

BEFORE THE Zoning Commission
THE CORCORAN/RANDALL SCHOOL PROJECT

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CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART

GOOD EVENING COMMISSIONERS, IT IS TRULY A PLEASURE TO BE HERE
TONIGHT. I AM JOCELYN FILE, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS AT THE
CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART.

I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE CORCORAN'S EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT WE ARE PROVIDING TO RESIDENTS OF THE
DISTRICT AND ESPECIALLY SW.

THE CORCORAN HAS BEEN WORKING WITH ANC 6D AND
COUNCIL MEMBER TOMMY WELLS TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY
BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR THE RANDALL SCHOOL PROJECT. THE CORCORAN AND
MONUMENT REALTY STARTED WORKING WITH THE SOUTHWEST RESIDENTS
THIS PAST SUMMER BY HOLDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE
RANDALL SCHOOL RENOVATION. WE ALSO BEGAN MEETING WITH THE TWO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (AMIDON & BOWEN) AND JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH.
OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MET WITH THE PRINCIPALS AND ART TEACHERS
OF THE THREE SCHOOLS THIS PAST FALL TO DISCUSS HOW THE CORCORAN
STAFF COULD WORK WITH EACH SCHOOL. CURRENTLY, AMIDON ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE AN ART TEACHER BUT OUR STAFF IS WORKING WITH
MS. ALVAREZ AND THE OTHER TEACHERS AT AMIDON TO INTEGRATE ART AS A
TEACHING TOOL IN THEIR MATH OR SCIENCE CLASSES. FOUR OF OUR STAFF

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WENT TO AMIDON FOR THEIR CAREER WEEK ON NOVEMBER 16TH AND SPOKE TO THE CHILDREN ABOUT CAREERS IN THE ARTS AND THE DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE.

THE CORCORAN IS GOING TO COORDINATE AN ART SHOW WITH THE SW SCHOOLS IN OUR ART GALLERY AT THEARC THIS SPRING, MARCH 5 – APRIL 9, 2008. THE SHOW WILL HIGHLIGHT A SELECTION OF ART FROM THE STUDENTS AT AMIDON, BOWEN AND JEFFERSON. OUR ARTREACH MANAGER, JENNIFER SAKAI, WILL WORK WITH THE SCHOOLS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SHOW AND THE CORCORAN WILL HOST A RECEPTION FOR THE CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST. THE PLAN FOR BOTH OF THESE PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED BEFORE THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS PACKAGE HAD BEEN CONFIRMED.

THE CORCORAN IS KNOWN FOR ITS ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THE COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN BUT ALSO TO PROMOTE OUR COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS.

ARTREACH IS OUR COMMUNITY BASED CHILDRENS ART PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 7-16 AND THE CLASSES ARE HELD AFTER SCHOOL AND DURING THE SUMMER IN LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTERS.

WE SEE THE ARTREACH CENTERS AS A SATELLIATE MUSEUM STUDIO IN EACH COMMUNITY. THEY ARE SAFE & NUTURING ENVIRONMENTS WHERE CHILDREN CAN EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY IN AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAMS.

ARTREACH IS AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PROGRAM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPANDING OUR WORK INTO WARD 6. WE ARE PLANNING ON HAVING AN ART REACH CENTER IN THE RANDALL SCHOOL AND WE ARE A PARTNER AT THEARC IN SE, THE SITAR CENTER IN NORTHWEST AND WE ARE WORKING ON STARTING A PILOT PROGRAM IN SOUTHWEST IN EARLY 2008.

CURRENTLY, THE CORCORAN GIVES 10 SCHOLARSHIP'S TO CHILDREN IN THE ARTREACH PROGRAM, FIVE OF THESE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR ANC 6D STUDENTS.

NOW, I WOULD LIKE GIVE YOU THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR COMMUNITY BENEFITS PACKAGE AGREEMENT THAT WAS CONFIRMED IN OCTOBER:

1. OUR MASTERS IN ART TEACHING STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR FIELD ROTATION AT JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THE STUDENTS WILL WORK WITH JEFFERSON'S ART TEACHER, MR. GYLES, BY ASSISTING HIS CLASS AND WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS. THE CORCORAN'S FIRST GRADUATE STUDENTS WILL BEGIN WORKING WITH JEFFERSON IN THE 2008 SPRING SEMESTER.

2. THE CORCORAN OFFERS FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLASSES TO DISTRICT TEACHERS AND THIS IS A BENEFIT THAT ENCOURAGES GROWTH AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES FOR THEIR CAREER DEVELOPMENT.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS TO ANC 6D STUDENTS – THE CORCORAN WILL BE PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE NEED. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL OFFER 5 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO CAMP CREATIVITY – THE CORCORAN’S SUMMER ART CAMP FOR CHILDREN.

4. ARTREACH CENTER AT THE RANDALL SCHOOL - THIS WILL BE BASED ON THE MODEL WE USE IN THE OTHER FACILITIES AT THEARC AND THE SITAR CENTER.

5. ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL AND VISUAL ARTS PROJECT -- WE WILL HOLD A FREE COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, ARENA STAGE, OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SW ARTISTS, AFTER THE RANDALL SCHOOL IS OPEN.

6. RANDALL NEIGHBORHOOD DAY – DECEMBER 27, 2007 WE ARE OFFERING FREE ADMISSION TO THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF SW.

7. EDUCATOR MEMBERSHIPS – 5 COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIPS TO THE CORCORAN WILL BE GIVEN TO 5 DCPS TEACHER AND ONE IS SPECIALLY DESIGNATED FOR AN ANC 6D TEACHER.

8. WE WILL BE PROVIDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SW RESIDENTS. CORCORAN STAFF WILL ALSO GIVE TOURS TO SW CHILDREN AND SENIORS OF OUR MUSEUM AND OTHER LOCAL GALLERIES.

9. ART EXHIBITION GALLERY AT THE RANDALL SCHOOL- THIS IS A PERMANENT GALLERY THAT WILL BE FREE TO EVERYONE AND IT WILL DISPLAY WORKS BY OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND LOCAL ARTISTS.

10. WE ARE ALSO GIVING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FREE MEETING SPACE AT THE RANDALL SCHOOL TO HOLD 25 MEETINGS A YEAR FOR RESIDENTS OF ANC 6D.

11. SCULPTURE IN DELAWARE AVENUE - WE ARE HOPING TO GET APPROVAL FROM DDOT TO PLACE A SCULPTURE IN THE CIRCLE AT DELAWARE AVENUE. FACULTY FROM THE COLLEGE WILL WORK ON THIS PROJECT ALONG WITH A RANDALL SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION THAT WILL BEGIN IN EARLY 2008.

THE CORCORAN IS PLANNING ON HAVING UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE AND SOME CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT THE RANDALL SCHOOL .

THE UNDERGRADUATE CURICULUM WILL INCLUDE CLASSES IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS:

1. CERAMICS
2. SCULPTURE
3. WOODWORKING
4. GRAPHIC DESIGN AND DIGITAL MEDIA
5. FINE ARTS – DRAWING AND PAINTING
6. PRINTMAKING
7. PHOTOGRAPHY AND PHOTOJOURNALISM
8. EDUCATION

ALSO, FIVE ARTISTS WILL BE RETURNING TO THE NEW RANDALL SCHOOL FROM THE MILLENIUM ARTS CENTER.

THE CORCORAN IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CONSORTIUM OF D.C. UNIVERSITIES AND OUR NEW CAMPUS AT THE RANDALL SCHOOL WILL MAKE OUR EXCHANGE OF CLASSES AND STUDENTS EASIER WITH SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY.

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE FOUR STUDENTS FROM SEU TAKING ART CLASSES AT THE CORCORAN FOR THE FALL SEMESTER.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ARENA STAGE AND WE HAVE HAD MEETINGS WITH THEIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOINT PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE TWO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS.

LISTED ARE NUMEROUS MEETING THAT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WITH THE SW COMMUNITY IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR FACILITY OPENING AT THE RANDALL SCHOOL. (THREE SLIDES ON PPT)

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE SUPPORT FOR OUR PROJECT FROM:

1. COUNCILMEMBER TOMMY WELLS (WARD 6)
2. ANC 6D
3. NEIL ALBERT, THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4. Dr. CHARLENE DREW JARVIS, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
5. AMIDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6. BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7. ARENA STAGE
8. CAPITOL PARK IV CONDOMINIUM
7. BEST WESTERN CAPITOL SKYLINE
8. MARK S. BAUERNHUBER (SW RESIDENT)
9. BETHTEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE CHURCH

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TONIGHT, AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Community Outreach

Corcoran signed contract w/Monument Realty	August 29, 2006
ANC 6D Chair – A. Litsky	Sept 15, 2006 and afterwards
ANC 6D Secretary – R. Weiner	Sept 15, 2006 and afterwards
SWNA President – M. Maceda	September 2006 and afterwards
Bethel Tabernacle Church	September 2006 and afterwards
ANC Commissioner –D. Sobelsohn	October 2006 and afterwards
Closed on Randall School w/D.C. Govt.	November 28, 2006
Oak Hill Realty	January 2007 and afterwards
ANC 6D – 1st Presentation for HPRB	March 12, 2007
Arena Stage	April 10
Southwest Neighborhood Assembly	April 23
Meeting with Councilmember's – Wells, Brown, Gray, Schwartz and Evans	March - June 2007
Amidon Elementary School	June 4 and current
ANC 6D Presentations – 2nd	June 11 – Mayor's Agent
Bowen Elementary School	June 15
Economic Roundtable	June 16
Westminster Presbyterian Church	June 16
Jefferson Junior High	June 19
SW Health Clinic	June 21
Southeastern University	June 26

Community Outreach cont.

Meeting with Mark Planisek –Randall School Artist	October 4, 2007
Meeting with Counciimember Weiis and ANC 6D to confirm Community Benefits Package	October 5, 2007
Meeting with Mr.	October 8, 2007
ANC Presentation for the Randall School PUD	October 15, 2007
Meeting at Amidon Elementary with Corcoran Education – Dr. Annie Storr	October 15, 2007
SWNA Presentation for the Randall School PUD	October 22, 2007
Historic Preservation Review Board Hearing	October 25, 2007
Corcoran Education and Arena Stage Meeting	November 2, 2007
Amidon Elementary School Career Education talks by Corcoran Staff	November 16, 2007

Community Outreach cont.

Mayor's Agent Hearing	June 27, 2007
1st Community Outreach Meeting at Bethel Pentecostal Church	June 30, 2007
SW School Principal's Meeting at Corcoran	July 23, 2007
Meeting with local resident Don Denton	July 26, 2007
Meeting with D. Sobelsohn	July 26, 2007
2nd Community Outreach Meeting at SW Library	August 1, 2007
Meeting with Board of Capitol Park IV	August 14, 2007
Meeting with ANC Development Committee	August 15, 2007
Meeting with Rev. Little of Friendship Baptist Church	August 21, 2007
2nd Meeting with ANC Development Committee	August 21, 2007
Meeting with Fr. Salmone at St. Dominic's Church	August 23, 2007
Meeting with Councilmember Wells about Randall	Sept. 4, 2007
Meeting with Arena Stage –Director of Community Engagement	September 5, 2007
Meeting with the Office of Planning	September 5, 2007
ANC 6D Presentation	September 10, 2007
Meeting with SW Principals and Art Teachers at Amidon Elementary School	September 20, 2007
SW Health Center Meeting	September 25, 2007
Zoning Commission	September 27, 2007
Meeting with Steve Tanner	September 28, 2007