

MINUTES
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.
- II. Introductions:
 - A. Committee members in attendance: Chair Elizabeth Nelson, Maura Dundon, Jeff Fletcher, and Hassan Christian (who was not present for any of the votes)
 - B. Commissioners in attendance: Mike Soderman (6A03), Marie-Claire Brown (6A01), Brian Alcorn (6A08).
- II. Announcements: none
- III. Old Business
 - A. DDOT submitted a response to the list of high-priority safety locations. The TPS committee did not have any comments of consequence. The report is attached.
 - B. The TPS committee resumed discussion of potential bikeshare station locations.
 1. Mr. Christian reported that DDOT does not have any current plans to add or eliminate bikeshare locations within ANC 6A. Right now, they are updating the Bikeshare expansion plans and should have the finished update finalized in six months. Data for 6A bikes at <http://cabitacker.com/> shows average bike and dock availability per station over any period of time. More detailed system data is here: <https://www.capitalbikeshare.com/system-data>. Mr. Christian will provide further 6A dock usage analysis at a future meeting.
 2. Results of solicitation for community input suggesting new locations were presented.
 3. DDOT's Greg Matlesky reviewed the suggested locations to discuss whether they were good candidates for new docks, based on space constraints and other factors. He indicated that clear priorities should be indicated as it is likely that only a small number can be accommodated at this time.
 4. One location on the list, (**8th Street, K Street and West Virginia Avenue NE**) is already slated for a new bikeshare station.
 5. Based on Mr. Matlesky's input, the Committee identified five locations to prioritize (in order of preference):
 - **Intersection of Maryland Avenue, 10th Street and E Street NE** - current bike racks at risk (due to Maryland Avenue construction). Bike share can be relocated in front of apartment buildings between 8th and 9th Streets. When construction is complete, leave in place and put new racks at original location - many apartment buildings in that area generating lots of potential users.
 - **11th and C Streets NE** - *tentative* - Would have to be on west side of the block next to 7 River Mart, in parking lane and in front of private residences. Commissioner will discuss with residents.
 - **Kingsman Field on 1300 block of D Street NE** - (extend existing station) - heavily used and would be easy for DDOT to accomplish since it is not an entirely new location.
 - **15th and East Capitol Streets NE** (extend existing station) heavily used and easy for DDOT to accomplish since it is not an entirely new location

- **North side of East Capitol Street NE in front of Eastern High School** - at nearby metro there are only a few existing bike racks and it would be good to have additional capacity on the other side of major intersection - safer for users.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion: ***TPS recommends that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting bikeshare station expansions or new locations at: Intersection of Maryland Avenue, 10th Street. and E Street NE; 11th and C Streets NE; Kingsman Field on 1300 block of D Street NE; 15th and East Capitol Streets NE; and the North side of East Capitol Street NE in front of Eastern High School.*** The motion was seconded by Ms. Dundon and passed unanimously (6-0), including the three Commissioners present.

IV. New Business

- A. The Committee reviewed the request by Todd Smith, owner 1519 Constitution Avenue NE #301, for support of his application to add a gate in the rear to access parking spaces. His proposal is for two sway type doors with hinges and diagonal supports and a short concrete pad onto the alley through a small strip of public space. Mr. Smith did not attend the meeting. The Committee agreed that there would be no significant negative public impact and that the request was reasonable.

Mr. Soderman made the motion: ***TPS recommends that the ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of application for access across public space in the alley behind 1519 Constitution Avenue NE.*** The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously (6-0), including the three Commissioners present.

- B. New sidewalk café (unenclosed) at 1025 H Street NE, #10726471.
1. The owner of Pursuit Wine Bar, Thomas Boisvert, presented his application to open a sidewalk cafe on 11th Street NE. The Pursuit Wine Bar is relocating to this new address. The Committee reviewed the application materials.
 2. Mr. Boisvert noted that although the proposed plan included in the application showed a trash enclosure on the sidewalk in public space, he had already been advised that this was not permissible and will store the trash off of public property. He also said he had plans to work with the ANC 6A ABL Committee on a Settlement Agreement.
 3. Ms. Nelson noted that the Committee would expect to require the usual conditions if a favorable recommendation was made. Mr. Boisvert agreed to this.
 4. Ms. Dundon made the motion: ***TPS recommends that ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT Public Space Committee for the sidewalk café application (1025 H Street NE, #10726471), subject to the following conditions:***
 - ***The applicant only operates the sidewalk café space during those hours stipulated in the Settlement Agreement;***
 - ***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 café 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;***

- *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;*
- *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);*
- *The applicant will use easily moveable chairs and tables that shall be moved to the side and locked up when not in use;*
- *The applicant will ensure no trash container of any sort will be stored anywhere on public space, including on the sidewalk café itself; and*
- *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.*

Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0), including all Commissioners present.

- C. New Presentation of revised plans submitted by owner/applicant Andrew Botticello, Rosedale Development LLC, for alley lots (179-186) located behind the 17 Solar Condo property at 410-417 17th Street NE. Tracking # 324283.
1. Mr. Botticello presented revised plans to the Committee. The plans resolved the Committee's previous concerns about use of public space in the initial plans presented at a previous Committee meeting. Rather than creating driveways over public space facing the 40-foot wide public alley as in the original plan, parking will be in the private space between Phase 1 and Phase 2. The public alley-facing sides of the townhouses would now use 15 feet of public space as a fenced yard; the next 10 feet as landscaped, unfenced public space; and the final 15 feet would be clear. This leaves 25 feet of the alley unfenced.
 2. Ms. Nelson noted that Habitat for Humanity has acquired a lot within the alley and that Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert hoped to meet with all stakeholders. She further noted that the new plans are consistent with previous suggestions made by the TPS Committee and submitted to DDOT by the ANC.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion: TPS recommends that ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for the revised plans (Tracking #324283) as presented by Rosedale Development LLC for alley lots 179-186 behind 410-417 17th Street NE. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown and passed unanimously (6-0), including the three Commissioners present.

- D. Public Space Permit application #332497 (1537 Gales Street NE).
1. Ms. Nelson noted that this permit application was sent to the Committee by the DDoT TOPS system with less than 30 days notice (sent on Friday, June 14, 2019 with a review due date of July 8, 2019). Given the ANC 6A meeting schedule, the comment period will close before the ANC would have a chance to consider the matter.

Ms. Nelson made the motion: *TPS recommends that ANC 6A protest the insufficient notice period and request that the case (#33249, 1537 Gales Street NE) remain*

open until the ANC has a chance to consider it at its September 19, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously (6-0), including the three Commissioners present.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, DDOT personnel worked with Ms. Nelson to correct technical/systemic problems within TOPS. A request for delay has already been forwarded to DDOT.

VII. **Community Comment:**

A resident of K Street near the intersection of Florida Avenue, Montello Street and 12th Street, NE presented his concerns about the intersection. He stated that cars speed down Montello Street to turn onto Florida Avenue. In his view, this intersection is not adequately addressed in the K Street DDOT plans. The posts and strips installed last year are insufficient and have been knocked over. He proposed to return to the 1903 design, which would square off the existing “ramp” (slip lane) that allows cars to turn directly from Montello Street to K Street

The Committee suggested that as a next step, the community member and the Commissioner for ANC 6A01 discuss the matter with the Ward 5 ANC commissioner in the single-member district on the opposite side of Florida at that intersection.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Response from DDOT regarding ANC 6A safety priorities:

1. 15th St. NE between East Capitol St. & C St. NE. Speeding and difficulties related to the layout of the intersection at C St. Suggest bulb outs/curb extensions, no right on red at North Carolina and 15th and increased visibility and striping of crosswalks.

DDOT will add new high visibility ladder crosswalks at 15th and C Streets NE and 15th and North Carolina Carolina Avenue NE. We will conduct a traffic calming study by collecting data at multiple points along this corridor. This has been sent out for data collection.

2. Intersection of East Capitol St., Massachusetts Ave. & 11th St. NE. Confusing traffic pattern and signage contributing to problems that extend to 1100-1200 blocks of East Capitol, 1000 block of Massachusetts, and unit and 100 blocks of 11th. Speeding is also a factor. Suggest re-evaluating signage and traffic engineering, and traffic calming measures.

DDOT will review signing and pavement markings along the section and advance traffic calming measures to the ANC. This is currently under review.

3. Unit-400 blocks of 17th St. NE. Speeding and conflict with pedestrians on school route. Suggested remedies include raised crosswalks at 17th St. and Constitution Ave./17th & C Sts., in addition to red light camera. Also consider implication of design differences between 17th St north versus south of East Capitol.

17th Street is a minor arterial and therefore would not be a candidate for raised crosswalks. We have sent these blocks out for data collection to inform future considerations along this section. Red light camera requests should be directed to MPD.

4. Unit-400 blocks of 10th St. NE. Speeding, excessive traffic, frequent used by commercial vehicles. Requesting "No Commercial Vehicle" signage; possible solutions include speed humps, raised crosswalks, making one block one-way if this can be done without increasing traffic on 9th and 11th Sts. NE.

The request for "No Thru Truck" signage has been referred to freight planner Laura MacNeil. We have sent these blocks out for data collection and will determine speed humps locations between the unit block and 400 block of 10th Street NE. Speed hump locations will be shared with the ANC for approval/resident coordination prior to being sent out for installation.

5. Intersection at 10th and East Capitol Streets NE. Numerous collisions. Need for stop sign or traffic light; this might have the additional beneficial effect of reducing traffic and speeding on blocks north of the intersection. Note: the TPS Committee is not satisfied with the response of DDOT as outlined in the traffic study results provided in February

DDOT's Notice of Intent to install All Way Stop Control at this intersection was sent to ANC 6A on Friday May 17, 2019. After the 30-business day comment period, a work order will be issued for installation.

6. Intersection at 19th St. and Constitution Ave. NE. Speeding in unit, 100 and 200 block of 19th, Difficult to cross and adjacent to two schools. Suggestions include raised crosswalks, or a 4-way stop at 19th and Constitution.

DDOT has studied this intersection and will be updating signage and will install a driver feedback sign along 19th St.

7. Intersection at 8th and D Sts. NE. Pedestrian near-misses. Suggesting raised crosswalks and four-way stop.

DDOT's Notice of Intent to install All Way Stop Control at this intersection was sent to ANC 6A on Wednesday May 1, 2019. After the 30-business day comment period, a work order will be issued for

installation.

8. Intersection at 8th and F Sts. NE. Stop-light running and speeding - of particular concern for senior citizens from Capitol Hill Towers. Suggesting raised crosswalks, curb extensions or pedestrian refuge.

There was active utility work at this intersection when it was first reviewed. DDOT will revisit for traffic calming and safety after completion of work.

9. Intersection at 8th and G Sts. NE. Stop-light running and speeding - of particular concern for senior citizens from Capitol Hill Towers. Suggesting raised crosswalks, curb extensions or pedestrian refuge.

DDOT will install curb extensions at this intersection. The bulb out design is in progress.

10. Unit-400 blocks of Tennessee Ave. NE. Speeding, Pedestrian Conflicts at Crosswalks. TPS noted that planned changes to intersection at Tennessee, Constitution & 13th will improve pedestrian safety but are unlikely to improve speeding south or north of said intersection. Traffic calming measures and raised crosswalks requested.

DDOT has sent these blocks out for data collection. This data collection will be used to inform potential traffic calming solutions.

11. Intersection at 14th and G Sts. NE. Chick-Fil-A-related traffic makes wrong-way turn north onto 14th St. as a shortcut. Possibly bulb-out or pylons would make this less tempting.

DDOT has created work orders for the installation of missing 'Do Not Enter' and 'One Way' signage.