

## MINUTES

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space (TPS) Committee Meeting  
Public Meeting  
June 21, 2021  
Meeting held via WebEx

- I. **Call meeting to order.** Present: Commissioners Brian Alcorn, Keya Chatterjee, Laura Gentile, Amber Gove, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, and Mike Soderman; TPS Committee Members Maura Dundon (Chair), Andrew Burnett, Hassan Christian, Jeff Fletcher, and Shaun Lynch.
- II. **Introductions and Announcements:** None.
- III. **Community Comment:** None
- IV. **Old Business:** Committee Member Shaun Lynch moved to begin with New Business pending the arrival of panelists scheduled to discuss the first item of Old Business on the agenda. Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- V. **New Business**
  - A. **Petition to officially name alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”** The alley is the primary access for residences being constructed in the alley lot between 17th Street and 18th Streets NE and D and E Streets NE. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert led the discussion about an effort to name an alley in her SMD after a local public figure, Mamie “Peanut” Johnson. The alley currently has no name and is the primary access way for residences that will be developed on the alley lot. Without an official name, the residences will not be able to be assigned postal addresses.

Mamie “Peanut” Johnson was a baseball player who played for the Negro Leagues, after being refused the opportunity to try out for the women’s professional league due to her race. She lived in Rosedale until her death in 2017. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert stated that she had collected around 60 neighborhood signatures on petitions to officially name the alley “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”

Guney Demirci, a representative of the business that will build residences on the alley, spoke in favor of the name.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to Councilmember Charles Allen supporting naming the alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 in Rosedale in honor of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson. The proposed name is “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”* Commissioner Brian Alcorn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**

Committee Member Lynch made a motion to return to the agenda order upon the arrival of the panelists. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- A. District Department of Transportation (DDOT) C Street NE improvements update.** Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen introduced the history of the DDOT C Street NE project and the improvements that would be created by the construction.

Representatives from DDOT were present to discuss the plans to begin the construction project, which is intended to improve safety and connectivity. Jam Kendrick, a consultant managing community outreach for the project, and Abdusemed Ali and Joe Lachewitz, of DDOT, were present to discuss the upcoming construction. More information about the project, including the timeline and a map, is available online at <https://www.cstne.com/>, and additional questions and concerns can be submitted to DDOT there.

Community members present submitted questions via the WebEx chat. In response to questions, the DDOT representatives stated that the construction would impact parking, but most of the impact would be on C Street. Construction is planned to last for 17 months, with consistent construction throughout the corridor. The driving lanes will be narrowed to calm traffic. Streetlights will be reinstalled and timed according to DDOT standards. Parking will return to normal after the project is finished, with some possible slight reductions for carve-outs. The project is intended to calm traffic, and so should calm the speeding and crashes in the corridor.

There were some questions that the DDOT representatives were not able to answer, as they were beyond the scope of their intended presentation for the evening, including parking, bike shares, dirt bikes, and the role of RFK plans. Mr. Ali urged community members to direct these questions to DDOT separately.

Will Handsfield from DDOT discussed the proposal to create bike infrastructure on North Carolina Avenue NE to connect to the C Street bike lane.

Commissioner Amber Gove made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they install radar feedback signs and other traffic calming measures on D Street NE and East Capitol Street during the C Street improvement project, expedite traffic calming on C Street NE from the 1500 block to 800 block, and work to clarify connectivity for cyclists at the western end of the C Street project scope.* Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- B. Public space permit application for an outdoor patio at the Capitol Square Bar and Grill at 1500 E. Capitol Street (Tracking # 10852880)**

The Committee discussed the application for a sidewalk café (AKA patio) at the corner of 15th and East Capitol Streets NE. The application had been discussed at the June 2021 ANC 6A meeting, and the permit applicant's representatives (Mo Soliman, Joe Spinelli, and Chander Jayaraman) wished to return to TPS to request support for more outside seating than the ANC had resolved to support. Specifically, ANC 6A approved 35 seats with a maximum occupancy of 40 people; and the applicant's representatives wished to receive support for higher occupancy (54 or 56) until 8:30 pm, then reduce seating to 35 seats until closing.

Mr. Soliman stated that he had spoken with community members, who were supportive of the expanded patio.

Michael Cushman, a community member who serves on the ANC6A Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee, discussed his view that the permit applicant's drawings submitted to DDOT were not correct. Commissioner Alcorn agreed that he believed the drawings were erroneous, and also stated that he would want the patio to provide more clearance for the sidewalk. Chair Maura Dundon asked whether the ANC 6A ABRA settlement agreement could include the phased times and capacity. Nick Alberti, Chair of the ANC 6A Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee, stated that he believed that time aspects of ANC settlement agreements are difficult to enforce in general.

Commissioner Alcorn made the motion: *That ANC 6A support the application of Capitol Square Bar and Grill for the unenclosed sidewalk cafe [applied for in tracking DTOPS Occupancy Permit Tracking Number 10852880] on the following conditions:*

- a. *The dimensions of the public space concerned at the corner of 15th and East Capitol St NE be physically validated and agreed to by the applicant, a member of the Committee and Commissioner Brian Alcorn prior to the next meeting of ANC 6A on July 8, 2021;*
- b. *That the dimensions of the passageway on 15th Street NE abutting the west side of the cafe be 13 feet as measured from 15th Street beginning at and inclusive of the curb line to the cafe perimeter;*
- c. *That the dimensions of the passageway on East Capitol Street NE be 13 feet from the rear bicycle tire of a bicycle properly docked in a Capitol Bikeshare rack to the south wall of the sidewalk cafe;*
- d. *That the applicant revise his outdoor seating area plans to reflect the corrected dimensions and measurements with the DDOT Public Space Committee prior to ANC 6A's next meeting, noting the measurements were previously inaccurate;*
- e. *That the occupancy of the cafe be 35 seated and no more than 40 total between standing and seated guests;*
- f. *That the hours of the sidewalk cafe be no later than 7:00 am - 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday and 7:00 am - 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday;*
- g. *That the 20x25 (estimated) foot umbrella be replaced with individual table umbrellas;*
- h. *That the Cupboard dumpster issue be resolved;*
- i. *That should all provisions of this suggested motion not be met or agreed to prior to July 8, 2021 (the next meeting of ANC 6A) that ANC 6A's motion adopted on June 10, 2021 (concerning Capitol Square Bar and Grill) be submitted to DDOT's Public Space Committee.*

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

After the vote, Mr. Jayaraman stated that he was disappointed that the counterproposal to increase seating before 8:30 pm was not discussed at greater length.

#### **C. Update on pending DDOT requests**

The Committee discussed pending DDOT requests from ANC 6A.

Commissioner Gove made the motion: *That ANC6A send letter to DDOT to request an urgent response to several outstanding requests, including to take traffic calming measures on H Street NE, including curb extensions and speed cameras, and to address pending all-way stop sign requests previously made by the ANC6A to DDOT for 14th and A Streets NE; 15th and A Streets NE, 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NE; and 13th and I St. NE.* Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**V. New Business** (Back to published agenda order after V.A. addressed at beginning of meeting).

**B. Request to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for a change in trash collection location for K and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets and West Virginia Avenue NE to the alley from the front of West Virginia Avenue NE.**

Commissioner Chatterjee led the discussion about health and safety issues related to trash collection on West Virginia Ave. Commissioner Soderman noted that DPW has smaller trucks that can go into the alley.

Community members spoke about the issue, their prior attempts to address the matter with DPW, and their concerns about the trash situation.

Commissioner Chatterjee made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to DPW requesting that due to health and safety concerns, they move the trash collection for the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, the 1000 block of 9th Street NE, and 800 block of K Street NE to the rear alley of those blocks from its current location on West Virginia Avenue NE. If this change in trash collection location is not possible, the letter will request that DPW present options to ANC6A for how to address the current health and safety issue on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE.* Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**C. Traffic Safety Assessment (TSA) (speed bump) for 1000 block 10th Street NE (intersection with Florida Avenue NE)**

Commissioner Chatterjee discussed a TSA that has been filed in her SMD requesting traffic calming at this intersection.

Commissioner Chatterjee made the motion, with a friendly amendment by Committee Member Lynch to clarify that speed bumps have specific location requirements: *That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the TSA-filed requesting traffic calming measures for the 1000 block of 10th Street. NE (intersection with Florida), including consideration of speed bumps and raised crosswalks.* Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**D. Discussion of pending 311 sidewalk requests**

Commissioner Gove discussed pending 311 sidewalk repair requests and asked the public to send pending requests to Commissioners.

Commissioner Gove made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting an urgent response to sidewalk repair issues which are either beyond their expected*

*service resolution date or represent an immediate accessibility issue or safety hazard.* Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**E. 300 block 8th Street NE parking signage**

Commissioner Soderman led a discussion about inconsistent parking signage on the 300 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Commissioner Adelstein from the abutting ANC SMD 6C03 discussed the very inconsistent signage.

Commissioner Soderman made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they provide consistent parking signage on the 200 and 300 blocks of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE.* Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.