



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Commander David Kamperin
Metropolitan Police Department First District
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Sent via email

Dear Commander Kamperin:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on April 9, 2009, and with a quorum present, our Commission voted to request that consideration of the installation of a closed-circuit camera on the corner of 17th and Gales Streets NE.

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission has grown increasingly concerned about rising crime within 500 feet of this location, especially considering its close proximity to the Rosedale Recreation Center. This request is supported by Lieutenant Renato Caldwell of the Public Service Area (PSA) 103, who also has expressed concerns about the lack of ability of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to monitor and combat crime in that vicinity.

Over the past year, there has been a 200% increase in robberies with guns, 150% increase in assaults with a deadly weapon (gun), and 50% increase in robberies excluding guns. In addition, there has been a 40% increase in non-violent burglaries, all within 500 feet of this location.

We urge the First District prioritize this corner for the installation of a closed-circuit camera, and we hope that in doing so the instances of crime in this area can be reduced, creating a safer and more supportive use of the Rosedale Recreation Center for our community. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Lt. Renato Caldwell, PSA 103
Councilmember Tommy Wells