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Re: 1125 G Street, NE electrical box

Mr. Colón and Ms. Wiktor,

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on September 12, 2006, our Commission voted unanimously to request that the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) investigate a potential public space violation at 1125 G Street, NE. It appears that electrical wiring and a very large electrical utility box has been installed in public space without a permit. Based on initial conversations with DDOT employees, there is no public space permit for the electrical box and no "Application to Install Electrical Wiring in Public Space" had been submitted by the property owner.

This electrical box is illustrative of a growing problem in our community of contractors treating public space as private property to the detriment of the surrounding neighborhood. Our Commission requests that DDOT investigate this case and respond in writing to the following questions:

1. Does the owner have a proper public space permit for the electrical box on public space?
2. What actions will be taken to bring the property into compliance with public space regulations?
3. How long after the notification of a violation will the owner be able to obtain a permit?
4. If the property owner fails to obtain a permit, will an order be issued for its removal?
5. What mechanisms will be used (e.g. fines) to insure compliance with public space requirements?

We look forward to the results of the investigation and subsequent answers by November 8, 2006, so we can continue to work together to protect our city's public space. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Drew Ronneberg, chair of our economic development and zoning committee, at (202) 431-4035 or by electronic mail at ronneberg6a02@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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