

AGENDA
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
May 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Introductions
 - A. Committee members in attendance: Co-chair Todd Sloves, Jeff Fletcher, Elizabeth Nelson, Lara Levison, Andrea Adleman
 - B. ANC Commissioners Mike Soderman (6A03) and Matt Levy (6A04)
 - C. Judah Gluckman, Office of Public and Private Partnerships
 - D. Emily Dalphy, District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- III. Announcements - none
- IV. Community Comment - none
- V. New Business
 - A. Discussion with DC Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) regarding LED lighting
 - a. Judah Gluckman represented OP3 to discuss the streetlight project. Background: At the March 2017 TPS Committee meeting, representatives of the Street Light Task Force presented concerns about DDOT's plan to convert DC streetlights to LED lights that are high intensity (high Kelvin rating) and have been linked to environmental and health concerns.
 - b. Mr. Gluckman explained that the city's overall plan is to convert all 73,000 streetlights to LED lights because they last 3-4 times longer, are more efficient and reliable, and provide better lighting. The financial savings are huge, and they benefit the environment by reducing energy consumption.
 - c. Mr. Gluckman acknowledged that concerns have been raised about "correlated color temperature," CCT, which is measured on the Kelvin scale. The American Medical Association, the Dark Skies Association, and others prefer lower Kelvin lights (3000 or less). DDOT had been reluctant to respond to concerns about high Kelvin LED streetlights. Following a hearing in the DC Council, and hearing from the mayor as well, they are now looking at this concern. Sierra Club and others raised some other topics at the hearing: Are the lights shielded so that the light is directed down? What are the lumens?
 - d. DDOT is looking at using either 3000 or 4000 Kelvin lights. They may put 3000 Kelvin lights near homes and 4000 on highways to take advantage of their better visual acuity. DDOT will not install any new LED lights until the testing is done, public health concerns are addressed, and everyone is satisfied. The lights will be shielded as well.
 - e. They may install new lights if an ANC or MPD request them. There is a lighting upgrade planned on Massachusetts Avenue from Stanton Park to the river with 4000 Kelvin LEDs. Commissioner Soderman said it was not requested by him and ANC6A was never approached or took a position on it. Mr. Gluckman will check to see if it is moving forward.

f. Motion: Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Jeff Fletcher, to recommend that ANC 6A send a letter to the Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) supporting for exploration of the feasibility of installation of 3000 Kelvin LED lights, citing concern about higher intensity Kelvin lights and recommending full shielding.

- B. Presentation from DDOT regarding the results of the K Street NE Corridor Study
 - a. Emily Dalphy presented the Corridor Safety Assessment for K Street NE.
 - b. This type of assessment is something new for DDOT. They usually look at a small focus area, or do very large corridor planning studies.
 - c. This study was requested by ANC6C for the corridor from North Capitol Street NE to Florida Avenue NE to provide a comprehensive analysis of safety concerns, including speeding and vehicular crashes. The study found that speeds on K Street were in the acceptable range for traffic calming and that there was aggressive driving along the corridor.
 - d. Additional focus assessments were conducted at these intersections:
 - i. K Street/8th Street/West Virginia Avenue NE
 - ii. K Street/12th Street/Florida Avenue NE
 - e. DDOT presented the results of the study to ANC6C's Transportation and Public Space Committee in February 2017, and the Committee asked DDOT to perform additional analysis regarding the on-street parking rush hour restrictions, as well as to perform additional traffic-calming analysis along the corridor.
 - f. DDOT will propose preferred alternatives for traffic calming and issue a Notice of Intent, which will be followed by a thirty (30) day public comment period. There is not room for a bike lane to be added on K Street.
 - g. Co-chair Sloves said that DDOT needs to talk to residents about the proposals when they are more fleshed out and suggested a joint meeting in June/July 2017 with ANC6C's TPS committee; DDOT can come with boards and an engineer.

VI. Additional Community Comment

- A. Commissioner Matt Levy raised the concern about speeding on C Street NE, from Fifteenth (15th) to Twelfth (12th) Streets NE, where people come off of I-295.
 - a. Commissioner Levy had a completed petition, and they are seeking a support letter for a traffic-calming assessment.
 - b. Commissioner Mike Soderman asked if we could get DDOT to take a holistic look, rather than getting petitions block by block, and pushing problems from block to block. Mr. Sloves will look at the letters from the past 4-5 years of what the ANC has requested, and write one letter that lists all our requests and proposes a more holistic approach.
 - c. *Motion: Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Nelson, recommending that ANC 6A send a letter of support for a traffic-calming study for the 1200 through 1500 blocks of C Street NE. The motion passed 7-0 with Commissioners Levy and Soderman voting.*

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm