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Richard Reyes-Gavilan
Director, DC Public Library

Dear Director Reyes-Gavilan,

At a properly noticed general meeting on May 14, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 8-0-0 to submit the following request regarding the hours of the Arthur Capper Library Facility.

At a community meeting December 14, 2023, at the Southeast Library, you committed to consider expanding the hours of DCPL's interim library facility at the Arthur Capper Community Center so it would open sometimes on Saturday, when working people and schoolchildren can use the facility. Since the Capper library facility has now been open for over three months, it's time for that consideration. As we have suggested since December, if the library system hasn't the funds to extend hours to Saturday, we urge you to consider replacing some weekday hours with weekend hours--for example, opening at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays so you can open Arthur Capper for four hours on Saturdays. Even if it would raise issues for you to open Arthur Capper every Saturday, it would help to open the facility at least two Saturdays each month.

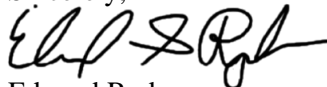
If opening on Saturdays proves entirely impossible, we urge you to consider opening at least one workday after 6 p.m., again if necessary to open later that morning--for instance, opening Tuesdays from 12 noon-8 p.m. instead of 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

And if you think it's too early to make a shift that would cover the remaining two years of the Arthur Capper interim facility, we urge you to try, as an experiment, opening the facility on occasional Saturdays or second weekday evenings. Then you can make a final decision based on the results of the experiment.

Finally, we urge you to expand the Library by Mail program to make it accessible to more of our residents, who now have no nearby library. Please also make the application easier to complete.

Thank you, in advance, for according "great weight," as DC law requires, to this advice from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B.

Sincerely,



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