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ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting  
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street, NE)  
November 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order around 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions
  - A. Committee members present: Omar Mahmud (Co-Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Elizabeth Nelson, Lara Levison, Andrea Adleman
  - B. Diane Thomas, Rock and Roll Marathon
  - C. Mike Herz, representing new restaurant Ten 01, 703-850-1280 (cell), mikeh@benschilibowl.com
- III. Announcements - none
- IV. Community Comment
  - A. Mike Herz, Operations Manager for Ten 01, a new restaurant on H Street NE, introduced himself as contact person and announced a “neighborhood night” on Tuesdays with a discount for residents of 15% off the check, and also a 10% discount for residents for remainder of 2015. Co-Chair Mahmud asked about sound from the sound system on the roof area, which is audible. Mike: We are putting up sound buffers: Mahmud: The restaurant had agreed not to have amplified sound on the roof at all—not amplified sound that cannot be heard. Mike: I was not aware of that; I came later as operations manager (conversation to be continued).
- V. New Business
  - A. Request for letter of support for Rock & Roll Marathon.
    - i. Ms. Diane Thomas represented the Marathon. The marathon has already been reviewed by ANC6B and 6C. The marathon will take place Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 7:00 am-2:00 pm. Metrorail opens at 5:00 am for the event. It will be out of ANC6A around 12:45 pm. There will be 20,000 runners on the same course as in previous years; the finish is at RFK Stadium. Concerns include the route, public transit, bus notifications, notifications to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for where people will be allowed to cross, and how MPD manages the traffic.
    - ii. Concerns were expressed about mobility during the marathon. MPD has parked cruisers at corners and does not let anyone through. Ms. Thomas: This year, we are using more traffic control officers (TCRs). They are District Department of Transportation (DDOT) employees, trained to move traffic around, and will be more constructive in managing the cars. There will be more TCRs at the through-points advertised in the Hill Rag: along East Capitol Street at Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>), Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>), Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) and Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Streets. If there are hot spots in this neighborhood where traffic is backing up, we need to know.
    - iii. Co-Chair Mahmud: Residents of 900 G Street NE were not allowed to come down Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE to get into the only driveway for this building. MPD needs to come up with a way of setting up a checkpoint that is closer.

- iv. Nelson, Mahmoud: It is a problem that anyone who lives east of Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) and north of Constitution Avenue NE cannot drive south for about five (5) hours. Ms. Thomas: Go north to Benning Road, go to Route 295, go around. The volume is too high to let people through. On East Capitol Street, because it is the half marathon, it is easier to let people through. She defended the marathon and location; this is the only marathon in the city, started by Mayor Anthony Williams. H Street NE is iconic, and we work closely with H Street businesses; the marathon is only once a year. It is a huge event that brings in a lot of money for the city. Capitol Hill is the only part of the city that gets TCOs. Emergency services get through, of course. Fletcher: Take another look at this area; see what you can do. Thomas: Will do.
- v. As requested Ms. Thomas described ANC6B's concerns: traffic along East Capitol Street, but especially people jamming the entrances to the metro at Stadium Armory and Potomac Avenue. She said the marathon will do better: will provide an exit strategy for participants, pushing more people toward the second entrance for Stadium-Armory, so they will not flood one entrance. The generator is back on line at the Stadium-Armory station and will be completely repaired by end of year. ANC6B approved the event (6-2-1?).
- vi. Fletcher: Music in Lincoln Park? Thomas: No music there; none in 2015 either.
- vii. Mahmud: Concerned about notification: will you have a door hanging campaign? Thomas: Yes, we are doing it again; paying a private group to do it. Mahmud: Make sure there is some quality control. Make sure they put the door hangers on the front doors, rather than drop them in the yard. Notification to H Street NE bus riders: Able to do electronic messaging now at the bus stops; we will post the notices up a week before the marathon on Friday. Other notification efforts: Advertise in Hill Rag; send to a lot more list serves; get the closures in the GPS and WAZE. Mahmud: Google maps? Thomas: Should be able to do that too.
- viii. Nelson: Concerned about heavy Department of Public Works (DPW) vehicles idling in the neighborhood as they wait to follow the tail of the race. Thomas: two tails of this race. One group is staged at Constitution and Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) NE to follow the race. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) group follows the second tail; they will be staged at RFK Stadium, not in the neighborhood.
- ix. Thomas: Approvals from 6B and 6C done.
- x. **Motion (Mahmud):** Recommendation that the ANC send a letter of support for 2016 Rock and Roll Marathon, contingent on the provision of the following :
  1. A summary and description of the usage and location of TCOs in or adjacent to ANC 6A;
  2. The summary provided to ANC 6B addressing their concerns about movement of participants out of the RFK area after the event and information about where to cross East Capitol Street;
  3. A description of the door hanger campaign and which neighborhoods in ANC 6A will receive door hangers, including a quality control program to ensure the door hangers are not left in front yards;
  4. An update regarding efforts to find a C Street NE crossing;
  5. A description of the bus stop and/or bus notification campaign for X2, 90 and 92 buses;
  6. Confirmation that the Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE checkpoint will be open to allow Capitol Hill Towers residents to access the building's parking lot entrance on Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>)Street NE between G and H Street NE;

7. Confirmation that staging of DPW trucks will be at RFK Stadium and not on neighborhood streets; and
8. Notification of any other ANCs that express opposition to the event and the reasons for the opposition.

Second: Levison. The motion passed 3-1-1.

B. Parking signage on 1200 block of Florida Avenue NE

- i. Several neighbors described the problem: cars come flying east on K Street NE, going onto Florida Avenue, going east as well. They go as though there is not a turn. There was a recent change, allowing parking, and someone came flying around the corner and smacked into a car. DDOT added parking, but not at the beginning of the block, where there are curb cuts that are no longer in use because of the new building. As you come around the corner, you just see an open lane, and then you see parked cars in front of you. If there was parking all around the corner, it would help; also having a stop sign rather than a yield sign.
- ii. Mahmud: We can ask DDOT to look at it and come up with a comprehensive solution. Nelson, Adleman: likely a problem for pedestrians as well. Omar: Ask DDOT to come up with a comprehensive solution. Neighbor: we shouldn't have to wait until the plan for Florida is done.
- iii. **Motion (Mahmud):** Recommendation that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Florida Avenue and K Street NE, such as a stop sign, and the extension of parking for the entire length of the 1200 block of Florida Avenue NE, with the elimination of curb cuts and addition of appropriate signage.  
Second: Nelson. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Request for pedestrian crosswalk at Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Street and West Virginia Avenue NE

- i. Mahmud: There is a request for pedestrian crosswalk on the east side of Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Street NE, near the intersection of L Street and West Virginia Avenue. There is a long area with no crosswalk. If DDOT cannot add this, and (Nelson) a pedestrian crossing sign, we want them to explain why.
- ii. **Motion (Mahmud):** Recommendation that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting the installation of a crosswalk and pedestrian crossing signs on east side of Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Street NE where L Street and West Virginia Avenue NE intersect. Second: Fletcher. Passed unanimously.

D. Request for truck and bus restrictions on Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street NE

- i. There used to be signs banning trucks going south on 100 block of Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. The signs are gone, and lots of trucks are turning off C Street (or other streets) and going down Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street to the highway ramp. Concern: if signs are posted on Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street, then the trucks will go down Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) or Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Streets.
- ii. Tabling for more information.

E. Pedestrian walk signals at Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street and Maryland Avenue NE

- i. Adleman: This pedestrian crossing is irregular; it does not conform with new Move DC rules for crossings. If you are on Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE, when the light turns green for cars to go on Maryland Avenue, you do not

automatically get a walk sign; you have to push the push-to-walk (“beg”) button. We want a walk signal automatically.

- ii. **Motion (Adleman):** Recommendation that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting that the traffic light at Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street and Maryland Avenue NE be retimed so the pedestrian walk signal automatically comes on when the light turns green, and removal of the push-to-walk (“beg”) button.  
Second: Mahmud. Passed unanimously.

VI. Additional Community Comment

- A. Neighbor: Coming off Benning Road NE from Hechinger Mall, it’s confusing at Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) and Benning Road. From the mall, from Modell’s, turning right onto Benning, it is confusing, the bus stop at Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) is right there. Everybody has a problem there. Confused which side they are supposed to be on. Mahmud: I will take a look at it.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.