



District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Agenda for January 11, 2018



Second (2nd) Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Miner Elementary, 601 Fifteenth (15th) Street NE
Public Meeting - All Are Welcome to Attend

- 7:00 pm **Call to order, Organizational actions**
1. Call of the roll and announce the presence of a quorum.
 2. Motion to adopt the Commission Rules.
 3. Motion to elect officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer).
 4. Motion to elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2018
Economic Development and Zoning Committee - Brad Greenfield (Chair), Jake Joyce, Missy Boyette, Michael Hoenig, Tim Drake, Ruth Ann Hudson.
Transportation and Public Safety Committee Todd Sloves (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Andrea Adleman, Hassan Christian, Elizabeth Nelson.
Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee- Jay Williams(Co-Chair), Christopher Seagle (Co-Chair), Roger Caruth, Michael Herman, Justin Rzepka, Mark Samburg.
Community Outreach Committee- Roni Hollmon (Chair), Gladys Mack, Joyce West.
 5. Motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2018 (except August): February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.
 6. Motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a \$25.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund.
- 7:10 pm **Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes, Adopt Agenda**
- 7:11 pm **Community Presentations**
FRESHFARM H Street NE Farmers Market - Amber Breitenberg
Metropolitan Police Department First District Sector 2 Captain John Knutsen
Streetcar Storage and Maintenance Facility Needs Assessment Study - Veronica O. Davis
- 7:40 pm **Officer Reports**
1. Approve Treasurer's Report **pg. 9**
- 7:45 pm **Standing Committee Reports:**
Community Outreach pg. 10
1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2017.
 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 22, 2018 (4th Monday)
- 7:46 pm **Alcohol Beverage Licensing pg. 11**
1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2017.
 2. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A withdraw its protest of Nomad Hookah Bar's request for later sidewalk cafe hours.
 3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 16, 2018 (3rd Tuesday)
- 7:50 pm **Transportation and Public Space pg. 12**
1. Approve December 2017 committee report
 2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A support the concept proposed in B22-0351, legislation authored by Councilmember Charles Allen to create a School Parking Zone Program,



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because it seeks to address the fact that DC Public Schools are being forced to prioritize parking on school property over recreational space.

3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A ask DDOT to investigate pedestrian safety around Miner Elementary School as well as establish or review its “Safe Routes to Schools” plan.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 22, 2018 (4th Monday)

8:05 pm **Economic Development and Zoning pg. 23**

1. Approve December 2017 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter of support to BZA for a special exception from the requirement that a rear addition extend no more than 10 feet beyond a neighboring structure to construct a rear addition to an existing one-family dwelling at 128 Seventeenth (17th) Street NE in the RF-1 zone on condition that the applicants make best efforts to get letters of support from neighbors.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 17, 2018 (3rd Wednesday)

8:20 pm **New Business**

8:25 pm **Single Member District reports (1 minute each)**

8:35 pm **Community Comments (2 minutes each)**

8:55 pm **Adjourn**



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2017



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Miner Elementary School December 14, 2017

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Marie Claire Brown, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Amber Gove, Patrick Malone, Calvin Ward and Stephanie Zimny.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC November 2017 meeting and the agenda for the December 2017 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Ms. Emily Bloomfield, CEO, Monument Academy, Mr. Kenneth Walker, Principal, Monument Academy

Ms. Bloomfield and Mr. Walker spoke to the Commissioners and concerned neighborhood residents regarding the incident of a firearm being brought to the school by two of the school's students. After a search was conducted by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the weapon was located and determined to be a BB gun. One of the students was taken into custody by the MPD and both students will be expelled from the school. Both Ms. Bloomfield and Mr. Walker indicated that an enhanced security protocol would be initiated on the school campus and that there would be increased staff supervision of students during outside activities on campus. Mr. Walker also advised that he would welcome hearing from community residents regarding any questions and/or concerns about the school operations.

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian advised that there would be a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Sector 2 meeting at J.O. Wilson Elementary School on December 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The Chairman granted time to Ms. Kelly Jeong, Ward 6 representative from Mayor Bower's Office to announce that Mayor Bowser would be appearing at the Rosedale Community Center on Friday, December 15, 2017, at 11:00 am, and that the Mayor would also be present on Monday December 18, 2017, at 3:00 pm, for a Ward 6 community walk on the H Street Corridor along with Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen. A primary topic of discussion at that time will be the city's rodent abatement efforts.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the fourth (4th) Quarter Report. The Fourth Quarter Report was accepted without objection. Commissioner Zimny then delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$11,740.44, with a forwarding balance of \$9,344.38. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1811) for agenda/web master services; \$111.50 to FedEx (Check 1812); \$200.00 to Gail John (Check 1813) for November 2017 minutes; \$1,000.00 grant to the Eastern High School Band (Check 1814) and \$845.26, to the DC Department of General Services (DGS) for ANC 6A space rental at the Miner Elementary School, leaving \$9,344.38, in the checking account and \$13,770.90, including a \$.022 interest deposit in the savings account. A Petty Cash Summary was included in the report showing a forwarding balance of \$25.00. The report was accepted without objection.



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Committee Reports:

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The November 2017 COC report was accepted without objection.

The COC meeting site has been moved to Eastern High School, 1700 East Capitol Street, NE.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 22, 2018 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

No report. The ABL Committee did not meet in November 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 19, 2017 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

No report. The TPS Committee did not meet in November 2017.

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) to study traffic calming measures for the 400, 500, and 600 blocks of Tenth (10th) Street NE, including bump-outs, raised crosswalks and “no through trucks” signs. The motion passed (5-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 18, (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

No report. The EDZ Committee did not meet in November 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm December 20, 2017 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Calvin Ward (6A08) advised that he has been in contact with both the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) and DC Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding the issue of abandoned cars. He also indicated that neighborhood residents remain vigilant in their efforts to take preventive measures to reduce package thefts.

Commissioner Amber Gove (6A04) mentioned that there are still a number of alleys needing improvement in her district; that community residents have concerns about rodent abatement efforts by the city, and that there have been concerns regarding the increase in the number of properties offering hospitality services and/or private accommodations through Airbnb. She stated that both matters have legislation pending before the DC City Council. She advised that Maury Elementary School is scheduled to close on December 21, 2017, due to the pending redevelopment project at the current site, and that operations will begin at the temporary site at Eliot-Hine Middle School on January 4, 2018. Parking and drop-off issues are still being worked on at this time.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) mentioned package theft issues; that there was a recent break-in on Emerald Street; that she will be attending the scheduled community walk with Mayor Bowser during which she will bring up neighborhood concerns about rodent abatement and alley cleanup, and that corporate donations were received by the Miner Elementary School PTO.

Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown (6A01) advised that there were petitions circulating for (traffic calming?) for the 900 block of Eleventh (11th) Street NE; that petitions were in process for sidewalk repair



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for the 800 and 900 blocks of Tenth (10th) Street NE; and that she was working with the developer of the AVEC project regarding ongoing concerns regarding construction noise.

Chairman Toomajian (6A01) mentioned community concerns about the security issues at the School-Within-School building, i.e., lack of doors that lock or doors with locks needing repair.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) mentioned the Rosedale Hood Basketball Tournament sponsored by the DC Prevention Center which featured a performance of the Eastern High School Band; that for the third time in as many years the Amazing Love Health Center donated 70 turkeys to the community; that she will be following up with officials of the Monument Academy to further address neighborhood concerns; that she continues her contacts with the appropriate officials regarding the Seventeenth (17th) Street Redevelopment Project; and that she will be working on preparing formal submissions for traffic calming requests to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

Commissioner Patrick Malone (6A05) mentioned ongoing package theft issues, and requested that all residents be watchful for the children who will be traveling to the temporary site while awaiting the completion of the Maury Elementary School Redevelopment Project.

Community Comments

Mr. Jeremiah Lowery, who is running for a DC Council At-Large seat, stopped by and spoke briefly.

Ms. Michelle Peyton from the Brown Memorial AME Church provided material regarding a voting rights town hall to be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at the Brown Memorial AME Church, 130 Fourteenth (14th) Street, NE, at 3:00 pm.

Ms. Emily Wagner introduced herself and advised that she would be working on community outreach for the Friends of Rosedale Library replacing the recently deceased Dana Wyckoff.

Mr. Josh Mackwell relayed to the Commissioners his desire that they, along with other ANCs send a letter to the Mayor requesting that the city divest from the Wells-Fargo & Company Corporation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations



January XX, 2018

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Chairman Marcou:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 11, 2018, our Commission voted X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the continuation of the FRESHFARM H Street NE farmers market in 2018.

The H Street Market well serves our community by providing wonderful and healthy local products to a wide range of residents. ANC 6A strongly supports the continuation of the market at the same site as last year – on Thirteenth (13th) Street NE, north of H Street NE and south of Wylie Street NE. The permit should be granted for every Saturday from April through December 2017 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm as agreed to by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and FRESHFARM Markets.

Please also ensure that the very popular H Street Festival does not prevent the market from opening on the date that it is scheduled this year. Last year, the market continued until its normal closing time on the day of the festival and the market vendor vehicles exited north on Thirteenth (13th) Street without disrupting the festival activities. This arrangement appeared to work well for both the market and the festival.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Box 75115
Washington, DC 20013



December 15, 2017

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic calming request for the 400, 500 and 600 blocks of 10th Street NE

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 14, 2017, our Commission voted 5-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request traffic study and installation of calming measures along the 400, 500, and 600 blocks of 10th Street NE.

This stretch of 10th Street NE has become prone to speeding, making it dangerous for pedestrians, bikers and other drivers. Our ANC has heard testimony indicating this may be due to the lack of traffic calming measures as well as an unusually broad width on the 600 block. Furthermore, the awkward confluence of Maryland Avenue, E Street NE and 10th Street NE creates confusion for drivers and pedestrians.

Our ANC would like to recommend that DDOT investigate the feasibility of various solutions voiced by residents in this area. On the 400 and 500 block, installation of speed humps or curb extensions at alley curb-cuts may help to reduce speeding. The 400 block has experienced a number of accidents recently and is quite narrow. The 500 block and 600 blocks are much wider streets, which results in greater speeding. Additionally, raised crosswalks at the intersections with E Street, F Street and G Street would both improve pedestrian safety and help to reduce drivers' speed. At E Street, there is a crosswalk, but no stop sign for traffic along 10th Street and cars frequently blow through the intersection at high speeds. At F Street and G Street, there are a large number of pedestrians and children crossing the intersection on their way to and from the Sherwood Recreation Center and School Within a School at Goding Elementary School. Finally, curb bump-outs at E Street as well as at alleyway curb-cuts along the 600 block of 10th Street would help to address issues with the roadway width and cars that enter the 400 block from the north at high speeds.

We hope these solutions, or others you may recommend, can help improve traffic and safety along 10th Street. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of

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ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please do not hesitate to contact me at philanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Toomajian".

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report December 2017

Period Covered 12/1/2017-12/31/2017

Checking Account:

Total Funds Available \$ 9,344.38

Disbursements:

Irene Dworakowski (Agenda/Web Master 2017)	CK#1816	\$	450.00
FedEx	CK#1817	\$	81.00
Gail John Note Taking	CK#1818	\$	200.00
Security Bond 2018	CK#1819	\$	25.00

Total Disbursements \$ 756.00

Ending Balance \$ 8,799.10

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded \$ 13,770.91

Receipt: Interest 12/15/17 \$ 0.22
Deposit -

Total Receipts \$ 0.22

Total Funds Available \$ 13,771.13

Disbursements \$ -
Ending Balance \$ 13,771.13

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Balance Forwarded \$ 25.00

Deposit to Petty Cash \$ -

Total Funds Available \$ 25.00

Disbursements \$ -
Total Disbursements

Ending Balance \$ 25.00



Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)



No report. Committee did not meet in December 2017.



Committee Reports

Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



No report. Committee did not meet in December 2017.



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



MINUTES

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
December 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm

- I. Call meeting to order: 7:06 pm
 - A. Introductions
 - i. Committee members in attendance: Co-chair Todd Sloves, Jeff Fletcher, Elizabeth Nelson, Lara Levison, Hassan Christian
 - ii. Also attending: Commissioner Amber Gove, 6A04
- II. Announcements
 - A. The Committee will meet on the *fourth* Monday in January and February, since the third Mondays of both months are federal holidays. Those dates are January 22 and February 26, respectively.
 - B. ANC 6A is seeking volunteers to participate on committees.
 - C. Lara Levison is resigning from the Transportation and Public Space Committee.
- III. Community Comment - none
- IV. New Business
 - A. Presentation by District Department of Transportation (DDOT) officials of Streetcar Storage and Maintenance Facility Needs Assessment Study.
 - i. Presentation by Haley Peckett and Veronica Davis. Ms. Peckett is the project manager for the Union Station and Georgetown extension, and Ms. Davis led identification of the potential streetcar storage sites.
 - ii. DDOT is currently working on extending east and west at same time, but east (to Benning Road) will happen first, opening in 2024. More service will require more vehicles. They have six (6) now and will need four (4) more for the Benning Road extension. Current storage is for 10-12; DDOT will need to store 15 more vehicles for both extensions. That will require another storage facility.
 - iii. Ms. Peckett noted that a DDOT representative spoke at the ANC 6A meeting in July 2017 about the Georgetown extension. She handed out a new newsletter designed to show the public and City Council that the streetcar program is performing well. The Georgetown extension will provide great connectivity across the city. DDOT anticipates high ridership for the streetcar going across town, comparable to other cities' high-level ridership lines. DDOT is proposing dedicated lanes, off-wire operation, and higher (five-minute) frequencies, to provide round-trip service from Union Station to Georgetown and back in one hour, requiring 15 vehicles for that leg.
 - iv. A new site is needed for a streetcar storage and maintenance facility. They looked at parcels where the value was in the land, and there is development capability. The identification process so far has taken place in two tiers: Tier 1 (identification) and Tier 2 (shortlist). A list of eight (8) sites resulted, and they are planning to include up to three (3) in the NEPA assessment. None of the proposed sites are in ANC6A, though one proposal is adjacent in the Hechinger Mall, which abuts ANC 6A. About 120 people will work at the site. Whether it will be open or covered will depend on the location of the site.
 - v. Discussion of the storage facility options:



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1. Hechinger Mall location: Concerns were expressed about impacts on traffic and pedestrians, possible reductions in access to shopping, and adding another DDOT facility in the neighborhood when we already have the Spingarn streetcar facility. Ms. Peckett noted that at this site, the design would be for two levels: a lower level for the streetcar facility, and the upper level, which would be at street level because of the hill, would have retail.
 2. Option N: Ms. Nelson noted that this site is supposed to be used for recreation. Commissioner Gove noted that DC has a 99-year lease for that property from the National Park Service (NPS) and is putting in little league and soccer fields. Although it is zoned by the NPS for transportation, they are not thrilled with the idea of it becoming a streetcar facility. Commissioner Gove thinks it should be off the table.
 3. Mr. Fletcher commented that the Pepco sites under consideration may need cleanup. Several people commented that Option F of the GAO building at 441 G Street NW seems like it would be especially difficult. Why are there not options in Georgetown? DDOT was not able to identify any.
 4. Community member Will Hansfield suggested looking at 3401 Water Street NW, which was a railroad facility. The owners are selling the building now. Ms. Peckett said they would look at it since they need a small storage facility in Georgetown for three (3) vehicles.
 5. DDOT will release the storage and maintenance feasibility study in January 2018 identifying three sites. There will be two public meetings, January 23 and 24, one on the east side, one on the west side, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, open house style. The feasibility study will be on the ANC 6A meeting agenda in January 2018. In the spring, possibly May 2018, the environmental (NEPA) study for the Georgetown extension will be released. The Georgetown line and car barn will be designed concurrently if funding is available.
- B. Discussion of legislation (B22-0351) introduced by Councilmember Charles Allen that would create a School Parking Zone Program, allowing DDOT to issue permits for school staff to park in particular zones during school hours.
- i. Chris Laskowski from Councilmember Allen's described the genesis of the bill. The bill came out of a concern that DC is spending tens of millions to renovate schools and include parking that is required by zoning requirements. This space is being taken away from play space in order to meet these requirements.
 - ii. What the bill does:
 1. Authorizes the Mayor/DDOT to set up school parking zones. These would be a defined area around or close to the school that would be available for teachers and staff to park during the day with the purchase of a parking pass. The way it is written, there would be opportunities for ANCs and communities to weigh in on what areas are designated. Councilmember Allen received feedback from the executive that this section should be more prescriptive.
 2. Sets up a fund for payments and fines, which would be used for transit subsidies for teachers at the school.
 3. The Council cannot amend the zoning code directly. So, the third section pushes back on the zoning requirements. If you have these school parking zones, you would not have to include the parking required by the zoning code.



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- iii. The Executive wants improvements made to the bill before they can support it. Councilmember Mary Cheh's committee has the bill; some changes will be made before it is marked up.
- iv. Discussion/Q&A
 - 1. The main impetus for the bill: as schools are being built or renovated, they are told they must build parking instead of playgrounds because of zoning requirements. Parking is even displacing existing play space.
 - 2. The school zone would be shared by teachers and residents during the day; residents would not be prevented from parking there. For locations where transit headways are low (buses are infrequent, for example), it is hard for teachers to depend on transit.
 - 3. Concern from the Executive (Mayor): this would be free parking off site, because the Executive would not be able to impose a price, and free parking would encourage driving. The way teachers' contracts are written now, DC is supposed to provide parking on-site as a benefit for its employees.
 - 4. Who would be responsible for administering the program? Mr. Laskowski: we left it to the Executive to determine through regulation, but we will have to be more prescriptive as we move forward. DDOT would manage the fund, set the boundaries, manage the signage, etc.
 - 5. Schools are losing play space in real time. This is the case at Maury Elementary School per Ms. Nelson and Will Hansfield (former transportation staff for Councilmember Cheh, now transportation planner for Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID)). Maury will have to cut play space in half because of the parking requirement. The playground at Maury is a community space after hours that we do not want to lose. At Eliot/Hine, they will have to convert a tennis court to parking. Yet there is ample street parking within 3-4 blocks of many schools during the day.
 - 6. Mr. Hansfield: Because the parking is distributed, rather than concentrated, this is a reasonable compromise, to share the public resource of on-street parking. Schools are not always accessible by transit; some people will need to drive. A fee of \$10-20 per month is likely for the parking pass. One school had to build a parking garage, which was very costly, but still does not provide parking for all the teachers and staff. DDOT set up a perimeter parking plan for one Capitol Hill school but cannot do it again because they did not have the authority by law to do it.
 - 7. Commissioner Gove: DC has parking requirements but not play space requirements. According to a memo sent by the principal of Maury, at 8:00 am there were 126 available legal parking spots within 2-3 blocks of the school. In the updated proposal for the Maury school design, 46 percent of the property would be taken up by parking. The design is being finalized right now for Maury. She recommends having a discussion at the ANC in February 2018. (Someone said that Maury can seek a variance.)
 - 8. Co-chair Sloves: In putting this topic on the agenda, I did not realize there was a specific problem at a specific school (Maury) that was the impetus of this bill. If we had noticed this specific issue to the community, we might have drawn out more participation. It might seem underhanded if we offered a recommendation about Maury without having been clear about the issue on our agenda. We should make sure that is clearer when it goes to the full ANC.



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9. Mr. Laskowski: there are other schools in the same position. It is in the interest of the community to say that children's play space is the priority. Councilmember Allen would like it to go to markup soon.
 10. Ms. Nelson recommended to Commissioner Gove that she contact the zoning committee and ask them to put it on their agenda for their next meeting which is coming up shortly.
 - 11. Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson, recommending that ANC6A support the concept proposed in this legislation, and that we support it on the basis that it provides an important fix for the problem in our community in that we are prioritizing parking on school property over recreational space. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 with Commissioner Gove voting.**
- C. Consideration of support for petition for traffic calming near Miner Elementary School on Fifteenth (15th) Street NE and Sixteenth (16th) Street NE
- i. Sherilyn Rigby: There is a blind alley along the south side of Miner, between the east side of Sixteenth (16th) Street and west side of Fifteenth (15th) Street. Cars come flying out of there and do not stop until they are on the sidewalk. There are no stop signs. There is a 15 mph sign there. People are cutting around the traffic; often they are driving their own children to Miner. She brought it up to the school, and people brought up other traffic safety problems around the school. Ms Rigby stated that she is here to learn what are the best ways to calm traffic.
 - ii. Commissioner Gove recommended that we ask DDOT to establish (or revise and existing) Safe Routes to School plan.
 - iii. Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Jeff Fletcher, to recommend that the ANC to ask DDOT to investigate pedestrian safety around Miner Elementary School as well as establish or review a "Safe Routes to Schools" plan for Miner. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 with Commissioner Gove voting.**
- V. Additional Community Comment - none
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.



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Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



February XX, 2018

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Daytime School Parking Zone Amendment Act of 2017 (B22-0351)

Dear Chairman Mendelson and members of the Council:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on February 8, 2018, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the concept set forth in legislation authored by Councilmember Charles Allen for a daytime school parking zone and pass program.

Through the reconstruction process of a school in our ANC, it has come to our attention that DC Public and Charter Schools are under extreme pressure to meet zoning requirements for providing on-site parking for school staff. In the case of this and many other schools throughout the district, this has often meant the creation of parking spaces, often at the expense of recreational space set aside for students and the larger community, which lack similar zoning protections. While we are sympathetic to the transportation needs of the hardworking staff at our public and charter schools, we believe the current system creates a perverse incentive to convert recreational play space into parking.

The bill proposed by Councilmember Allen, while not yet finalized, puts forward a creative approach to balancing the needs of school staff, students, and the broader community, while disincentivizing single-occupancy auto commuting. It would allow school staff to avail themselves of on-street parking reserved for area residents at a time of day when many of those residents are at work and not using it. We believe that this concept strikes the right balance between meeting the commuting needs of DCPS staff, while not sacrificing precious recreational space available to students and the public. It also provides an opportunity for residents to voice their concerns prior to establishment of the school parking zone, through both a public hearing and consideration of input from the impacted ANC.

The Commission applauds Councilmember Allen and the bill's cosponsors for their ingenuity and dedication to resolving this pressing issue. We also recommend the Council consider adding language stating that when schools possess adequate space to meet parking, instructional and recreational needs that the school not seek to utilize curbside parking. We now encourage the Council to swiftly give this proposal consideration and, in consultation with the executive and other members of the Council, make the necessary changes to move it closer to passage and implementation.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at philanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



Chairman Phil Mendelson

Councilmember Charles Allen

Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish School Parking Zones, where public school staff may park during designated times; to establish a School Parking Zone Fund; to direct expenditures from the School Parking Zone Fund to promote the use of non-automobile transportation by public school staff; and to waive minimum on-site parking requirements for public schools with a School Parking Zone.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Daytime School Parking Zone Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) “Eligible employee” means any employee of a public school, as designated by the Mayor, who may apply for a permit to park in a School Parking Zone.

(2) “Impacted ANC” means an Advisory Neighborhood Commission that includes within its boundaries:

(A) An existing or proposed School Parking Zone; or

(B) A public school with an existing or proposed School Parking Zone.

(3) “Public school” means a school owned, operated, or maintained by the District of Columbia Public Schools or a public charter school, and includes their respective educational facilities.



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37 (4) “School Parking Zone” means an area, defined by the Mayor, near a public
38 school where eligible employees of that public school may park during designated
39 hours and when displaying a permit issued by the District Department of
40 Transportation.

41 Sec. 3. School Parking Zones

42 (a) The Mayor may establish boundaries and days and hours of applicability for
43 School Parking Zones, for the purpose of providing curbside parking for public school staff
44 during weekday school hours, including during before-care and after-care time periods.

45 (b) At least 60 days prior to establishing a School Parking Zone, the Mayor shall

46 (1) Transmit to any impacted ANC the proposed boundaries and days and
47 hours of applicability of the School Parking Zone; and

48 (2) Hold at least one public hearing to solicit comments from residents
49 potentially impacted by the proposed School Parking Zone.

50 (c) When determining the boundaries and days and hours of applicability for a
51 School Parking Zone, the Mayor shall give great weight to input provided by the impacted
52 ANC in which the public school is located.

53 (d) An advisory neighborhood commission may, by resolution, petition the Mayor to
54 establish a School Parking Zone for a public school within the advisory neighborhood
55 commission’s boundaries, and the Mayor shall respond to the petition within 30 days

56 (e) Within 180 days of the effective date of this Act, the Mayor shall publish
57 regulations pursuant to this Act, to include:

58 (1) Establishing a process by which public school staff may apply for permits
59 to park within a designated School Parking Zone;

60 (2) Defining which public school staff are eligible to apply for a School



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- 61 Parking Zone permit and for reimbursements for non-automobile commuting, pursuant to
62 Sec. 4, subparagraph (c)(2) of this act;
- 63 (3) Establishing a procedure for public school staff to request reimbursement
64 from the School Parking Fund for non-auto commuting, pursuant to Sec. 4, subparagraph
65 (c)(2) of this act;
- 66 (4) Setting fees and period of validity for School Parking Zone permits;
- 67 (5) Establishing authority to erect signage for a School Parking Zone and
68 enforce restrictions specific to School Parking Zones; and
- 69 (6) Setting a schedule of fines for violations unique to School Parking Zones.
- 70 Sec. 4. Public School Staff Transportation Fund
- 71 (a) There is established as a special fund the Public School Staff Commuter Fund
72 ("Fund"), which shall be administered by the District Department of Transportation in
73 accordance with subparagraph (c) of this section.
- 74 (b) Revenue from fees and fines collected pursuant to regulations promulgated
75 under the authority of this act shall be deposited in the Fund.
- 76 (c) Money in the Fund shall be used for the following purposes:
- 77 (1) To administer the School Parking Zone program;
- 78 (2) To reimburse for non-automobile commuting expenses eligible public
79 school staff at the same school from which fees are collected; and
- 80 (3) To make non-automobile transportation investments, as defined in D.C.
81 Official Code Section 50-2534(b), to encourage non-automobile commuting by public school
82 staff, including to supplement non-automobile transportation investments made through
83 the Performance Parking Program Fund.
- 84 (d) The money deposited into the Fund, and interest earned, shall not revert to the



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85 unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a
86 fiscal year, or at any other time.

87 Sec. 5. School Parking Minimum Requirements Repealed

88 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public school with a designated
89 School Parking Zone shall not be required to provide a minimum number of on-site vehicle
90 parking spaces.

91 (b) An Act Providing for the zoning of the District of Columbia and the regulation of
92 the location, height, bulk, and uses of buildings and other structures and of the uses of land
93 in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (52 Stat. 797; D.C. Official Code § 6-
94 641.01) is amended by striking the word “therein” and inserting the phrase “therein,
95 provided that the Zoning Commission shall not promulgate regulations requiring a
96 minimum number of on-site vehicle parking spaces at a public school” in its place.

97 Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

98 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
99 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
100 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

101 Sec. 7. Effective date.

102 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
103 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional
104 review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
105 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the
106 District of Columbia Register.



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Daytime School Parking Zone Amendment Act of 2017

At many schools in D.C., space is at a premium and students have limited on-site play areas. Often this is because of zoning requirements that force schools to prioritize on-site parking over playspace and greenspace for students. The Daytime School Parking Zone Amendment Act of 2017 would limit on-site parking minimums and authorize the Mayor to create “School Parking Zones” around schools, where DCPS and Public Charter School staff could park during the day. This would give schools more flexibility to use space to serve students. It also would give more certainty to staff who often already park in the neighborhood around their school.

Currently, schools are required to provide 0.25 parking spots per 1,000 square feet. For some schools, these required parking spots preclude an on-site play space for students. This legislation would eliminate that requirement for schools with a School Parking Zone, giving school communities more flexibility to use their valuable property to benefit students. Further, even with this minimum requirement, many teachers are already parking in the neighborhood around the school. Some teachers are able to find an unregulated spot near school, some cross their fingers and hope not to find a ticket at the end of the day, while others are encouraged to seek a visitor pass from a friendly parent.

The legislation would authorize the Mayor to set boundaries and enforcement hours for School Parking Zones, after consultation with impacted ANCs and the community. Ideally, parking would be allowed during the day, when demand from residents is lower—like the current program for daytime contractor parking permits. But the staff at each school will have different parking demands, and every neighborhood will have differing capacity to handle additional parking during the day. So the legislation requires the Mayor to provide notice to impacted ANCs and hold at least one public hearing before creating a School Parking Zone, to ensure the parameters of the Zone take into consideration the specifics of the neighborhood.

The legislation would also create the Public School Staff Commuter Fund. The Fund would collect revenue generated by permits and fines for parking within a School Parking Zone. The Fund would be used to administer the School Parking Zone program, and excess revenue in the Fund would be used to provide transportation subsidies for staff who choose not to commute by car.

The District government should not be encouraging teachers to drive at the expense of providing play space for students. This legislation will provide students with more opportunities for on-site play space. It will guarantee that teachers who must drive have access to parking near school. And it will reward teachers who choose not to commute by car.



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January XX, 2018

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic calming request in the vicinity of Miner Elementary School

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 11, 2018, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support traffic calming measures near Miner Elementary School and review or establish a Safe Routes to School plan.

The awkward intersections and inconsistencies in the grid on the roads surrounding Miner ES have long posed a threat to pedestrians, particularly young students and their parents on their walk to school. The combination of fast-moving traffic and three-way, T-shaped intersections has managed to undercut the series of speed humps and stop signs meant to slow traffic on 15th and 16th Streets NE. Additionally, confusion at the intersections with Tennessee Avenue NE poses problems for drivers and pedestrians alike. Furthermore, unregulated traffic exiting an alley that abuts the south side of the school's property poses a great danger to children walking to school along 15th Street NE.

The safety of children on their walk to school is one of our highest priorities. That is why we ask that you investigate these issues, as well as review an existing or establish a new Safe Routes to School plan under the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Safe Routes to School Program.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at philanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Report of the Economic Development and Zoning (ED&Z) Committee of the Advisory Neighborhood
Commission (ANC) 6A
Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE
December 20, 2017

Present:

Members: Brad Greenfield, Missy Boyette, Jake Joyce
Commissioners: None
Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

Community Comment

None.

Previously Heard Cases

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1226 North Carolina Ave, NE (BZA #19593): Applicant seeks a special exception under Subtitle E Section 5201 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E Section 304.1 and from the nonconforming structure requirements of Subtitle C Section 202.2 to enclose a rear, third floor deck in an existing one-family dwelling in the RF-1 zone.

Mr. Griffin presented the project. Mr. Griffin stated that the project is at the back of the house. The current house has a deck on the third (3rd) floor level, facing the alley. The proposed deck enclosure would be a special exception because the first (1st) floor and second (2nd) floor levels already exceed the lot occupancy which is around 62%. The third (3rd) floor would go up to 70% lot occupancy. He clarified that the only nonconformity is the lot occupancy.

Brad Greenfield asked the applicant for exterior elevations. Mr. Griffin explained that the existing deck is not covered and that he has letters of support from both immediate neighbors and at 1224 North Carolina Ave NE. He has met with the neighbors at 1228 North Carolina Ave NE. He said that he has also had discussions with the neighbors at 1228 North Carolina Ave NE related to some water that appears to be coming through the parti-wall.

The neighbor, Ms. Patton, was present with Denise Pitts, her attorney. Ms. Patton is concerned about the impact on light and air on her property related to the proposed deck enclosure. Brad Greenfield asked if a shade study has been performed. Mr. Griffin stated that a shade study has not yet been provided but that his architect can prepare one in the next few weeks. Brad explained that the shade study would have to be completed before the January 11, 2018 ANC 6A meeting.

Ms. Pitts explained that, at the December 13, 2017 BZA hearing, Ms. Patton was unanimously granted party status, and she explained that the burden of proof remains with the applicant to show how he has addressed the criteria for a special exception. At this point, Ms. Pitts stated, nothing in the application yet addresses how Ms. Patton's property will be affected, but she is "certain" that there will be an impact.



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Ms. Pitts stated that Ms. Patton has west-facing windows. She provided an aerial photo and photos of 1226 North Carolina Ave NE taken from Ms. Patton's back bedroom. She explained that Ms. Patton received notification about the proposed project via a letter that was placed through her mail slot.

Brad asked if there is anything that the applicant can do to make the proposed project more amenable to Ms. Patton. Ms. Pitts said that Ms. Patton is willing to discuss. Ms. Patton's concern is losing access to sunlight. Ms. Pitts explained that the existing deck is nonconforming, the existing railing appears to be about two and one half (2 ½) feet high, and the deck is in poor repair. She explained that Ms. Patton's understanding of light and air is different from the legal interpretation.

The applicant explained that the BZA hearing has been pushed back once or twice already, and the second time was due to Ms. Patton's concerns. Brad stated that, without the shade study and an understanding of impact, the Committee cannot make a recommendation. He suggested that the discussion be set aside and that the applicant come back to the Committee in January 2018. In the meantime, he suggested that Mr. Griffin sit down with Ms. Patton to see if there is room for compromise, and that Mr. Griffin provide letters of support.

Ms. Pitts asked to receive the shade study prior to the January 17, 2018 ED&Z Committee meeting so that she and Ms. Patton have 3-4 business days to review. Applicant will provide the study by January 12, 2018 and will let Mr. Greenfield know in advance if there is an issue with getting the study completed in time.

Mr. Greenfield tabled the proposed project to allow the applicant to provide sun/shadow studies as well as to allow the applicant to obtain signed letters of support.

128 17th Street, NE (BZA Case Number Pending): Applicant seeks a special exception from the requirement that a rear addition extend no more than ten feet (10') beyond a neighboring structure to construct a rear addition to an existing one-family dwelling in the RF-1 zone.

Mr. Greenfield explained that he and Commissioner Calvin Ward met with Mr. Amirian last week. Eman Amirian presented the project. The subject property is a corner lot at Constitution Avenue and Seventeenth (17th) Street NE. The proposed addition will be several levels, approximately fifteen feet eight inches (15'-8") into the back, but he explained that his property line goes beyond the alley. On the side, a four-foot (4') balcony will project into public space. Mr. Amirian explained that the projection is necessary to provide a fire exit. He prepared a zoning analysis and has made an attempt to contact all of the "visually-affected" neighbors, including dropping off letters and copies of drawings/photos. He has not yet personally reached anyone. One neighbor, "Miss Veronica" (1627 Constitution Avenue NE), has verbally approved the project but stated that she does not like to sign documents. He also has a letter of support from 120 Seventeenth (17th) Street NE.

Mr. Amirian explained that the existing deck extends all the way to the alley. The house to the south is flush with the back of his house; the next house down to the south has a rear addition. He explained that he is an architect and has done a material study, looked at the materials of the existing neighborhood. He notes that the existing neighborhood uses a lot of brick, stucco/cement board (additions) and wood. In the proposed addition, stucco will be the primary finish material, with some composite wood and iron railings. He proposes to remove all the existing chain link fence and to put in black iron posts with wood



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infill for a new fence. The proposed addition will extend the existing building height. The existing deck will be taken down, and the remaining space beyond the addition will be used as a parking space.

Committee member Missy Boyette asked whether the basement level will be expanded. Mr. Amirian stated that it will be extended. Ms. Boyette asked about where the outdoor mechanical equipment will be located; Mr. Amirian said that the project will include equipment; there will be a ductless system in the basement, condensers in the basement area. Ms. Boyette also asked about the roof; the applicant stated that the roof will be flat, with hidden gutters at the edge and downspouts on the back wall.

Mr. Greenfield asked for the addresses of the visually-impacted neighbors and for best efforts by the applicant to get letters of support from the remaining neighbors. He asked that Mr. Amirian also reach out to the apartment rowhouses across Constitution Avenue NE.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to recommend that the ANC write a letter to the BZA in support of the requested relief on the condition that the applicant gets letters of support from the neighbors and from inhabitants of the apartments. Motion was seconded by Jake Joyce. Motion was approved 3:0.

Closing

Brian Alcorn, a parent of a Maury Elementary School (Maury ES) student, explained that the school is moving to Eliot-Hine Middle School during the renovation of Maury ES. Construction plans at the current school (medium-to-large school) will require the school to provide increased on-site parking which will impact the amount of open/green space. Interested parties are looking for options and considering what zoning variances might be available. Mr. Alcorn explained that Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen introduced a measure in June 2017 whereby parking spaces could be provided for teachers on nearby streets, but that this measure is not currently supported by the Mayor or by ANC 6C. He inquired as to whether there is a place for ANC 6A to partner with the Department of General Services (DGS) and the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) to address this. Mr. Greenfield agreed that this could be discussed further and in greater detail at the next ED&Z Committee meeting.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
7:00 -9:00 pm
640 10th Street NE
Sherwood Recreation Center, Second (2nd) Floor**



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January XX, 2018

Mr. Clifford Moy
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 19693 (128 17th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 11, 2018, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for a special exception under Subtitle E § 205.5, from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a rear addition to an existing one-family dwelling and convert it into a flat in the RF-1 Zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and letters of support from neighbors. The ANC believes that this development will not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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