

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)
February 21, 2011

I. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

II. Introductions - ANC 6A residents William Mohring and Sondra Phillips-Gilbert; Lori Goss with the Capitol Hill Classic 10K; ANC 6A Commission Chairman David Holmes, and Commissioners Gladys Mack and Drew Ronneberg; Committee members Marlon Smoker and J. Omar Mahmud (Chair).

III. Community Comment

A. Commission Chairman Holmes announced he sent the snow removal legislation letter the committee discussed last month to Councilmember Tommy Wells.

IV. Announcements

A. Mr. Mahmud announced that residents having problems with trees (dead or damaged) or who would like to request additional trees may contact the District Arborist, Jack Chapman (jack.chapman@dc.gov) or Program Support Assistant, Lennita Duncan-Hamilton (lennita.duncan@dc.gov).

V. New Business

A. 2011 Capitol Hill Classic 10K - Mr. Mahmud introduced Ms. Goss and thanked her for coming to present information about this year's race. Ms. Goss discussed the following information and fielded questions from those in attendance:

i. The race will be held May 15, which will be the 32nd annual running of the race. The race is the primary fundraiser for the Capitol Hill Cluster Schools. The course is exactly the same as last year. There will be about 3,500 runners, but a bulk of the runners do the 10k portion of the race. Streets being closed from 7:30 to 11 am include C Street between 4th and 5th Streets, and 5th Street between C Street and Constitution Avenue NE, all in NE.

1. Mr. Mahmud pointed out that these streets and intersections are not in ANC 6A and asked Ms. Goss to focus on any street closures or potential disruptions in ANC 6A. Mr. Mahmud also explained the boundaries of ANC 6A. Ms. Goss explained that from 8:30 until approximately 9:45 am, E. Capitol Street will be subject to rolling closures. Rolling closings means that MPD has instructed officers to let traffic cross the race route when no runners are present. Ms. Goss believes this will be the case at every intersection that goes north/south across the race route. Mr. Mahmud asked about the closure of E. Capitol from Lincoln Park to RFK stadium. Ms. Goss believes this stretch of the street will be subject to rolling closings as well from 8:30 to about 9:15 am.

- ii. Ms. Goss indicated she has talked to both churches along the stretch, Lincoln Park Methodist Church and another located at E. Capitol and 13th Street NE, and have supported the race.
 - 1. Questions were raised regarding whether these churches were the only ones to be impacted along the race route. Ms. Goss agreed to follow up with any other churches along the race route she has yet to speak to.
 - iii. Mr. Mahmud asked whether there would be disruptions, route changes, etc. for public transit riders to be aware of. Ms. Goss indicated the 96 bus runs on E. Capitol Street, but race organizers have never had to deal with rerouting in the past.
 - iv. Ms. Goss plans to notify residents about the race via local schools, Moms on the Hill (MOTH), campaign-style posters around the impacted neighborhoods, CHAMPS, Voice of the Hill, and The Hill is Home, but no door-to-door visits or door hangers will be done in our ANC.
 - v. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion to send a letter of support for the race, which specifically mentions the importance of allowing safe route crossing during the race. Mr. Ronneberg seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***
 - vi. Chairman Holmes left the meeting following the passing of this motion.
- B. Request to approve placement of trash dumpster on public space adjacent to new pizza restaurant located at 1387 H Street NE
- i. Mr. Mahmud made a motion to remove this item from the agenda given the business owner was not in attendance. Mr. Smoker seconded the motion, which passed without objection.
- C. Request for public space/construction permit for “Welcome to Rosedale” sign in the 1700 block of C Street NE
- i. Mr. Mahmud asked if anyone was in attendance to speak to this matter. There being none, Mr. Mahmud made a motion to remove this matter from the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.
 - ii. Ms. Phillips-Gilbert expressed interest in having a second welcome sign by the Rosedale Recreation Center. She hopes to speak with Ken Granata about this matter. Mr. Granata asked for this matter to be put on the agenda.
- D. Discuss 2011 Committee Goals
- i. The committee reviewed the draft goals distributed by Mr. Mahmud and discussed possible revisions.

- ii. Ms. Phillips-Gilbert expressed concern that the Capitol Hill Transportation Study has impacted her neighborhood. Discussion ensued regarding a modification to goal seven, which resulted in adding “and other upcoming or ongoing transportation studies” following the mention of Capitol Hill Transportation Study.
- iii. Goals 8 and 9 were slightly revised to modify the correct title for the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.
- iv. ***Mr. Ronneberg made a motion to adopt the 2011 committee goals with the proposed revisions discussed. Mr. Smoker seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***

VI. Additional Community Comment

- A. Mr. Mohring asked which ANC 6A committee should handle parks and recreation issues. Discussion ensued, with those in attendance agreeing a mandate to cover such issues does not currently exist for any of the committees.
- B. Mr. Mohring asked whether the committee has heard anything about the city’s efforts to address poor utility cuts which cause damage to roadways. He thinks Councilmember Wells may be taking this issue up soon and wonders if the ANC has heard anything. No one in attendance had knowledge of this issue.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.