



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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June 16, 2005

Ms. Maria Barner, Director
Sherwood Recreation Center
640 Tenth Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Letter of support for Father's Day event

Ms. Barner:

At the regularly scheduled monthly ANC 6A meeting on June 9, 2005, and with a quorum present, the Commission voted to support the Father's Day event scheduled at Sherwood Recreation Center on June 19, 2005. However, this support is provided only on the condition the event will end by 6:00pm, two hours earlier than what is approved on the permit application.

The Commission also notes that the event organizer, Mr. Jordon Washington, pledged to ensure the event participants will keep their activity within the physical property of the Sherwood Recreation Center. Accordingly, we expect Mr. Washington to monitor the surrounding sidewalks and streets during and after the event to ensure the peace and quiet of the community is not unduly impacted on Sunday.

With regard to the planning of next year's event, please note that more timely consideration will be provided to your office if the Commission is afforded an opportunity to consider its support before the application is approved and the event is scheduled on the Sherwood Recreation Center calendar. During the discussion at our Commission meeting, it was noted that denying the event creates the situation where Mr. Washington's fees, that he already paid, would be forfeit.

At a minimum, the planners for next year's event should request ANC 6A approval for this event before fees are paid, and no later than the regularly scheduled April meeting. In short, the ANC letter of support should be required at the time the application is submitted and not vice versa as the case this year. As a general rule, any event of this size that requires ANC approval should be submitted to our Commission at least two months before the event is tentatively scheduled.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Ms. Mary Ann Floto, Executive Office of the Mayor