

Minutes
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Introductions & Announcements.

Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (Chair), Caitlin Rogger (Secretary), Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman

Commissioners present: Amber Gove (6A04).

III. Old Business.

- A. DDOT update on the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#). Mr. [Peyton Manning](#) (Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project Outreach Team) updated the committee and community on progress on the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project. Mr. Peyton Manning noted there were limited updates to share. Chair Shaun Lynch observed that Washington Gas appeared to not be practicing in compliance with pedestrian safety measures. Mr. Manning noted this issue.
- B. Safety concerns with the existing design and approved Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project design at the intersections of Florida Avenue NE, 12th Street NE, K Street NE, and Montello Avenue NE. Chair Lynch re-introduced the community's safety concerns with the existing design. At the last committee meeting, the Committee agreed to draft a letter asking DDOT to review existing plans for safety, noting there was a thin window for affecting these plans, as suggested by the Streetscape team. Chair Lynch presented a series of slides outlining issues with the current design and proposed design for 12th and K Streetx NE, including: pedestrian and cyclist safety issues at the intersection; excessive traffic speed on 12th Street; and significant increases in crime from the 800 to the 1000 block of 12th Street NE. The presentation noted that according to the DDOT TSI dashboard for the intersection, 10 TSIs were designated for future consideration and one under investigation in Q4 of 2023. It was noted that DDOT had made safety improvements, but that safety itself had not improved. Chair Lynch went through several potential options to propose to DDOT for consideration and evaluation, including: converting the entire combined intersections into a traffic circle; blocking the intersection of 12th Street NE south of Florida Avenue; blocking all northbound traffic on 12th Street NE from accessing westbound Florida Avenue NE and K Street NE, but allowing southbound traffic to turn west on K Street NE; blocking all northbound traffic on 12th Street NE from accessing westbound Florida Avenue NE and K Street NE, but allowing southbound traffic to keep existing access to 12th and K Streets NE; converting 12th Street NE to a one-way southbound between Florida Avenue NE and H Street NE. Each of these options could have benefits or drawbacks for scale of the project, safety, traffic flow, or bus service, which should be thoroughly evaluated by DDOT to determine feasible options.
- i. Commissioner Gove inquired what DDOT had said thus far. Chair Lynch responded that limited feedback had been offered, but that the request had to be in as soon as possible in order to possibly have an effect. Commissioner

Gove added that new research finds that 10-11 feet is wide enough for FEMS trucks to get through, so it may be useful to cite that.

- ii. Committee Member Mark Sussman inquired as to coordinating with other ANCs that would be affected, with the Chair responding that he'd joined the ANC 5D meeting the night before, with all but one commissioner supportive of some kind of modification, and the traffic circle of the most interest, and some concerns about blocking off the street resulting in being cut off from Capitol Hill. 6C was reported to be interested in joining the proposed letter.
- iii. Community member Patrick Bloomstine expressed full support of any measures to slow traffic on 12th Street NE and concern that any option retaining the curvature of the street would encourage speeding; flex posts were deemed less useful than bollards.
- iv. Community member Michael Cushman noted he had missed some of the presentation but raised concerns about the prospect of placing a roundabout on a principal arterial road, with the Chair responding this was not the main suggestion but one of several. Mr. Cushman asked if the letter had been drafted, and Chair Lynch responded it would be posted to the website for the full ANC meeting.
- v. Community members were thanked for their comments.

Chair Lynch made the motion recommending: That ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting immediate consideration of design changes ahead of existing construction plans to address persistent safety issues at the intersections of Florida Avenue NE, 12th Street NE, K Street NE, and Montello Avenue NE.

Committee member Caitlyn Rogger seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business.

- A. 43rd Annual Capitol Hill Classic 10K, 3K, and Fun Run. Jayme Johnson, Outreach Chair for the Capitol Hill Classic, presented race course and logistical details requested a letter of support for the 43rd Annual Run. Mr. Johnson noted that the 10K/3K/fun run would take place Sunday, May 19, 2024, starting at 8:30, 10:30 and 11:00 am, respectively. Parking enforcement would begin from 3:30 AM, with event setup occurring at 5:30 am, and event breakdown planned for 12:00 pm. The street closure would be in effect from 5:30 am to noon at various spots. Committee members thanked Mr. Johnson and noted the importance of informing churches well in advance, as the event was planned for a Sunday. Commissioner Gove thanked Mr. Johnson, and suggested that immediately after a race would be a good opportunity for a neighborhood cleanup. Mr. Johnson agreed the idea had merit and agreed to look into it.

Chair Lynch made the motion recommending: That ANC 6A send a letter of support to HSEMA for the 2024 Capitol Hill Classic Race.

Committee Member Sussman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- B. DDOT Performance Oversight Hearing. Commissioner Gove explained that she and Commissioner Shapiro would like to gather Commission and community input for ANC 6A testimony ahead of the DDOT Performance Oversight Hearing, tentatively

scheduled for February 9th, 2024, to be provided by Commissioner Shapiro and highlighting sidewalk safety and pedestrian priority.

Commissioner Gove made the motion recommending: That ANC 6A draft testimony with Commission and community input for the DDOT Performance Oversight Hearing.

Chair Lynch seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- V. Community Comment.
 - A. Commissioner Anna Roblin from ANC 5D noted dissatisfaction with DDOT's decision to remove crosswalks on Florida Avenue, expressing hope that Councilmembers Allen and Parker would assist with ensuring they are put back.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.