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Docket N0. #16648

Dear Ms. Kress:

This written correspondence represents the formal protest from five members of Advisory Neigborhood Commission 6A. The specific concerns and objections are:

1. On February 27th Janet Quigley Secretary ANC6A placed e-mail on our ANC6A e-group listing indicating that the regular monthly meeting location had been changed. ANC6A regularly meets at 624 H Street NE the first Thursday of each month with the exceptions of holidays and the month of August in accordance with our by-laws. The meeting location was approved by the ANC and announced by ANC6A Chairperson Ivette Basterrechea at the Oversight hearing conducted by Council member David Cantinia Chair of the Committee on February 14th 2001. This information is posted each month on our ANC6A e-group in order to notify our e-mail subscribers of the correct meeting date, time and location. This oversight hearing was taped live and the video is available. ANC6A has met at this location during the summer of 2000 and the last meeting held there was February 4, 2001. The e-mail is written in the present tense stating that in order to accommodated a larger than usual crowd at the March 1 ANC6A meeting we (meaning the ANC) have been working to secured the use of a larger space and have succeeded. ANC6A never voted to look for larger space for the March meeting. Only a few ANC members and not the collective body were aware of any attempt to secure an alternative meeting location. Which was secured without the required 7-day notice to the public and full Commission. (See the Comprehensive Advisory Neigborhood Commissioner Reform Amendment Act of 2000.) Commissioner Gregory J. Ferrell had no knowledge that an alternative meeting location was being pursued until February 28, 2001 when the Chair informed him that the meeting location had been changed.

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2. Also Commissioner Philip Edwards was not informed until February 28, 2001. According to an E-mail received from Commissioner Janet Quigley, dated February 26, 2000, she expressed her concern that ANC6A's March 1, 2001 regular monthly meeting may not be well attend. Her concerns were express because Mayor Anthony Williams's state of the District of Columbia address was schedule that day and time. However, as evidenced in her February 27, 2001 e-mail, she indicates that we; meaning the ANC, I would assume, had successes in locating meeting space and than announced the change of location on our ANC6A e-group. Commissioner Gregory J. Ferrell and Philip Edwards were not informed that the idea to change our meeting location was under consideration. If the matter concerning whether our pre-announced 624 H Street NE regular meeting location may not be adequate space, the Chair nor any other Commissioner responsible for arranging the new meeting location every attempted to bring this matter to the attention of the full Commission which is required by law.

3. ANC6A met February 4, 2001 and never voted to look for alternative meeting space. The issue was never discussed. The Chair telephoned Commissioner Gregory J. Ferrell around 11:00 am to informed him of the change in location on February 28th 2001 24 hours before the meeting date. The result of this short notice created not only a hardship for the community but also the Commission who is required in accordance with our By-Laws and the Comprehensive Advisory Neigborhood Commission Reform Amendment Act of 2000 to inform their constitutes seven days in advance as to the meeting location. Our ANC has over 28,000 residents and a window between 24 and 48 hour notice to inform a community that a change in meeting location is to short of a notice as evidenced by a concerned residents e-mail response to ANC6A's Secretary's e-mail dated 2-27-2001. (See exhibit marked 1 and also exhibit marked 2) Please note concerns and issues that our community have concerning the transfer of this class B license are very important and the community must be afforded the opportunity to collectively hear the case and have the ANC consider the matter at a meeting location that is timely announced. Advance notification of meeting place is one of the conditions all ANC's must meet in order to comply with the written response requirement before this Board affords our Commission any great weight consideration. Five Commissioners met at 624 H Street NE the pre-announced meeting location on March 1, 2001 where fourteen individuals including a representative from BP Amoco and Mr. Sung a merchant who presented his plan to our ANC in support of his application before the Historic Preservation Review Board to include a curb cut to accommodate patrons shopping at his Supermarket.

Supporting Documentation

ANC6A's By-Laws Sec 3. (a)

ANC Comprehensive Reform Amendment Act of 2000 DC Code Title 1-262 (a)
e-mails from Janet Quigley response from community and ANC6A E-Mail notification of the March 1, 2001 regular meeting location.
Sign –In Sheet form the ANC6A March 1, 2001 meeting held at the legally announced location 624 H street NE.

THEREFORE, the members of ANC6A, Gregory J. Ferrell, Phillip Edwards, Daniel Pernell, Lamar McIntyre and Marvin Fields object to any written report generated by Commissioners who participated in the meeting held at the 11th and G Street location Peoples' Community Church to consider the application before the BZA submitted by BP Amoco due to the untimely change in meeting location which prevented members from our community the opportunity to collectively hear the case as represented by representatives from BP Amoco who divided their group representatives in order to accommodated the community members and ANC's assembled at the two separately held meetings caused by the untimely change in location with only 48 hour limited notice. Which is in direct conflict with the BZA rule requiring each ANC to provide timely meeting location notification to the area represented by that ANC before any official action of the ANC can be taken. The five protesting Commissioners of ANC6A request that the BZA move to have our Commission to convene at their regularly scheduled April 5th monthly meeting by providing proper timely notification (within seven days) to the public the correct meeting, time, day and location in order to consider and hear the matter of BP Amoco's application to enlarge an exiting gas station located at the 300-400 block of H Street NE.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Ferrell
ANC Commissioner 6A12

Co-Signed

Phillip Edwards
ANC Commissioner 6A07

Marvin Fields
ANC Commissioner 6A08

Lamar McIntntyre
ANC Commissioner 6A10

Daniel Pernell
ANC Commissioner 6A02

(c) Each Commission shall give notice of all meetings or convocations to each Commissio member and residents of the Commission area no less than 7 days prior to the date of such meeting. Shorter notice may be given in the case of an emergency or for other good cause. N of regular and emergency meetings may be given by:

(1) Posting written notices in at least 2 conspicuous places in each single-member district within the Commission area;

(2) Publication in a city or community newspaper;

(3) Mailing notice to a mailing list; and

(4) In any other manner directed by the Commission.

(d) Each Commission shall establish bylaws governing its operation and internal structure.

(1) These bylaws shall include a statement of Commission responsibilities, voting procedur the establishment of standing and special committees, the manner of selection of chairpersons and other officers, procedures for prompt review and action on committee recommendations an procedures for receipt of and action upon constituent recommendations at both the single-member district and Commission levels. Said bylaws shall be consistent with the provisions of this act and other applicable laws and shall be a public document.

(2) An up-to-date copy of each Commission's bylaws and all amendments thereto shall be filed with the Council of the District of Columbia within 30 days of any amendment to the bylaws. No Commission shall be entitled to incorporation, provided that no member of the Commission may be liable for action taken as an elected representative from a single-member district.

(e) Each Commission shall elect from among its members at a public meeting of the Commission held in January of each year a Chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer. Each Commission may also elect any other officers the Commission deems necessary. The Chairperson shall serve as convenor of the Commission and shall chair the Commission meetings. The vice-chairperson shall fulfill the obligations of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence. The secretary shall ensure that appropriate minutes of Commission meetings are kept and that appropriate notice of Commission meetings is provided in accordance with subsection (c) of this section. The treasurer shall perform the duties provided for in § 1-264. The views or recommendations of each Commission shall only be presented by its officers, Commissioners, or representatives appointed by the Commission at a public meeting to represent the Commission's views on a particular issue or proposed action. Where not otherwise provided, the procedures of the Commission shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

(f) Chairmanship of each Commission committee or task force shall be open to any resident of the Commission area. The chairperson of each such committee or task force shall be appointed by the Commission. Each Commission shall make a good faith effort to involve all segments of the Commission population in its deliberations regardless of race, sex, age, voting status, religious or economic status.

(g) Each Commission shall be subject to the provisions of § 1-1504(a).

History

Subj: **[anc6a] ANC 6A Meeting Moved**
Date: 2/27/01 5:21:39 PM Eastern Standard Time
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To: anc6a@yahoogroups.com

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We apologize for the short notice and hope to see you there.

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Date: March 1, 2001
Place: Peoples' Community Church
11th & G Street, NE
Time: 7 pm

Janet Quigley
Secretary, ANC 6A

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We would like to remind you of this upcoming event.

ANC 6A Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2001
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Monthly Meeting
624 H Street NE

TIME: 7:00 PM

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From. erand@fbw.com (Earle Rand)
Reply-to: anc6a@yahoogroups.com
To: anc6a@yahoogroups.com

Short notice isn't the word for it. 6A continues to do last minute musical chairs on locations. I believe you could have done a better job to inform the community of these continual last minute changes for whatever reasons. Please keep the community informed with plenty of notice. 24 hour notice change is unacceptable. Lots of people don't have access to a computer or read the limited postings to this website. Earle'

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CC: fwardrick@yahoo.com (Felicia Wardrick)

Commissioners,

Did everyone get the postcard announcing the date change of the State of the District address? (Now March 1).

Will anyone not be able to attend the ANC meeting March 1?

JQ

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The meeting will be at People's Church located at 11th & G Street N.E. 7p. so more people can be heard on the two zoning issues of BP Amoco and MiMi's.

>I thought this meeting was moved to a different location and now I am very
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>Also, if any ANC members read this, it would be helpful if a notice is put
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In Capitol Hill Community, ANC Fractures

Members Torn Over Race, Other Issues Meet Separately

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Tensions building for years on a Capitol Hill Advisory Neighborhood Commission climaxed Thursday night when two factions held rival meetings and declared each other out of touch with the community.

One meeting, in a church at 1101 G St. NE, had a quorum of seven members, but it was called "illegal" by the five members who met a few blocks away at the commission's headquarters, at 624 H St. NE.

The chairman of ANC-6A said there were signs to notify residents of the change of location but that someone tore them down. So, she said, she waited outside to tell constituents to report to G Street. Members of the smaller group shrugged off the change of location and held their own meeting where it had been scheduled initially.

Residents and elected officials attribute the schism to everything from racial animosity and gentrification to a generation gap, personality conflicts and power grabs. No single diagnosis seems to fit, and the causes are complex.

ANC-6A represents a rapidly changing neighborhood north and east of the Capitol. Younger white and black families are moving onto some blocks, driving up real estate prices. Like longtime residents, the newcomers are dissatisfied with lingering blight on some streets, and with the struggling H Street commercial corridor.

A majority of the members of the ANC changed on Election Day, but divisions remained. Many past members have been burned out by the squabbling, says D.C. Council member Sharon Ambrose (D-Ward 6), who was at the meeting with the quorum.

The five members who met at the headquarters on H Street are black, while the quorum on G Street included one black and six whites, one of whom is Latino.

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Daniel M. Pernell III, who is black. Members who met with him at headquarters represent districts in the north and east sections of the ward.

"I think there's a gentrification mandate," said Marvin F. Fields Jr., allied with Pernell. "The fact we don't buckle down and lick those shoes, that makes us undesirable."

Ivette Basterrechea, chairman of the ANC, who was a member of the quorum, rejected that allegation. "They happen to be black and happen to be friends," she said. "I'm Latina. I feel comfortable among all people. . . . I am commissioner for everyone in 6A."

Ambrose, who Fields and Pernell allege has schemed with the white commissioners, also disputed the racial analysis. "Does it matter whether folks are white or African American as to whether they want a clean neighborhood?" she said.

Another factor in the dispute may involve tenure on the board. Four of the smaller group ran as incumbents, while six of the larger group were newcomers elected in November.

"I have courted these old commissioners," said Basterrechea, a lawyer who has lived in the ward for six years. "I've sought their advice, and I've tried to include them in decisions."

But the newcomers have rejected some of the old ways of doing business, such as deferring to the representative of a single-member district on issues taking place within that district, Fields said. "It's a slap in the face," said Fields, whose support of a beer-and-wine license in his district was overruled Thursday night at the larger meeting.

The group also voted him out as treasurer and zoning chairman. But it was the question about the beer-and-wine license for Mimi's convenience store, at 1101 H St. NE, that broke the ANC in two.

Residents' complaints of drinking outside and sale of drug paraphernalia inside led to Mimi's losing its license a few years ago.

Now the owners want to sell the business to Sandy Chung, but the Chung family won't buy unless the location has a beer-and-wine license. The Chungs hope to transfer the license of a defunct neighborhood business to Mimi's, said Paul L. Pascal, Chung's attorney.

The larger group voted to recommend against the transfer. "We don't need another [beer-and-wine] license on H Street," Basterrechea said.

Many in the neighborhood are fond of owner Mimi Lee's family. They sell a broader range of groceries, sandwiches and over-the-counter

remedies than most convenience stores, and Fields said they give money and food to community activities. He and Pascal say the prospective owners promised to take the location upscale.

And so the smaller group supported the license transfer.

The license wasn't the only controversy. A proposed Amoco gas station expansion in the 300 block of H Street NE was rejected by the larger group. The project is too large and too "suburban" for a city neighborhood with historic architecture nearby, Basterrechea and other residents said. But Fields said H Street needs that kind of investment, and he and his allies lean in favor of the development.

Basterrechea said she expected the Amoco discussion to draw a crowd, and so she changed the location of the meeting. But she announced the change only a few days earlier. Fields and Pernell cite ANC rules requiring seven days' notice, and they plan to ask the corporation counsel to void all votes. Basterrechea said a change can be made for good cause.

Also simmering in the neighborhood are questions of what to do with a historic theater and renovation of Sherwood Playground.

Can ANC-6A get along? Pernell, of the group of five, sees hope in the residents, who he doesn't believe are as divided as their representatives on the ANC. "The residents, to my knowledge, are working out just fine," he said. "They don't see a strong structure in ANC-6A."

Basterrechea says that as chairman, she hopes to put past squabbles behind and get more residents involved by showing an ANC-6A that works. "We're an intelligent community, and we want to make intelligent, well-thought-out decisions," she said.

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3115 ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

3115.1 The written report of the ANC shall be submitted to the Board at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing and shall contain the following information:

(a) An identification of the appeal or application;

(b) When the public meeting of the ANC to consider the appeal or application was held;

(c) Whether proper notice of that meeting was given by the ANC;

(d) The number of members of the ANC that constitutes a quorum and the number of members present at the meeting;

(e) The issues and concerns of the ANC about the appeal or application, as related to the standards of the Zoning Regulations against the appeal or application must be judged;

(f) The recommendation, if any, of the ANC as to the disposition of the appeal or application;

(g) The vote on the motion to adopt the report to the Board;

(h) The name of the person who is authorized by the ANC to present the report; and

(i) The signature of the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the ANC.

3115.2 The Board shall give "great weight" to the written report of the ANC, as required by No. 1-261, D.C. Code, 1982 ed.

3115.3 In the event the ANC submits its report on the basis of understandings, agreements, or meetings with the appellant, or applicant which later are modified by appellant or applicant, the designated representative of the ANC may comment orally concerning the specific inconsistencies. No other new matters may be presented orally by the designated representative of the ANC.

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Monthly Meeting

March 1, 2001

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Neighbors,
In order to accommodate a larger-than-usual crowd at the March 1 ANC 6A meeting, we have been working to secure the use of a larger space and have succeeded. Please pass the word to anyone interested. BP Amoco and the Mimi's license transfer are on the agenda, among other items.

We apologize for the short notice and hope to see you there.

Event: ANC 6A Monthly Public Meeting
Date: March 1, 2001
Place: Peoples' Community Church
11th & G Street, NE
Time: 7 pm

Janet Quigley
Secretary, ANC 6A

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Commissioners,
After some searching around for a larger space, we have been able to secure Peoples' Community Church, 11th and G NE for this Thursday evening at 7pm.

I apologize for the short notice. Please pass the word to your constituents. Thank you.

JQ

PS - If you are able to show up a little early (10 minutes or so) that would help get settled in the new place. Thanks.

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BYLAWS

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this unincorporated elected body shall be Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, hereinafter referred to as "the Commission."

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES AND AUTHORITY

The objectives of the commission shall be to promote the welfare and concern of that section of Ward Six beginning at Florida Avenue and New York Avenue, Southwest on New York Avenue to North Capitol Street; South on North Capitol Street to Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.; West on Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. to 4th Street, N.W.; South on 4th Street, N.W. to H Street, N.W.; West on H Street, N.W. to 6th Street, N.W.; South on 6th Street, N.W. to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; Southeast on Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. to Constitution Avenue, N.W.; East on Constitution Avenue, N.W. to its intersection with the extension of North Capitol Street; South on the extension of North Capitol Street to the center point of the U.S. Capitol; East on the extension of East Capitol to 11th Street; North on 11th Street to C Street; East on C Street to the northern (westbound) span of the Whitney Young Memorial Bridge; East on the northern (westbound) span of the Whitney Young Memorial Bridge to the center line of the Anacostia River; Northeast along the center line of the Anacostia River to the southern (eastbound) span of the Benning Bridge; Northwest on the southern (eastbound) span of the Benning Bridge to Benning Road; Northwest on Benning Road to the intersection of Florida Avenue and 15th Street; West on Florida Avenue to New York Avenue.

Sec. 1. The Commission may advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency and all independent agencies, boards and commissions of the Government of the District of Columbia with respect to all matters of the District governmental policy, including, but not limited to, decisions regarding planning, streets, recreation, social service programs, education, health, safety, and sanitation which affect the Commission, affects or are of interest to area 6A residents. For purposes of these Bylaws, proposed actions of District government

policy shall be the same as those for which prior notice of proposed rule-making is required pursuant to DC Code Sec. 1-1501 (a), or as pertains to the Council of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 2. Proposed District of Columbia government actions that the Commission shall have the opportunity to comment upon shall include, but shall not be limited to, actions of the Council of the District of Columbia, the executive branch or any independent agency. The Commission may advise any agency, board or commission regarding the award of any grant funds to a citizen organization group, the formulation of any final policy decision or guideline with respect to grant application, comprehensive plans, requested or proposed zoning changes, variances, public improvements, licenses or permits affecting said Commission area, the District budget, city goals and priorities, proposed changes in District Government service delivery, the opening, closing or continuation of facilities.

Sec. 3. The Commission shall present its views wherever it deems appropriate.

Sec. 4. The Commission may initiate its own proposals for District Government action and undertake other projects beneficial to the community.

Sec. 5. The Commission shall monitor complaints of Commission area residents with respect to the delivery of District Government services and file comments on the same with the appropriate District government entity.

Sec. 6. (a) On or before November 30 of each year, the Commission shall adopt and file an annual report for the proceeding fiscal year with the Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia. Such report shall include but not be limited to:

(1) summaries of important issues perceived by the Commission in order of their priority;
(2) recommendations for action to be taken by the District Government;
(3) recommendations for improvements in the operation of the Commission;
(4) financial reports, and;
(5) a summary of Commission activities.

(b) Minority reports may be filed.

Sec. 7. Other than neighborhood or community enhancement campaigns, the Commission may operate programs only in conjunction with existing governmental activities, provided that such activities on behalf of the Commission not duplicate already available programs or services, and further provided that the

Commission's programs are not conducted on a contractual basis with existing governmental agencies.

Sec. 8. The Commission may, where appropriate, constitute the citizen advisory mechanism required by and Federal statue.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The Commission shall be comprised of those persons duly elected and certified by the DC Board of Elections and Ethics to Single Member Districts within area 6A.

Sec. 2. Each member of the Commission shall hold office from noon of the second day of January following the elections of such member or at noon on the day after the Board of Elections and Ethics certifies such election of such member, whichever is later. Vacancies shall be filed in accordance with section 8 (d) of the Advisory Neighborhood Councils Act of 1975. All terms of office shall end at noon on the second day of January in even-numbered years.

Sec. 3. Each Commission member may freely represent himself/herself or his/her Single Member District. However, a Commissioner may not officially speak on behalf of the Commission unless authorized to do so by affirmative vote of the Commission.

Sec. 4. Communications by individual Commission members (e.g., requests for information, inquiries on behalf of constituents, etc.) on Commission stationery will be properly identified as personal and distinguished from official notices. Copies of all such communications by Commission members will be filed with the Secretary and will be kept as part of the record of Commission-related activities.

Sec. 5. All members shall have equal voting rights following the principle of one person, one vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Sec. 6. The Commission and each of its committees shall maintain a record of attendance of its members. Members shall receive warning letters after two consecutive, unexcused absences from regular Commission meetings. When any member missing three consecutive, regular meetings without excuse, the Commission shall consider the advisability of requesting that member's resignation. In the event that a Commissioner is absent without excuse from four consecutive regular meetings of the Commission, the Commission may, in its discretion undertake 1) to notify the delinquent Commissioner's constituents of his/her attendance record, and 2) to assist such constituents in petitioning for the Commissioner's removal.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. The Commission shall annually elect a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Sec. 2. (a) In November of a non-general election year, an ad hoc nominating committee shall be established by appointment of the current ANC Chairman and by nomination from the Commission at large. At the regular December ANC 6A meeting in a non-general election year, the nominating committee shall present its slate of nominees and the election shall take place at a special election meeting the following week. There may be additional nominees at the time of election.

Sec. 2. (b). In December immediately following a general election, an ad hoc nominating committee shall be established by the current ANC Chairman and by nominations from the Commissioners-elect as certified by the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics. A convener shall be appointed at that time by the ANC chairman. At the next regular ANC 6A meeting in January, the chairman of the nominating committee shall present the committee's slate of nominees and the election shall take place at a special meeting the following week. There may be additional nominees at the time of the election.

Sec. 3. Nominations shall be made by Commission members at such meetings. The number of nominations shall not be limited, except that nominations must be seconded.

Sec. 4. A quorum for the election shall be a majority of the Commissioners.

Sec. 5. (a) Each candidate for office shall be nominated from the floor. Candidates may be nominated and elected en absentia.
(b). A candidate may nominate himself or herself but may not second his/her nomination.
(c). A nominating speech of five minutes may be made.
(d). Each nomination must be seconded, but no seconding speech will be permitted.
(e). After nominations are closed, each candidate may make a five minute speech.

Sec. 6. When nominations are closed, the election shall take place by secret ballot. The Conveyor or such other person who has not been nominated, shall certify the returns. If the convener is nominated he/she must decline or relinquish the chair for the remainder of the election.

Sec. 7. Voting on each office shall be completed before the floor is opened for nominations for another office.

Sec. 8. Prior to elections, candidates may declare their intent to run for an office and may circulate their resumes and/or position statements.

Sec. 9. The elected officers shall be elected to service for one year or until their successors are elected, and their terms of office shall commence at the regular meeting at which they are elected. In the event of a vacancy, the officer filling the vacant position shall only complete the term of the officer he/she replaced.

Sec. 10. A simple majority shall be required for the election of officers. In the event that there is not a simple majority after the first ballot, there shall be an election between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

Sec. 11. In case of vacancies among officers, at the next meeting of the Commission nominations and elections shall occur in accordance with the election procedures set forth in these Bylaws, except in the case of a vacancy in the office of treasurer. In such a case, there shall be within seven days of such vacancy a special meeting of the Commission to select a new treasurer in accordance with these Bylaws.

Sec. 12. Chairperson
(a) No chairperson shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

(b) The chairperson shall serve as a convener of the Commission and shall chair the Commission meetings. The chairperson shall expedite business in a manner compatible with parliamentary procedure.

(c) The chairperson may rule on procedural questions from the chair and such rulings may be overturned by a majority vote of the Commission.

(d) The chairperson shall have the power to call specials meetings of the Commission.

Sec. 13. Vice Chairperson
(a) The vice chairperson shall provide such assistance to the chairperson as is required and shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the chairperson.

(b) In the chairperson's absence, or when the chairperson wishes to give up the chair, the vice chairperson shall act as chairperson.

Sec. 14. Secretary
(a) The secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of the minutes for all meetings of the Commission and for the distribution of copies of the minutes to all members.

(b) The secretary shall be responsible for maintaining records of all activities, signing checks, and performing other duties as the chairperson may direct.

(c) The secretary shall prepare notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the Commission.

(d) The secretary shall serve as a central repository of copies of minutes of all standing, special, and administrative committees.

(e) In the preparation of minutes, reports and other Commission business, the secretary shall have the assistance of the Commission staff as may be required.

(f) The secretary shall act as the chairperson when both the chair and the vice chair are absent.

Sec. 15. Treasurer

(a) The treasurer shall prepare and the Commission approve a quarterly financial report within 30 days of the close of each fiscal quarter. These reports shall be public documents and shall be available for public inspection. The quarterly report, signed by the treasurer and chairperson, and attested by the secretary as having been approved by the Commission, shall be filed with the District of Columbia Auditor within seven days of approval by the Commission.

(b) The treasurer shall be bonded. The treasurer shall file with the District of Columbia Auditor a cash or surety bond in the amount of $1,000. The treasurer shall file with the office of the District of Columbia Auditor, on a form provided by said Auditor, a statement giving (1) the treasurer's name, (2) home address, (3) business telephone number, (4) business address, (5) home telephone number, (6) locations of the books and the records of the Commission, and (7) name and location of each depository.

(c) Every expenditure of funds by the Commission shall be authorized in writing by the treasure and recorded in the Commission's books of accounts, provided that the treasure may disburse to another Commission member or employee amounts not in excess of fifty dollars ($50) out of petty cash funds, and provided further, that such petty cash funds are not for personal expenditures.

(d) Records of expenditures of petty cash funds shall be transmitted to the treasurer prior to any further disbursements from the petty cash funds.

(e) The treasurer's signature and the signature of the chairperson, vice chairperson, or secretary shall be required on every draft or order drawn on the Commission depositories.

The Commission shall by resolution approve by majority of its members designate one or more financial institutions within the District of Columbia as depositories of Commission funds.

(f) No expenditure whatsoever shall be made by the Commission during the vacancy in the office of treasurer or at anytime when a current and accurate statement and bond are not on file with the District of Columbia Auditor.

(g) The treasurer shall maintain the Commission accounts on a fiscal year basis, beginning October 1 and ending September 30.

Sec. 16. Parliamentarian
The chair, with the advice and consent of the Commission, shall appoint a parliamentarian. The parliamentarian shall rule on procedural questions when requested to do so by any Commissioner. In resolving procedural questions, the parliamentarian shall rely on Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised.

Sec. 17. Executive Committee
(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Commission: the chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

(b) The Executive Committee shall meet monthly and as requested by the chair. Notice of its meetings shall be given to all members of the Commission and to the public. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to the public. However, only Executive Committee members may vote at its meetings.

(c) The powers of the Executive Committee shall be:
(1) To establish quarterly objectives and goals for this Commission to consider; and
(2) To vote and act with the authority of the Commission when a quorum in not achieved at a special or emergency Commission meeting, provided, that all members of the Executive Committee are present, and provided further, that any action taken shall be reported to the Commission at its next meeting.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Open to the Public
Pursuant to the provisions of section 742(a) of the District of Columbia Self-Government Reorganization ACt, all meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public.

Sec. 2. Types of Meetings
Four types of meetings may be convened by the Commission: (1) regular, (2) special, (3) town hall, and (4) emergency.

Sec. 3. Time and Place
(a) The regular meetings of the Commission shall take place on the first Thursday of each month. The Commission shall meet at a time and place designated by the Commission upon adoption of an annual schedule of regular meetings which shall be in accordance with Article V, Section 3(b). In the absence of a scheduled meeting by the Commissioners, the chairperson shall designate the time and place of the meeting.

(b) The Commission shall convene regular meetings not less than nine times a year to consider matters before the Commission including, but not limited to, consideration of actions or proposed actions of the Council of the District of Columbia, the executive branch or any independent agency, board or commission, and to make recommendations thereon.

(c) Special and emergency meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chairperson, and shall be called upon writing request of three (3) Commissioners. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice and no other topic may be discussed at that meeting.

(d) The Commission shall convene the residents of its Commission area for town hall meetings at least four times a year to hear residents' views on problems in the Commission area and on proposed District Government actions affecting the area. At such meetings citizen participation shall be open, free, and not at the chair's discretion. Notice of such meetings shall be posted at least ten days in advance in at least two prominent places in each single member district. Citizens shall be invited to place items on the agenda at least four days in advance, as well as to offer items from the floor.

Sec. 4. Notice
(a) The Commission shall give no less than seven days notice of its meetings or convocations, except where shorter notice for good cause is necessary or in the case of emergency. Notice shall be given by posting written announcements in at least two conspicuous places in each single member district.

(b) Commissioners may be notified of special and emergency meetings by telephone at the discretion of the chair.

(c) Notice to Commissioners of special and emergency meetings must clearly state time, place, and purpose of the meeting. No topic other than the previously stated purpose can be discussed at such a meeting.

Sec. 5. Quorum and Voting
(a) No official action may be taken by the Commission unless the vote is carried by a majority of the Commissioners present.

A quorum consist of a majority of the Commissioners. Once a quorum is established, it remains, regardless of the subsequent departure of one or more members.

(b) Voting at Commission meetings shall be limited to Commissioners. Citizen participation shall be at the discretion of the chairperson.

Sec. 6. Agenda

(a) The chair shall establish the agenda for each meeting, following the outline set forth in subsection (b). Meetings shall follow the agenda established by the chairperson. Any Commission member may submit proposed items for inclusion on the agenda one week prior to the meeting. Notice as the final agenda shall be made available to each Commission 72 hours before the meeting. Provisions shall be made in the agenda for the discussion of new business.

(b) The agenda of each regular meeting of the Commission shall be as follows:

(1) Quorum call, to be conducted by the secretary in numerical order by single member district.
(2) Consideration, amendment as appropriate, and approval of minutes of the previous meeting, to be read by the secretary only if they have not been included with the written notice of the meeting.
(3) Consideration, amendment as appropriate, and approval of the most recent financial report, to be presented by the treasurer.
(4) Commissioner's Announcement.
(5) Community forum:
    (a) Announcements by residents, guests and staff;
    (b) Complaints or issues raised by residents and guests.
(6) Committee reports and discussion.
(7) Old business.
(8) New business.
(9) The chair shall ask if there is any other business to come before the meeting. If not, he shall announce the schedule of future meetings, and entertain a motion to adjourn.

(c) The ANC may adopt a Committee report presented during the committee reports portion of the agenda without a need for further review upon an unanimous vote of the attending commissioners. The substance of any report that is not unanimously approved shall be included in "new business" portion of the agenda, whether originally scheduled for new business or not.

Sec. 7. Proposed Actions
(a) Any notice of proposed action by the District of Columbia Government or any request for action by a Commissioner or a citizen shall be transmitted to the chairperson.

(b) The chairperson shall refer the matter to the entire Commission or to the appropriate committee or task force within seven days of receipt, except as required by law otherwise ordered by the Commission.

(c) The chair may establish a time limit for any committee to report on matters referred to it.

(d) After receiving notice from the District Government of any proposed action, the Commission may forward written recommendations with respect to the proposed action to the Council of the District Columbia, the Mayor and the appropriate agency, board or commission.

Sec. 8. Citizen Input
(a) Residents views should be incorporated in positions taken by the Commission.

(b) The Commission may establish such mechanisms as will insure the broadest dissemination of information with respect to the Commission meetings, positions and actions. The Commission shall make a good-faith effort to involve all segments of the Commission population in its deliberations regardless of race, sex, age, voting status, religion or economic status.

Sec. 9. Joint Meetings
The Commission may hold joint meetings with other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to deal with concerns and issues affecting the areas jointly. Such meetings may be held only following approval of the meeting and its agenda by the participating Commissioners. All such meetings shall be open, and require seven days public notice. The Commission may bind its members attending such joint meetings, and may limit the authority of such joint meetings.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. Titles and Jurisdiction
(a) There shall be two categories of committee: standing and special.

(b) The standing committees and their jurisdiction shall be:
(1) Administration and Personnel: Administer the budget as approved by the Commission; office supervision and personnel.

(2) Government Operations: Governmental efficiency; municipal budget and taxation; and appointment to boards and commissions.
(3) Education: Education.
(4) Grant Proposals: Development and recommendation of a process of review of grant applications; and review of an recommendation as to disposition of all grant applications received by the Commission.
(5) Human Services/Housing: Programs of the Department of Human Services, Department of Housing and Community Development and Department of Public and Assisted Housing.
(6) Transportation/Environment: Activities of Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.
(7) Public Safety: Police and fire services; judicial system.
(8) Zoning and Licensing: Zoning matters; license applications; planning and economic development.
(9) Bylaws: Commission bylaws.
(10) Community Service: Liaison with and outreach to community organizations; publish an ANC newsletter; publicity.
(11) Banking and Utilities: Banking and utilities.

(c) Special committees or task forces may be created temporarily by the Commission or by the chairperson, and shall be assigned a specific goal and for a specific period of time.

There shall be created annually a special committee on Audit and Budget which shall be develop and recommend to the Commission an annual budget. It shall also conduct an annual audit of the Commission's financial affairs and books and report the results of such audit, with recommendations (if any), to the Commission.

(d) As used in this article, the term "committee" shall include any standing or special committee or task force established by the Commission.

(e) No actions may be taken on a committee report unless a written report of the meeting is provided to each commissioner that identifies the commissioners who were present and the substance of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Composition
(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the Commission shall appoint the members of each committee.

(b) There shall be at least one Commissioner who is not an officer of the Commission on each committee. Each committee may include citizens who are not Commissioners, and the Commission may authorize formal representation of other neighborhood groups or committees.

Sec. 3. Officers
Following the appointment of any committee, the Commission shall select from among the Committee's members a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Each committee shall elect from among its members such other officers as it deems necessary. Such officers shall perform functions as are common and appropriate to their officers.

Sec. 4. Subcommittees
Committees may establish such subcommittees as they deem appropriate from among their members.

Sec. 5. Meetings and notice
Each committee shall establish the time and place for its meetings. The Commission staff shall maintain a list of all such meetings and give notice of same to the public.

Sec. 6. Attendance and removal
(a) Each committee may develop attendance requirements for its members and the members of its subcommittees. The chairperson of each committee shall have the responsibility of recommending to the Commission the removal of any committee member who fails to serve effectively.

(b) The Commission shall have the power to remove committee officers or members, following the procedures set forth in Article III, Sec. 6 of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. GRANTS AND FUNDING

Sec. 1. The Commission may not solicit or accept funds from a Federal or District Government agency or private source except as may be previously authorized by resolution of the Council, provided that acceptance of contributions of one hundred dollars ($100) or less from a single contributor need not be approved by the Council.

Sec. 2. The Commission may pool its funds with other Commissions in Ward 6 in accordance with agreements established by the Commission.

Sec. 3. Funds may be expended only in conformity with applicable District of Columbia laws and regulations, as set forth in the most recent edition of A Compilation of Current Laws, Directives and Orders regarding the Operations of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

Sec. 4. Funds shall be used in civic studies or projects benefitting a substantial part of the community within the Commission area or a segment of the residents with clearly identified needs. To this end, funds may also be made available in support of projects which extend beyond the Commission area.

Sec. 5. Funds may be allocated for projects at anytime during a fiscal year.

Sec. 6. The ANC may not approve any expenditure greater than $250 without the recommendation of a written Committee Report.

Sec. 7. The ANC may not approve a grant in excess of $500 without two-thirds of the commissioners present and voting.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Commission in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Commission may adopt.

ARTICLE IX. BYLAWS

Sec. 1. The Commission shall file an up-to-date copy of each and all amendments to the Bylaws with the Council of the District of Columbia within seven working days of their adoption.

Sec. 2. Amendments to these Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Commission. Notice of each proposed amendment shall be provided to each Commissioner at least two weeks prior to the meeting and which amendments will be considered.

Sec. 3. Theses Bylaws shall be consistent with all applicable laws, and any inconsistencies are to be held null and void.

Sec. 4. These rules shall be open to the public.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 1. Should the Commission feel legal redress is required, it shall petition the Council through its special committee on Advisory Neighborhood Commission or such successor committee.

Sec. 2. Any Commission member may institute legal actions in the courts but the Commission itself shall not have power.

Sec. 3. The Commission shall have no authority to incorporate; however, no member of the Commission may be liable for action taken as an elected representative from a single member district.

Sec. 4. All employees of the Commission shall be hired by the Commission and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. No present member of the Commission or his/her immediate family shall be hired by the Commission.