

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Agenda for June 8, 2023



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Public Meeting - All are welcome

7:00 pm	Call to order		
7:01 pm	Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes		
7:02 pm	Community Presentations • Paul H. Smith, DC Taxpayer Advocate and Ninilola (Lola) Benson, Tax Policy Specialist, DC Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), Office of the Chief Financial Officer		
7:30 pm	 Consent Agenda Transportation and Public Space (TPS) 1. Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT that references all previous well as pending TSIs, on the 11th Street NE Corridor (Florida Avenue NE to Capitol Street), stating that changing the signs from 25 to 20 mph would not sufficient to ensure safety, and that ANC 6A would welcome more engagem DDOT and a comprehensive safety analysis of 11th Street based on the safe that ANC 6A had conducted with DDOT, addressing a more extensive length Street NE rather than only the 11th Street and Constitution Avenue NE intext. 2. Recommendation: ANC 6A write a letter of support of the DDOT streetscap application for 1101 H Street NE. 	East not be nent f fety w th of f ersect	s, as from valk 11th ion.
7:35 pm	Officer Reports 1. Accept Treasurer's Report	pg.	51
7:40 pm	Standing Committee Reports: Community Outreach (COC) 1. Accept May 2023 committee report. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 26, 2023 (4 th Monday)	pg.	52
7:45 pm	Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL) 1. No report. ABL did not meet in May 2023. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 27, 2023 (4th Tuesday)	pg.	53
7:50 pm	 Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Accept May 2023 committee report. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 20, 2023 (3rd Tuesday; usually 3rd Monday) 	pg.	54



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7:55 pm	Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) 1. No report. EDZ did not meet in May 2023. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 21, 2023 (3 rd Wednesday)	pg. 58
8:00 pm	New Business	pg. 59
8:10 pm	Single Member District reports (2 minute each)	
8:20 pm	Community Comments (2 minutes each)	
8:45 pm	Adjourn	





Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Virtual Meeting via Zoom May 11, 2023

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Mike Velasquez, Roberta Shapiro, and Steve Moilanen were present. Commissioner Laura Gentile was absent.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Vice-Chair Keya Chatterjee called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC April 2023 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the May 2023 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations

David Epley, Associate Director, Data & Benchmarking Division, Department of Energy & Environment Mr. David Epley presented and led a discussion about electrification in the District, noting that there are several reasons to switch from gas to electric including health and climate benefits. There are several considerations that drive cost when electrifying a home: identifying existing distribution systems and which appliances use gas, whether service or panel upgrades are needed, and whether removal of existing equipment or reconfiguration of space is required. There are upcoming electrification resources in DC, including rebates for residents to improve energy efficiency - the "HOMES" and "HEEHRA" income qualified rebate programs which are not yet available - and we are still in the early stages of federal assistance for building electrification being rolled out. Interested community members can sign up to receive email updates on availability: https://doee.dc.gov/service/ira-rebates-tax-incentives. Rebates from DCSEU are at https://www.dcseu.com/homes.

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

• ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Gallery O, LLC t/a Gallery O on H at 1354 H Street NE (ABRA-094849) for renewal of its Class C Multipurpose License.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for the four Notices of Intent for reducing the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph (NOI-23-44-TESD, NOI-23-45-TESD), NOI-23-46-TESD, and NOI-23-47-TESD); to request DDOT provide a status of ANC 6A requests for segments that were not included; and to request a report with any analysis that was conducted on both included and excluded areas. (Past ANC 6A Request to DDOT: https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-support-for-installation-of-20-mph-signs-on-collector-streets.pdf)
- **ANC** 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for the Notice of Intent for the 8th Street Bus Priority Project (https://buspriority.ddot.dc.gov/pages/a9f788c2398f46ba85659809dad85739).
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for Public Space Notice #10994457 for the renewal of the
 parklet permit for Granville Moore at 1238 H Street NE, and requesting DDOT give the ANC 30 days'
 notice to review such requests in the future.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for Public Space Notice #10994461 for the renewal of the
 parklet permit for The Queen Vic at 1206 H Street NE, and requesting DDOT give the ANC 30 days'
 notice to review such requests in the future.





Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 to construct a two-story rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit at 424 10th Street NE (BZA #20907)in the RF-1 zone, with the caveat that the developers make best efforts to get letters of support from neighbors.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for: Request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle E § 5203 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the building height requirements of Subtitle E § 303.1 to construct a third story addition to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, flat at 1112 8th Street NE (BZA #20911) in the RF-1 zone.

Officer Reports:

1. The May 2023 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the three expenditures accrued in April: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250 for notetaking, and \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar (checks #2057, #2056, and #2055). Accounts payable include a security find payment and webmaster services for February (checks #2046 and #2053). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$33,532. After disbursements and accounts payable totaling \$1,890.07, the closing available checking balance is \$31,641.93. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25. Commissioner Moilanen also flagged that another Commissioner should take over the Zoom subscription payments, as he should not be writing checks to himself; he will also be looking into other technology needed to support the eventual move to hybrid meetings. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

- 3. No report. COC did not meet in April 2023.
- 4. Next meeting 7:00 pm, May 22, 2023 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

- 1. The April 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 2. Informational update to April 2023 ABL Committee report regarding postponement of KitchenCray license consideration (by ABL Chair Erin Sullivan, ABL Member Erin Blumenthal, Commissioner Dooling, and/or Commissioner Velasquez).

KitchenCray has rescinded their request for a stipulation but still are requesting a change of license, which ABL will be reviewing at their May meeting. Neighbors are concerned that the establishment suddenly opened a nightclub, in violation of their restaurant license, inviting loitering, littering, noise, and unseemly behavior. Management of the establishment will be meeting with neighbors and members of the ANC on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 PM, and anybody interested in attending can reach out to Commissioner Robb Dooling for the invitation. ABL Member and KitchenCray neighbor Erin Blumenthal shared the following update:

"Commissioners and Chair Sullivan, I'm grateful for the opportunity to share a brief update on what was raised at the ABL committee meeting with regards to Kitchen Cray and to express some of the community concerns that deserve to be shared regarding this establishment after this month's lengthy ABL meeting.





Kitchen Cray opened and, in coordination with the neighborhood and ANC, was operating as a restaurant. My neighbors — a community of people who have chosen to reside along a thriving commercial corridor— have been very supportive and welcoming of restaurants, which improve the neighborhood's character and our quality of life.

Then, in January (2023), without any community input, ANC consideration, or license, the establishment started running a nightclub called Flight Lounge. The immediate negative impact on the community was apparent. There was a noticeable uptick in noise, violence, public intoxication, loitering, and parking issues.

I have heard about and seen specific evidence of:

- Staff (in uniform) showing up hours before their shifts and during breaks smoking weed on the sidewalk in front of homes and on people's properties;
- Clear violations of their existing settlement agreement by hosting DJs and live entertainment without a proper license;
- Regular hookah specials being widely promoted;
- Drunk patrons pouring out of the establishment, vomiting on sidewalks, and spilling over into the middle of 13th Street traffic is stopped;
- Music that can be heard not just one but two, three, and four floors above the establishment; and
- Trash issues both from the establishment itself and the weekly piles of litter the morning after from patrons who pre- and post-game in front of homes.

In making its' business decision to open the nightclub, Kitchen Cray's establishment began to directly and regularly violate their existing settlement agreement. Neighbors called the restaurant, their ANC representatives, and ABRA begging for enforcement. I understand that some communication lines with the management are open, but in many cases, impacted neighbors still feel unheard.

The original request for tonight was going to be requesting permission to greenlight the nightclub ahead of the formal placarding process. I can speak on behalf of many neighbors in saying that we are grateful that that request was walked back.

But now is the hard part: as Kitchen Cray gets their formal application in order, it's important that they and the ANC think about how formalizing this business model that has been a disaster for us as neighbors will play out. Given the preview we've seen of the nightclub, does the establishment think they can execute this business model while also upholding a settlement agreement with the neighborhood? What more can be done to ensure that the new business model doesn't run on a collision course with the community?

I'll end on an optimistic note. I think it's a terrific start that the business management will be meeting with members of the ANC and community next week to discuss these issues and how to address them moving forward. And I'm looking forward to continuing this discussion at future ABL meetings if and when a formal application is submitted.

Thanks for allowing me to share this update with you all today. I know several of my neighbors are here today as well, but I hope that provides a relatively brief overview which I do think is important context as a recap for the ABL meeting discussion."

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 23, 2023 (4th Tuesday)





Transportation and Public Space

- 1. The April 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 2. Next meeting 7:00 pm, May 15, 2023 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

- 1. The April 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 2. Next meeting 7:00 pm, May 23, 2023 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

- Commissioner Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Mike Velasquez seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DPR Director requesting:
 - 1) an explanation for the lack of programming at Sherwood Recreation Center over the last two quarters and specific plans for programming in Q3 and Q4;
 - 2) plans for improvement in routine maintenance of the building and ground and cleanliness in the outdoor areas surrounding the building;
 - 3) confirmation of alternative plans for a hypothermia shelter for Winter 2024.

Commissioner Shapiro noted a growing constituent concern about Sherwood maintenance and lack of organized programming and would like to ask the Mayor's office and DPR to delineate how programming, maintenance, and overall standard of operations at Sherwood will be improved for residents of the community. The Commissioner would also like to know whether Sherwood will continue to serve as a hypothermia shelter; there have been reports that it will house migrants and cease being a rec center. The community deserves a dedicated rec center with a standard of programming, cleanliness, and maintenance of that of other communities' rec centers.

Commissioner Chatterjee offered an amendment and Commissioner Velasquez seconded the amendment of striking from the letter the sentence about not having Sherwood be a shelter in the future, and replacing it with language vocalizing support for migrant housing - "We ask that DC agencies including the Mayor's Office offer wraparound services to whoever might need to be accommodated, whether that is a possible influx of refugees or those needing shelter." The motion as amended passed 6-0.

Commissioner Robb Dooling moved and Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to Councilmember Charles Allen reaffirming ANC 6A support for the DC Streetcar extension to Benning Road Metro Station. (Past ANC 6A support: https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Resolution-No.-2021-002.pdf)

The funding for this project is potentially being pushed to 2026, but the extension would bring many benefits to Wards 6 and 7. The motion passed 6-0.

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Gove (6A04) reported a power outage and continues to urge community members to join First District (1D) MPD meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, where officers continue stressing that drivers should remove their keys from their vehicles to prevent carjackings. Officers are working on community engagement and more officers on bicycles. First District MPD is hosting a screening of "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" in Lincoln Park at 8:00 pm on May 12, 2023. There was a community bike ride with more than 250 people and there is another one on May 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm, sponsored by Hill Family Biking. The Commissioner asks community members to continue putting in 311 tickets.





Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) reported some developments at AutoZone. The developer, who has been very engaged with the community, shared that there is an article in the trade press with additional renderings of the project. The Commissioner will arrange a meeting with those being impacted by construction so they know what to expect. The zoning commission meeting will be in September 2023, so the start of construction will be delayed and the issues stemming from the parking lot's existence will persist. A number of establishments have been broken into - Pursuit Wine Bar has been broken into three times; this is a citywide issue - Mayor Muriel Bowser held a meeting about it and Councilmember Charles Allen held a walkthrough. The Commissioner appreciates Commissioner Dooling's and the community's input on KitchenCray and he reached out to the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety and Justice for a multiagency meeting for the city to acknowledge everything happening along the H Street corridor.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) checked with DC Council about the H Street Bus Priority project and confirmed that it is funded for next year and is in conversation with DDOT about it; they will be presenting a design of the project. The Commissioner is grateful to Commissioner Velasquez and all the neighbors that have been performing outstanding civic engagement in response to KitchenCray. The Commissioner is also saddened about the several break-ins on H Street and will be planning a public safety walk with MPD in the residential area south of H Street. If community members are looking for an opportunity to support neighborhood small businesses, Atlas Theater is putting on "A Raisin in the Sun" starting June 21, 2023.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) reported a well-supported cleanup around Sherwood and SWS and has been working on a public sidewalk survey and several Sherwood issues. SWS is, in theory, willing to host future hybrid ANC 6A meetings, though they do not have equipment to broadcast the meetings.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) will be asking COC Chair Adina Wadsworth about putting hybrid meeting possibilities on the COC agenda. At the request of the DC Attorney General's office, the Commissioner is preparing a community impact statement about 1000 C Street NE. The Commissioner also expresses appreciation for DDOT for thinking about traffic in a more comprehensive way. An arrest was made in connection with the fatal stabbing of a woman who lives on D Street NE. Finally, the Commissioner salutes people working on their gardens and beautifying the city.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) reported trips, falls, bike crashes, and loose metal grates, among other catastrophes on Florida Avenue NE and has been working with ANC 6C in hopes of having an in-person DDOT representative based in this neighborhood to hear the community complaints and see the problems firsthand. The H Street Farmers Market is open. There is a budget for programming on H Street and that needs to happen.

Community Comment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations



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Consent Agenda



Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- 1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT that references all previous TSIs, as well as pending TSIs, on the 11th Street NE Corridor (Florida Avenue NE to East Capitol Street), stating that changing the signs from 25 to 20 mph would not be sufficient to ensure safety, and that ANC 6A would welcome more engagement from DDOT and a comprehensive safety analysis of 11th Street based on the safety walk that ANC 6A had conducted with DDOT, addressing a more extensive length of 11th Street NE rather than only the 11th Street and Constitution Avenue NE intersection.
- 2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A write a letter of support of the DDOT streetscape permit application for 1101 H Street NE.







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May 13, 2023

Abraham Diallo, Ward 6 Community Liaison District Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC 6A NOIs 23-44-TESD, 23-45-TESD, 23-46-TESD, 23-47-TESD

Dear Mr. Diallo.

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 11, 2023 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support DDOT's Notices of Intent to place 20 MPH signs on four street segments within ANC 6A. The proposed speed limit reduction is in response to ANC 6A's November 2021 letter, linked here:

https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-support-for-installation-of-20-mph-signs-on-colle ctor-streets.pdf

The letter requested that 20 MPH speed limit signs be placed on all collector streets in ANC 6A that do not yet have signs. These include:

- 8th Street NE, from Florida Ave to East Capitol Street
- 11th Street NE, from Florida Ave to East Capitol Street
- 13th Street NE, from Florida Ave to East Capitol Street
- 14th Street NE, from Florida Ave to East Capitol Street
- 15th Street NE, from Maryland Ave to East Capitol Street
- 19th Street NE, from Benning Road to East Capitol Street
- East Capitol Street, from 8th to 19th Street
- North Carolina Ave NE, from 13th to Constitution Ave NE

ANC 6A received 4 NOIs (23-44-TESD, 23-45-TESD, 23-46-TESD, 23-47-TESD) covering the following streets:

- 11th Street NE, from Florida Ave to East Capitol Street
- 13th Street NE, from Florida Ave to East Capitol Street
- 14th Street NE, from Florida Ave to East Capitol Street
- 15th Street NE, from Maryland Ave to East Capitol Street

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With this letter, we are also requesting information as to what analyses were completed for all of the eight above-referenced segments and a copy of each of the reports including any speed, volume, or other information that was collected. We also request information as to the status and timing of the remaining four requests: 8th Street, 17th Street, 19th Street, and East Capitol, and information on when the remaining four requests will be addressed.

Finally, we urge DDOT to continue to respond to and act on Traffic Safety Input requests on all of these segments as signage alone, while helpful, is not sufficient to reduce driver speeding.

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

On behalf of the Commission,

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May 18, 2023

Councilmember Charles Allen Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 110 Washington, DC 20004

Re: ANC 6A Support for Completing the DC Streetcar from Benning Road Metro Station to Georgetown as Planned and Promised

Via email and the ANC resolutions website

Dear Councilmember Allen,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 11, 2023 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this letter.

As representatives of the Commission area including H Street NE, we are disappointed with the proposal to delay capital funding for the DC Streetcar to Fiscal Year 2026. We are alarmed that the proposal may be an effort to kill the DC Streetcar.

Extending the DC Streetcar provides more ridership capacity than adding another Metrobus or DC Circulator route—regardless of bus vehicle type—and has already increased overall transit ridership along the H Street corridor. Streetcar routes, similar to Metrorail lines, are more reliable transit infrastructure for prospective businesses and residents because streetcar routes are more permanent and less prone to re-routing.

In addition, extending the DC Streetcar along Benning Road NE requires less public right-of-way than building a bus rapid transit (BRT) route and does not require the use of eminent domain or property takings. Benning Road NE is also notoriously fatal for pedestrians and bicyclists, and the DC Streetcar project incorporates critical bridge, roadway, streetscape, and intersection improvements to improve safety. The DC Streetcar extension would support the proposed Comprehensive Plan's recommendations for increased density along the Benning Road NE corridor in Wards 6 and 7.

ANC 6A reaffirms the following six points from its April 2021 Resolution², "Resolution regarding ANC 6A support for completing the DC Streetcar from Benning Road Metro Station to Georgetown as Planned and Promised". ANC 6A developed these six points in collaboration

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with Friends of the DC Streetcar, 7E06 Commissioner Delia Houseal, and Ward 7 transit advocates:

- 1. We strongly support the District's planned and promised DC Streetcar extension to the Benning Road Metro Station.
- 2. We request that DDOT seek and receive the full amount of funding necessary to break ground on construction as soon as possible.
- 3. We request that DDOT revisit and continue to explore additional options for the westward streetcar extension in the direction of Georgetown.
- 4. We implore DDOT to find a feasible, workable streetcar route for the westward extension to Georgetown and implement transit-only lanes for as much of the existing and future routes as possible.
- 5. We request that all agencies involved include sufficient funding for the Streetcar extension.
- 6. We request that the DC Council approve funding in the capital budget for the full streetcar extension to the Benning Road Metro.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at <u>6A04@anc.dc.gov</u>, Commissioner Dooling at <u>6A06@anc.dc.gov</u>, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Co-Chairs Lynch and Rogger can be contacted at <u>6ATPSChair@gmail.com</u>.

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May 18, 2023

Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th St. NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: ANC6A BZA Case No. 20911 (1112 8th Street, NE)

Dear BZA.

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting 1 on May 11, 2023 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle E \S 5203 and Subtitle X \S 901.2 from the building height requirements of Subtitle E \S 303.1 to construct a third story addition to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, 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 discussions with 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 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

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May 18, 2023

Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th St. NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: ANC6A BZA Case No. 20907 (424 10th Street, NE)

Dear BZA,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 11, 2023 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 to construct a two-story rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

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May 31, 2023

Thennie Freeman Interim Director of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation 1275 First Street, NE, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20002

Re: ANC 6A Request for DPR attention to ongoing issues at Sherwood

Dear Interim Director.

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 11, 2023 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to your agency requesting: 1) an explanation for the lack of programming at Sherwood over the last two quarters and specific plans for programming in Q3 and Q4; 2) plans for improvement in routine maintenance of the building and ground and cleanliness in the outdoor areas surrounding the building; 3) information on alternative plans for a hypothermia shelter for Winter 2024.

Programming at Sherwood

There is a dearth of programming at Sherwood. As evidence of this point, we scraped 631 program listings (excluding camps and aquatics) off the DPR website and analyzed them by Recreation Center, type of program and target audience. The detailed data are attached. However, in summary, here is what we found.

- Currently, there are **only 6 total offerings at Sherwood** (4 unique program types, one being a drop-in open-access program).
- Currently, 3 of these 6 programs are full.
- These specific programs appear to account for 13 hours of specific programmatic use/week at Sherwood, plus 12.5 hours of "afterschool open access."
 - o There are only 2 hours of preschool programming/week, despite the explosion of children in our community.
 - o There are 7 hours of indoor pickleball, a program that appears to be run (set-up/breakdown, etc) by the participants themselves.
 - o We believe that the same DIY approach may be true of the 2 hours of weekly women's volleyball.

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- There are 2 hours of yoga per week (apparently with an instructor/leader)
 - o There appears to be after-school open access to the gym; again, however, without any apparent leadership or organization.
 - o Despite a basketball court and a tennis court on site, there is currently no programming around these resources.
 - o There are no programs directed at our community's many senior citizens.
 - o Nor are there activities aimed at mentoring, leadership, tutoring or just keeping occupied our many middle-school through young adult residents.
 - o There are no music, dance or arts programs.

So, how does Sherwood compare with other Recreation Centers? The answer is not so well. Although, one could argue that programming is anemic at many other DPR sites as well. The attached Pivot Tables show the number and ranking of programs by Recreation Center by type of program and by the target audience.

- 40 of 65 DPR sites offer more programs than Sherwood's 6; with an average of 10 per site and a maximum of 39.
- The most robustly programmed recreation center offers programs in 9 of 11 program categories, compared to Sherwood's 4
- Similarly, the most robustly programmed recreation center addresses 11 (of 17) target audiences versus 3 at Sherwood

We ask that DPR provide a detailed list of what programs will be offered, including days, times, target age group, and number of sessions, over at least the next two quarters.

Improved Maintenance

The Sherwood Facility, both inside and out, is poorly maintained. This is true in terms of routine maintenance, such as ongoing rat abatement, removal of litter and garbage around the facility, and in terms of responding to urgent issues, such as shattered glass in a door.

A partial list of maintenance issues cited by constituents includes:

- A strong smell of gas or fumes in the gym when the furnace is operating
- Weight room equipment that is old and broken
- Poorly maintained/cleaned restrooms
- A long-promised, but still unscheduled replacement of the playground surface
- Need to repair or replace many broken pieces of playground equipment
- Basketball and tennis courts that need to be resurfaced and are often full of trash
- A dumpster area is rat-infested and has a broken fence and piles of trash surrounding each dumpster.
- A walking track that has a dangerous crater in the middle of the grassy soccer field area and a track that may need resurfacing





- Landscaping and shrubbery on the property have been decimated with inappropriate trimming by the "landscaping company" that mows the lawn.
- A historic light on the north side of the entrance walkway is broken off at the base with wire exposed and another device has exposed wire on the southeast corner of the building
- Failure to clean up trash and debris left on the property or to notify authorities of drug use or other dangerous or illegal activities on the property

Alternative Plans for a Hypothermia Shelter for Winter 2024

It appears that Sherwood is one of only one or two DPR facilities used as a hypothermia shelter. The usage of this site is suboptimal for the people who need shelter. Concerns regarding the shelter use include:

- Limitations on the use of the Recreation Center for early morning and later night programs
- Use of storage for cots etc that could otherwise be used for DPR program-related equipment
- Lack of clear accountability and responsibility for security and maintenance due to the number of agencies involved (DHS, DHS contractors, DGS, DPR, DGS and DPR contractors, etc.)

We have been told by DHS that, each year, DPR provides a list of possible sites for shelter usage. Furthermore, DHS has indicated that subject to budgetary decisions, there would be no recreation center-based shelters next winter. We are empathetic to the plight of neighbors in need of emergency shelter for any reason. We ask DPR to allocate emergency shelter in a way that is equitable and transparent.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at <u>6A04@anc.dc.gov</u>, and Commissioner Shapiro can be contacted at <u>6A03@anc.dc.gov</u>.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

CC: Council Members: Allen, Bonds, McDuffie, White Sr, White Jr. SaFiva Hoskins, Committee Director, shoskins@dccouncil.gov Kyle Yeldell, Policy Analyst, kyeldell@dccouncil.gov





June XX, 2023

Mr. Abraham Diallo, Ward 6 Liaison District Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC 6A Support for traffic calming 11th Street NE (from Florida Avenue to East Capitol Street NE)

Dear Mr. Diallo:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 8, 2023 our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request a comprehensive safety study and consideration of the following traffic safety recommendations on 11th Street NE from Florida Avenue NE to East Capitol Street NE.

This letter is prompted by DDOT's proposal to convert the signal at 11th Street and Constitution Avenue NE to a stop sign (NOI 23-49-TESD). Following DDOT's presentation on this item at our Transportation and Public Space Committee on April 18, 2023 it was clear that the agency had narrowed in on a single action for a single location and had not yet considered the numerous TSIs associated with, or conducted a comprehensive review of, this corridor.

We applaud and support DDOT's recent NOI-23-44-TESD which provides for a reduction of the speed limit on 11th Street NE between Florida Avenue and East Capitol Street to 20 mph. However, our Commission believes that lowering the posted speed limit is a necessary but insufficient action to address the hundreds of crashes and numerous injuries that have occurred along this corridor.

Currently, there are at least seven TSIs selected for investigation in the current quarter (April-June 2023) along this corridor (all Northeast).

- 1. 2300132044 11th and F Streets
- 2. 2300010828 11th and F Streets
- 3. 23-00022500 11th and E Streets
- 4. 22-00254580 11th and D Streets (Pedestrian issues)
- 5. 23-00022489 11th and D Streets
- 6. 23-00038263 11th and D Streets
- 7. 23-00022512 11th and D Streets

In addition, two deferred TSIs –23-00022422 (11th Street and Maryland Avenue NE) and 23-00038263 (11th and D Streets NE)–appear to belong to the same groupings and perhaps should have been selected for investigation. At least 16 additional TSIs have been submitted and are on the "TSIs for Future Consideration" tab of DDOT's TSI dashboard.

Unfortunately, the TSI public-facing dashboard lacks information regarding the specific nature of the requests. Based on constituent emails, site visits conducted with DDOT, testimony and conversations, however, the issues on the 11th Street NE corridor include:

- Excessive speed
- Running of traffic signals and stop signs
- Absence of vertical traffic calming on 11th Street and cross streets such as D Street NE

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- Lack of speed and stop sign cameras at key intersections
- A particularly dangerous 2-way stop at 11th and F Streets NE where drivers accelerate to make/run the light at Maryland on a street used by children and elderly in route to schools, parks, playground, daycares and the Sherwood Recreation Center.

The Commission specifically requests the following:

- Speed tables between Florida Avenue and K Streets, I and K Streets, H and G Streets and G and F Streets on 11th Street (TSIs 22-00217219, 22-00231970, 2300132044 and 2300010828)
- Four-way -stop at 11th and F Streets NE and speed/stop sign cameras (TSIs 2300132044 and 2300010828)
- An extended no parking zone, just north of the corner of Maryland Avenue and 11th Street to ease northbound entry onto 11th Street and avoid head-on collisions (TSI 23-00022422)
- Speed tables from Maryland Avenue through D Street on 11th Street and speed/stop sign cameras at 11th and D Streets. (TSIs 23-00022500, 22-00254580, 23-00022489, 23-00038263, 23-00022512 and 23-00038263)
- For the entire corridor: curb extensions, leading pedestrian intervals, high visibility crosswalks, vertical traffic calming, red-light, stop sign, and speed cameras, and any other traffic calming measures that improve safety, especially for people walking and biking.

We request that the results of the safety study conducted along the 11th Street NE corridor be presented at a future meeting of the ANC 6A's Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Committee. Having a thorough understanding of the study findings will enable us to make informed decisions and effectively address the legitimate concerns our constituents have raised on this topic for several years.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Moilanen at 6A07@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Shapiro can be contacted at 6A03@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

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June xx, 2023

Mr. Elliot Garrett Associate Director for Public Space Regulation District of Columbia Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC 6A Support for Public Space Permit #419662 – 1101 H Street NE

Dear Mr. Garrett and DDOT Public Space Committee:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 8, 2023 our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the public space applications for Paving: Driveway(s) Close Existing, Paving: Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Paving: Sidewalk(s), Projections: Bay Window(s), and Projections: Marquee. This permit was requested since the previous public space permit expired prior to development. The ANC noted no changes from the previous application, which it supported.

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov or Vice Chair Keya Chatterjee at 6A01@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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1101 H STREET NE / PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT #380565 FEBRUARY 24, 2022

The following Architectural drawings dated 02.03.22 and submitted to DCRA under building permit #B2109279 are provided to address the open comments for public space permit #380565. Additional dimensions and notes have been added for clarity per the comments below, but no changes to the drainage, projections, overhangs, etc. have been made to the building permit drawings.

Reviewer	Description	Sheet References
IPMA/ Stormwater	Provide drainage information, including grading, drainage areas, inlets, and downspout locations to demonstrate that no impervious areas drain to the public space.	A102 – 2 nd – 6 th Floor Plan shows dimensions for the projecting bays. 2 ND Floor indicates terrace drainage is internal to property and no impervious areas spill to public way.
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		A501 – Exterior Sections indicate impervious canopy drainage is directed to interior of building rather than public way.
OP – Urban Design	Provide additional floor plans that show parking locations and access route, so that OP can fully review the location and design of the proposed curb cut. Curb returns for the driveway must remain within the lot line extended to the curb. Curb returns may not cross over into the public space that is in front of an adjacent property.	003 – Site Plan indicates dimensions from curb to projecting bay at H Street NE provided as 12'-0 3/8" minimum, and 24'-10 1/8" at 11th Street NE. note: Curb cut at driveway extends past the lot line when extended to the curb due to existing site constraints and is under review with DDOT.
	Please submit elevations, sections, and other relevant details regarding the proposed building projections and overhangs. Per the DCMR Title 12A Section 3202.7.1.1, building projections must maintain a minimum of 12' offset from streets with a right-of-way width of 90', such as H Street NE. Please reduce projecting distance of the proposed bay windows on H Street to maintain a minimum 12' from the curb line. OP	A101 – 1 st Floor and Cellar Plan shows parking locations and access route. A102 – 2 nd – 6 th Floor Plan shows dimensions for the projecting bays. 2 ND Floor indicates terrace drainage is





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		A204 – Building Section indicates extent of projecting bays.
		A208 - Building Section indicates extent of projecting bays.
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Planning and Sustainability Division	Please revise site plan to provide (8) short term bicycle spaces (only 6 spaces are shown). Please submit the Architectural plans to confirm the building projection dimensions in public space.	003 – Site Plan indicates (4) short term bike spaces on H Street and (4) short term bike spaces on 11 th Street. Street. Dimensions from curb to projecting bay at H Street NE provided as 12'-0 3/8" minimum, and 24'-10 1/8" at 11 th Street NE.







North Elevation of 1101 H Street.



West Elevation 1101 H Street, NE.

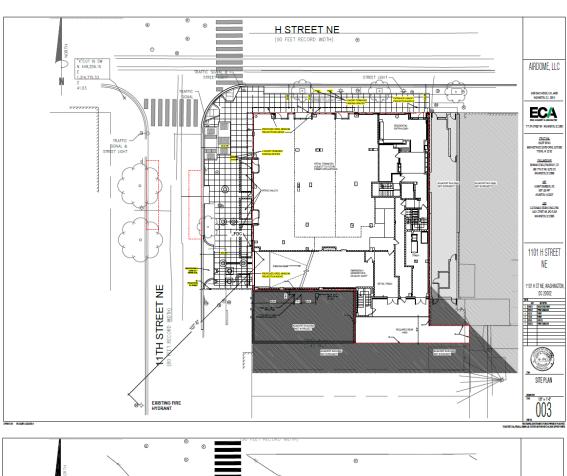


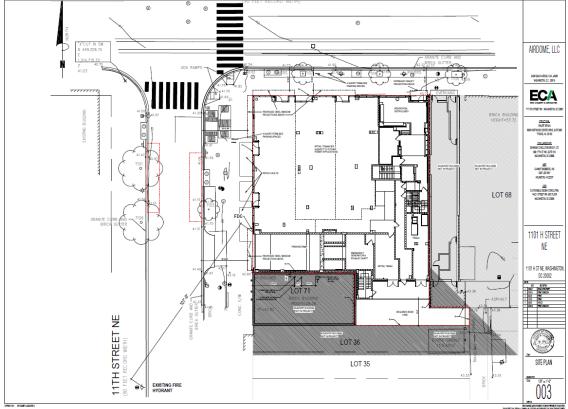
South Elevation of 1101 H Street, NE







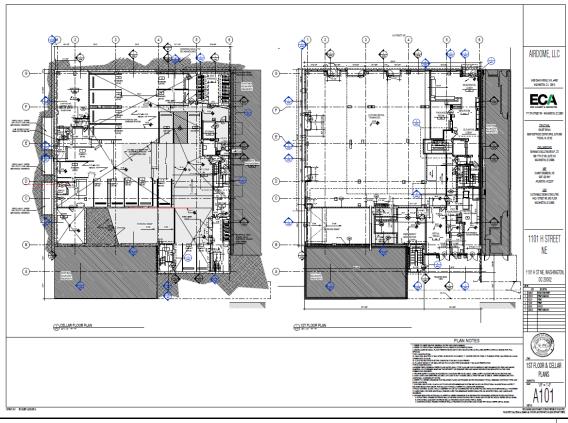


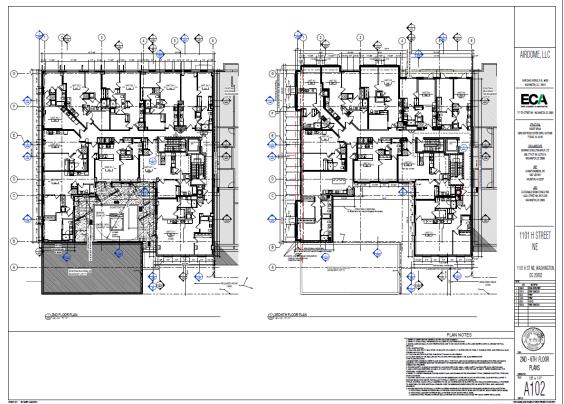








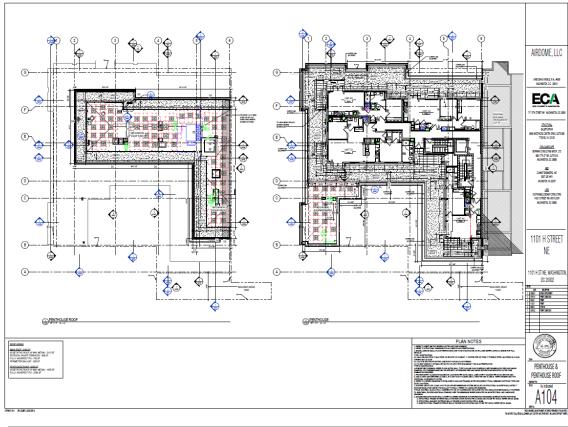


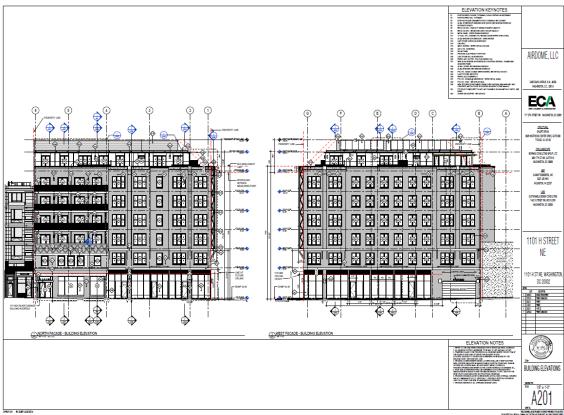






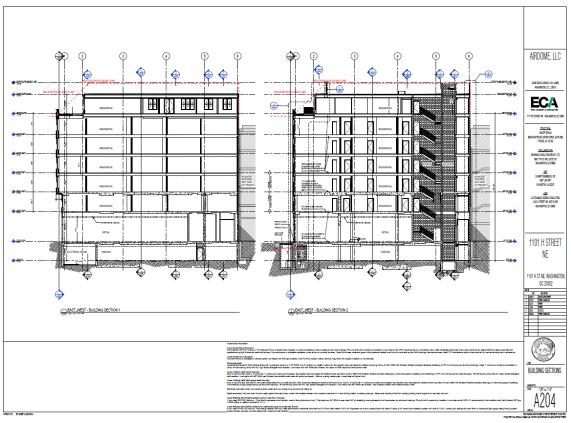


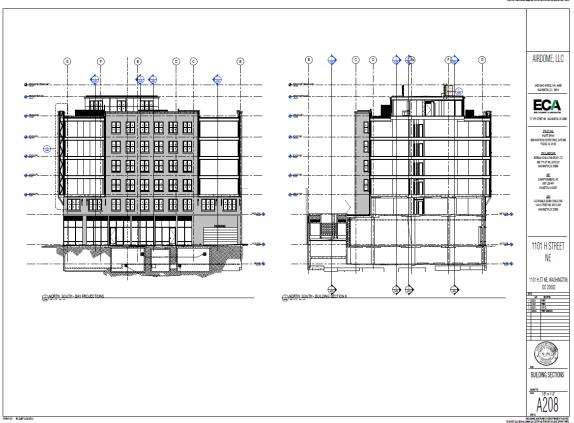








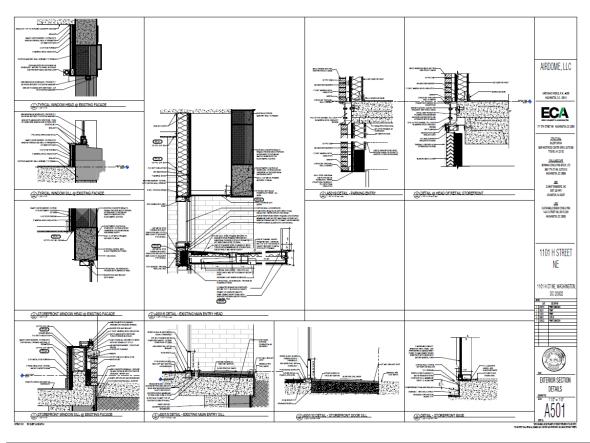


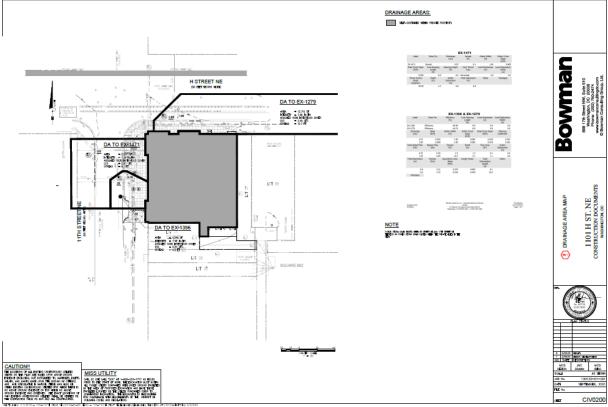








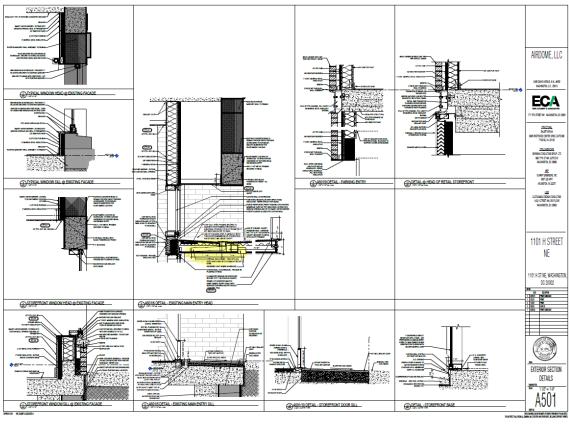


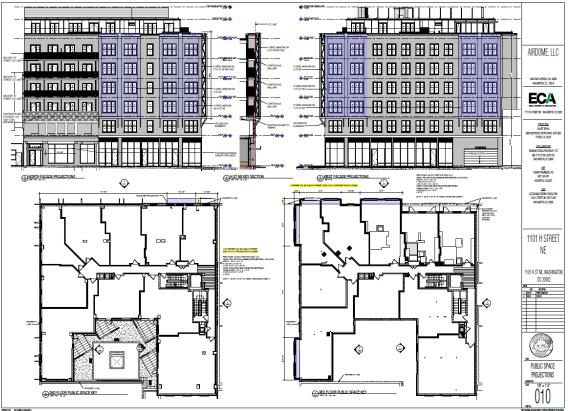






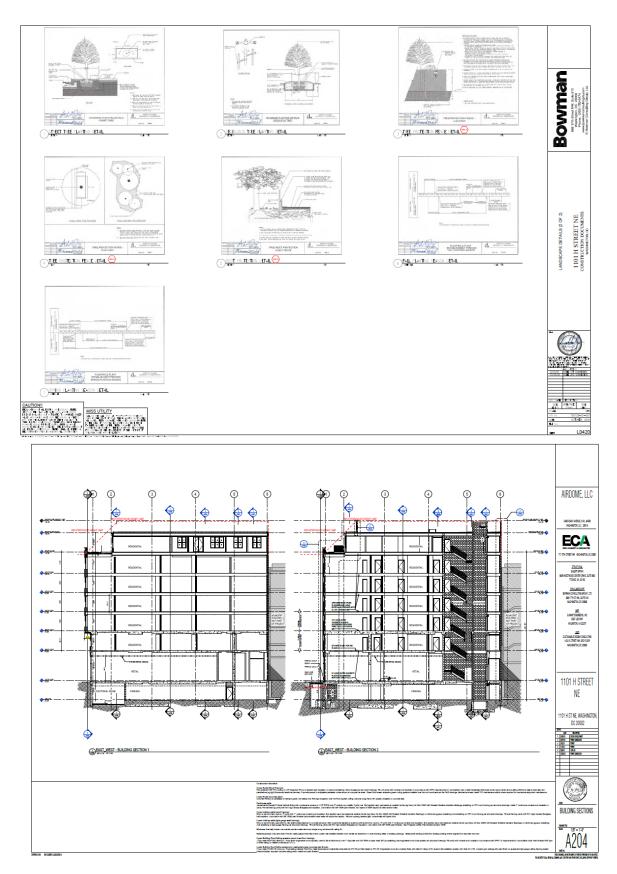








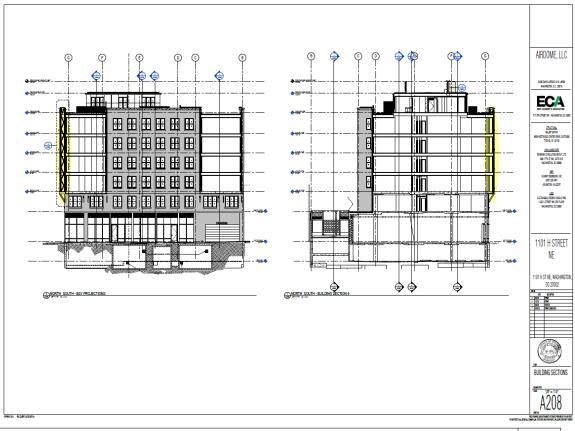


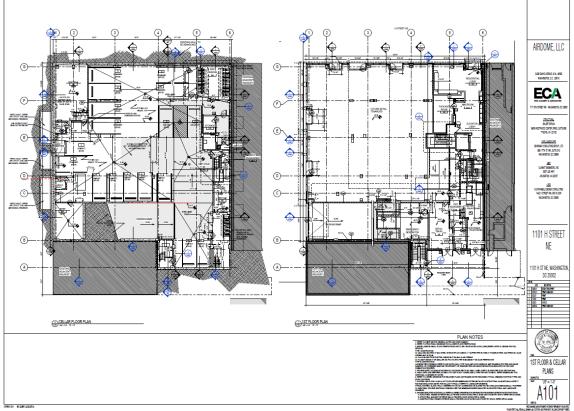








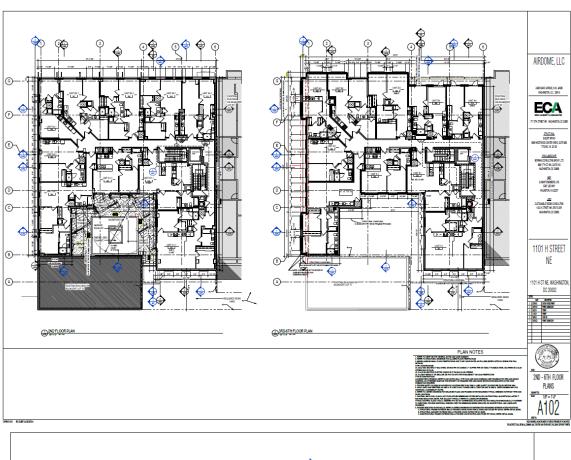


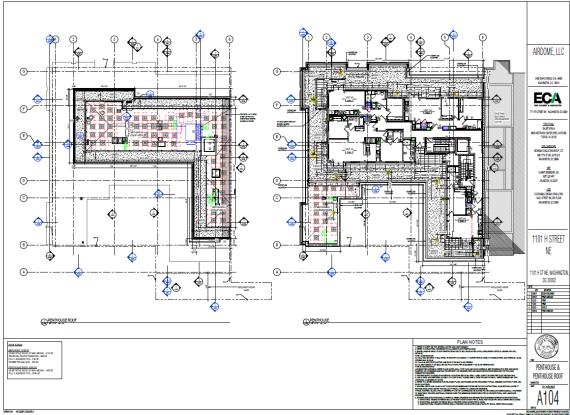








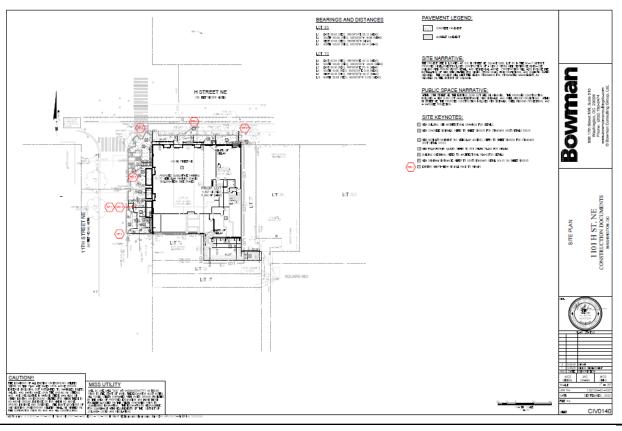


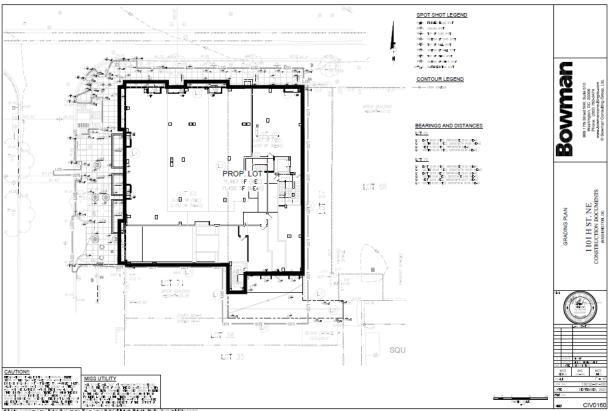








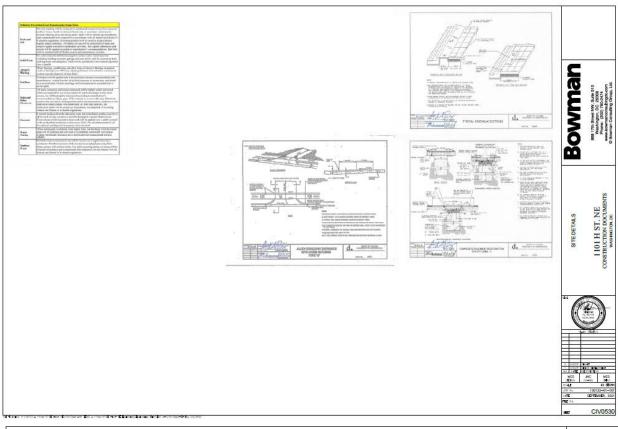


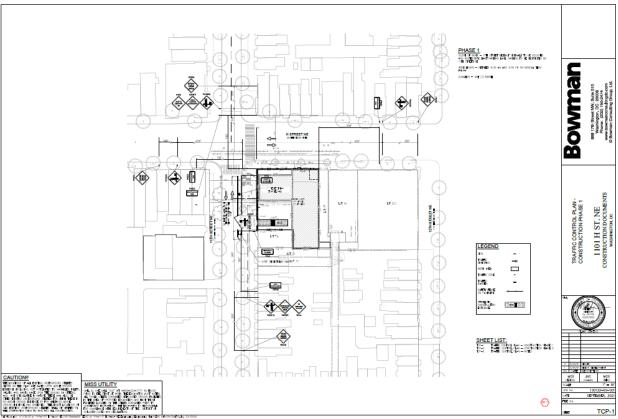






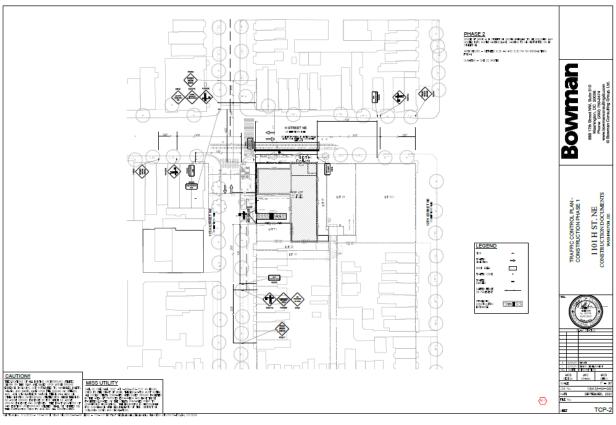










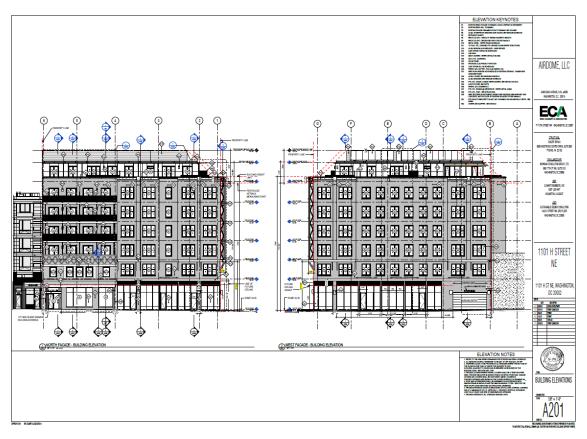


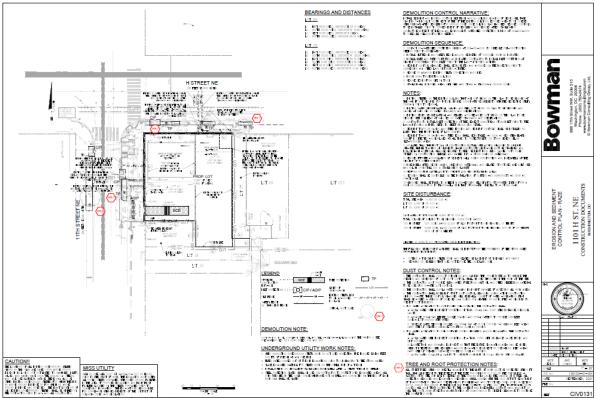








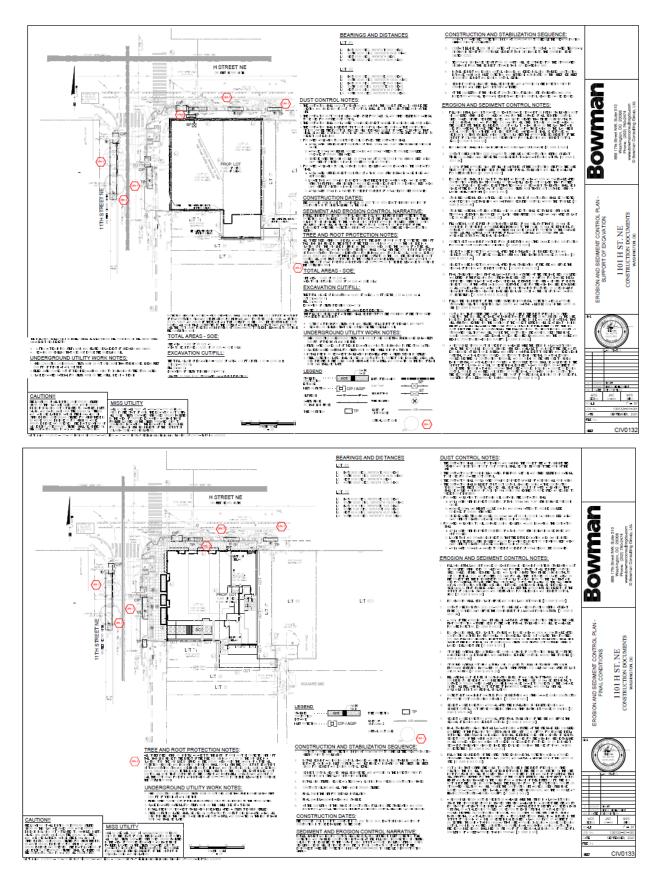






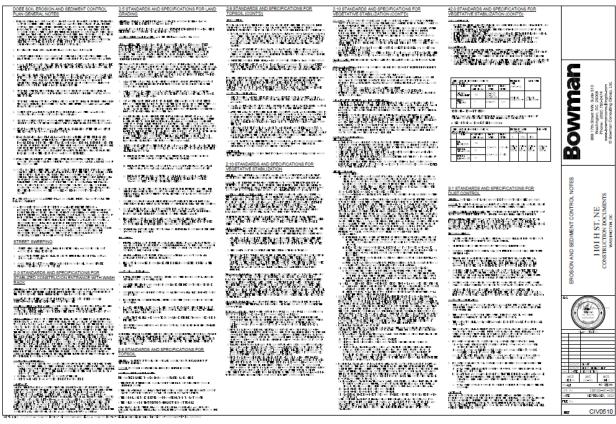


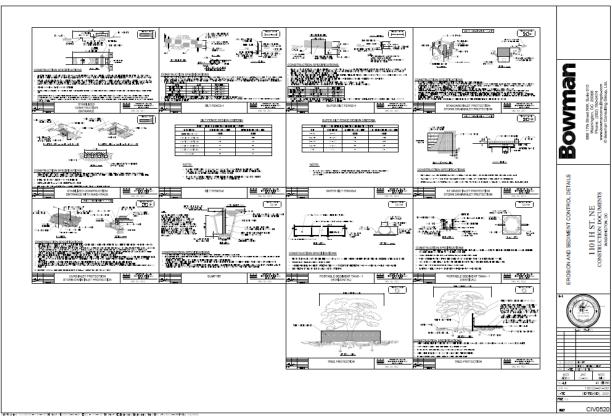








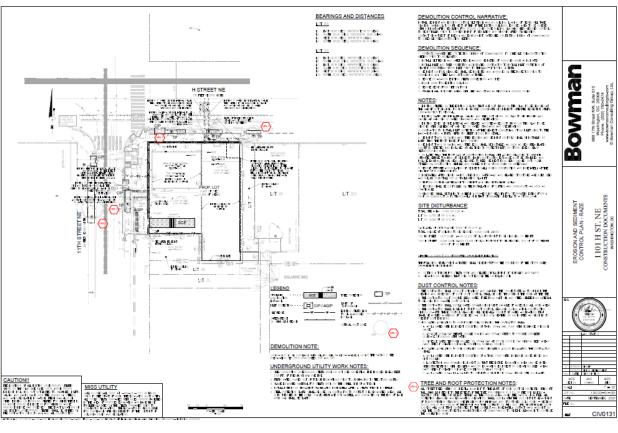


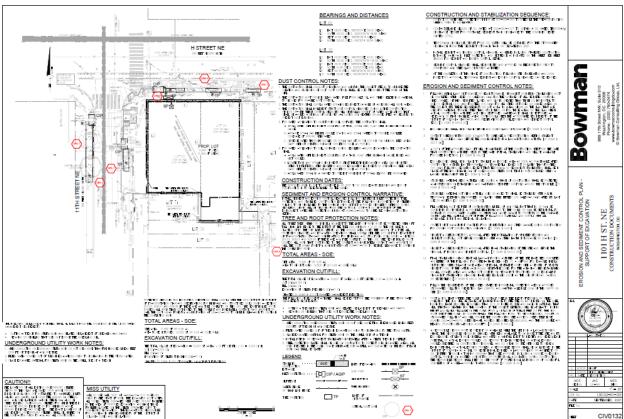








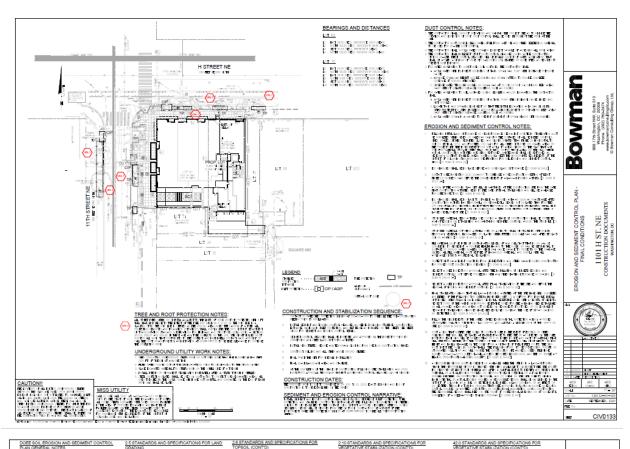




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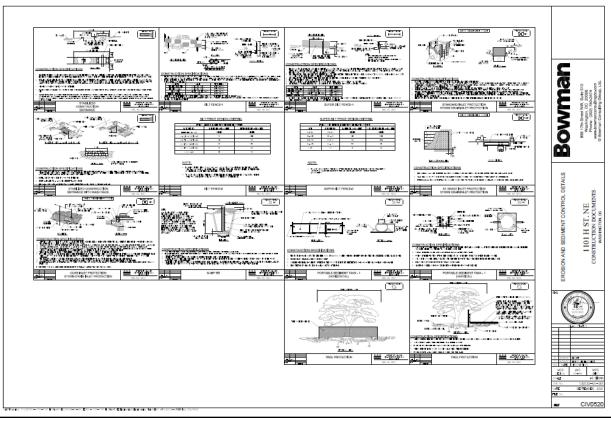


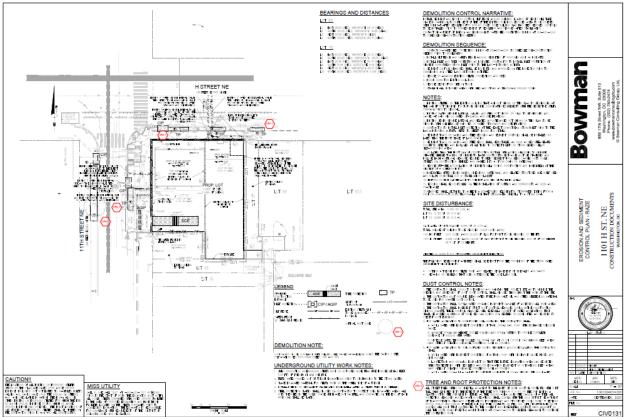








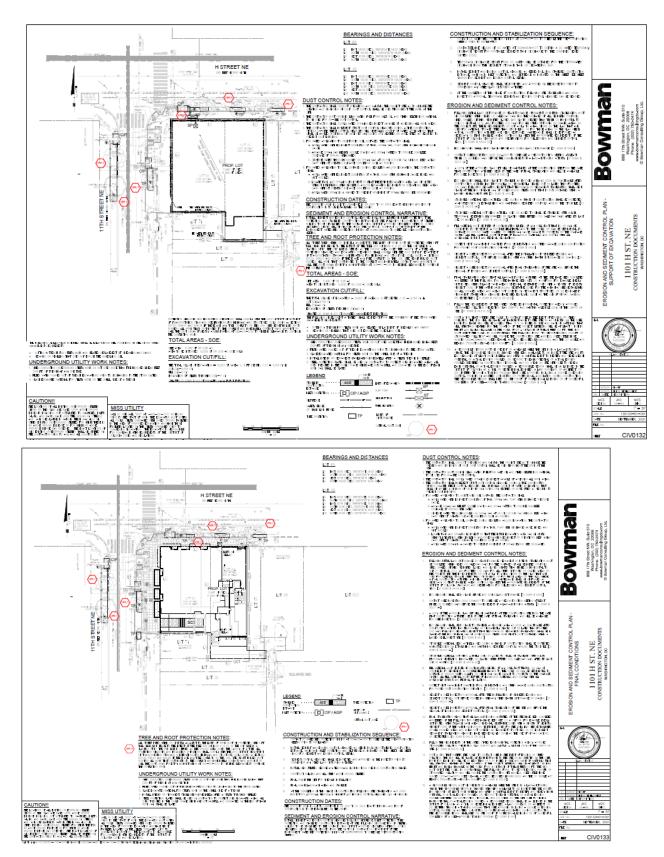








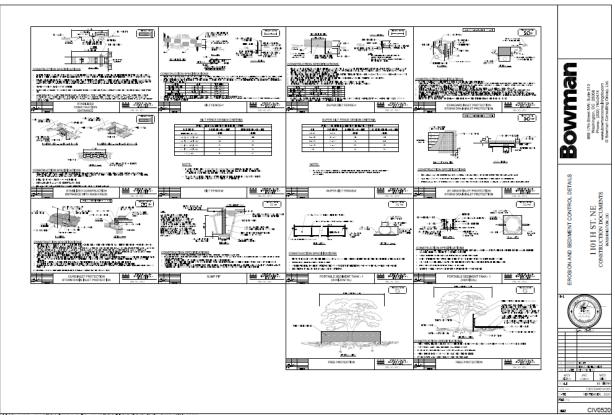






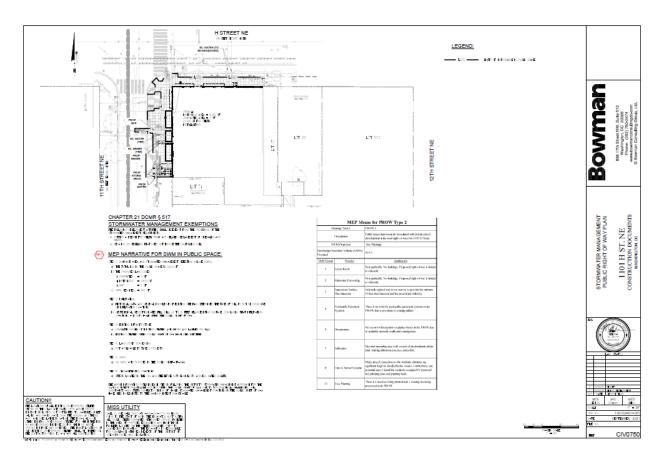
















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March 3, 2022

DDOT 1100 4th Street, SW Washington DC 20024

Re: Airdome – 1101 H Street NE TOPS Comment/Response Tracking Number 380565

This letter shall serve as the "comment/response" narrative relative to the design comments from DDOT for the public space improvements under DDOT TOPS Tracking number 380565. The provided comments and their associated responses are as follows:

IPMA/Stormwater - Julie Pike

Comment:



Provide the limits of disturbance and the area disturbed by this project. As the disturbance is over 5000 SF, please provide stormwater management plans and calculations including an MEP memo for the work in the public right of way. Please also provide drainage information, including grading, drainage areas, inlets, and downspout locations to demonstrate that no impervious areas drain to the public space and the site complies with DC Plumbing Code. Please also provide drainage and spread information for the catch basins on 11th Street and H Street.

Response:

Please refer to sheet CIV0750 [CIV0750 SWM PROW (2022-03-01).pdf], which shows the stormwater management plan within the limits of the public right-of-way. The latest grading plan is found on sheet CIV0160 [AirDome Site Plan (2022-03-01).pdf]. We have developed a new sheet CIV0200 [CIV0200 DA Map and Computations.pdf] to clearly demonstrate the flow of runoff within the private property, public property, and the existing inlet capacity.

Refer to sheet A102, which shows 2nd floor indicates terrace drainage is internal to property and no impervious areas spill to public way. Refer to sheet A104 which indicates roof drainage is internal to property and no impervious areas spill to public way. Downspouts from Penthouse roof to penthouse interior drains are indicated. Refer to sheet A501, which indicates impervious canopy drainage is directed to interior of building rather than public way.





UFA – Sharon Dendy

Comment 1:



Show the critical and structural root zones of the adjacent street trees so that Urban Forestry can assess any negative impacts in relation to the proposed projections. Refer to the uploaded diagram for CRZ-SRZ layout. Response may require additional revisions. DDOT-UFD Street Tree Inventory can be found at the following link under Services & Plantings; scroll down to OPEN STREET TREE MAP - https://ddot-urban-forestry-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/

Response:

The critical root zone limits have been revised on our Erosion and Sediment Control plan. We've verified the tree size from the open street tree map and revised our tree protection limits. Refer to sheets CIV0130, CIV0131, and CIV0132 within the uploaded PDF [Erosion and Sediment Control Sheets (2022-03-01).pdf]

Comment 2:

Show distance between the existing street tree on 11th Street and the driveway/curb cut. Minimum 10 ft. distance must be maintained between the near side of the existing street tree (Overcup Oak) on 11th Street (and edge line of the driveway.

Response:

We've added a dimension showing the driveway is greater than 10 feet away from the existing tree on 11th Street. Refer to CIV0140 [AirDome Site Plan (2022-03-01).pdf].

Comment 3:

Add the uploaded DDOT Standard Drawings 608.10, 608.11, and 608.12 for tree protection.

Response:

These tree protection details have been included in our landscape plans on L0420 [L0420 Landscape Details (2022-03-01).pdf].

Comment 4:



Upload the following DDOT Tree Protection Notes The contractor must adhere to the following tree protection conditions. All protection measures and excavation operations shall comply with the 2013 District Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highways and Structures (Gold Book) – Sections 207.03, 608.07 and 608.08 and DDOT Standard Drawings 608.10, 608.11, and 608.12 * Trees within or directly adjacent to the limits of work must be protected with 6 ft. tall chain link fence to the extent of the tree box (minimum 4 ft. x 9 ft.) or to the critical root zone in a planting strip/open space; refer to the uploaded diagram. If the tree is on a slope, multi-stemmed and/or splits below 4.5 feet, please refer to the following link for measuring DBH -

http://www.phytosphere.com/treeord/measuringdbh.htm * None of the following shall occur within the critical root zone of a tree: alteration or disturbance to existing grade, staging/storage of construction materials, equipment, soil, or debris; disposal of any liquids e.g. concrete, gas, oil, paint; and blacktop, and trenching. * Install only trenchless silt/super silt fence methods within the critical root zone of a tree; trenchless methods such as Filter logs, Silt Soxx, straw bales, or an approved equivalent shall be used. * No heavy equipment shall be used to excavate within the critical root zone. Excavations shall proceed with care by use of hand tools or equipment that will not cause injury to tree trunks, branches, and roots. * No roots greater than two (2) inches in diameter shall be cut without an Arborists permission. Exposed roots 2 inches and larger in diameter shall be wrapped in burlap or other approved material and kept moist at all times. * If for any

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reason the scope of the project requires work to be performed within the fenced protection zone, the permit holder must call the District Department of Transportation's Urban Forestry Division (UFD) at 202-671-5133 to receive clearance to continue the conflicting work. DDOT Arborist Alex Grieve, alexander.grieve@dc.gov Feb 25 2022 3:51PM sdendy wrote - Applicant has not addressed comments from October 2021.

Response:

We've updated the Tree Protection Notes on our Erosion and Sediment Control plan. Refer to sheets CIV0130, CIV0131, and CIV0132 within the uploaded PDF [Erosion and Sediment Control Sheets (2022-03-01).pdf]

Streetcar - Ulysses Johnson

Comment 1:



Please reach out to Ulysses Johnson at 202-763-4630. There are no traffic control plans attached and a further discussion is needed to determine the impact on Streetcar Operations and Safety.

Response:

We've provided traffic control plans in this submission. Refer to the file "AirDome TCP PS (2022-03-01).pdf".

Comment 2:



APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED ONCE THE APPLICANT ATTENDS A WEEKLY TRACK ALLOCATION MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING IS 2/17/2022 AT 12:00 PM [NOON] AT 2550 BENNING RD NE. CONTACT STREETCAR.PERMITTING@DC.GOV FOR MORE INFORMATION. - - - Track Allocation Meetings occur weekly on Thursdays at 12:00pm [Noon] EST at the RDMT office at 2550 Benning Rd NE (Benning Rd and 26th St NE; enter from the Benning Rd side and identify with the guard at the guard desk.) - - - IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND A TRACK ALLOCATION MEETING BY _______, YOUR PERMIT REQUEST WILL BE DENIED.

Response:

Steve Baikness with Holladay Corporation attended a meeting held on February 24, 2022.

OP-Urban Design - Timothy Maher

Comment 1:



Please submit elevations, sections, and other relevant details regarding the proposed building projections and overhangs. - Submit details for the surface treatment of the proposed utility vaults within the 11th Street right-of-way. OP may only support closed-top vaults at this location within the sidewalk, designed to match the adjacent sidewalk color, material and scoring pattern. - Provide additional floor plans that show parking locations and access route, so OP can fully review the location and design of the proposed curb cut. - Curb cut must be located a minimum of 10 feet away from any existing, healthy street trees. - Curb returns for the driveway must remain within the lot line extended to the curb. Curb returns may not cross over into the public space that is in front of an adjacent property.

Response:

Refer to sheet 003 which indicates dimensions from curb to projecting bay at H Street NE provided as 12'-0 3/8" minimum, and 24'-10 1/8" at 11th Street NE. Replacement driveway curb cut is with lot line when projected to the curb. Sheet 010 indicates the extent and locations of projecting bays. Sheet A101 shows





parking locations and access route. Sheet A102 shows dimensions for the projecting bays. Sheets A201, A204, and A208 indicate the extent of projecting bays.

We're proposing the utility vaults as closed top matching the adjacent sidewalk with DDOT standards. The curb cut is proposed at a distance greater than 10 feet away from the existing street tree. The curb returns have been adjusted to the north so as to not cross over into the public space in front of the adjacent property. Refer to CIV0140 for the dimensions of the curb cut [AirDome Site Plan (2022-03-01).pdf].



Please submit elevations, sections, and other relevant details regarding the proposed building projections and overhangs. Per the DCMR Title 12A Construction Code, Section 3202.7.1.1, building projections must maintain a minimum 12' offset from streets with a right-of-way width of 90', such as H Street NE. Please reduce the projecting distance of the proposed bay windows on H Street to maintain a minimum 12' distance from the curb line. - OP can support the proposed bay window projection on 11th Street NE.

Response:

Refer to sheet 003 which indicates dimensions from curb to projecting bay at H Street NE provided as 12'-0 3/8" minimum, and 24'-10 1/8" at 11th Street NE. Sheet 010 indicates the extent and locations of projecting bays. Sheet A102 shows dimensions for the projecting bays. Sheets A201, A204, and A208 indicate the extent of projecting bays.

The curb cut is proposed at a distance greater than 10 feet away from the existing street tree. The curb returns have been adjusted to the north so as to not cross over into the public space in front of the adjacent property. Refer to CIV0140 for the dimensions of the curb cut [AirDome Site Plan (2022-03-01).pdf].

Planning and Sustainability Division – Kimberly Vacca

Comment:



Please revise the site plan to provide 8 short-term bicycle spaces (only 6 spaces are shown). Please submit the Architectural Plans to confirm the building projection dimensions in public space. Please submit a curbside management signage plan for the curbs adjacent to the development.

Response:

We've identified the location of the bike racks on CIV0140 [AirDome Site Plan (2022-03-01).pdf]. These are existing double bike racks which will remain. Two racks located along H Street NE account for four (4) spaces and two racks are located along 11th Street NE account for four (4) spaces, which total the required eight (8) short-term bicycle spaces.

Sheet 003 indicates (4) short term bike spaces on H Street and (4) short term bike spaces on 11th Street. Street. Dimensions from curb to projecting bay at H Street NE provided as 12'-0 3/8" minimum, and 24'-10 1/8" at 11th Street NE. Sheet 010 indicates extent and locations of projecting bays.

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In closing, this letter is meant to address the comments for the above referenced project. Any questions or comments please call (202) 750-2474 or e-mail **msenenman@bowman.com**.

Best,

Matthew C. Senenman, PE Bowman Consulting



Officer Reports - Treasurer



Treasurer's Report June 2023

		Period					
		June 1, 2023		May 1, 2023		April 1, 2023	
Assets							
Туре	Description						
Cash	Checking Account	\$	30,868.00	\$	31,692.00	\$	33,532.00
Cash	Savings Account	\$	100.05	\$	100.05	\$	100.05
Cash	Petty cash	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00
Liabilities							
Туре	Description						
Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable	\$	2,148.36				
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Balance		\$	28,844.69				

Individual/Organization	ndividual/Organization Expense		Amount	Check No.	Status	
Office of the DC Auditor	Security fund payment	\$	50.00	2046	Unpaid	
Anna Tsaur	Notetaking services January '23	\$	250.00	2047	Paid	
Anna Tsaur	Notetaking services December '22	\$	250.00	2048	Paid	
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services December '22	\$	765.89	2049	Paid	
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services January '23	\$	765.89	2050	Paid	
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Dec '22-January 23	\$	58.29	2051	Paid	
Steve Moilanen	Zoom Premium Jan-Feb '23	\$	58.29	2052	Paid	
Anna Tsaur	Notetaking services February '23	\$	250.00	2054	Paid	
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services February '23	\$	765.89	2053	Paid	
Steve Moilanen	Zoom Premium Feb-Mar '23	\$	58.29	2055	Paid	
Anna Tsaur	Notetaking services March '23	\$	250.00	2056	Paid	
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services March '23	\$	765.89	2057	Paid	
Steve Moilanen	Zoom Premium Mar-Apr '23	\$	58.29	2058	Unpaid	
Anna Tsaur	Notetaking services April '23	\$	250.00	2059	Unpaid	
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services April '23	\$	765.89	2060	Unpaid	
Steve Moilanen	Zoom Premium Apri-May '23	\$	58.29	2061	Unpaid	
Anna Tsaur	Notetaking services May '23	\$	250.00	2062	Unpaid	
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services May '23	\$	765.89	2063	Unpaid	
		\$	2,148.36			





Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Regular Meeting - May 22, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Quorum present.

COC members present: Adina Wadsworth (Chair), Gail Sullivan, Stephanie Myers, Elizabeth Corinth, Angelique Dorazio Sanders, Clare Dougherty

COC members absent: Kelsey Grimes, Jessica Clarke

Commissioners present: None

Panelist: Anne Corbett, Capitol Riverside Youth Sports Park (CRYSP)

<u>Discussion:</u> Anne Corbett introduced CRYSP, a non-profit operating the fields at RFK on contract with EventsDC. Their goal is to build access for safe spaces to play. Lot 6 at the fields is currently in terrible shape due to crime, potholes, drag racing, etc. CRYSP is surveying the community for ideas on how to get optimal use out of Lot 6, especially for the most underserved populations: seniors (age 55+) and kids aged 10-14. EventsDC, who holds the lease for city, does not seem interested in much more than holding widely-attended events/concerts.

CRYSP has pushed out surveys asking the community to weigh in on uses for Lot 6.

Most COC members were unaware of what already exists at RFK fields (skateboard park, disc golf). Members suggested adding a community garden, but there are already plans for gardens at Lot 3 or 4. In the end, the Committee agreed to help spread the survey far and wide to get community input to CRYSP and EventsDC. No further action required.

Community Comments: None

<u>Motion laid on the table</u>: Chair Wadsworth made the motion to cancel the June 2023 meeting due to summer vacation travel. The motion was seconded by Angelique Dorazio Sanders and agreed to unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Committee Reports Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



No report. ABL did not meet in May 2023.





Minutes ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.

Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (Co-Chair) and Caitlin Rogger (Co-Chair), Paul Angelone, Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman Commissioners present: Amber Gove (ANC 6A Chair, 6A04), Robb Dooling (6A06), Mike Velasquez (6A02)

III. Old Business.

A. District Department of Transportation (DDOT) update on the H Street NE Bus Priority Project. Mr. Zack Gambetti-Mendez presented a brief recap on the project background and an provided the output of the traffic modeling used with the project. DDOT is nearing the end of the Planning Phase (Spring 2023), to include traffic and environmental studies. DDOT last presented this project to the ANC 6A TPS Committee in May 2022 as part of the project kick-off, and then again in July 2022 to present the project concept. The Design Phase will begin by the end of Spring 2023 and continue through Winter 2024. Implementation will occur from Spring-Fall 2024. DDOT expects the 30% designs to be completed late Summer 2023, followed by Notices of Intent.

DDOT modeled the traffic conditions on H Street NE from 3rd Street NE to Benning Road NE using <u>Trafficware Synchro Studio</u> with traffic data collected in Fall 2021. DDOT fully expects congestion likely as drivers adjust to the new design, but two major DDOT construction projects will also begin in 2024 adjacent to the Bus Priority Project: the <u>H Street Bridge NE Replacement Project</u> (2024-2029); and the <u>Benning Road Bridges and Transportation Improvements Project</u> (2024-2026). The H Street NE Bus Priority Project will remove one lane of general travel in each direction and replace it with a bus- and streetcar-only travel lane. DDOT is estimating a 25-30% reduction in traffic volume on the H Street NE corridor during construction, consistent with estimates of diversion resulting from the adjacent projects, but does expect traffic volume to return to current levels after all projects are completed.

i. Commissioner Mike Velasquez acknowledged the vulnerabilities in the model that Mr. Gambetti-Mendez noted, but also questioned the credibility of the traffic model based on personal experience driving H Street during rush hour conditions. Commissioner Velasquez also reiterated previous concerns about DC's overall enforcement of traffic citations as WMATA plans to outfit X2 and X9 buses with lane violation cameras. He also asked about the impact of bus bulb-outs on parking along H Street NE. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez responded that (absent an existing design plan) the bulb-outs theoretically will not reduce parking spaces because they are shorter than the curb length currently allotted for buses to pull into a bus stop; it should increase parking spaces slightly. Finally, Commissioner Velasquez asked if there would be traffic signaling included with the mid-block crossings on the 600-, 1200-, and 1300-blocks of H Street NE. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez responded that, yes, though the 30% design is not yet complete, traffic signaling would be included with any mid-block crossings that are installed.





- ii. Commissioner Robb Dooling requested that DDOT add details to their project website that include how much this project will help pedestrians, cyclists, and the neighborhood. Presently, the details focus mainly on the expected delays to vehicular traffic. The overall improvements should be noted, such as: how many more people will be able to get to work along the corridor, how much faster [via MetroBus or DC Streetcar], how many fewer parking spaces may be needed.
- iii. TPS Committee Co-Chair Caitlin Rogger asked if DDOT has any information about how this project will benefit transit riders. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez responded that the project would increase transit reliability, but did not have any specific metrics on hand. He also noted that left turns from H Street NE will likely be restricted to reduce vehicles using the bus lanes to get around turning vehicles.
- iv. TPS Committee Member Mark Sussman asked how many businesses along H Street NE has the project team spoken with about this project. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez noted that ANC 6A conducted a lot of outreach to the businesses last year after the kick-off, and that his project team has also had many conversations with H Street businesses, but he could not quantify it. Mr. Sussman noted that many of the businesses were looking for dedicated Pick-Up/Drop-Off (PUDO) zones alone the route, and Mr. Gambetti-Mendez concurred with hearing similar sentiments from H Street businesses.
- v. TPS Committee Member Paul Angelone asked if DDOT is considering or planning any incentives to encourage further transit use (or any travel modes other than driving) as part of the travel lane reductions. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez stated that this project will continue to work with goDCgo to incentivize traveling via other modes, but he also expects the construction from the adjacent projects to be a catalyst for people to seek out other modes of travel. Mr. Angelone suggested for the environmental analysis that DDOT conduct air quality monitoring along the corridor to document changes as the travel modes changes, and separately requested that the H Street NE Bus Priority Project team coordinate with other teams conducting studies on intersecting streets and their related signalization priorities. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez responded that the traffic signal engineers do conduct coordination with nearby projects.
- vi. TPS Committee Co-Chair Shaun Lynch reiterated Commission Velasquez's concerns over the traffic model, where the Level of Service (LOS) Score on the DDOT traffic analysis slides appear counter to the rush hour flow of traffic both in the morning and evening analyses. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez responded that he triple-checked the numbers input into the model, but admitted he cannot explain why the greatest delays are in the direction opposite the peak flow of traffic.
- vii. Community Member Pat Bloomstine asked if all of the bus stops will have bus bulb-outs or if some would only have plastic flexposts to daylight them. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez said his goal is to have bulb-outs at all of the stops, but if that cannot be achieved the project team will prioritize stops that most often have vehicles parked in them (based on existing DDOT awareness or comments from the community).
- viii. Community Member Michael Cushman asked what year the traffic data was collected. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez responded that data was collected in Fall 2021. Similar to comments from Commissioner Velasquez and Co-Chair Lynch, Mr. Cushman noted his observations of traffic on H Street NE as not matching the DDOT traffic model. Mr. Cushman expressed concern about vehicles blocking the streetcar, which would ultimately shut down the bus priority lane altogether when it happens. Mr. Cushman asked if queuing length and queuing delays were both included in the model, and how those would change under a no-build and road diet scenario. Mr. Gambetti-Mendez responded that the team had queuing lengths, but some of the delay numbers did not match up with what the team had received from





their consultants and were subsequently returned for further analysis to be provided later. Mr. Cushman noted that, in many similar projects, DDOT plans for 25%-30% diverted traffic, and he is concerned that there is not really an alternative route to that served by the X2 bus line. Lastly, he was also concerned that the north-south movement of traffic will be seriously hurt by the improvements east-west.

- ix. In closing, Mr. Gambetti-Mendez commented that while transit and safety are the key components of the project, they are required to perform the Syncro traffic analysis and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) wanted to ensure DDOT walked through it. The project team is aware of the inconsistency between the Synchro traffic analysis results and actual traffic observation.
- B. 11th Street NE Traffic Calming. Commissioner Gove introduced Mr. Abraham Diallo, DDOT Community Engagement Specialist for ANC 6A, to provide an update on the de-signalization of the intersection at 11th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE. Following discussion with other ANC 6A Commissioners who have 11th Street NE in their districts, the Commissioners have decided to request a more comprehensive safety study of the entire 11th Street NE corridor. Mr. Diallo highlighted current efforts underway in the area include: speed tables in each direction between K Street NE and I Street NE on 11th Street NE; daylighting of the 11th Street NE and I Street NE intersection; study for an all-way stop sign at 11th Street NE and F Street NE; hardening of the intersection at 11th Street NE and East Capitol Street; and a corridor-wide speed limit reduction to 20 mph. Many existing TSIs on the corridor will be considered only after the speed reduction goes into effect. Mr. Diallo stated that DDOT decided against converting the 11th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE intersection to an all-way stop sign due to overwhelming opposition to the project at the May 2023 ANC 6A TPS Committee meeting.
 - i. Commissioner Gove clarified that, during the May 2023 ANC 6A TPS Committee meeting, the response to the de-signalization project was not overwhelming in disapproval of the plan, but that those present wanted more information as to why de-signalization was DDOT's recommendation for the intersection. Additionally, DDOT provided no answers to six or seven questions provided in advance of the meeting. Commissioner Gove emphasized that the Committee's priority is safety, and that we are open to different ways to get there. Mr. Diallo responded that at the last meeting DDOT presenters stated that having a device (traffic signal in this case) which is not 100% warranted can have negative safety impacts based on guidance outlined in the FHWA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices on Streets and Highways (MUTCDSH).
 - ii. Co-Chair Rogger commented that the biggest challenge from the previous meeting on this topic was that the community was not convinced, based on the information DDOT provided, that the de-signalization of the intersection was going to make the intersection safer. Mr. Diallo responded that the reason the project was "scrapped" was because there was no significant net positive safety change in addition to the feedback received at the meeting.

Commissioner Gove made the motion: That ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT referencing the past and pending TSIs along the 11th Street NE corridor from East Capitol Street to Florida Avenue NE and recommending a comprehensive safety response and study, as well as response to the TSIs. Commissioner Velasquez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, with all ANC Commissioners and TPS Committee Members present voting yes.





IV. New Business

- A. Vision Zero Hardening at 13th Street/Constitution Avenue NE and 11th Street /East Capitol Street. Discussion on this topic was limited, as no one from the Vision Zero team was present at the meeting. This topic will be added to the June 2023 ANC 6A TPS Committee meeting with a commitment from the Vision Zero team to attend. Committee Member Sussman had requested the topic following observation of work happening nearby Maury Elementary School.
- B. Public Space Application on H Street NE. Commissioner Velasquez introduced the Public Space Application #419662, which is a renewal of Public Space Permit 380565 (February 28, 2022) related to a construction project at 1101 H Street NE. The permit lapsed while the owner was awaiting related permit approvals from other DC Departments. The Public Safety Committee hearing for this project is currently scheduled for July 2023. Committee Member Angelone stated that, with the Mayor committing to building up to 36,000 housing units over the next few years, it would make sense for DDOT to ensure permitting delays do not preclude more housing production, which is critically important to our region and the people who live here.

Commissioner Velasquez made the motion: That ANC 6A support the DDOT streetscape permit application for 1101 H Street NE.

Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, with all ANC Commissioners and TPS Committee Members present voting yes.

- C. Metro's <u>Better Bus</u> Network Redesign Project. This project is being managed by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and not DDOT, and it is the first time the Metrobus system has had a comprehensive redesign approach in 50 years. WMATA is soliciting <u>feedback</u> through early June 2023, and has a <u>draft Visionary Network</u> posted for comment. Historically the system has favored commuting to work, and this effort is trying to take a broader view of what transit is for. WMATA understands that their data is an incomplete picture, so they do need community input. The project website also has a <u>lab tool</u> to demonstrate how the Visionary Network could improve your trip, where you can compare your trip today with the redesign and then provide comment specific to your trip. The current D6 route has modifications under the Visionary Network that will impact ANC 6A residents. Commissioners are encouraged to distribute the Better Bus links through their district listservs.
- V. Community Comment. None.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



No report. EDZ did not meet in May 2023.

New Business



