

ANC6A Public Safety Committee
February 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Sherwood Recreation Center
640 10th Street NE

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Rebecca Sibilgia, chair, Dan Wolff

ANC Commissioners present: Commissioner Nick Alberti, Commissioner Drew Ronneberg

Community members present: Cody Rice

I. Old Business:

1. Update on H Street Recommendations

- a. Ms. Sibilgia reported to attendees that the H Street recommendations put forward by the Committee to the ANC had been well received by the Mayor's office, and had created significant movement.
- b. The Mayor's office commissioned a lighting study, which resulted in several identified areas in need of additional lighting for pedestrian safety.
- c. In addition, the Mayor's office, along with that of Councilmember Wells, have invited the committee to take part in a continuing dialogue related to the H Street corridor, including follow-ups to several tourism and safety recommendations put forward by the ANC.
- d. Commissioner Ronneberg expressed his interest in becoming more involved in this project, and wished to add, for discussion with the EOM, recent graffiti issues and some neighbor concerns for safety at the 8th and H Street intersections.

II. Planning Discussion

1. Juvenile Crime Prevention Strategies Follow-Up

- a. The Committee had an informal discussion with members of the community and ANC Commissioners to discuss the Committee's approach to creating a summer neighborhood campaign as part of the committee's general youth crime prevention strategies.
- b. The committee members reiterated their interest in assisting in a "block party" type promotion throughout the ANC.
- c. Cody Rice and Commissioner Alberti suggested that the committee play a "technical assistance" type role in the promotion and suggested activities related to block parties. Essentially, in concept, this would be the creation of a block party "tool kit", with "how-to" guides related to navigating the requirements to close streets and ensure security.
- d. The committee would also make itself available to residents interested in organizing their own block party by interfacing with MPD for a variety of organizational opportunities, including safety walks, meet-and-greets, fire alarm installations and custom home security checks.
- e. The committee expressed its remaining interest to have each Commissioner identify one street/organizer in order to encourage at least one happening in each

SMD during the summer months, and have those individuals work directly with the committee for technical assistance.

2. Increased Visibility for PSA 103

- a. The Committee is interested in encouraging additional visibility for our new PSA 103 Lieutenant, and assisting in the “rebuilding” of the PSA structure, including public input forums
- b. The group discussed the possibility of planning and sponsoring a spring kick-off barbeque event at Kingsman field, potentially partnered with the MPD 1-D Community Advisory Committee.
- c. The event would allow the Lieutenant the opportunity to interact with neighbors, and would offer the various public safety-related agencies to have a series of community outreach programs, including fire truck rides for kids, etc.

3. Additional Committee Activities

- a. Cody Rice suggested to the committee that they may wish to consider reviewing and soliciting input on two public-safety related bills currently pending in Council.
- b. These bills include the Safe Children and Safe Neighborhoods Educational Neglect Mandatory Reporting Amendment Act of 2009 and Information Sharing to Improve Services for Children and Families Act of 2009
- c. The Committee agreed to consider a review and informal information gathering via listserv and other input forums as to whether either bill should be reviewed in more in-depth fashion.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Sherwood Recreation Center