

**BEFORE THE Zoning Commission  
THE CORCORAN/RANDALL SCHOOL PROJECT**  
**JOCELYN FILE, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS  
CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART**

GOOD EVENING COMMISSONERS, 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  
COUNCILMEMBER 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 SATELLITE 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 MEMERSHIPS 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 CURRICULUM 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***

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



## ***Community Outreach cont.***

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

## ***Community Outreach cont.***

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