



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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July 16, 2023

Jason Meggs
DDOT School Parking Zone Program Manager
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for Maury School Parking Zone application

Dear Jason Meggs,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on July 13, 2023 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support Maury Elementary School's application for a School Parking Zone which would issue paid permits to school staff to allow them to park their vehicles in Resident Parking Permit Zones within ANC6A during the school day. Our Commission previously supported efforts by DCPS and school leadership to increase student playspace at Maury Elementary, which led to a reduction in on-site parking spaces. That letter can be found here:

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Re-BZA-20323-1250-Constitution-Ave-NE.pdf>

The School Parking Zone program requires the completion of a survey on transportation habits and that school leadership develop a Sustainable Transportation Plan a **plan** made in coordination with DDOT to promote biking, walking, carpooling, and taking transit to **school**. A key objective of the program is to reduce single-occupancy commuting by school staff. Additional details, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found here: <https://www.parkdc.com/pages/programs#schoolparking>

As reported to the ANC6A Transportation and Public Space Committee, school staff currently have access to 46 Visitor Parking Permits provided by student families. Based on the number of staff at the school and survey responses to date, the number of School Parking Zone permits that would be issued by DDOT would be fewer than this amount in the first year of the program, and would gradually be reduced each year.

Our Commission supports the Maury application, but requests that DDOT and school leadership give great weight to the following considerations and recommendations:

- a) School leadership should prioritize on-site parking spaces for those staff with mobility issues as well as vehicles that are used for carpooling/ridesharing (defined as a vehicle that is used by at least two Maury staff on the day it is parked in the on-site lot).
- b) Staff should not use and permits should not be valid in Resident Only Parking Zones, including the west side of the 200 block of 12th Place NE.

¹ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on anc-6a@googlegroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, on Twitter (@ANC6A) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

- c) In accordance with the spirit and intent of the Transportation Benefits Equity Act of 2020, which prohibits employers from providing parking subsidies without providing similar subsidies to employees who do not drive, we request that neither DCPS nor the PTA pay for the cost of the permits unless they provide equal payments to non-drivers.
- d) School leadership will end all solicitations of Visitor Parking Permits from parents and caregivers and will remind school families at least once per year that providing Visitor Parking Permits to individuals who are not visiting their home is not allowed and can result in loss of the Visitor Parking Permit. DDOT will establish a process and communication for reminding residents of the rules and penalties for misuse of the Visitor Parking Permits.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Co-Chairs Lynch and Rogger can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,



Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A