

ANC6A Community Outreach Committee
February 21, 2010 Minutes
Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Committee members present: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Rose Williams, Louis Barbash, Jean Kohanek (quorum)

Committee members absent: Necothia Bowens, Mark Roy, Pat Joseph

Commissioners present: Gladys Mack, David Holmes

Community members present: Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Diane Douglas (Maury PTA)

- I. Agenda
 1. Adopted.

- II. Status report on ANC/COC activities.
 1. The COC minutes from January were approved.
 2. The Hill is Home ad is running and has been well-received.
 3. Final copy of ad for Capitol Hill (AKA Fagon) Guide has been received. A typo has been identified and reported.

- III. David Holmes addressed the committee as Chair of ANC 6A.
 1. He thanked the COC members for contributing to the success of ANC 6A. He said that 6A enjoys a reputation as being very effective and that it would not be possible to accomplish as much as it has without the support of the committees.
 2. He informed the COC that ANC 6A committees now have "immediate parliamentary standing", meaning that their recommendations do not need to be introduced by a commissioner in order to be considered by the Commission - provided that the committee has a quorum. This is in recognition of the serious efforts of the committees.
 3. Commissioner Holmes reminded the COC that the committees and ANC 6A have taken on issues of concern not only to 6A but also city-wide. He asked that the COC develop suggestions that will benefit 6A and the City.

- IV. Diane Douglas presented a grant application on behalf of the Maury ES PTA for three ELMO projectors for classroom use.
 1. Ms. Douglas explained that parents, faculty and staff at Maury are all working to improve test scores. This is of obvious benefit to the students in the testing grades but it is also important to the overall success of the school as test scores affect enrollment decisions at all grade levels. Teachers, in particular, are working hard to differentiate instruction to reach each child on his/her level. They try to plan ahead but need to be able to respond "in the moment" to interests and questions as they are expressed in the classroom.
 2. The pre-school classes at Maury currently share an ELMO. Based on observation of its use in these classes, the teachers in the upper grades realized that it would allow them to easily customize lessons. Currently, there is no facility at Maury to make even "traditional" transparencies and, in the current budget crunch, there are no plans to rectify that situation. However, even if there

were a means of making transparencies, that would still not provide the same utility as transparencies must be made in advance. The ELMO allows projection of the material onto a variety of surfaces where notations may be made spontaneously. For example, sentences can be diagrammed or math problems can be expanded.

3. Several committee members (Ms. Kohanek, Ms. Williams, Mr. Barbash) asked if there would be compatibility issues between the ELMOS and other electronic equipment, problems with changing technology/upgrades, or additional software requirements - but were assured that none of this would be problematic. Upgrades are not required and the ELMS would be used independently of other electronic equipment. Mr. Barbash also inquired if DCPS would allow the school to purchase this equipment - since it is out of scope to what they do provide. The answer is "yes"; if the school can raise the money through grants, they may purchase the equipment.
4. The reason three ELMOs are needed is that they will be used primarily for language arts and math. These courses are taught in the same time-period for all three of the upper grades. They can't readily be shared because they would be needed at the same time for all three classrooms.
5. The ELMO projectors clearly benefit the residents of 6A as Maury is completely in-boundaries to ANC 6A. The grant would not be duplicative of City services; although DCPS has provided a less useful version of an overhead projector in the past, it has no plans to do so going-forward. This has been confirmed by Principal Albert-Garvey. In fact the one ELMO currently in use at Maury was provided by a grant from Target.
6. **Motion:** Ms. Williams moved that the COC recommend that ANC 6A fund the grant application from the Maury ES PTA to purchase 3 ELMO overhead projectors at a cost of \$1,767. **Seconded** by Mr. Barbash. **Vote 5 in favor (incl. Commissioner Holmes), none opposed.**

V. Discussion of advertising in the Washington Informer.

1. Subsequent to the January COC meeting, Ms. Nelson spoke with Ms. Bowens, who had offered to attempt to negotiate favorable rates with the Washington Informer. Ms. Bowens said that she would like to have a sample ad (based on Fagon ad) in hand at the time she would initiate the negotiations. Ms. Nelson has now received a draft of the Fagon ad. However, it has been suggested that email addresses, in addition to phone numbers, be included. The Fagon ad is not large enough to accommodate this but the shape of the Informer ad will likely be different and may accommodate the additional information.
2. Ms. Kohanek will lay out a possible draft of the Informer ad and forward to the COC for review. Ms. Bowens will then discuss placement and rates with the Informer.

VI. Continued discussion of revised ANC flyer:

1. Ms. Nelson suggested that the list of agenda distribution points be removed from the version currently posted on the website, as agendas are not actually available at those locations. The COC agreed that we do not want to have mis-information on the website so Ms. Kohanek will produce a version without that section so that Ms. Nelson can replace what is on the website.
2. There followed a discussion of how to use the extra space. The COC agreed that a brief description of the activities of the various committees would be

appropriate, at least in the short run. Other ideas are under consideration, including grant application information.

3. Commissioner Mack cautioned that the ANC boundaries will be redrawn as a consequence of Census redistricting. She advised that flyers not be reprinted at this time.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
- VIII. The next meeting will take place Monday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. at 1235 C St. NE