

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)
January 16, 2012

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Introductions - Chris Browne, Diane Thomas and Malain McCormick with the Greater Washington Sports Alliance (GWSA)/National Marathon; ANC 6A Commission Chair David Holmes and Commissioner Lia Veenendaal-Selck; and committee members Marlon Smoker and Omar Mahmud.
- III. Community Comment - None
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Follow-up Presentation by Greater Washington Sports Alliance: National Marathon
 1. Mr. Mahmud thanked the GWSA representatives for coming and invited them to address the committee regarding the follow up items discussed at our last committee meeting in December. GWSA provided the following information to the committee:
 - a. GWSA will be going before the Mayor soon for final race approval.
 - b. Mr. Browne passed out updated maps describing the course. Mr. Mahmud asked that the materials be provided electronically as well so he can post them with the Minutes. There will be a removal of a portion of the full marathon course, which translates to an earlier “split point” in ANC 6A (at Constitution and North Carolina). This means the street closures should end earlier this year than years past. GWSA has approval from the National Park Service, Homeland Security and MPD to do this revision. There will now be less of a loop.
 - i. Mr. Mahmud asked about specific street closure times given this change. Mr. Browne expects there will now be a noon street closure ending time for the event in ANC 6A. North Carolina and Constitution should see the first runner come through around 9am then open for good around noon with the last runner.
 - c. Regarding the entertainment selections for spots along the route in ANC 6A, Mr. Browne indicated GWSA is looking to do a rock genre on H St. near 13th St. (partner with a local establishment on H) and non-amplified choir music in Lincoln Park. Ms. McCormick indicated organizers are working with a company to put on the music offering. They want to tap into the local culture for music programming. Organizers will try to build on Friday (stage, sound, etc.), but will keep everything on the sidewalk so that traffic is not disturbed. They will do a sound check when the first runner comes by and comply with sound ordinance regulations.
 - d. For Lincoln Park, Mr. Browne indicated they are looking to use non-amplified choir music in order to be considerate of the neighborhood.

- i. Commission Chair Holmes asked how long they will be singing. Ms. McCormick indicated the performance will stop once there are no more runners, and will only take place while there are runners going by.
 - ii. Commission Chair Holmes suggested they keep away from the northwest corner of the park so that the Seventh Day Adventist Church would not be disturbed.
 - iii. Commissioner Veenendaal-Selck asked when music would start at RFK Stadium. Ms. McCormick indicated it would likely start at 7:15 am with race announcements and music. Mr. Browne added that organizers will use “sound on a stick,” which directs the music to limited places, unlike big loudspeakers which are more likely to disturb neighbors. Commission Chair Holmes suggested aiming music towards the river.
- e. Mr. Browne promised to email the Committee GWSA’s final entertainment plan for the race.
- f. Regarding community outreach regarding the race, Ms. McCormick informed the committee GWSA’s outreach plan spans 60-90 days. An online interactive course map will be built based on Google maps, but it will be accessible through the event web page.
- g. GWSA has built a priority list of contacts (dialysis centers, hospitals, churches, etc.) so that they can reach out to these contacts now to alleviate race day disruptions. Organizers are also utilizing “Save the Date” reminders, a community notice letter and door hangers (with information regarding marathon date, street closures, course map, alternative access points, etc.).
- h. Organizers will also make phone calls to impacted community groups and identify businesses and other residents that need the information (e.g. apartments and hotels).
 - i. Mr. Mahmud asked for more specifics about outreach to residents, organizations, businesses, hospitals, churches, etc. in ANC 6A, especially considering we don’t have things like hotels here. Mr. Browne assured the committee that they are doing targeted outreach and will continue to work with groups that our ANC helped them identify in the past such as hospitals and dialysis centers in our ANC.
- i. Ms. McCormick indicated organizers are targeting a fourth of a mile radius around the course for door hangers 30 days prior to the race.
 - i. Mr. Mahmud suggested including a phone number on the door hanger so that people without internet access could still get information about the race. Ms. McCormick indicated a phone number will be available and prominently displayed on the door hanger.

- ii. Mr. Smoker asked who GWSA plans to get to do door hangers. GWSA typically has volunteers do this.
- j. Mr. Browne indicated that one week before the race organizers will distribute no parking notices to residents along streets with race day no parking restrictions.
- k. Five days prior organizers put out listserv notices, press releases and other local advertising. They are working with all public agencies to ensure there is coordination and alternative routes are communicated.
 - i. Mr. Mahmud asked for more detail on coordinating bus closure notices with WMATA, particularly for the X2 and 90/92 buses. Mr. Browne responded that this isn't the easiest thing to work out given they don't receive word on bus rerouting from WMATA until a few days before the race. Mr. Mahmud asked that they try to get notices posted at bus stops regardless of the rerouting chosen, just so people know there will be no bus service for a certain time on race day. Mr. Browne indicated organizers will continue to work with WMATA on these issues and update the committee. There have been two such meetings thus far.
 - ii. Commission Chair Holmes indicated Specialty Hospital (Constitution and 8th) doctors have had trouble getting to work on race day. Mr. Browne indicated organizers have a working relationship there so the parties can meet to ensure proper planning.
- l. Regarding trash collection and clean up, Mr. Browne acknowledged that organizers will only be as good on this front as the planning and execution. Organizers have developed a four point plan for trash and discarded clothing this year, which organizers hope to address past post-race trash problems:
 - i. Point one: Large trash pick-up. A hired team of DPW street sweepers with large trash trucks will pick up trash along the race route following the last runner.
 - ii. Point two: Discarded clothing. Organizers will once again engage and hire a local non-profit that will be responsible for picking up discarded clothing. They will ensure the group will pick up all discarded clothing (including Mylar), not pick and choose as the group did last year. Given that the group they worked with last year to pick up clothing was too selective in what it picked up, there were many clothing items left along the race route. Organizers will also ensure the group of volunteers is larger this year and covers a larger portion of the course, not just from start to the half mile point. Clothing will then be donated to local community groups.
 - iii. Point three: Water station management. Water station coordinators will be instructed to pick up all cups and refuse in

their area with rakes and brooms. All refuse will be bagged for pick up by the hired clean-up crew (see point four). Organizers will have paid employees responsible for going to each cite to ensure water stations are cleared of all trash.

- iv. Point four: Hired clean-up crew. In addition to the DPW clean-up crew, there will be another hired clean-up crew to follow the end of the race. GWSA would be the manager for this process and ensure the job is done right. Mr. Browne hopes to hire a local group and from the community so there is pride in cleaning up the neighborhood. This will be a final “catch all” to get all trash not picked up by the other three phases, particularly in areas where we have experienced a great deal of trash in the past like the beginning of the race and around water stations. Mr. Browne assured the committee the event will not end until there is a final inspection confirming the course is clean. So this fourth phase will be responsible for looking in yards, under cars, etc. to ensure there is total clean up. Commission Chair Holmes recommended they clean up after water stations for a mile or so and that stations be placed strategically so that trash is thrown on streets with no parked cars given it’s harder to clean up under cars (e.g. southeast corner of Lincoln Park). Commission Chair Holmes also suggested clean-up crews utilize a motorized blower to get trash from under cars. He recommends doing this over using no parking restrictions. Ms. McCormick recommended working out arrangements with local parking lots to allow residents to park there during the race. Mr. Browne concluded the discussion of point four by stressing the importance of this phase given it hasn’t been done in the past. He also assured the committee he can be contacted by the ANC on race day to ensure clean-up goals are met.

- m. Mr. Browne concluded his presentation by asking for ANC support for the race, assuring the committee that organizers are looking for other routing options for 2013.
 - i. Commission Chair Holmes again expressed interest in the race only going through his SMD once.
 - ii. Commissioner Veenendaal-Selck asked for Mr. Browne to comment on the blower idea raised by Commission Chair Holmes. Mr. Browne indicated he likes the idea and will look to implement it in planning meetings.

2. Mr. Mahmud again thanked GWSA for attending and made a motion that the ANC send a letter of support for the National Marathon. Mr. Smoker seconded the motion which passed on a vote of three for, none against and one abstention (Holmes).

- V. New Business
 - A. Proposed “Road Diet” for K Street NE (joint effort with ANC 6C) - Discussion tabled to allow for Commissioner Healy’s participation.
 - B. Review and Approve 2012 Committee Goals
 - 1. Mr. Mahmud asked those in attendance to review the draft committee goals he prepared for discussion (attached). There were no comments or questions regarding the draft goals.
 - 2. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the Committee recommends the ANC accept the 2012 goals as drafted. Mr. Marlon seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***
- VI. Additional Community Comment - None
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm