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**COMMUNITY PREMIERE OF *LESSONS FROM THE WATERFRONT:*
THE ANACOSTIA (A YOUTH-PRODUCED DOCUMENTARY)**

Historic Anacostia Block Association, Inc. presents the Community Premier of *Lessons from the Waterfront: The Anacostia*, a documentary written, produced and directed by the youth of Multi-Media Training Institute (MMTI) scheduled for Thursday, October 11th at the UPO Community Service Center, 1649 Good Hope Rd SE at 7pm. This documentary was completed earlier this year but the subject matter is torn from today's headlines.

Councilmember Marion Barry speaks about the development of Popular Point, in the news, up-coming hearing are now planned. **Monty Hoffman**, the chosen developer for the SW Waterfront speaks on the development of the Waterfront and the "Green Trend" which is prominently in the national news. **Deborah Ratner Salzberg of Forest City Washington** was recently honored as one of the top developers in Washington DC Her company in conjunction with the **McFarland Partners** was recently in the **Washington Post** for their development of "**The Yards**" at the Navy Yard SW complex. Ms. Salzberg speaks about that development in MMTI's documentary. All of these movers and shakers were in MMTI's youth documentary almost one year ago and now are featured in today's headlines. This documentary also speaks about the environment, economic development and housing, critical issues in today's discussions.

Partners in this documentary were **the National Maritime Heritage Foundation, Living Classroom, The Anacostia Watershed Society and The Anacostia Community Boathouse Association.** Each partnering organization had a special role in providing quality experiences for young people on the Anacostia River, from boating, conservation, ecology and biology to just plain fun and enjoyment of the river.

While learning the finer aspects of documentary development, the MMTI students captured the early community meetings that The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation held at the Cesar Chavez School. The documentary focuses on the past, present and the possible future of the Anacostia River from the eyes of young people as they celebrated the 2006 summer experience and speak to the residents of Anacostia. Also, included in the documentary are comments by **Mayor Adrian Fenty; the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, Neil Albert; and, the Chairman of the City Council, Vincent Gray.**

Lyn Dyson, MMTI President and Executive Producer, states. "Our young people are excited about the opportunity to showcase their creative skills and to use their training to inform the public about issues having great impact on the environment and the community at large."

MMTI is a non-profit, culturally-based educational and training institution whose mission is to empower youth and young adults through the tools of video and computer technology, entrepreneurship and technical and administrative theatre. Please visit us at www.mmtidc.org or call 202-726-4597.

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