

MINUTES
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm

I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Introductions:

Committee members in attendance: Chair Elizabeth Nelson, Marc Brumer, Maura Dundon, Jeff Fletcher, Caitlin Rogger

Commissioners in attendance: Brian Alcorn (6A08), Mike Soderman (6A03), Amber Gove (6A04)

III. Old Business

The Committee discussed traffic study information provided by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding the intersections at 13th and I Streets NE and 14th and A Streets NE.

Ms. Nelson reported that the ANC received notice from DDOT that an inspector would be sent to assess a hedge at the 14th and A Street NE intersection, which is not in compliance with regulations* and blocks pedestrian and vehicular sightlines.

*<http://dcrules.elaws.us/dcmr/24-102>: 102.4 Hedges on parking shall not exceed three feet (3 ft.) in height, nor project more than six inches (6 in.) over the sidewalk. On corner properties, if hedges are placed at the back of the sidewalk, they must be planted not more than ten inches (10 in.) above the sidewalk grade.

IV. New Business

A. Public Space Application (Tracking # 346179 Review # 641311) for fence over 42 inches at 1387 North Carolina Ave NE. The current owner was present, along with a representative of the company that built the fence. The Committee discussed the matter, including that this is a retroactive permit for a fence built partially on public parking by the company without a permit prior to the current owner's purchase of the property. Other extensive, unpermitted work was done by the same contractor at this address (per Ms. Nadal of the Historic Preservation Office). The Committee noted that the permit does not correctly state the height of the fence (6 feet) and does not have the current owner's name. The fence is of a type (board on board) and height (> 42 inches) that would generally be considered inappropriate in public parking within the Capitol Hill Historic District. However, the fence that is the subject of the permit replaced an existing fence in roughly the same location. In further discussion, Committee members agreed that ANC6A should not go so far as to support the application, given that it would set a precedent for similarly inappropriate fences on public parking. Instead, given that the fence is toward the rear of the public parking area and replaces a similarly inappropriate fence, a letter stating "no substantial objections" so that the current owner is not further inconvenienced.

Ms. Gove made the motion: ***That the TPS Committee recommends that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT stating that the ANC has no substantial objection to the public***

space permit application (Tracking # 346179 Review # 641311) for fence over 42 inches at 1387 North Carolina Ave NE, provided that the permit is corrected to list the current owner and state the correct height of the fence, and that ANC6A send a letter to the company that built the fence requesting that they do not perform unpermitted work in the future, and suggesting that it compensate the current owner for her time in obtaining the retroactive permit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brumer and passed 8-0, including the Commissioners present.

- B. Development of questions to be addressed to DDOT Director Marootian at March 12, 2020 ANC 6A meeting.

The Committee discussed possible questions for Mr. Marootian. These were entered into a spreadsheet for distribution to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. The DDOT Ward 6 Liaison, Andre DeFrank, took notes which he will provide to Mr. Marootian in advance of the meeting. A list of some general topics appears at the end of these minutes.

- C. Requests for Resident Only Parking (ROP). This item was not on the published agenda. Mr. Soderman raised the issue of making requests for ROP on 9th and 10th Street NE. Mr. Brumer also raised the need for Resident Only Parking on the 1200 Block of Linden Place NE. Per DDOT requirements, requests must be made in groups of five blocks, which do not need to be contiguous. The days of the week and hours of the ROP should conform to those for RPP at the same locations.

Mr. Soderman made the motion: *That the TPS Committee recommends that ANC6A submit a request for Resident Only Parking (ROP) for the unit block of 10th Street NE, the 100 block of 10th Street NE, the 1000 block of Massachusetts Avenue NE, the 100 Block of 9th Street NE, the unit block of 9th Street NE, and the 1200 block of Linden Place NE.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Brumer and passed 7-0, with one Committee member (Mr. Fletcher) abstaining.

- V. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

General topics for discussion with Director Marootian:

- Bring Open Streets (car-free) Sundays to H Street NE?
- Where are any additional Pick Up/Drop Off sites planned?
- Could there be a mid-block crossing on the long block between 13th and 14th and H St NE?
- Better signage for school zones in front of Eastern Senior High School and Eliot-Hine Middle School.
- How to address traffic diversion caused by traffic flow changes.
- How to address diverted rideshare traffic on smaller residential streets, including getting data from rideshare companies and the issue of Waze routing through the smaller streets
- Creating channels to report public space violations, such as 311 and 311.dc.gov
- A thank you to Urban Forestry