



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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May 12, 2012

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Dear Director Aguirre and Chief Librarian Cooper,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A has voted to reaffirm our strong desire that the recreation center located in the east of our ANC retain the name of Rosedale Recreation Center. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0, with five required for a quorum. The May 10, 2012 ANC meeting was properly noticed and publicly announced¹.

At that same meeting, the ANC voted 7-1-0 to support naming the new facility the Rosedale Recreation Center and Library. There should be no separate name for the Library portion of the complex.

Further, the ANC asks that a Wall of Honor be established within the Center where community activists and other notables can be recognized and honored. We ask that your departments set up and manage a process for creating the Wall of Honor, soliciting input from members of the community, Rosedale Park Partners, and the ANC.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on anc-6a@yahoogroups.com (not controlled by the ANC), our anc6a-announce@yahoo.com email list, and through advertisements in the *Hill Rag*.

Voices in our community are eager to honor the individuals whose names graced the two now-closed kiosk libraries (at 2608 Benning Road NE and 1300 H Street NE) – R. L. Christian and John Mercer Langston – and the designation of the Wall of Honor in their name should be considered by the group you establish to consider the matter. Another name mentioned in our discussions was Brit Wycoff, a local activist who worked to establish the new Library. Again the consultative group should consider his contribution.

As this process goes forward, please consult with this ANC.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Holmes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Holmes
Chair

cc: Tommy Wells, Chair, Committee on Libraries, Parks, Recreation, and
Planning
Kwame Brown, Council Chair
Anne Phelps, Director, Committee Director