

**ANC6A Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2019
Miner Elementary School**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chairwoman), Phil Toomajian, Mike Soderman, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Stephanie Zimny, Ruth Ann Hudson and Brian Alcorn.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Chairwoman Amber Gove called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

The minutes for the ANC 6A April 2019 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the May 2019 meeting was accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Director Jeff Marootian

Director Marootian thanked the ANC for inviting him back to speak and introduced team members Naomi Klein, the Ward 6 Community Outreach Coordinator and Emily Dalphy with DDOT's Vision Zero Initiative. He shared that the Mayor's budget includes over \$60 million dollars committed for Vision Zero specific projects and several hundred million dollars focused on major infrastructure projects such as the C Street Project, Maryland Avenue, Florida Avenue, Thomas Circle and more across all eight wards. Additionally, Director Marootian explained that DDOT has been focused on using available data to prioritize these projects based on urgent safety needs so DDOT can have the greatest impact given available funding. He continued by mentioning larger projects such as changes to the intersection of Florida and New York Avenues NE as well as fixes along Florida Avenue itself, the K Street Transit Way that will see the addition of a dedicated bus lane, protected bike lanes, improved sidewalks and upgraded infrastructure. DDOT is also reforming how it handles requests such as being more responsive in taking care of minor yet pertinent requests; for example, installing stop signs at local to local intersections as deemed necessary by the community.

Commissioner Phil Toomajian asked for an update on both short and longer-term changes planned for Florida Avenue. Director Marootian shared that the Florida Avenue project has been fully funded in the Mayor's budget. The project is nearing its final design phase and the updated plans should be made available to the community in late fall of 2019.

Commissioner Toomajian continued by asking for information pertaining to DDOT's research into options for filling the streetcar track flanges on H Street NE. Director Marootian responded that, while DDOT has consulted experts on the matter and considered solutions found in other cities with similar situations, DDOT has not yet found an available technology that will sufficiently and safely fill the tracks for cyclists and pedestrian crossing. Commissioner Toomajian asked if DDOT would commit to installing an all-way stop at 10th & East Capitol Streets and Director Marootian said that he had visited the location and agreed with the ANC's request to convert it to an all-way stop.

Commissioner Brian Alcorn explained that often newly resurfaced streets are left unmarked and asked how DDOT schedules both repaving and painting of streets and if

the two services could be more closely grouped. Director Marootian answered that, though this work is weather dependent and thus can be unintentionally delayed, DDOT is working to avoid such situations and that residents should reach out to DDOT if a resurfaced street is left unpainted for more than 24 hours. Commissioner Zimny inquired about making the intersection of 13th and I Streets NE a 4-way stop. Director Marootian offered to follow up with updates. Commissioner Zimny also brought up recurring traffic issues due to a backup of cars waiting in line at Chick-Fil-A on Maryland Avenue NE. Again, Director Marootian said he would follow up with details and options pertaining to the current construction of the plot and roadway in question. Commissioner Soderman expressed his continued concern for the safety of all users of sidewalks and the roadway. He also asked how DDOT will ensure safe installation and usage of the coming 5G cellular small cells. Director Marootian suggested checking in with each respective service provider for details and shared that DDOT is following all of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines. Commissioner Gove asked if DDOT will be adding staff for the Safe Routes to School program. Director Marootian responded that additional staff will be added for this and other programs and projects coming up for DDOT.

DDOT C Street Project: Oliver Boehm, Volkert. Inc.

Standing in front of a projected image of the current design Oliver Boehm gave an overview of the current status for the project planned across multiple blocks of C Street NE. The current design removes one travel lane of traffic from both directions to provide space for on street parking, a separated bike track and a narrow strip of green space before the sidewalk. Bulb-outs and raised crosswalks will be installed at various intersections along the corridor. Specifically, the current design moves a bus stop at 21st and C Street NE and the parking lane on the westbound side will become a travel lane during evening rush hours. Multiple intersections will also see the installation of hawk signals. Commissioner Alcorn observed that the stretch of C Street NE included in this project has a speed limit of 25 mph and asked that the designers consider including facets of their design that will encourage drivers to obey the speed limit. He also shared that the intersection of 15th and C Streets NE sees a high number of traffic accidents and again encouraged Boehm to consider this while working on the final designs. More information about the project is available by visiting cstne.com.

Officer Reports

Commissioner Alcorn presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2019. After a bank credit of \$15.00, there were disbursements totaling \$777.50: \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1870) for agenda/web master services; \$ 127.50 (Check 1871) for FedEx; and \$200.00 (Check 1872) for the March 2019 minutes. The checking account balance is \$8,613.60. There is a balance of \$13,732.68, including an interest deposit of \$0.75, in the savings account. The April 2019 report was approved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

1. The April 2019 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Next meeting - 7:00, pm, May 20, 2019 (3rd Monday, usually 4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The April 2019 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the recommendation to protest the license renewal of Smith Commons DC LLC t/a Smith Commons (1245 H Street NE) unless the ANC and Smith Commons can reach an agreement concerning reasonable trash mitigation and linen storage measures, and to authorize the ANC to be represented in this matter by the ABL Co-Chairs, ANC Chair, and ANC Vice Chair. The recommendation passed 6-0.
3. Commissioner Zimny moved and Commissioner Ruth Anne Hudson seconded the motion to protest the license renewal of DC Conscious Cafe LLC t/a DC Conscious Cafe (1413 H Street NE) if the ABL Committee recommends a protest at its May 21, 2019 meeting, and to authorize the ANC to be represented in this matter by the ABL Co-Chairs, ANC Chair, and ANC Vice Chair. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion to protest the license renewal of Gallery O, LLC t/a Gallery O on H (1354 H Street NE) if the ABL Committee recommends a protest at its May 21, 2019 meeting, and to authorize the ANC to be represented in this matter by the ABL Co-Chairs, ANC Chair, and ANC Vice Chair. The motion passed 6-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 21 (3rd Tuesday).

Transportation and Public Space

1. The April 2019 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion send a letter to Associate Director Marcou and the Public Space Committee to oppose the resubmitted (and unchanged) permit application #324283 to extend 8 driveways through public space to allow access to the alley lots (SSL#4546, lots 179-186), located behind the 17Solar Condo property at 410-417 17th Street NE. The motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Philips-Gilbert opposed.
3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the recommendation to approve the following plan to identify potential bikeshare locations:
 - a. Each Commissioner recommend locations in his/her own Single Member District (SMD);
 - b. The TPS Committee solicit additional requests from the public through local listservs and the ANC 6A website;
 - c. The TPS Committee ask DDOT: 1) if they have any planned changes to docks (additions or removals) and 2) for usage data from existing docks in the ANC 6A area;
 - d. The TPS Committee review the suggested locations and bikeshare data to determine feasibility and need and create a list of locations that would be desirable for additional bikeshare docks;
 - e. This list be submitted to the ANC 6A with a recommendation regarding making a request to DDOT for additional locations.

Discussion included interest in clarifying with DDOT specifically how many locations the ANC is able to recommend and what are characteristics of an appropriate location for a bikeshare station. Emily Dalphy, a traffic engineer with DDOT, was present and answered there is no official limit to how many locations can be suggested and that ideal locations have approximately 70 linear feet of space as well as convenient access to a bike lane. The recommendation passed 6-0.

4. The Committee moved and Commissioner Stephanie Zimny seconded the recommendation to approve the following plan to identify additional local/local 4-way stop locations:
 - a. Each Commissioner recommend locations in his/her own Single Member District (SMD);
 - b. The TPS Committee solicit additional requests from the public through local listservs and the ANC 6A website;
 - c. The TPS Committee review the suggested locations for feasibility and need and create a priority list of locations;
 - d. This list be submitted to ANC 6A with a recommendation regarding a request to DDOT for additional 4-way stops.

The recommendation passed 6-0.

5. The Committee moved and Commissioner Zimny seconded that the ANC send a letter to DDOT in support of a revised construction permit application (tracking # 289052) at 1250 Constitution Avenue NE (Maury ES).

Due to confusion over whether the status of this permit, the Commissioners voted to only submit this letter if the permit is still active. The motion passed 6-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 20, 2019 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The April 2019 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the recommendation to send a letter of conditional support to BZA for a special exception for the 1:1 setback and height requirements to construct a rooftop deck for a dwelling at 1323 Rear Linden Court NE (BZA 20030) in the RF-1 zone with the condition that the applicant make best efforts to get letters of support from surrounding neighbors. The motion passed 6-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 22, 2019 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

1. Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion to send a letter of support to Mr. Clifford Dixon, Permit Expeditor regarding permits for excavation (EX1900033), foundation (FD1900021) and building (B1905590)(not issued yet) for:
 - a. An after-hours permit application that would allow work by the Eliot-Hine Middle School construction team to start at 6:00 am Monday through Saturday
 - b. authorization to work on the following holidays in 2019 to ensure the ability to meet the construction schedule: - Memorial Day 5/27/2019 - Independence Day 7/4/2019 - Labor Day 9/2/2019 - Columbus Day 10/14/2019 - Veterans Day 11/11/2019.

Discussion included concern regarding the contractors' schedule for loading and unloading vehicles and equipment from the construction site during school hours

and whether they have made appropriate accommodations regarding traffic safety during these times. The motion passed 6-0.

2. Commissioner Philips-Gilbert moved and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion to send a letter of support to DDOT in response to the Notice(s) of Intent for installation of all-way stops to 8th and A Streets NE (#19-51- TOA) and 8th and D Streets NE (#19-53-TOA). The motion passed 6-0.

Single Member District Report

Commissioner Zimny reported that the 1300 block of Maryland Ave NE will be transitioned to resident-only or Resident Parking Permit (RPP) parking. Additionally, DDOT is aware of and working on a solution for a recurring issue on Linden Court NE where delivery trucks will stop midway down the street blocking access to traffic. DDOT is unable to make any changes to the pocket park at the intersection of G Street NE and Linden Court NE as the National Park Service manages the land. Lastly, Commissioner Zimny reminded the ANC that residents can get permits to shut down their blocks, with the required number of signatures, for neighborhood events.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert met with residents of Benning Court to discuss public safety and security concerns.

Commissioner Soderman shared his experience at the Ward 6 Pedestrian Safety Council. He also reminded the ANC of the coming Safe Streets Initiative road race.

Commissioner Hudson reported there will be an alley clean up on June 8, 2019 along with a block party. She has alerted the Department of Public Works (DPW) to the increased reports of trash on the streets. Commissioner Hudson will attend a Planning and Development meeting with the DC Office of Planning on May 18, 2019.

Commissioner Alcorn expressed concerns over recently resurfaced streets that were yet to be repainted with road lines and markings. DDOT typically needs to post parking restrictions at least 72 hours in advance of planned work. Commissioner Alcorn shared his experience at Mayor Bowser's open house as well as at a seminar sponsored by Councilmember Phil Mendelson.

Chairwoman Gove reported on the recurring litter clean-ups with free sandwiches provided by Chick-Fil-A. She reminded the ANC that the DC government offers a rebate for the installation of street-facing security cameras on private residents and businesses. There is a paint drop off at Stadium Armory the Saturday following the ANC meeting. She also reminded residents to submit 311 tickets as necessary.

Community Comments

Elizabeth Nelson shared that the Eastern High School Marching Band won the Capitol Hill Community Foundation's Keller Award, receiving a \$20,000 prize. National Capital Bank has offered an additional \$10,000 in matching donations. Donations are accepted through the Capitol Hill Community Foundation website.

Tyler Williams, Ward 6 Liaison for the Office of the Mayor, invited the ANC to walk with Mayor Bowser at the Funk Parade starting at the Howard Theatre. She mentioned the new ride share service, DC Micro Transit that is available in Northwest and

Northeast DC during limited hours; the app is available to download for free. Ms. Williams announced a Housing Rally to highlight the Mayor's investment in affordable and workforce housing. The Apple Store at the Carnegie Library and the International Spy Museum will be opening the weekend following this ANC meeting. She met with Smith Commons and adjacent businesses regarding trash disposal in their shared alley. She was also able to alert DDOT to potholes in need of filling around Stanton Park prior to the Capitol Hill Classic. She reported that the Mayor recently launched her Summer Crime Initiative. Ward 6 shares a boundary as defined by the initiative with Ward 5 along the Benning Road NE corridor. The goal of this Initiative is to increase regular patrols of police officers through certain areas of DC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.