

MINUTES  
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting  
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE  
June 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm

- I. Called meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- II. Introductions - Committee members in attendance: Chair Todd Sloves, Marc Brumer, Caitlin Rogger, Elizabeth Nelson, Andrea Adelman. Commissioner Calvin Ward was also in attendance.
- III. Announcements
  - A. Previously announced request by On the Rocks (1242 H Street NE) to offer valet parking has been indefinitely postponed.
  - B. Public meeting on reconstruction of the Hopscotch Bridge (Unit - 200 Block of H Street NE) on Thursday, June 21, 218 6:00-8:00 pm at Northeast Neighborhood Library Meeting Room, 330 Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) Street NE.
- IV. Community Comment (5 minutes)
- V. New Business
  - A. Public space permit application for installation of staircase and ADA ramp for Eliot-Hine Middle School (1800 Constitution Avenue NE)
    - i. Commissioner Calvin Ward, in whose single member district the school is located, explained that the school was seeking the permit for public space to install the staircase and ADA ramp on the C Street NE side of the school.
    - ii. Ms. Elizabeth Nelson explained that that side is close to the street, so there may be public parking where they want to place the staircase and ramp, which would require a public space permit.
    - iii. Other members of the committee indicated they would be supportive.
    - iv. ***Elizabeth Nelson moved that the committee recommend that ANC 6A send letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee in support of the public space application by Eliot-Hine Middle School (1800 Constitution Ave NE) for installation of a staircase and ADA ramp on the C Street side of the school. The motion was seconded by Chair Sloves and passed unanimously, 6-0, with the support of Commissioner Ward.***
  - B. Consideration of public space permit for sidewalk café at 802 Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) Street NE (DC Diner) - 20 minutes
    - i. Owner Dan Walker explained that he is applying to use a small space in front of his location (on the Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) Street side) to place three (3) picnic tables with umbrellas for daytime dining. There will be no enclosure. Due to the location of a bike rack that is prohibitively expensive to have moved, the space will remain small. He will make the seating available during the farmer's market hours on weekends. It will operate from 10:00 am to around 6:00 or 7:00 pm all days.
    - ii. Ms. Nelson asked how the tables and seating would be stored.

1. Mr. Walker explained that he would flip the tables on top of one another and lock them up, rendering them unsuitable for seating during off hours.
- iii. Chair Todd Sloves clarified that there will be table service at the outdoor areas - not take-out.
- iv. Chair Sloves confirmed that Mr. Walker will maintain the adjacent tree boxes which he already does.
- v. Chair Sloves confirmed that Mr. Walker will not store any trash on the public space. He says he currently uses a bin in the alley behind his business for all trash, and all other trash cans will remain inside.
- vi. Mr. Marc Brumer asked if there was any alcohol service. Mr. Walker said he does not have a liquor license and is not seeking one.
- vii. Commissioner Ward asked what the tables look like. Mr. Walker explained that they are smaller tables with chairs attached, not long tables with separate benches.
- viii. Marc Brumer asked if there is a policy in place for non-customers using the seating, particularly loiterers. Mr. Nelson said they did not expect any problems. They had seating out there once before without any issues.
- ix. ***Elizabeth Nelson moved that the committee recommend that ANC 6A send letter of support to DDOT Public Space Committee for the sidewalk cafe application by DC Diner (802 13th Street NE), conditioned on applicant's agreement to the following:***
  1. ***The applicant only operates the sidewalk café space from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm;***
  2. ***The applicant will take reasonable efforts to contain noise within the sidewalk café space including, but not limited to, using any sidewalk café removable structures it may now or in the future install (e.g., a sidewalk cafe canopy, roll down plastic windows, etc.) and any other reasonable means to contain noise, but only to the extent allowable by applicable District laws and regulations;***
  3. ***The applicant will only use the sidewalk café space for food and drink service, and not for any playing of music, amplified or otherwise, or for any other use, including live performances;***
  4. ***If the applicant installs fencing around the sidewalk café area, it shall be consistent with DDOT specifications and the fencing enclosing other sidewalk cafes within our ANC, which shall include fencing or bars designed to keep trash contained within the sidewalk café area (preferably by minimizing any gaps at the bottom of the fencing);***
  5. ***The applicant will use easily moveable chairs and tables that shall be moved to the side and locked up when not in use;***
  6. ***The applicant will ensure no trash container of any sort will be stored anywhere on public space, including on the sidewalk café itself; and***
  7. ***The applicant will regularly maintain the adjacent tree boxes and keep all areas in front of the business and within the sidewalk café area clean, including the adjacent sidewalk and street gutter.***

*The motion was seconded by Chair Sloves and passed unanimously, 6-0, with the support of Commissioner Ward.*

VI. Additional Community Comment

- A. Ms. Nelson mentioned that she saw that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is looking into regulations for electric bikes and scooters and recommended the committee look into providing input. Ms. Adelman said the DC Bicycle Advisory Council (DCBAC) had been looking into this and working with DDOT as they consider issuing regulations. She also said she thought the period requesting input from ANCs and others had closed already, but that it would help to coordinate with what the DCBAC had recommended. Chair Sloves said it would be something to consider for a future committee meeting once the timeline of the regulatory process was clearer.

VII. Adjourned meeting at 7:50 pm.