the Cub Scout in his project. Whatever the result of the race, every Cub Scout and his family can take pride in the Cub Scout's final achievement. In addition, it is hoped that the confidence that they gain from building their own car will allow them to win with humility or lose with dignity.

Finally, the event should strengthen the community. Most of our boys are from the neighbourhood and all of our active families live in ANC 6A. The Pinewood Derby provides a well-developed framework for a parent-son activity. Adults who would not normally volunteer for an after-school activity may nevertheless be enthusiastic to help Cub Scouts with their cars before the race. Perhaps a science teacher could be found to explain the basics of acceleration and gravity. Organizing such an event would strengthen the social links between the families of Pack 3838. Other organizations (such as other Cub Scout Packs in the Capitol Hill area) could be invited to the event, creating ties that did not exist before.

Cost of the Event

The costs of operation of a Pinewood Derby are not high. The Pinewood Derby kits cost only \$3.99 each. Ribbons cost \$2.99 and trophies cost \$7.50. For twenty participants the variable cost would amount to \$153.50**. Our Pack could afford to pay these costs from funds raised in May 2011 at its first annual pancake breakfast. The upfront fixed costs of the event are very high. Pinewood Derby tracks can cost anywhere from \$400 to \$2000 depending on the material, number of lanes, and length of the track. A good track lasts for many years and, if treated well, can provide decades of enjoyment. Some packs have passed down their Pinewood Derby tracks from one generation to the other. We do not have that luxury because we are a new pack founded in November 2010. We have raised some money but could not pay such a high upfront cost on our own. We propose to purchase an aluminium track from Best Track. Aluminium is durable and reliable. A modest 3-lane, 42 foot track would cost \$706. Shipping costs \$85. The pack can pay for shipping costs.

**We understand that ANC 6A funds cannot be used to pay for ribbons/trophies.

Budget for Pack 3838 First Annual Pinewood Derby Competition

Pinewood Derby Track	\$706 (requested subsidy)
Shipping Costs	\$85
Race Car Kits	\$80 (20 X \$4)
Ribbons	\$51 (17 X \$3)
Trophies	\$22.50 (3 X \$7.50)
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$944.50</i>