

MINUTES
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm

- I. Called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions
 - A. Committee members in attendance: Chair Elizabeth Nelson, Amanda Bonita, Marc Brummer, Hassan Christian, Maura Dundon, Jeff Fletcher, Todd Sloves.
 - B. Commissioners in attendance: Mike Soderman (6A03) and Brian Alcorn (6A08).
- II. Announcements: none
- III. Community Comment: none
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Follow-up of previously reported issues: Tenth (10th) and East Capitol Traffic Study; Residential Parking Only signage at 1000 block of F Street NE, 800 block of Eighth (8th) Street NE and 1300 block of Maryland Avenue NE and Eighth (8th) and A Streets NE.
 - i. Mr. Soderman and Committee members raised continuing concerns about the Tenth (10th) and East Capitol Street NE intersection. ANC 6A has identified this as a priority intersection and has expressed its desire for a 4-way stop. Despite the high number of accidents, the DDOT safety study performed in September 2018 concluded that the intersection does not meet the criteria to install a 4-way stop and limited planned safety measures to removing parking to improve visibility and repainting. Mr. Soderman stated that the ANC 6A would continue to pursue additional safety measures at the intersection. Mr. Voight (DDOT) clarified that the parking must be removed from Tenth (10th) and East Capitol Street intersection regardless of the results of the study, because the parking violates city standards on visibility.
 - ii. The Committee thanked DDOT for its action on Eighth (8th) 8th and A Streets NE.
 - iii. Ms. Klein (DDOT) discussed placement of residential parking-only signage at the above-referenced intersections. She is not sure of the timeline, since a new rule applies for the first time, but her sense is that it will be in the coming months.
 - B. Discussion of Commissioners' prioritized list of "pedestrian/traffic safety issues" as submitted to DDOT.

Ms. Klein stated that DDOT received the list from ANC 6A, and it has been forwarded to Mr. Voight to follow up. DDOT's next step is to identify in next few weeks which of the priorities needs a new traffic study.
 - C. Discussion of Commissioners' prioritized list of "pedestrian/traffic safety issues" as submitted to DDOT.
 - i. Emily Dalphy (DDOT) gave an update on the traffic calming measures planned for the Ninth (9th) Street/West Virginia Avenue/L Street NE intersection. DDOT will issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) to close off access to West Virginia Avenue NE from the intersection's the north leg (Ninth (9th) Street NE) and west leg (L

Street NE). DDOT will also upgrade the crosswalks with new painting, install curb extensions using delineator posts, and install parking boxes.

Implementation is slated for Spring 2019.

- ii. The Committee discussed whether the crosswalk could be raised instead of just repainted. Ms. Dalphy stated DDOT considered a raised speed table, but a manhole made this infeasible. Ms. Dalphy clarified that manhole-raising is technically possible, but it is not within the scope of the DDOT team currently installing traffic calming improvements at this intersection.
- iii. ***Mr. Soderman moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 6A send a letter of support for DDOT's proposal to install traffic calming measures as proposed at the Ninth (9th) Street/West Virginia Avenue/L Street NE intersection. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloves and passed unanimously (9-0), including the Commissioners present.***

VI. New Business

- A. Consideration of a protected bicycle lane connecting NE and NW on K Street NE, as part of the K Street "road diet."
 - i. Ms. Dalphy presented on the Corridor Safety Assessment DDOT performed in response to an ANC 6C resolution, and the resulting road diet plan for the corridor. From First (1st) to Second (2nd) Street NE (under the railway bridge), DDOT intends to install sharrows for the short-term, and continue evaluating other measures. From Second (2nd) Street to Sixth (6th) Street NE, DDOT intends to remove parking from the north side of the street and to add bike lanes on both sides of the street. This will result in one lane of car traffic and bike traffic in each direction. DDOT also plans to add curb extensions, and add an eastbound left-turn lane at Sixth (6th) Street NE. From Sixth (6th) Street to Twelfth (12th) Street/Florida Avenue NE, DDOT will add curb extensions and an east-bound left turn lane at Eighth (8th) Street NE. This will result in full-time parking on both sides of the street, and one lane of car traffic and bike traffic in each direction. Restricted parking during school hours would remain on the 600 block of K Street NE. The necessary NOI (for changes to parking and the turn lanes) will be issued in Spring 2019, with implementation scheduled for Summer 2019.
 - ii. Ms. Dalphy clarified in response to discussion that other bike safety options for the railroad tunnel remain under consideration.
 - iii. The Committee took no action on the road diet, as no action was necessary at this time.
- B. Consideration of the request from Maddox Engineers & Surveyors Inc. [on behalf of owner/applicant Andrew Botticello, Rosedale Development LLC] for support of their permit application #324283 to extend 8 driveways through public space to allow access to the alley lots (SSL#4546, lots 179-186), located behind the 17Solar Condo property at 410-417 Seventeenth (17th) Street NE. Andrew Botticello and Phinis Jones, Rosedale Development, LLC were in attendance.
 - i. Mr. Botticello presented materials in support of the permit application. The permit concerns eight new fee-simple rowhouses he plans to construct in the alley lot behind the 17Solar Phase 1 condo development that faces Seventeenth (17th) Street NE. Three of the 8 units will be affordable. In the permit application, the front of the new units would face west onto a private alley behind 17Solar. The permit would allow driveways over the alley lot leading to garages in the rear of the new units, along with landscaping. Mr. Botticello

- explained that he anticipated that the residents would maintain the landscaping and driveways on the public space as their backyards, similar to how rowhouse owners in DC maintain their front yard and stoop areas that are on public space. This would beautify and maintain public space to the benefit of the public. Mr. Botticello noted that an alternative would be to pave the entire alley, which would still result in residents likely parking in the public space but with no landscaping. Mr. Botticello also stated that the units would likely have a legal right to access over the public alleys, regardless of the permit.
- ii. Mr. Botticello explained that because the District only recently permitted residential development in alley lots, the requirements for access are unclear. He stated that the District Public Space Committee (PSC) had requested that he receive support from the ANC at an earlier stage than normal in the development process.
 - iii. Committee members, ANC 6A Commissioners and community members expressed their concern about the use of public space in the proposed manner. Among other issues, it was stated that the driveways and yards would commandeer public space and might interfere with development of adjacent lots.
 - iv. Committee members asked Mr. Botticello whether the plan could be reoriented - “flipped” - to face east onto the alley, as is generally the case with alley dwellings. Mr. Botticello has retained ownership of 9 parking spaces in the 17Solar parking lot. The rear of the new units could be reoriented to open west, onto this lot, allowing residents to access their units from the private alley/parking lot and using the parking spaces already available there. This would obviate the need for rear entrances over public space, while still providing parking and access for the new units.
 - v. Mr. Botticello said that he was not clear on the alley access legal requirements, despite having asked the PSC for clarity. He stated that he does not know what he is allowed to do. Ms. Nelson responded that TPS/ANC representatives would be willing to meet with him and with the PSC to get a first-hand account of the PSC position on this. Mr. Botticello did not indicate whether he would accept this offer.
 - vi. Residents of 17Solar present at the meeting also raised an issue of the water meter at 17Solar which will be used to provide water for the new development. They believe that the size of the water meter increases their costs, and that sharing it with the new development will create difficulties as all the water for the 8 new fee-simple units would be piped through the 17Solar Condominium’s water meter. They have asked Mr. Botticello to rectify this situation and he has declined. Mr. Botticello stated that the 17Solar condo association could contract with the new development and install a submeter, and this would reduce storm water fees for everyone.
 - vii. ***Ms. Dundon moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC 6A decline to support the permit, due to the petitioner’s lack of guidance from the PSC about alley lot access requirements and the likelihood that a more suitable parking solution can be found. The Committee believes that, depending on alley lot access regulatory requirements, the units could be re-oriented to allow parking access from the private alley, using the existing 9 parking spaces. The owners could then petition to landscape the public space facing the alley in much the same way owners facing the street landscape the “public parking” in front of their homes. This would preserve public***

space as a public amenity. The sense of the Committee is that private driveways over public space reduce its public character. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloves and passed unanimously 9-0, including the Commissioners present.

VII. Community Comment: none

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.