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Karina Ricks, Great Streets Manager
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Re: H Street Parking Increment Financing District

Ms. Ricks,

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on May 10, 2007, our Commission voted unanimously to request that the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) investigate the possibility of instituting a parking increment finance district along the H Street NE corridor as a pilot project during the reconstruction of H Street NE.

The concept of utilizing fees collected from parking meters within business districts has proven to be highly successful in Pasadena and San Diego, California to raise funds to improve physical amenities such as sidewalks, alleys, streets, lighting, pedestrian benches and bus shelters, street plantings in addition to enhanced services such as street cleaning, trash pickup, and police protection. These jurisdictions allow the revenue captured to be returned to the source neighborhood instead of placing money back into the general fund.

These cities have successfully utilized market forces to determine the correct pricing for curbside parking. With the installation of multi-meters within the corridor during the reconstruction of H, we believe this is an ideal time to institute a pilot project program to determine if this is a strategy that can work in Washington, D.C.

Presently, there is no funding for improvements to the side streets and alleyways along the corridor. It is our view that the success and image of the corridor is affected by the conditions of the surrounding blocks. The results of the progress made in the cities that have utilized this concept are impressive. They have quickened the pace of improvements which has increased the level of commercial activity while simultaneously the program has encouraged alternative modes of transportation without hurting the businesses.

We look forward to continuing to explore opportunities to improve our community and the H Street Corridor with you. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Omar Mahmud, Chair of our Transportation and Public Space Committee, at (202) 546-1520 or by electronic mail at familymahmud@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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