

ANC6A Community Outreach Committee

August 22, 2011 Minutes

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Committee members present: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Jean Kohanek, Necothia Bowens, Mark Roy, Rose Williams, Pat Joseph (quorum)

Committee members absent: Louis Barbash

Community members present: Phil Toomajian

I. Agenda

Adopted.

II. Status report on ANC/COC activities

1. COC recommendations from June meeting were approved at July ANC meeting.
2. Commissioner Healy, Chair of the Alcohol Beverage License Committee, requested assistance with publicizing the series of meeting that will be held to weigh the pros and cons of a possible cap on liquor licenses on H Street NE. The ANC 6A Hill Rag ad has been modified to include the information, notes are being made on the website calendar and an article ran in the September issue of The Buzz. Copy has been sent to the Rag for a possible article.

III. Consideration of a grant application from Sherwood Neighborhood Volunteers (SNV)/Capitol Hill Garden Club (CHGC)

1. Mr. Toomajian presented the application. He noted that the Sherwood Neighborhood Volunteers (formerly Sherwood Recreation Center Garden) organization has implemented the plans outlined in their 2010 grant application. In addition, they planted 16 trees with Casey Trees. They kept all those trees, plus the new street trees provided by UFA, watered throughout the summer. They have moved forward organizationally as well, having acquired 7 board members and bylaws. They are getting ready to apply to DPR as Park Partners. They have also worked out an agreement with DPR to have the field renovated. The field is currently unsafe because a lot of construction debris is partially buried. DPR will remove this as part of the renovation. They have said they are willing to do so because they trust the SNV to water and maintain the grass. As in the past, the Capitol Hill Garden Club will administer the funds, should the grant application be approved.
2. The current grant request is primarily for funding plantings just outside the fence on the 10th St. side of the property. At one time, there was a row of bushes but they were not maintained and very few are left. They will also plant spring bulbs. They have requested daffodils and crocus through the CHGC as they did last year but they also wish to plant tulips which aren't provided by that program.
3. Ms. Nelson remarked that they were clearly good stewards of the resources they have received since all plantings have been completed and all trees and

other plants survived the summer, which attests to the level of care they received. That DPR has agreed to the field renovation is further proof of their reliability as partners.

4. Ms. Bowens asked when the renovation would take place. It will be done in September and the field will be unusable while underway. Some concern was expressed that it might impact youth wanting to have football practice there but it seems that is not happening and DPR needs to have the work done by the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Kohanek observed that the results (a safer playing surface) will be worth the inconvenience.
 5. Ms. Williams noted that part of the area that would be planted is currently used for illegal activities. She asked what would be done to protect the plants from damage while they are getting established. Mr. Toomajian explained that the timbers and top soil will be used to create raised beds to protect the plants. The plants they will select will be very hardy and of a type to deter misuse of the area. They may also add low fencing.
 6. **Motion: Ms. Bowens moved that the COC recommend that ANC 6A approve full funding of the grant application from Sherwood Neighborhood Volunteers. Seconded by Mr. Roy. Vote 6 in favor none opposed.**
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm
- V. **The next meeting will take place Mon., Sept. 19, at 7:30 pm at 1235 C St. NE**