

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Sherwood Recreation Center (10th Street and G Street NE)
September 17, 2012

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:05 without a quorum
- II. In attendance: Diane Romo Thomas with the National Marathon; residents Heather Cheshire, David Anspacher and Jason Townsend; ANC 6A Commission Chairman David Holmes and Committee Chairman J. Omar Mahmud.
- III. Announcements
 - A. Mr. Mahmud announced that DDOT will be hosting a public meeting to discuss proposed street safety improvement solutions for 17th Street NE and 19th Street NE.
Wednesday, September 26
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Friendship Public Charter School, Blow Pierce Campus
700 19th Street NE
- IV. Community Comment - None
- V. New Business
 - A. National Marathon presentation: Mr. Mahmud introduced Ms. Thomas, thanked her for attending and asked her to provide updated information regarding the race. Ms. Thomas provided the following information and took questions from those in attendance:
 - i. Ms. Thomas provided handout materials with race maps and other information, which she agreed to email to Mr. Mahmud (see attached).
 - ii. The course has been set and there are no changes to it since Ms. Thomas' last presentation to the committee regarding the course in July.
 - iii. Organizers expect about 20,000 registered participants in the half marathon, but expect there to be about 17,000 actual participants the day of the race. Also expect about 5,000 participants in the full marathon.
 - iv. Community outreach key points:
 1. A mailing and door hangers will go to all households near the course. The mailer will identify the event date, street closure times and the website/phone contact for more information.
 - a. Mr. Mahmud recommended highlighting the street closure times relevant to each household receiving the mailer, possibly by zip code. Ms. Thomas agreed to look into this suggestion.
 2. Street signs will be installed along the course with the race date, event name and website.
 3. Organizers are implementing robocalls for Capitol Hill area residents to provide race information.
 4. The website will contain customized web pages for each neighborhood so users can see which street closures apply to them.
 5. Hill Rag advertisement this year with bump cross routes along the course.

- a. Mr. Mahmud asked what came of discussions with MPD about designating bump cross routes to let motorists cross the course when it is safe to do so? Ms. Thomas indicated MPD is providing bump cross routes at 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 15th along East Capitol Street.
 6. There will be no amplification at B13 stage at Lincoln Park and lowered amplification at B11 stage on H Street (see race course map attached). The amplified sound at B11 will begin around 8:24 am and end around noon.
 - a. Mr. Mahmud stressed that the sound must be turned way down that early in the morning.
 7. Organizers are working with hotels and taxi cabs to plan for logistics.
 - a. Chairman Holmes recommended informing bus service providers not to try parking at RFK on race day. Ms. Thomas agreed to do this.
 8. Work with churches and hospitals and the dialysis center to plan for race day disruptions and appointments/services.
 9. WMATA operators will be briefed on the event so that bus customers will be told about route changes and street closures when calling customer service for help with getting around the area via bus.
 10. Chairman Holmes recommended organizers also talk to 6D proactively.
 11. Organizers will talk to H Street businesses about the event and the need to plan for deliveries and other disruptions on race day.
 12. Trash should be much less of an issue now since the race is not starting in our ANC this year. Nearest water station is at 4th and H, but trash clean up on H Street has not been an issue of concern in past years.
 13. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC send a letter of support for 2013 National Marathon, which passed without objection (no quorum).***
- B. Petition by residents to extend 1200 block of D Street NE brick sidewalk to the curbside.
- i. Mr. Mahmud thanked Heather Cheshire and David Anspacher for attending and asked them to provide information regarding the proposal.
 1. Ms. Cheshire indicated residents along the block want a letter from the ANC in support of their proposal to fill in the dirt/grassy area between the current sidewalk and the curb with brick. They want the city to do an extension, not necessarily a replacement. Mr. Mahmud asked that they send him a copy of the petition itself, which he will share with the Commissioners, but not include in the minutes.
 2. Mr. Mahmud made it clear his recommendation would be to ask DDOT to look into the feasibility of granting this request and to implement the change if DDOT supports the proposal (e.g. there are no drainage issues, limited downside from loss of green space, etc.).
 3. Mr. Mahmud also indicated Ms. Cheshire and Mr. Anspacher should come to the full ANC meeting on October 11 to present this proposal for approval since we are meeting without a quorum.

4. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC send a letter to DDOT supporting the residents' request that DDOT look into the feasibility of extending brick sidewalk to the curb along the 1200 block of D Street NE.***
- C. Proposal to convert four hour parking meters in the 800 block of 12th Street NE to 15 minute parking.
- i. Mr. Mahmud thanked Jason Townsend for attending and asked him to present his proposal.
 1. There are currently four metered parking spots (two on each side) of the 800 block of 12th Street NE that each allow four hour parking.
 2. Parking is challenging at this location given the high number of visitors to Horace & Dickie's. To increase parking turnover and make it easier for patrons to park while visiting Horace & Dickies, which is a fast food operation and not a sit down restaurant, Mr. Townsend proposes making these parking spots 15 minute parking spots (metered or unmetered).
 3. Mr. Mahmud indicated DDOT is looking to redo meters along H Street as part of the performance parking proposal so we may have an opportunity to request this when the meters are changed.
 4. Chairman Holmes suggested we may need to look into doing this at other spots near H Street as well.
 5. Mr. Mahmud pointed out that he has heard complaints from business owners about not having enough long-term parking like this near H Street so there may be an argument against the idea. However, Mr. Mahmud also pointed out that public transit options should be improved in the near future and that making this change may go a long way towards alleviating the parking on public space concerns we now experience at this location.
 6. Mr. Mahmud recommended Mr. Townsend come to the full commission meeting on October 11 since there is no quorum for this recommendation.
 7. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC send a letter to DDOT asking that it look into changing at least some of the four hour metered parking spots along the 800 block of 12th Street NE into 15 minute parking spots (metered or unmetered), which passed without objection (no quorum).***
- D. Review of public space application for bench near the vicinity of 900 G Street NE
- i. Chairman Holmes received an application for public space to install a bench outside the entrance to the Capitol Hill Towers residence at 900 G Street NE. The bench location on the application is placed outside the entrance near the sidewalk.
 - ii. Mr. Mahmud expressed a great deal of concern with this proposal given the bench will be beyond the facility's fence and in the public where anyone can sit on it. He indicated this block is already dealing with loitering and other public safety concerns due to individuals hanging out along the side of the Sherwood Recreation Center. Chairman Holmes agreed with this concern.
 - iii. Chairman Holmes and Mr. Mahmud agreed it would be best for the facility to locate the bench somewhere within its fenced area and not near the street.

Preferably somewhere underneath the walkway canopy so the bench and those using it can be protected from the elements. In addition, this location will enable residents of the facility to use the bench without it being used by non-residents loitering around the recreation center.

- iv. Chairman Holmes also recommended that the bench be divided into separate seating areas to prevent lying down along the length of the bench.
- v. Chairman Holmes and Mr. Mahmud agreed that it would be best not to support this application for public space unless the location of the bench on public space complies with the discussed recommendations.

VI. Additional Community Comment - None.

VII. Adjourn meeting at 8pm.