

Minutes
ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Regular Meeting - Jan. 22, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

COC members present: Adina Wadsworth (Chair), Elizabeth Corinth, Angelique Dorazio Sanders, Paul Spires

ANC 6A Commissioners present: Amber Gove

New Business: Consideration of Grant Application

Eric Hanson, representative of Maury Elementary School PTO and Capitol Hill Master Gardener, presented a plan for an outdoor garden. The budget is estimated to be \$4500.00. Mr. Hanson is looking for funding from other sources, including the Capitol Hill Community Foundation.

COC Member Angelique Dorazio-Sanders questioned Mr. Hanson about the choice of plants for use in the garden, and whether he was considering using native plants that don't require watering during summer months, and if he had considered a vegetable garden as opposed to fruit trees. Mr. Hanson listed the native plants under consideration (pye weed, milk weed) and assured the COC that he was committed to 8 years of caring for the garden. He did not agree that vegetables were a good fit for the planned garden as they require an abundance of care.

Commissioner Amber Gove pointed out that Maury previously spent a lot of money on a garden and it did not go well. It was not due to lack of effort, but rather to the school modernization plan. She advised Mr. Hanson to search the DCPS website re: the Maury garden for lessons learned. She suggested he seek reclaimed wood from DDOT Urban Forestry Program for some planned benches and that he check with the DDOT arborist regarding fruit tree rules. As far as maintaining the garden, she suggested he create a maintenance committee from the Maury PTO. Finally, Gove suggested Mr. Hanson consult with Minor Elementary School since they have been successful with their garden.

COC Member Elizabeth Corinth, a School Within School (SWS) Elementary School parent, pointed out that plants there were not cared for over the summer months and suggested Maury work with the non-profit organization Food Prints.

Several commissioners noted that Eastern High School has a garden club and could be a source of information and plants as well.

COC Chair Wadsworth made a motion that ANC 6A approve a grant amount of \$1,000.00 to Maury Elementary School PTO for the establishment of an outdoor garden. The motion was seconded by COC member Corinth and agreed to unanimously. The matter will be taken up at the next regular ANC6A meeting (Feb. 8, 2024.)

New COC Chair: Chair Wadsworth passed the chairmanship to Mr. Paul Spires. She will continue to serve on the COC and will maintain the ANC6A Facebook page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.