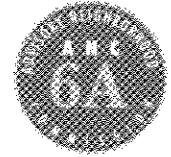


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## **ANC 6A RESOLUTION NO. 2007-002**

Resolution Regarding the Proposed Amendment to the DC Municipal Regulations Concerning the Establishment of Dog Exercise Areas

WHEREAS the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has published in the DC Register proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of Title 19 (Amusements, Parks and Recreation) (June 2001) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations concerning the establishment of Dog Exercise Areas (DEA) pursuant to DC Code § 8-1808.01; and

WHEREAS ANC 6A has previously passed resolutions supporting the legislation authorizing DPR to establish dog parks in District parks; and

WHEREAS fenced DEAs allow greater safety for children, dog owners, and non-dog owners as well as provide needed exercise for dogs and build community relationships among dog owners; and

WHEREAS the proposed rules contain restrictions that would preclude any DEAs from being established in the District:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6A finds that the draft rules do not reflect and are contrary to the intent of the authorizing legislation and would have the effect of frustrating, rather than furthering the goal of creating dog parks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A urges DPR to reconsider these rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A requests that the rules and regulations be developed in a manner consistent with the purpose of the law – to provide for the establishment of DEAs, not obstruct them – and should be drafted with input from community members who will be using and maintaining the parks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A requests that said revised regulations be published for public comment no later than September 1, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A opposes the provision that the DEA must sit at least 200 feet away from residences, businesses, school playgrounds and community gardens, as this provision eliminates the possibility of locating a DEA within ANC 6A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A opposes the provision that the DEA shall be not less than ten thousand square feet, as this provision has the effect of eliminating the possible use of the many triangle parks located within ANC 6A to site a DEA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A opposes the provision that the DEA shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total area of an individual park, as this provision has

the effect of eliminating the all of the triangle parks located within ANC 6A to site a DEA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A opposes the provision that the DEA shall displace or disrupt the established recreational activities or passive space within an existing park, as this provision has the effect of eliminating the all of the parks located within ANC 6A and prohibits the ability to plan park use based on the demand and needs of the citizens of ANC 6A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A opposes the provision that the DEA shall not be located within 100 feet of a surface water, as this provision ignores the fact that Annapolis, Maryland and Arlington County Virginia successfully operate DEA's up to and within adjacent waterways with not demonstrable harm to the environment proven; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A opposes the provision that the DEA only be designated with the sponsorship of a 501c3 organization, as this requirements places on unique burden on applicants for a DEA that is not applied to other park uses; and

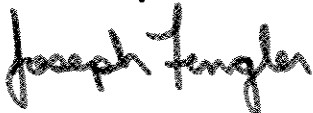
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A opposes the provision that DPR will not solicit non-DPR owned land for DEA, as this provision eliminates the possibility of locating a DEA on National Park Service and DC Public School's land which is the owner of the majority of open space within ANC 6A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A opposes the provision that the Department of Health must certify the proposed DEA is rat free within a five block radius, as this is a condition not likely to be found within the District of Columbia and that this provision eliminates the possibility of locating a DEA within ANC 6A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A encourages DPR to rewrite the proposed regulations as a set of guidelines instead of prescribing hard rules as this will provide the community with the flexibility to work with neighbors and DPR to properly site a DEA within ANC 6A that has support; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair, or his designee Commissioner Schultheiss or Commissioner Holmes are authorized to represent ANC 6A on this matter.

Attested by:



Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Date: April 26, 2007

*This resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0 on April 12, 2007 at a public meeting of ANC 6A at which a quorum was present.*