

**Minutes**  
**ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting**  
**Monday March 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements. Committee members present: Patrick Bloomstine (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman, and Shaun Lynch. Commissioners present: Dave Wethington (6A05/Chair 6A ANC)
- III. Old Business
  - a. West Virginia Avenue NE
    - i. Chair Bloomstine noted that a neighbor had reached out with continued concerns about the volume and speed of traffic on this stretch of road.
    - ii. Committee member Lynch relayed that DDOT had done a traffic study and there is a planned signal installation to help with queueing at the intersection of K Street/8th Street/West Virginia Avenue NE. At one point there was consideration of a plan to turn West Virginia Avenue to one way in a northeast direction. ANC 6A sent a letter requesting this along with a speed hump which was installed, but it is very shallow and is not a serious obstacle to traffic on the road. He believed that speeding happens going outbound, but the idea would be that adding a bike lane would constrict the road and force drivers to slow down. The issues occur because of driveway curbcuts on the north side of the street. He also noted that a lot of southwest bound cars divert down 9th Street to bypass the three-street intersection.
    - iii. Committee member Sussman noted that the pavement is very cracked and bumpy which committee member Lynch did note has been slowing some traffic down.
  - b. Scott Price from Capitol Hill Village presented an update from their Sidewalk Safety Team
    - i. Members identified it as a serious problem
    - ii. Statistics show that sidewalk repair time takes much longer than road repair generally takes.
    - iii. CM Allen's office was able to budget \$5 million to sidewalk repair.
    - iv. DDOT attempted to conduct an assessment of all sidewalks in DC in 2023.
    - v. Ward 6 has the second highest number of fair, poor, and very poor rated sidewalks in the district.
    - vi. The sidewalk safety team from Capitol Hill Village testified about sidewalk safety at the DDOT oversight hearing in February.
    - vii. The presentation is attached to these minutes for further information.
    - viii. Mr. Price asked for the committee's help finding people's stories on sidewalk safety issues which can help with policy going forward.

IV. New Business

a. Open Streets Capitol Hill.

- i. This is slated to occur on Saturday June 28, 2025 taking place mostly in 6B but running through Lincoln Park from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- ii. Committee member Sussman suggested that the ANC request a tent through the Commissioners. The ANC could run a table with information and other fun items.
- iii. Chair Bloomstine pointed out that this will be exciting to extend the open streets of Eastern Market into the greater Capitol Hill neighborhood.

b. DDOT Sidewalk Permit for 1001 H Street NE

- i. The committee was not able to access this permit prior to the meeting so were unable to provide comment in the TOPS system.
- ii. Committee member Lynch did note that there was a similar application at Pursuit Wine Bar on the same block and that there was plenty of room on the sidewalk to have some seating if Ben's Chili Bowl chose to do so.

V. Community Input

- a. Committee member Lynch raised an issue with steel plates in the road on 10th Street NE that have been there for a year and have shifted in the asphalt causing a potential serious safety hazard. Chair Bloomstine agreed to reach out to DDOT about the safety issue.
- b. Committee member Sussman encouraged everyone to save the date for April 26, 2025. Capitol Hill Family Biking riding on Florida Avenue and West Virginia Avenue with a party at Lincoln Park at the end.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm EDT.