

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes  
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street, NE)  
December 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Introductions.
  - A. Committee members in attendance: Co-chair Todd Sloves, Elizabeth Nelson, Jeff Fletcher.
  - B. Commissioner Mike Soderman was in attendance.
- III. Announcements. None.
- IV. Community Comment.
  - A. Ms. Nelson mentioned pedestrian safety issues near Maury Elementary School and said MPD officers were not enforcing traffic laws. She said she was nearly hit by a car that ran a red light, but the officer on duty told her he did not pull the car over because it was driving slow enough.
- V. New Business
  - A. Request for letter of support for Rock & Roll Marathon
    - i. Diane Romo-Thomas presented on behalf of the marathon's organizers. She said that while the course is the same as last year's, the timing for the half-marathon will be pushed back because WMATA is no longer opening early for special events. While the full marathon will still begin at 7:00 am, the half will begin at 8:30 am. Both races, and the clean-up crew, must clear H Street by 1:00 pm. They should be out of ANC 6A entirely by 1:30 pm.
    - ii. Ms. Nelson asked if there would still not be amplified music at Lincoln Park. Ms. Romo-Thomas said there would be no music at the park.
    - iii. Mr. Fletcher said everything seemed to work last year and said he would be fine with the ANC supporting the race using the same conditions as last year.
    - iv. Ms. Nelson said that even though runners and clean-up crews have cleared the street, sometimes MPD still refuses to open it up. She asked that we include in our support letter language asking MPD to open the street as soon as runners and crews have cleared, and potentially ask for rolling openings, where possible.
    - v. Ms. Romo-Thomas drew the Committee's attention to a letter from Matthew Marcou, Associate Director of the Public Space Regulation Administration to the Mayor's Special Events Task Group. The letter was sent shortly after the race received conditional approval from the Task Group, and asked that events no longer be allowed to get closures on H Street NE/Benning Road NE that affect operation of the Street Car if: 1. they have not historically used H Street, and 2. there is another nearby street that can be used as an alternative. Ms. Romo-Thomas said the timing of the letter seemed to indicate that the Rock and Roll Marathon would no longer be allowed to use or cross H Street NE, though the historical use stipulation would seem to hint at the contrary. She said if required to move off of H Street NE, the race would have to be routed down F Street NE instead, which is residential. In fact, the letter specifically states that as result of the new policy the only

event that can receive a permit to close H Street is the H Street Festival. Ms. Thomas also found this odd because last year, the race had to pay approximately \$10,000 for stoppage of the Street Car, even though there was no lost revenue because the service currently collects no fee for use. Committee members recommended including support for the continued use of H Street for this race in the ANC's support letter, but indicated that as the Street Car expands its service, it will become more difficult to close H Street and that the race organizers should begin looking at alternative routes sooner rather than later.

- vi. Ms. Romo-Thomas asked about the noise level of the band stage at the Auto Zone parking lot on the 1200 block of H Street NE. Committee members said it was quite loud last year and that they should consider ways to mitigate the noise level this time.
- vii. ***Motion: Mr. Sloves moved that the committee recommend that ANC 6A provide a letter of support for the 2017 Rock and Roll Marathon and Half-Marathon contingent on the provision of the following conditions:***
  - 1. ***A summary and description of the usage and location of TCOs in or adjacent to ANC 6A;***
  - 2. ***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;***
  - 3. ***A description of the location of crossings along parts of the route in ANC 6A;***
  - 4. ***A description of the bus stop and/or bus notification campaign for X2, 90 and 92 buses;***
  - 5. ***Confirmation that the Tenth (10th) Street NE checkpoint will be open to allow Capitol Hill Towers residents to access the building's parking lot entrance on Tenth (10th) Street NE between G and H Street NE;***
  - 6. ***Confirmation that staging of DPW trucks will be at RFK Stadium and not on neighborhood streets; and***
  - 7. ***Notification of any other ANCs that express opposition to the event and the reasons for the opposition.***

***The Committee also recommends that ANC 6A:***

- 1. ***Declare its support for keeping the marathon on H Street NE; and***
- 2. ***Urge MPD to reopen street closures as soon as all runners and marathon staff have cleared the area.***

***The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously with the support of Commissioner Soderman.***

VI. Additional Community Comment. None.

VII. Adjourned meeting at 7:34 pm.