



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Box 75115  
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March 22, 2004

Mayor Anthony Williams  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20004

Mayor Williams:

We request that you intercede on our behalf to overturn the recent decision of Mr. Neil Albert, Director of Department of Parks and Recreation, to deny our Commission the use of office space at the Sherwood Recreation Center. Mr. Albert's letter to our Commission is at Attachment #1. We are concerned that Mr. Albert does not understand the agreement in principle that we reached with his management team at the center. Mr. Albert states that we are requesting dedicated space at the center. That is incorrect. We are requesting to share an office for no more than six hours a week. Our correspondence that outlines this request to Mr. Albert is at Attachment #2. In addition, several Commissions in Ward 3 are currently using office space in their community recreation centers. Consistency is the backbone of an effective bureaucracy. We would ask that you consider this fact in your deliberations.

Prior to our effort to use space at the Sherwood Recreation Center, we worked with the Office of Property Management to identify office space for our Commission. On June 11, 2003, Mr. Len Godet, Project Manager at the Office of Property Management, notified our Commission that all options for Government owned or leased building space within the boundaries of our Commission has been exhausted and that no space is available. Mr Godet's letter to our Commission is at Attachment #3.

Accordingly, if Mr. Albert's decision is not reversed, please accept this as a formal request to reprogram up to \$600 per month from the District budget to our Commission to cover the cost of renting an office. The authority for this request is found in Subchapter V, Advisory Neighborhood Commission, Section 1-309.13(q). A copy of that section is provided at Attachment #4. Our initial request to your office, signed by both the Chair and Secretary of our Commission, as well as the January 2003 minutes that documents this decision, are provided at Attachment #5

In close, our Commission has done everything within its power to establish an office. We believe that a directed decision to the Department of Parks and Recreation or the allocation of an additional \$600 per month are the only avenues left for our Commission to establish an office.

Warm Regards,

Joseph Fengler, Chair  
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(202) 423-8868

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose  
Councilmember David Cantania  
Kelvin Robinson, Chief of Staff, Mayor Anthony Williams  
Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director; Office of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions

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**Subject:** RE: ANC 6A use of Sherwood Space

**Date:** Fri, 19 Mar 2004 10:24:00 -0500

Dear Commissioner Fengler:

Thank you for your recent request for office space at the Sherwood Recreation Center for use by ANC 6A. DC Parks and Recreation makes all reasonable attempts to accommodate community needs and programs. To this end we have embarked on an ambitious path to create quality programs that best serve the surrounding community.

The programs and services that we currently offer and plan to implement in the coming months will utilize all of the existing program and office space at Sherwood Recreation Center. Therefore, we cannot grant your request for dedicated office space at this time. However, we will continue to work with the Commission, as we have in the past, to schedule convenient times that you may use the facility to conduct meetings, community forums, etc., at no cost.

As the sole responsible party for authorizing the building's space allocation, I would be remiss if I did not explain that in the building concept, subsequent community meetings, and consultations, there was never a request for an auxiliary or excessive space to be included in the building. Each area was carefully designed and planned to complement program offerings and the management and oversight of the facility. Therefore, all of the space was carefully allocated and necessary to the curricula and activities planned for inclusion at the site.

I realize that you have been working with the H Street Main Street Group and Len Godet at the Office of Property Management to identify space to no avail. I will also solicit the assistance of the users of the facility to help in identifying space for the ANC.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in and support of the Department of Parks and Recreation. We will continue to work with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A to support your vital service in the Sherwood Community.

Attachment # 2 (1/2)



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March 17, 2004

Mr. Neil O. Albert, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Government of the District of Columbia  
3149 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20010

Re: ANC 6A and Sherwood Recreation Center Update

Mr. Albert:

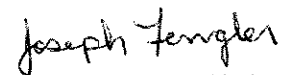
On February 27, 2004 our Commission sent your office a letter to codify the office arrangement we had with your staff at the Sherwood Recreation Center (Attachment). From that day, this is a record of the communication between our Commission and your department:

- (1) March 1, 2004, we received an electronic mail from you indicating that Mr. Neil Stanley would contact us and resolve the issue "speedily."
- (2) March 9, 2004, we sent another electronic mail to your office requesting the status on our proposed dual use agreement. Mr. Stanley responded stating that he was meeting with the Sherwood staff that day and would contact our Commission directly. Mr. Stanley failed to respond.
- (3) March 11, 2004, we again requested an update. Mr. Stanley replied stating that Mr. Neil Rodgers spoke with the Sherwood community the previous evening and that Mr. Rodgers would follow up before close of business that day. Mr. Rogers failed to respond. As a last resort, we called Sherwood to inquire as to the status of our agreement. Your staff notified us that management made a decision not to allow our Commission to use any space at the center.

Setting aside the lack of proactive communication from your department, this decision comes as a shock to our Commission. Recall, that we have already purchased the furniture and had it delivered to the center based on the agreement in principle with your staff at the center. Moreover, we have stated that we are willing to pay for office equipment and phone lines that your staff is welcome to use in our absence. Finally, we are willing to be flexible if any event or activity requires the use of the office during our reserved hours. We view this arrangement as a win-win for our community.

To be clear, we only seek to share the office for a total of six hours a week – Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and Saturday from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Our main goal is to have a central repository for our files and the ability to post information we receive from the District officials that impacts our community. As we have not received any official correspondence from your office as promised, we urge you to set aside the decision of your staff and allow us to share an office at the center as outlined in our February 27, 2004 proposal.

On behalf of the Commission,

  
Joseph Fengler, Chair  
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cc: Councilmember Cantania

Attachment

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February 27, 2004

Mr. Neil O. Albert, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
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3149 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20010

Re: ANC 6A and Sherwood Recreation Center Space Arrangement

Mr. Albert:

At our December ANC meeting, our Commission voted unanimously to approve the conceptual use of Sherwood Recreation Center as the location for our office. Please accept this letter as our formal request to use office space at this center. This request was based on earlier discussions with the management of this facility regarding the use of the small office adjacent to the front desk.

Our requirement for space is primarily after traditional work hours. Accordingly, we seek priority use of this space for two or three days during the work week from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and Saturdays from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. We are willing to purchase and share the furniture for this space to include a desk, office chair, visitor chairs and filing cabinets. However, the filing cabinets main purpose will be to securely store our official records. In addition, we would like to install a fax machine and are prepared to pay for the installation of a dedicated line, and the associated monthly phone costs, if a phone line can not be provided.

We understand the center has limited space and appreciate the opportunity to share resources with the center staff. In close, our use requirements are small – five to six hours a week. The opportunity to be located in the center is one in which we welcome. The use of specific days and times provide constancy in the operations not only for our Commission, but the center staff. We also realize that these shared agreements require flexibility and will always accommodate any center requirements that run contrary to our established hours. We look forward to working with you and your staff at the center to make ours the best in the city.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joseph Fengler'.

Joseph Fengler, Chair  
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cc: Mr. Frank Crawford, D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation  
Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director; Office of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions

Attachment #3

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**Subject:** Office space for ANC 6A  
**Date:** Wed, 11 Jun 2003 13:37:33 -0400

Dear Mr. Fengler,

Confirming our most recent phone conversation, I have attached the final results of the OPM search for suitable ANC 6A office space. Unfortunately, of the 12 sites listed in the attached OPM report, none of them provide office space meeting your requirements.

Apparently, we have exhausted our options for Government owned or leased buildings within the boundaries of ANC 6A and within a reasonable distance beyond those boundaries. Despite the restriction concerning Government owned or leased buildings, an exception was made in reference to 611 H St. As the report indicates, the building owner's representative would not release a specific part of that space.

Len Godet  
 Project Manager, Office of Property Management  
 leonard.godet@dc.gov  
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ANC 6A  
List of sites surveyed for relocation of offices  
**FINAL 04/29/03**

Quad	Location	Comments
NE	17 <sup>TH</sup> and GALES STS	ROSDALE RECREATION CENTER: TWO STORY BUILDING INCLUDES SWIMMING POOL AND SERVICES, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM W/ STAGE. BUILDING IS UNDER SIZE FOR CURRENT PROGRAM
NE	609 H ST	5 STORY, NEW MODERN OFFICE BUILDING. SINGLE OCCUPANCY BY DEPT. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. NO VACANT OR UNDER UTILIZED SPACE AVAILABLE. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	611 H ST	SINGLE STORY, STORE FRONT TYPE BUILDING WHICH IS LOCATED IN A MULTI-BUILDING COMPLEX KNOWN AS 609/625/645 H ST., NE. MOST OF THE COMPLEX IS LEASED TO THE DC GOVT. THE OWNER HAS LEASED 611 H TO A PRIVATE SECTOR TENNANT. OWNER WILL NOT RELEASE ANY SPACE IN 611 H FOR D.C. USE. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	601 15 TH ST.	MINER SCHOOL: OLD BUILDING CURRENTLY UNDER ASBESTOS ABATEMENT. TO BE DEMOLISHED SOON. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	15 <sup>TH</sup> & E ST.	MINER SCHOOL: NEW BUILDING CONTAINS NO SUITABLE OR UNDER UTILIZED SPACE. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	9 <sup>TH</sup> & F ST	GODDING SCHOOL: BUILDING CONTAINS NO SUITABLE OR UNDER UTILIZED SPACE NOT FEASIBLE
NE	7 <sup>TH</sup> & G ST	LUDLOW TAYLOR SCHOOL: BUILDING CONTAINS NO SUITABLE OR UNDER UTILIZED SPACE. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	G STREET between 9 <sup>TH</sup> & 10 <sup>TH</sup>	SHERWOOD RECREATION CENTER: THE BUILDING IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND ABOUT 10% COMPLETED. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	1250 CONSTITUTION	MAURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NEW BUILDING NO SUITABLE OR UNDER UTILIZED SPACE. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	1300 H ST.	R.L. CHRISTIAN LIBRARY, ONE STORY BUILDING NO SUITABLE OR UNDER UTILIZED SPACE. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	1700 EAST CAPITOL ST.	EASTERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL: NO SUITABLE OR UNDER UTILIZED SPACE. NOT FEASIBLE
NE	1830 CONSTITUTION	ELIOT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NO SUITABLE OR UNDER UTILIZED SPACE. NOT FEASIBLE

1-309.13(q)

Upon the request of a Commission, evidenced by a properly adopted resolution signed or transmitted by the Chairperson and secretary, the Mayor shall provide that Commission with suitable office space in a District-owned or leased building. The Mayor shall acknowledge receipt of the resolution within 15 days and shall provide the Commission with a list of available office space within 45 days thereafter. The space shall be a minimum of 250 square feet and shall be the sole office of the Commission. The space shall be located within the Commission's boundaries. If no such space is available, then the space shall be located within the ward boundaries of the Commission. If District-owned or leased office space cannot be provided, the Mayor may seek to reprogram funds up to \$600 per month to cover the rental of office space for the respective Commission. Furnishings, equipment, telephone service, and supplies for the office space shall be provided from the Commission's funds. There shall be a written lease between the Mayor or District agency and the Commission, which shall specify what operating costs, such as utilities, janitorial services, and security, shall be paid by the Commission.

**§ 1-309.14. Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund.**

1-309.14(a)

There is established, for the purpose of insuring Advisory Neighborhood Commissions against unauthorized expenditures or loss of funds, an Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund ("Fund") to be held in the custody of a Board of Trustees ("Trustees") composed of the Secretary of the District of Columbia, the General Counsel to the Council of the District of Columbia, and the District of Columbia Auditor. The Executive Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions shall serve as a non-voting Trustee. The Trustees shall have exclusive authority and discretion in its fiduciary capacity to manage and control the Fund. The Fund shall not be held liable for any loss as the result of an expenditure authorized by a vote of a Commission.

1-309.14(b)

Each Advisory Neighborhood Commission may, become a participant of the Fund upon payment to the Fund of an annual contribution at the beginning of the fiscal year in an amount to be determined by the Trustees. A Commission shall be eligible to participate in the Fund if the treasurer and the Chairperson of the Commission agree, on a form to be provided by the Trustees, to be personally liable to the Fund for any sum paid out by the Fund as a result of the treasurer or Chairperson's



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**Resolution to the Mayor's Office requesting Commission office space**

Whereas, the Comprehensive Advisory Neighborhood Commission Reform Amendment Act of 1999 (Bill 13-468) provides for government-owned or leased office space to any requesting Commission;

Whereas, the ANC 6A bylaws require the Commission to pass a resolution requesting government-owned or leased office space; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the ANC 6A Secretary will forward this resolution to the Mayor, with a copy sent to Council Member Ambrose, requesting government-owned or leased office for Commission.

Furthermore, be it resolved, that the ANC 6A Chairperson will follow-up with the Office of the Mayor within 15 days to confirm acknowledgment of receipt of this resolution.

**Passed Unanimously by the Commission on 2 January 2002**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Musante".

Michael Musante  
Secretary, ANC 6A05

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Fengler".

Joseph Fengler  
Chairperson, ANC 6A02

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A

### Minutes of January 2, 2003

A scheduled business meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A was held on January 2, 2003, at the Minor Elementary School. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Attending were Commissioners Fengler, Rice, Alberti, Musante, Ward, Mack and Stevens-Harris. Commissioner Harris was absent. Approximately 13 members of the public attended.

The agenda passed with two changes: moving of the community comments and Commissioner Rice added the traffic report.

The minutes of ANC 6A November 7, 2002 Monthly Meeting were passed.

### Special Orders

**Bylaws.** Rice made a motion to consider adopting a bylaw amendment that would replace the existing bylaws. Ward seconded. Discussion was as follows:

1. There were no objections to the grammar corrections being added to the Bylaw Amendment.
2. Amendments to the By-laws were discussed and voted on separately. Changes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 were approved. Change 11 was not debated. For the text of these amendments, see *attachment 1* for the text of the amendments. See *attachment 2* for the complete bylaw amendment.

**Elections.** Rice offered to use a slate of candidates for the election of officers and committee chairs.

The slate was as follows:

Joseph Fengler, Chair

Wanda Stevens-Harris, Vice Chair

Nicholas Alberti, Treasurer

Michael Musante, Secretary

Cody Rice, Economic Development & Zoning Committee Chair

Jessica Ward, Alcohol Beverage Licensing & Public Safety Committee Chair

Michael Musante, Community Outreach Committee Chair

The motion was seconded by Musante. The motion to use a slate of candidates passed unanimously.

Rice offered the motion to adopt the slate of candidates. The motion was seconded by Musante. The motion to accept the slate of candidates passed unanimously.



### Reports of Officers

Chair: Nothing

Vice Chair: Stevens-Harris congratulated everyone on their elections and looked forward to working with everybody.

Treasurer: Alberti stated that we did not have control of our finances due to the fact that the D.C. auditor has the Commission checkbook.

Secretary: Musante stated that he hoped he would do justice to the position.

### Standing Committee Reports

Zoning and Economic Development: Commissioner Rice invited all to attend the H Street Development Meeting being held on January 13, 2003.

Alcohol and Public Safety: Commissioner Ward invited members of the Community to join the Alcohol and Public Safety Committee.

Community Outreach: Commissioner Musante spoke about the Lovejoy Community Park. In addition, one of the goals of the committee will be to address youth programs for the community.

### New Business

1. Resolution to participate in the ANC Security Fund. Commissioner Fengler read the resolution to participate in the ANC Security Fund. Musante motioned that the resolution be accepted as read. Simon Gottlieb offered advice on adding the amount of \$25.00 to pay for the participation fee. Rice seconded. The resolution was passed 6 to 1. *See attachment 3.*
2. Establish Commission meeting time and location. On a vote of 6-2, the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the current location was approved.
3. Resolution to the Mayor's office requesting Commission office space. The resolution was approved unanimously. *See attachment 4.*
4. Resolution to D.C. Auditor to resolve outstanding financial issues of the Commission with Treasurer Alberti. The resolution was approved unanimously. *See attachment 5.*
5. Disposition of Commission Storage Facility. Commissioner Mack stated that a list of the contents of the storage must be compiled. Fengler made a motion that Alberti obtain the bill from former Hall, meet with the H Street Storage owners to determine what the final bill was. The motion was seconded by Alberti. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Traffic Update. Rice noted that Rachel MacCleery, the new Ward 6 Transportation Coordinator, will attend the February ANC meeting to brief the community on plans for an H

Attachment #5 (4/4)

St NE Transportation Study, a Capitol Hill Transportation Study, and procedures for requesting action from DDOT on problem intersections and blocks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.