

MINUTES  
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting  
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE  
February 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.
- II. Introductions
  - A. Committee members in attendance: Co-Chair Todd Sloves, Elizabeth Nelson, Jeff Fletcher, Lara Levison
  - B. Commissioner Stephanie Zimny was in attendance.
- III. Announcements
  - A. Maryland Avenue Redesign Project - 65% designs have been finished by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The designs will be posted to the ANC 6A website.
- IV. Community Comment
  - A. A neighbor, Scott St. Onge, raised a concern about construction dumpsters. Contractors are not complying with regulations such as location, covers, etc. Co-chair Sloves advised that problems be reported to DDOT or your ANC commissioner, and said that ANC 6A has asked for a process regarding emergency no parking process and rules, and that ANCs be looped in when a long-term request is made. This may include dumpsters and Mr. Sloves will look into it.
  - B. James, who lives in Capitol Hill Towers and is legally blind, expressed concerns about the hazards to pedestrians of sidewalk signs outside businesses and restaurants. Co-chair Sloves suggested that the ANC could reach out to “H Street Great Street” to ask them to express this concern to businesses, that these signs’ location on the sidewalk may not be ADA compliant and may even require a public space permit.
- V. New Business
  - A. Request from Capitol Hill Classic Race for letter of support for the 2017 race.
    - i. Roberta Stewart, parent volunteer for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Capitol Hill Classic on Sunday, May 21, 2017, described the race and asked for a letter of support.
    - ii. There are three races--10K, 3K, Kids’ Fun Run—which benefit the Capitol Hill Cluster Schools. There are around 3,500 runners, and half of them come from the 20002 and 20003 ZIP codes.
    - iii. Road closures start around 7:30 am. The first race, the 10K, starts at 8:30 am at Stanton Park. When the 10K is done, around 10:30 am, they will reopen East Capitol Street. The 3K starts at 11:00 am; the route is between Stanton and Lincoln Parks. The kids’ fun run is around Stanton Park (fun to watch!).
    - iv. ***Motion: Co-Chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Nelson, recommending that the ANC send a letter of support to the Mayor’s Special Events Task Force supporting the 2017 Capitol Hill Classic. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.***

- B. Traffic concerns regarding development of Chik-Fil-A at 1401 Maryland Avenue NE.
- i. This is the location previously occupied by Checkers, now being developed by Chik-Fil-A as a drive-through restaurant. DDOT is requiring the driveway access to Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Street NE be closed for safety reasons. The Maryland Avenue and G Street access points will remain open.
  - ii. Commissioner Zimny and neighbors who live on the 1400 block of G Street NE expressed concerns that traffic conditions will worsen on G Street. Checkers had a double drive-through, and the cars exited on Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Street, but Chik-Fil-A will be a single drive-through, with vehicles exiting on G Street, which is narrow.
  - iii. Mr. Sloves reported that he has talked to DDOT, and they will not allow the curb cut on Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Street to remain open. DDOT would be receptive to a traffic-calming petition. Mr. Sloves recommended getting the petition going but not submitting it until the new restaurant opens because traffic engineers have to observe an existing situation.
  - iv. A neighbor noted the need for a “cross traffic does not stop” sign at the corner of G and Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Streets. Mr. Sloves said the ANC’s letter accompanying the petition could include this proposal and questions raised at the meeting regarding whether DDOT would put in a curb and allow parking on Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Street NE.
  - v. Regarding whether the company has been receptive to neighbors’ concerns, Ms. Zimny said that the company and 30-40 residents were at the Zoning Commission meeting. The company said they would not close the G Street exit and that they did not expect much traffic on G Street. They also said they will have a security guard for a period of time after they first open who will also help direct traffic.
  - vi. Ms. Zimny said that Andrea Fraser has the materials to start the petition. It will be ready to submit when the Chik-Fil-A opens.
- C. Discussion of DC Council bill, “To create a parking permit class for small businesses and employees...”
- i. Councilmembers White, Nadeau, and Todd have introduced the, “Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017,” B22-0125. The bill would allow employees of small businesses to apply for permits to park in resident protected parking areas. Up to 10 permits per business would be allowed. Parking would be on residential streets abutted by the business. It is unclear what abut would mean (i.e. would businesses on H Street be able to park on G or I Streets. [Update: “small business” in this bill means one location, no more than 10 employees, and no parking.]
  - ii. Neighbors and committee members voiced opinions in opposition to the bill. Parking is already too tight in the neighborhood. There is already a black market in visitor parking permits and could extend to this.
  - iii. Neighbor Tony Green calculates that if it takes him 20 minutes to park near his house each time, that’s 243 hours per year. Councilmember Allen opposes the bill as currently drafted.
  - iv. ***Motion: Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Jeff Fletcher, recommending that the ANC send a letter to the DC Council opposing the Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.***

VI. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.