

Minutes
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Public Meeting - All are welcome

Community comment welcome; may be limited to two minutes to provide opportunity for all to speak. Community comment time will be opened after each New Business item.

Call meeting to order.

Introductions & Announcements.

Commissioners Present: Chair Amber Gove (6A04), Steven Kolb (6A07),
Committee Members Present: Chair Patrick Bloomstine (6A01), Caitlin Rogger (6A07), Jeff Fletcher (6A07), Shaun Lynch (6A01), Malcolm Laskowski (6A05)
Anwar Saleem and Kesia Minor from H Street Main Street

Old Business

Public Space Construction Permit application #484855 at 800 - 899 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC ,1000 - 1099 BLOCK OF H STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC has been resubmitted by the applicant according to permit office's direction.

Chair Bloomstine shared the updated architect drawings from the prior application for this location.

The permit now includes removal of three trees in the area.

The Committee agreed that Chair Bloomstine should work with Commissioner Burger to file a comment about tree cover and request that the applicants join the TPS committee to discuss their permit application.

New Business

Anwar Saleem and Kesia Minor of H Street Main Street presented a public building communities grant application he would like us to support from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

He noted that H Street is designated as an arts district but doesn't feel like one because of the tattered banners and damaged installations, many of which are over ten years old.

Mr. Saleem stated that the banners create identity, the boxes and wraps discourage graffiti, and the crosswalk art creates safer streets. He continued that the project would reduce graffiti, improve walkability and safety, support local artists, and strengthen H St's identity as a location.

Chair Bloomstine asked if H Street Main Street has communicated with the DC Office of Planning conducting the H St market study. He replied that they are meeting about once a month and have discussed.

Mr. Saleem also stated that he has been meeting with DDOT to discuss H Street. Chair Gove requested that he include Commissioners Burger and Butler in those communications as their districts include half of H Street NE.

Mr. Saleem stated that approximately 10% of the \$125,000 grant would be used for administrative issues and the rest would go to artists and the installations.

Chair Gove made a motion that ANC 6A support H Street Main Street's grant application. Committee member Sussman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously but with the caveat that it be left off the ANC 6A consent agenda for May 14, 2026 as commissioners expressed interest in discussing further at the full ANC meeting.

Electric Alley Renaming Request

Community member Paul Angelone requested that the alley at D Street NE and Kingsman Field and Dog Park between 13th Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE be officially named "Electric Alley." This is its historical name from the early 1900's when the field was a car barn.

Mr. Angelone presented historical maps showing that the alley was previously referred to as Electric Alley as a reflection of the fact that electric streetcars were housed along the alley in the first half of the 20th century.

Committee member Fletcher made a motion in support of a letter to Council Member Allen in support of renaming the alley as "Electric Alley." Commissioner Gove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Art Proposal for Lovejoy Park (12th and E Streets NE)

Duilio Pasariello, a member of DDOT's street advisory panel, joins the committee to present a proposal for art installations on the lampposts at Lovejoy Park similar to those at J Cole Recreation Center and Park.

Mr. Passariello proposed to install a similar light project at Lovejoy Park that would make the park a more pleasant place to spend time both during the day and at night. He would like to request funds from DGS to install at Lovejoy to help enhance the park and make it more welcoming.

Chair Bloomstine shared that CM Allen's office noted there is funding in the current fiscal year budget for renovation of Lovejoy Park. Mr. Passariello was not aware but stated that the ANC's approval is a gateway to his application for funding from CAH.

Mr. Passariello invited community members to view the Cole Park version of this installation at the corner of Montello and Morse Streets NE. He is seeking ANC 6A support in pursuit of a grant from Public Arts Building Communities (PABC) similar to HSMS.

Committee member Sussman made a motion to support the grant application with caveats:

- That the grant application not conflict with the application from HSMS;
- The art installation be coordinated with DPR's planned renovation of Lovejoy Park; and
- That there are not other bids to do similar work at Lovejoy that the TPS committee has not yet considered.

Chair Bloomstine seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DDOT NOI 26-69-MESD - Safety Treatment at Bladensburg Road NE between Benning Road and Neal Street NE

This is technically in ANC 5C but it borders very close to Starburst Plaza.

Due to a number of crashes at the intersection of Bladensburg Road, Maryland Avenue and Morse Streets NE, DDOT is proposing safety enhancements to the area. They are removing a few parking spots, adding some hardscaping to the median, and daylighting the crosswalks at these intersections.

Committee member Sussman guessed that this might be the first part of safety enhancements along Bladensburg Road over the next 18 months. He also suggested that we request a bike corral in the new daylighting section on Morse Street.

Committee member Rogger noted that Starburst intersection appears to a nexus point for a lot of dangerous driving and hoped DDOT would do more to make it safer.

Chair Bloomstine agreed that encouraging DDOT to make safety improvements to Starburst and along the rest of Bladensburg should be included in the committee's letter to DDOT.

Chair Bloomstine made a motion to send a comment letter on this NOI to DDOT. Committee member Fletcher seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

ANC 5C's Resolution for Equitable Metrorail Access

This is a resolution in support of WMATA's previously published metrorail expansion options. Some of the metro plans put forward also involved metro stops in 6A.

Chair Bloomstine explained 5C's resolution to the Committee.

The resolution calls on WMATA and DDOT to undertake a study focused on a new ward 5 metro segment. ANC 6A would propose that this also include ward 6. It also calls for the mayor and council to dedicate funding for the study. It also encourages DDOT to explore a light rail segment that would connect the union market neighborhood through ivy city and up to Montana Triangle. This could also be adapted to continue south through Capitol Hill and Ward 6.

Chair Bloomstine made a motion for a similar resolution from ANC 6A. Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional community comment (time permitting).

N/A

Adjourned meeting.