

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)
May 17, 2010

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:05 pm
- II. Introductions
 - A. Committee members present: Shane Artim, Lance Brown, Sean Lovitt and Omar Mahmud (Chair).
 - B. Committee members absent: DeLania Hardy, Andrew Hysell and Marlon Smoker.
 - C. Others in attendance: ANC 6A Commissioners Nick Alberti, David Holmes and Gladys Mack; Sandra Gilbert of Rosedale Grassroots Organization; and ANC 6A Resident Chris Waylor.
- III. Community Comment - None
- IV. Announcements
 - A. ANC 6A received a letter from DDOT regarding future public meetings on the proposal to convert 17th Street NE from one-way traffic to two-way traffic. Mr. Mahmud made a copy of the letter available and indicated it has been distributed on neighborhood listservs.
 - B. Public meeting regarding study of Metrobus lines 90,92 and 93 to be held at J.O. Wilson Elementary School (6th and K Streets NE) on May 19 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- V. New Business
 - A. Request for a transportation study for 12th St. NE and Walter Houp Court - Holmes.
 - i. Commissioner Holmes asked to withdraw this agenda item for now. Mr. Mahmud agreed to put this item back on the agenda when Commissioner Holmes is prepared to present it to the committee.
 - B. Request for residential parking permit (RPP) restrictions on G Street NE adjacent to Sherwood Recreation Center
 - i. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that he, along with neighborhood resident Chris Waylor, have been trying to find out how our ANC can request RPP restrictions for G Street and 9th Street adjacent to Sherwood Recreation Center, just as RPP restrictions have been put in place for the 10th Street side of the recreation center.
 - ii. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that residents have complained that a lack of parking restrictions along these streets have caused unfettered parking by cars with an out-of-state license plate, no license plate in some cases, and no parking permit since there is no enforcement regime in place.
 - iii. Commissioner Alberti recommended reaching out to former ANC 6A Chair, Joe Fengler, to find out how he was involved in implementing RPP for the 10th Street side of the recreation center. Commissioner Alberti also recalls the ANC weighing in on this matter. Mr. Mahmud agreed to find out what action the ANC took to request RPP for the 10th Street side of the street.
 - iv. Mr. Brown suggested asking for "ROSA" enforcement in the meantime. Others suggested ROSA enforcement may only apply to overnight parking.
 - v. Mr. Mahmud is working with Jamie Henson of DDOT on this matter. He will keep the committee informed on progress towards finding a solution.

VI. Old Business

A. Consideration of DDOT Responses to Questions Related to Proposed Two-Way Traffic Conversion of 17th Street and 19th Street NE

- i. Mr. Mahmud informed the committee that Commissioner Holmes sent a comprehensive set of questions to DDOT, which were answered by Jamie Henson of DDOT. Commissioner Holmes informed the committee he would like the set of questions and answers presented to the committee. Mr. Mahmud made a copy of the questions and answers available to those in attendance (see Attachment A).
- ii. Commissioner Holmes indicated the answers provided “went up the department” in DDOT so they are not just answers provided by Mr. Henson.
- iii. The set of questions and answers has also been distributed on neighborhood listservs, but as of the meeting they were not up on the ANC 6A website. Mr. Mahmud suggested the ANC 6A Commissioners make them available on the ANC 6A website.
- iv. Ms. Gilbert asked Commissioner Holmes who at DDOT answered the questions he presented. Commissioner Holmes indicated he received the answers to his questions from Jamie Henson of DDOT, but that had been told the questions were put to others within the department.
- v. Commissioner Alberti informed the committee that the ANC voted in the April Commissioners meeting to rescind the ANC’s previous letter of support regarding conversion of 17th Street from one-way to two-way traffic chiefly because, as Chairman Robinson stated at the ANC meeting, Mr. Bellamy of DDOT told the community at the March 18, 2010 meeting at Pilgrim AME Church that H Street streetscape construction, the streetcar and the Rosedale Recreation Center renovation had not been considered by DDOT when it conducted the Capitol Hill Transportation Study (CHTS). This information conflicts with what DDOT told the committee at the March 15, 2010 Special Committee Meeting and one of the answers to Commissioner Holmes’ set of questions to DDOT, namely that DDOT had considered these future neighborhood developments when developing the CHTS (including the recommendations to convert 17th and 19th to two-way traffic). Commissioner Alberti recommended the committee ask DDOT to attend a future meeting to explain this discrepancy.
- vi. Mr. Brown confirmed that Mr. Henson told the committee at the March 15 Special Committee meeting that future development was considered in developing the CHTS, but he also confirmed that Mr. Bellamy of DDOT contradicted this assertion at the March 18 community meeting.
- vii. Mr. Mahmud offered to invite a DDOT representative to a future committee meeting to hopefully resolve this discrepancy.
- viii. Commissioner Holmes stressed the need to move this forward quickly given the C Street project may be on hold while this issue is moving forward.
- ix. Ms. Gilbert recommended the committee invite someone high up within DDOT to the next committee meeting.
- x. After much discussion regarding a motion to invite DDOT to a future committee meeting, Mr. Mahmud offered a motion to invite a DDOT representative with the authority to speak on behalf of the agency as a whole to a future committee meeting to answer questions regarding the conflicting information coming from DDOT regarding consideration of future

development when the CHTS was conducted. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

- xi. Commissioner Alberti informed the committee he is particularly interested in hearing what DDOT's next steps are concerning the CHTS. Does DDOT plan to redo the study or is it sufficient as is? He would like DDOT to be prepared to answer this question when it next attends a committee meeting.

B. ANC requests to DDOT for implementation of safety measures at 10th Street and Maryland Avenue NE

- i. Mr. Mahmud explained to the committee that he has personally attempted to get better signage, crosswalk striping, and other safety measures implemented at this intersection, and that the ANC followed up on his request with no success. Mr. Mahmud suspects this may be the case given DDOT is planning a corridor-wide study for Maryland Avenue, and it won't implement any safety measures until the study provides recommendations.
- ii. The committee agreed that it would be a good idea to stress to DDOT temporary measures can be implemented pending completion of the study.
- iii. Commissioner Holmes expressed interest in asking for a temporary traffic light or stop sign since this can be a deadly intersection for pedestrians, but others in attendance indicated DDOT will unlikely implement such measures without conducting a study to evaluate their impact.
- iv. ***Mr. Brown made a motion that the committee recommend the ANC send a follow up letter to DDOT requesting temporary traffic calming measures at the 10th Street NE and Maryland Avenue NE intersection, including pedestrian crossing signs, enhanced pavement striping along crosswalks and/or blinking pedestrian crossing signs pending the upcoming study of the Maryland Avenue corridor. Mr. Mahmud seconded the motion which passed without objection. Mr. Mahmud offered to draft a letter.***

VII. Additional Community Comment

- A. Commissioner Holmes announced that an alley in his SMD (bound by Massachusetts, Constitution, 10th and 11th) was recently repaired. The repair request had been pending since 2006.
- B. Commissioner Holmes also announced that the stop signs at 10th and 12th at Constitution have also been installed, as promised by DDOT.
- C. Mr. Lovitt expressed concern that ANC 6A has taken up transportation-related issues recently without seeking committee review and input first. He is particularly concerned about this being done after the committee has expressed a recommendation to the ANC (e.g. the recommendation regarding the CHTS and the conversion of 17th Street NE from one-way to two-way traffic). Commissioners Holmes and Alberti informed Mr. Lovitt that they tried to send the recommendation regarding conversion of 17th Street back to the committee, but their efforts were blocked by other Commissioners. Commissioner Alberti pointed out how much he appreciates the work of the committee and the recommendations it provides to the ANC. Mr. Alberti stressed that the ANC relies on the committee.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.