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Re: ANC 6A Public Space Concerns

Director Moneme:

Please accept this letter as a follow up to our meeting earlier this year. At our regularly scheduled public meeting on September 14, 2007, our Commission voted unanimously to send you the following list of public space concerns impacting our ANC:

- **Illegal Driveways** – We continue to be concerned about the prevalence of un-permitted curb cuts and the approval of driveways with excessive curb cut widths in our ANC. A prime example of this problem, and one that we have often cited for your office, exists at 701 10th Street NE.
- **Illegal Parking in Public Space** – Public spaces in our ANC continue to be encroached upon by illegal parking. This typically takes the form of parking on areas used as sidewalks. Prime examples of this issue exist at 1401 Maryland NE, where a former used car lot (shut down after improperly using public space) is now overrun by abandoned vehicles and Horace & Dickies on 12th Street NE, between H and I Streets NE, where commercial vehicles and customers constantly park on the sidewalk creating a dangerous environment for pedestrians.
- **Improper Utility Repair** – There are several instances in our ANC of utility companies failing to properly repair roads and sidewalks following utility repair work. Not only does this present a public safety hazard, it also impacts the aesthetic value of the neighborhood, lowering each neighborhood resident's quality of life.
- **Electrical Boxes Installed on Public Space** – Far too many property owners have decided to install newer, much larger utility boxes on fences and walls in public space, as opposed to the side of buildings as is required by city code. Prime examples of this problem exist at 1319 Constitution Avenue NE and 29 15th Street NE and 1125 G Street NE, locations oft-cited by our ANC.

Although this list is by no means comprehensive, we thought it prudent to draw your attention to our most pressing concerns. Please let us know any way our ANC can work with your office to promote greater public space violation enforcement. If you would like to follow up on this matter, please contact the chair of our Commission's Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair, Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520 or familymahmud@yahoo.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A