



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Karina Ricks, Great Streets Manager
District of Columbia Department of Transportation
2000 14th Street, NW
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Re: H Street Transportation Management

Ms. Ricks,

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on May 10, 2007, our Commission voted unanimously to request that the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) investigate the possibility of allowing parking on Florida Avenue and the designation of a taxi cab zone within the entertainment district.

It is our view that parking could be allowed on Florida Avenue during non-rush hour periods of the day to calm traffic and to increase the parking supply. With the upcoming reconstruction of H Street and the required loss of on street parking, we feel that it would greatly benefit the community if parking could be allowed during the evenings and on Saturday. This can help to maintain the parking supply for the businesses along H and to reduce the parking demands on the residents adjacent to H.

We also encourage DDOT to consider creating a dedicated taxi-cab zone somewhere within the entertainment district and to actively reach out to the DC taxicab companies to encourage them to utilize the zone. It is currently extremely difficult to hail a cab while standing on H. Many residents have experiences of cab drivers ignoring them as they drive by. Discussions with individual cab drivers have found that a perception of H Street as being unsafe permeates the cab community.

For H Street to succeed, the businesses must succeed. To prevent the neighborhood from being overwhelmed by business patron parking, we need to do all we can to encourage alternative modes of transportation and to provide parking where appropriate.

We look forward to continuing to explore opportunities to improve our community and the H Street Corridor with you. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Omar Mahmud, Chair of our Transportation and Public Space Committee, at (202) 546-1520 or by electronic mail at familymahmud@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Christopher Delfs, Ward Six Transportation Coordinator
Councilmember Tommy Wells, Ward 6
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