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Mr. Matthew Marcou
Associate Director for Public Space Regulation
District Department of Transportation
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Re: Public Space Application #324283 - Rosedale Development LLC request to extend 8 driveways through public space to allow access to the alley lots (SSL#4546, lots 179-186)

Dear Associate Director Marcou and Public Space Committee Members:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 11, 2019, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to state that we cannot support the above-referenced public space application to allow driveways through public space to service 8 new alley dwellings inside the block bounded by 17th, 18th, D and E Streets NE.

In part, the lack of support is due to a lack of information. The petitioner states that he has received no guidance from the DDOT Public Space Committee regarding the applicable regulations and that the reason he was given for the lack of guidance is that development of alley lots is so new that the regulations are not fully formed. ANC 6A requests that DDoT public space representatives meet with ANC 6A representatives and the applicant so they can learn first-hand what the requirements might be.

More importantly, ANC 6A believes that a more suitable parking solution can be found. If alley lot access regulatory requirements allow it, the units could be re-oriented to allow parking access from the private alley to the existing parking behind the 17Solar Condos, built by the same developer on the 400 block of 17th St. NE. The owners of the new alley dwellings could then petition to landscape the public space facing the public alley in much the same way owners facing the street landscape the “public parking” in front of their homes. They could also have “curbside” parking. This would preserve public space as a public amenity and enhance the interior of the block for the benefit of the entire community.

Thank you for giving consideration to our ANC’s feedback on this public space issue. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at amberanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A