

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Sherwood Recreation Center (10th Street and G Street NE)
January 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm

- I. Call meeting to order
7:08 PM
- II. Introductions (5 minutes)
Commissioner Mahmud noted there are new committee members for 2013. Each member introduced himself briefly.
- III. Community Comment (5 minutes)
No comments at this time
- IV. Announcements
 - A. DDOT to provide update about Maryland Avenue redesign project
Date and Time: February 7 at 7:30 pm
Location: the Kaiser-Permanente Capitol Hill Medical Center, 700 2nd St., NE, lobby-level conference room (check at front desk for exact location)
This meeting has been postponed until March. New meeting date to be announced soon.
- V. New Business
 - A. Review of public space application for Chupacabra restaurant to be located at H Street and 9th Street NE - Mahmud (30 minutes)
Jason Martin and Kevin (last name unknown) "the owners" represented Chupacabra. They are proposing a restaurant near the corner of 9th and H NE. They are proposing a sidewalk café with 56 seats as the main part of the occupancy of the café (10 seats inside). The owners have applied for but are unsure of status of public space permit for outdoor seating. They will check with the city and inform the committee. There is a permit for designated parking on the sidewalk at 9th/H NE for Stan's Pants.

The owners have an eventual plan for additional indoor seating and expansion of restaurant. For now, the kitchen and 10 indoor seating spaces will be run out of a 600+/- square foot garage on 9th St NE.

Commissioner Alberti expresses concern for the width of the sidewalk available to pedestrians if outdoor seating is installed as proposed. Community member expresses concern for trash, noise, animals, and other issues that outdoor seating might bring. Commissioner Mahmud states concern that outdoor seating would be so close to adjacent neighbor's houses.

Owners state that trash would be kept out of public view, perhaps in renovated basement area of adjacent building owned by Stan's Pants. Owners state that sound engineer has provided plan for sound dampening so neighbors will not be adversely affected. Owner states fence for outdoor seating would be removable within 24 hours.

Commissioner Mahmud states it will be helpful to have an actual application in hand for public space use. Owners will track down status of application. Neighbors express desire for more concrete plans on trash, noise, permitting, and other previously raised issues from owners. Owners encouraged to consider these issues and re-appear before committee at a later date.

- B. Review of public space modification proposal to allow for a canopy above public space patio area for Cusbah, located at 1128 H Street NE - Mahmud (30 minutes)
Owner proposing to add canopy to already permitted and operating outdoor public space permit at Cusbah. Owner requesting for 2 reasons. First, it will allow him to operate outdoor seating year round, increasing revenue. Second, it will mitigate issue of area homeless population bothering customers who are patronizing the outdoor space. The canopy would have removable covering which would allow the owner to keep the space full enclosed, or to make it open air, depending on outdoor conditions. Owner not proposing permanent structure or any HVAC installation in this space. Owner states current allowed hours of operation for restaurant are until 11pm Sundays to Wednesdays, until 2am Thursdays and Fridays, and until 2:45am Saturdays.

The committee expresses concern about potential noise problems resulting from canopy. Owner states intention to work with committee on that issue if the restaurant receives any noise complaints in the future. At this point, owner provides overview of application packet that has been provided to DDOT.

Motion to approve modified use of public space application by Commissioner Mahmud. Seconded and unanimously passed.

- C. Presentation and request for approval regarding Capitol Hill Classic Race - Mahmud (20 minutes)
Organizers and representative of PACERS event present details on race. This is the 34th year of the race. Includes a 10K, a 3K, and a fun run race. Race scheduled for May 19th. Race will employ rolling street closures, beginning in ANC6A at 8:45am and lasting until about 10am on day of race. PACERS rep spoke of race management preparation to ensure smooth operation of race. Organizers expecting about 4000 participants. Organizers will post signs in public spaces and on message board ahead of race date to inform community. Cm. Holmes asked about usage of bump crossroutes. Organizers will check with MPD on the issue.

Motion by Commissioner Mahmud to support the race. Seconded by Member Slopes. Unanimously passes.

- D. Review of 2013 committee goals - Mahmud (15 minutes, time permitting)
Motion to table this agenda item until next meeting. No objections.
- VI. Additional Community Comment (time permitting)
None.
- VII. Adjourn meeting
8:22PM