

AGENDA
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm

- I. Call meeting to order. Meeting called to order at around 7:30pm due to technical difficulties with Zoom meeting link. New Zoom link distributed to the public.
- II. Introductions & Announcements
Present: TPS Committee members Maura Dundon (Chair), Andrew Burnett, and Hassan Christian; Commissioners Brian Alcorn, Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Amber Gove, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert and Mike Soderman..
- III. Community Comment: None
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Update on proposal to site a public bathroom at 17th Street and Benning Road NE under the Public Restroom Facilities and Promotion Act.
Chair Maura Dundon gave an update of the prior ANC vote to send a letter to Mayor Bowser in opposition to the public bathroom site at 17th Street and Benning Road NE due to safety and crime concerns, but otherwise supporting the initiative.
 - B. Discussion of District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Notice of Intent to install one-way protected bikeways on the 800 and 900 blocks of West Virginia Avenue NE (NOI # 21-136-PSD).
Greg Matlesky from DDOT presented on the proposed bike lane options on West Virginia Avenue NE going north.

Commissioner Keya Chatterjee made the motion: *The TPS Committee recommends that ANC6A send a letter of support for Option 3 (1-way with protected bike lanes) plus additional traffic calming measures, such as high visibility raised crosswalks and/or speed humps.* Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-1. (Commissioners Brian Alcorn, Chatterjee, Gove, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert and Mike Soderman in favor; TPS members Andrew Burnett, Hassan Christian and Dundon in favor; and Commissioner Robb Dooling opposed.)

- C. Discussion of public space permit application for an outdoor patio at the Capitol Square Bar and Grill at 1500 East Capitol Street (Tracking # 10852880).
Representatives of the permit applicant were present to support the permit application and clarify the size, hours, and capacity limits proposed. Commissioner Alcorn, Chair Dundon and TPS member Burnett discussed concerns and clarifications about the sidewalk clearance, hours, furniture storage, live music, and capacity limits. Community members present discussed concerns about the late hours, noise, and sidewalk clearance.

Commissioner Alcorn made the motion: *The TPS Committee recommends that ANC6A send a letter of support for the permit application for Capitol Square Bar and Grill at 1500 East Capitol Street (Tracking # 10852880) to DDOT, provided that the application be amended by the applicant to provide 15 feet of passage way on all sides of the patio; the outdoor patio cease operations at 10:00 pm on Sunday -*

Thursday and 11:00 pm on Friday - Saturday; and the patio capacity be limited to 35 seats and 40 standing (as amended by a friendly amendment by TPS member Burnett to extend weekend hours from 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm.) Committee Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Update on Tennessee Avenue NE traffic calming.

Will Handsfield from DDOT was present to give an update on the plans for traffic calming measures on Tennessee Avenue NE, including changes to parking and the addition of bike lanes.

There were several public commenters. One commenter the Minor Elementary School PTO spoke in favor of the improved bike facilities for Safe Routes to School. Several other public commenters raised concerns about parking, bike lane safety, whether there is any safety data for advisory bike lanes, and the possibility of using alternate bike routes instead.

V. New Business

A. Fence permit at 1369 C Street NE (Will Handsfield, in his personal capacity).

Karen and Will Handsfield discussed their upcoming permit application for a reinforced fence to replace the fence destroyed by a fatal car accident. They represented that their permit application would be for a fence of similar height and openness but reinforced to provide protection from future accidents. It would also enclose a previously unenclosed driveway.

Commissioner Gove made the motion: *The TPS Committee recommends that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for a permit application to be filed or already filed for a reinforced fence at 1369 C Street NE, including a new enclosure of the driveway, provided that the fence design conforms to the existing fence height and openness as presented by the permit applicants at the TPS meeting .* Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of installing a speed hump in the 1500 block of Isherwood Street NE.

Resident Sinclair Holly discussed his concerns with speeding on this block. Commissioner Alcorn made the motion: *The TPS Committee recommends that ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting speed humps, raised crosswalks, and other traffic-calming measures on the 1500 block of Isherwood Street NE.* Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Community Comment: none.

VII. Adjourn meeting: Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion.