

MINUTES
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm

- I. Called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions
 - A. Committee members in attendance: Chair Elizabeth Nelson, Marc Brummer, Maura Dundon, Caitlin Rogger.
 - B. Commissioners in attendance: Mike Soderman (6A03), Amber Gove (6A04), Ruth Ann Hudson (6A05), Brian Alcorn (6A08).
- II. Announcements: none
- III. Community Comment: none
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Presentation of traffic study results for 8th & A Street intersection as well as 10th & East Capitol Street intersection.
 - i. Naomi Klein, DDOT, sent study results, but did not attend the meeting.
 - ii. 8th and A Street NE intersection: Ms. Klein emailed to state that DDOT intends to issue a Notice of Intent to install All-Way-Stop-Control (AWSC), i.e., 4-way stop signs, in light of the traffic study. The Committee expressed its satisfaction.
 - iii. 10th and East Capitol Street NE intersection: Ms. Klein's email stated that the results of DDOT's September 2018 traffic study of the intersection, using federal criteria, did not support the addition of AWSC at this time. Instead, DDOT will restrict parking 25 feet from the existing crosswalk and restripe the parking boxes and crosswalk. DDOT stated it will continue monitoring the intersection to evaluate whether removing additional parking and installing flexible posts would be necessary. Commissioner Soderman highly disagreed with DDOT's conclusion, and the Committee was also dissatisfied. The Committee noted that the intersection will continue to be on the Commissioners' list of pedestrian safety issues, which is discussed below.
 - B. Re-evaluation of prioritized "pedestrian safety issues" list for submission to DDOT, subsequent to input from Commissioners.
 - i. Commissioner Gove raised adding 19th Street and Constitution Avenue, due to the risks to teachers and students from the rapid one-way traffic on 19th Street. The intersection currently has only 2-way stop signs on Constitution Avenue.
 - ii. Ms. Gove also raised the 100 block of Tennessee Avenue NE in light of 2 accidents in the past year.
 - iii. The Committee received a copy of a letter from Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen's office to DDOT in reference to C and 15th Streets NE, but the focus was on C Street (not 15th Street or the intersection at 15th and C Street) so that item was not removed from the list.
 - iv. The Committee noted that 8th and A Streets could be removed from the list in light of the DDOT plan to issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) for AWSC.

- v. Ms. Rogger summarized the changes : remove 8th and A Streets from the list, add 19th Street and Constitution Avenue, edit the existing Tennessee Avenue item to include the 100 block, and continue to list 10th and East Capitol Streets, including consideration of additional traffic calming measures beyond the DDOT study results, such as a raised crosswalk and AWSC.
- vi. After discussion, the TPS selected the following 11 areas of study (order of appearance not significant):
 1. 15th Street NE between East Capitol & C Streets NE - Speeding and difficulties related to the layout of the intersection at C Street;
 2. The intersection of East Capitol Street, Massachusetts Avenue & 11th Street NE - confusing traffic pattern and signage contributing to problems that extend to 1100-1200 blocks of East Capitol Street, 1000 block of Massachusetts Avenue, unit and 100 blocks of 11th Street;
 3. 0-400 blocks of 17th Street NE - Speeding. Suggestions include raised crosswalks at 17th Street and Constitution Avenue/17th & C Streets along school route, in addition to a red-light camera, which might be the purview of MPD);
 4. 0-400 blocks of 10th Street NE - Speeding, excessive traffic, used by commercial vehicles - Requesting “No Commercial Vehicle” signage; possible solutions include speed humps, raised crosswalks, making on block one-way if this can be done without increasing traffic on 9th and 11th Streets NE;
 5. Intersection at 10th and East Capitol Streets NE - Numerous collisions - Need for stop sign or traffic light; this might have the additional beneficial effect of reducing traffic and speeding on blocks north of the intersection. ;Note: the TPS Committee is not satisfied with the response of DDOT as outlined in the traffic study results provided in February;
 6. Intersection at 19th Street and Constitution Avenue NE - Speeding, difficult to cross and close to two schools. Suggestions include raised crosswalks or a 4-way stop;
 7. Intersection at 8th and D Streets NE - Pedestrian near-misses - Suggesting raised crosswalks;
 8. Intersection at 8th and G Streets NE - Stop-light running and speeding - Of particular concern for senior citizens from Capitol Hill Towers - Suggesting raised crosswalks, curb extensions or pedestrian refuge;
 9. Intersection at 8th and F Streets NE - Stop-light running and speeding - Of particular concern for senior citizens from Capitol Hill Towers - Suggesting raised crosswalks, curb extensions or pedestrian refuge;
 10. 100-400 blocks of Tennessee Avenue NE - Speeding - TPS noted that planned changes to the intersection at Tennessee and Constitution Avenues & 13th Street will improve pedestrian safety but are unlikely to improve speeding north of said intersection
 11. Intersection at 14th and G Streets NE - Chick-Fil-A-related traffic creates the temptation to make a wrong-way turn north onto 14th Street as a shortcut - Possibly bulb-out or pylons would make this less tempting.
- vii. ***Ms. Rogger moved to recommend that ANC 6A send this list of high-priority traffic/pedestrian safety issues to DDOT. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brumer and passed unanimously 8-0 (including the ANC commissioners present).***

VI. New Business

- A. The 40th Annual 2019 Capitol Hill Classic 10K, 3K, and Fun Run - May 19 , 2019
- i. Ms. Stewart, representative of Capitol Hill Cluster PTA and Classic organizer, discussed the route, including street closures, and the “clean streets” parking restrictions for the Capitol Hill Classic, and requested a letter of support.
 - ii. There was some discussion regarding the inconveniences of the Clear Route Initiative that forces the removal of all parked vehicles from the race route. However, as this event provides direct benefit to the community, the Committee felt that the race should still be allowed to take place.
 - iii. ***Ms. Rogger moved to recommend that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the District’s Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) for the Capitol Hill Classic. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dundon and passed unanimously 8-0 (including the ANC commissioners present).***
- B. Review of potential application for Maury Elementary under the Daytime School Zone Parking Act
- i. Ms. Gove discussed three proposed options regarding parking and outdoor play space for Maury Elementary, in light of the reduction of outdoor play space in the school’s redesign.
 - ii. The Committee and several community members voiced support for the option to increase outdoor play space by decreasing the school parking lot, and to allow teachers and staff to access residential parking in the Maury school zone. The Committee also expressed the need to reduce the burden on the residents immediately adjacent to the school on 12th Place, which could be accomplished by making the west side of the 200 Block resident-only parking.
 - iii. The Committee discussed whether the residential parking permits should be extended only to school staff and teachers employed by the District and regularly scheduled to work at the site, or also to other non-Maury employees located at the school (in particular, aftercare staff). A “straw poll” indicated that the majority felt that extending it to non-District employees would encourage the use of cars and discourage the use of public transportation. To some extent, this is true of providing any employee parking, but that can’t be avoided because of there is a requirement to provide it for teachers. There is no requirement to provide it to the non-District employees. The minority view was that the before and after care staff are less well-compensated than others and would benefit from free parking.
 - iv. Ms. Gove indicated that many employees are not familiar with the free public transportation benefits for which they are eligible and that this should be corrected. There was some discussion of adding that to a recommendation but that is a separate issue under the purview of a different agency.
 - v. ***Ms. Gove moved to recommend that ANC 6A send a letter of request to DDOT to provide residential parking permits pursuant to the Daytime School Parking Zone for Maury Elementary School with boundaries identical to the boundaries of the Maury Elementary School boundary zone; hours of operation from 7 am. to 6 pm; and parking permits provided only to District Government employees regularly scheduled to work at the Maury site, and conditional on approval of the variance request by DCPS/DGS to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to reduce on-site parking below the minimum 21 spaces required by zoning regulations; commitment by DCPS/DGS to convert a portion of the planned parking lot to play space; and conversion of the west side of the 200 block of 12th Place NE to Resident***

*Only Parking. The motion was seconded by Mr. Soderman and passed 7-1
(including ANC commissioners present)*

VII. Community Comment: none

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.