

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes  
Sherwood Recreation Center Library (10<sup>th</sup> Street and G Street NE)  
May 21, 2012

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:07 pm
- II. In attendance: Joe Luce with Advisors LLC; residents Martine Combal, Mark Eckenwiler and Carl Frazer; Juan Amaya with DDOT; ANC 6A Commission Chair David Holmes and Commissioners Adam Healy and Andrew Hysell; and Committee Chair Omar Mahmud.
- III. Community Comment
  - A. Mr. Frazer raised a concern about lack of signage at the starburst intersection indicating whether a left turn from 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE onto H Street NE is allowed. Mr. Mahmud indicated he was not aware of the issue and that he would look into it before asking for DDOT assistance and possibly inviting DDOT to a future committee meeting.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Consider approval of curb cut for Capitol Hill Oasis site at the 900 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE (see attached plan) - Mr. Mahmud provided an overview of the developer's proposal to relocate the curb cut per the plan, and introduced Mr. Luce and thanked him for attending the meeting. Mr. Luce provided the following information and answered questions:
    - i. The developer will abandon the current curb cut, restore the curb/sidewalk, and build the new curb cut at the proposed location at the developer's sole expense.
    - ii. Mr. Mahmud asked why there is a need for two curb cut entrances into the alley serving the development's townhomes (there is also a curb cut entrance on Florida Avenue NE). Mr. Luce explained that the alley is too narrow to allow for two-way traffic, which necessitates an entry point and an exit point, as opposed to one curb cut to allow for entry and exit.
    - iii. Mr. Mahmud asked why the opening of the new proposed curb cut where it meets the street is wider than the current curb cut to be closed. Mr. Luce explained that the new opening or apron is wider to meet regulatory requirements.
    - iv. Ms. Combal asked a question about the integrity of the foundation for the condominium part of the development (lot 115) given there were past concerns about the foundation installed by the previous developer. Mr. Luce explained that the foundation is being removed and replaced by the new developer.
    - v. Mr. Mahmud asked why the plan shows conflicting direction arrows for traffic flow in the alley. Mr. Luce explained that the map arrows are an error and that traffic will actually enter from 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE and exit onto Florida Avenue NE.

- vi. Commissioner Healy indicated support for the curb cut relocation proposal and expressed frustration with DDOT and DCRA handling of the process. Mr. Healy indicated plans, permits and other important documentation for the project has gone missing and that he would like DDOT to look into how this happened after the project was approved. Mr. Amaya responded that DDOT has taken document management measures to prevent this from happening in the future and that he can explain the steps taken to Commissioner Healy offline since it will take about 15 minutes to explain. Mr. Amaya explained that documents are now scanned and posted online for the public to access.
  - vii. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC support the developer's proposal to remove the previous curb cut and relocate it per the plan along 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE at the developer's sole cost. Commissioner Healy seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***
- B. Consider support of a petition to convert the 1400 block of G Street NE from a two-way to a one-way street: Mr. Mahmud explained that all of G Street NE from Gales Street NE to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE is one-way except for this portion of the street and that Mr. Frazer is here to seek support for a petition to seek DDOT assistance with making this portion one-way as well. Mr. Mahmud introduced Mr. Frazer and thanked him for coming. Mr. Frazer provided the following information and answered questions:
- i. Mr. Frazer explained that this portion of G Street NE is narrow much like the surrounding portions of G Street, making it difficult for two-way traffic to navigate the street safely. In addition, parking is allowed on both sides of the street making it even more narrow and dangerous (cars have reportedly been sideswiped) and there is a good deal of truck traffic because of the Checkers fast food restaurant. Mr. Frazer also believes the conditions are dangerous for children crossing the street and he believes making the street one-way will alleviate traffic.
  - ii. Mr. Mahmud asked how many households are on the block and how many had signed the petition. Mr. Frazer responded that 15 of the 19 households on the block had signed the petition. Mr. Mahmud asked for Mr. Frazer to present the petition, which he did and Mr. Mahmud examined. Mr. Mahmud also asked that a copy of the petition be provided, which Mr. Frazer agreed to do.
  - iii. Commissioner Healy indicated he is the Commissioner for this SMD and that he supported the petition.
  - iv. Mr. Mahmud asked Mr. Frazer to clarify what the petition is asking for (i.e. asking that DDOT make the change to one-way or ask that DDOT undergo an evaluation or study and make the change if it concludes the change is warranted and feasible). Mr. Mahmud expressed concern that we not ask for traffic condition changes without knowing whether an evaluation by DDOT experts supported the proposal. Mr. Frazer indicated his agreement and clarified that the petition asks DDOT to look into the matter and make the change if supported by DDOT analysis.
  - v. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC support the petition of residents along 1400 G Street NE asking DDOT to evaluate changing the block to one-***

***way traffic only. Commissioner Healy seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***

- C. Consider proposal to amend visitor parking permit regulations in the DCMR (see attachments) - Mr. Mahmud introduced Mr. Eckenwiler and provided a brief overview of the issue. Mr. Eckenwiler provided the following information and answered questions:
- i. Mr. Eckenwiler explained that there is a current problem in the temporary permitting process where MPD issues permits to residents without limit allowing people to “free ride” on the RPP (residential parking permit) system continuously. So instead of registering a vehicle and obtaining an RPP, people just keep obtaining temporary visitor passes indefinitely.
  - ii. MPD signed a special order change striking language in the visitor permit order that put a limit on the number of visitor permits that can be issued.
  - iii. Mr. Eckenwiler proposes an amendment to the DCMR visitor parking permit provisions that would place a limit on the number of days a single vehicle can be permitted. His proposed revision has been adopted by ANC 6C and communicated to Councilmember Tommy Wells.
  - iv. Mr. Mahmud had one small edit recommendation, to change “DC” in the newly proposed subsection 2414.3(b) to “District of Columbia.”
  - v. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC send a letter of support for the proposed regulation revision to the visitor parking permit provisions in the DCMR, including Mr. Mahmud’s minor edit. The letter would be copied to the Secretary of the District and the City Administrator. Commissioner Healy seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***
- D. Consider proposing Zipcar spots: Mr. Mahmud explained that the ANC received a letter seeking proposed Zipcar locations in our ANC. Mr. Mahmud asked people to email him with ideas.
- i. Chairman Holmes indicated he has one suggestion, which he will email to Mr. Mahmud.

V. Additional Community Comment

- A. Chairman Holmes indicated he would like to seek more bike racks along H Street NE. He asked that people give him suggested locations so he can pass them on to DDOT.
- i. Mr. Eckenwiler suggested it would be a good idea to place racks on the north/south streets intersecting H Street NE where there is a good deal of public space currently used for illegal parking. Bike racks would help prevent that problem.

VI. Adjourn meeting at 7:52 pm.