

## MINUTES

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting  
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street, NE)  
July 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.
- II. Introductions
  - A. Committee members present: Todd Sloves (co-chair), Omar Mahmud (co-chair), Lara Levison, Andrea Adleman
  - B. Commissioners present: Mike Soderman, ANC6A03.
- III. Announcements
  - A. Mr. Mahmud announced that there will be a “Core Team” walk with the Mayor’s office on July 19, 2016 at 9:00 am. The focus for SMD 6A01 single-member district: Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) and H Streets NE, Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) and H Streets NE.
  - B. Mr. Mahmud announced that there will be a demolition kick-off for the H Street Connection redevelopment at 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 2, 2016. Mayor Bowser may be there.
  - C. Mr. Sloves announced that the August TPS meeting will likely be replaced by a joint meeting with ANC6C on the Maryland Avenue redesign project and moved earlier in the month in order to accommodate the comment period. The meeting will likely be on August 10, 2016 at the Northeast Library at Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) Street and Maryland Avenue NE.
- IV. Community Comment: none
- V. New Business
  - A. Request for brick sidewalk on 800 block of A Street NE
    - i. This is the only sidewalk in the vicinity that is concrete. Since it is scheduled to be refreshed in 2017, the neighbors would like to have brick put in.
    - ii. ***Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Co-chair Mahmud, recommending that ANC6A send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in support of the request that in refreshing of the sidewalk in 2017, they use brick on the 800 block of A Street NE to be consistent with the sidewalks that are in the adjacent area. The motion passed unanimously, with the support of Commissioner Soderman.***
  - B. Request to convert two (2) way stop to four (4) way stop at Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street and West Virginia Avenue NE
    - i. Co-chair Mahmud clarified that the request is for DDOT to evaluate the safety concerns at the intersection of Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street and West Virginia Avenue NE. Mr. Mahmud filled out the petition and gave it to Mr. Sloves. A 311 request has been submitted as well. The intersection is just a few feet north of a light, so there is currently no stop sign for drivers on Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. However, those traversing the intersection on West Virginia Avenue NE expect it to be a four (4)-way stop and think drivers on Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE will stop and alternate who proceeds, which is not the case. The confusion has led to a number of accidents and near misses. This is compounded by the

fact that cars may turn from nearby K Street NE onto Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE and someone who thinks the intersection is clear to cross may get hit because they could not have known a car would turn onto the road and proceed through the intersection.

- ii. ***Co-chair Mahmud offered a motion, seconded by Co-chair Sloves, recommending that ANC6A send a letter of support for a petition requesting a DDOT safety evaluation of the intersection at Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE and West Virginia Avenue NE. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Soderman's support.***

## VI. Old Business

### A. Request for traffic study at intersection of Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE

- i. Former ANC 6A Commissioner David Holmes had submitted a request to DDOT regarding the intersection of Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE, but there was never a response to ANC 6A. It would be helpful to send a new letter along with the completed application under DDOT's new process for considering traffic safety evaluation requests. Commissioner Soderman stated that when the app Waze came into use, Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street became a cut-through for drivers avoiding traffic lights at Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) and Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Streets and thereby became more dangerous. Mr. Soderman will fill out the application and email it to Co-chairs Mahmud and Sloves.
- ii. ***Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Soderman, recommending that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for a petition requesting a safety evaluation at the intersection at Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Soderman's support.***

### B. Consideration of a letter of support for a dedicated streetcar lane on K Street NW

- i. This item was added to the agenda by a motion offered by Co-chair Sloves and seconded by Co-chair Mahmud. It passed unanimously and the item was considered.
- ii. Co-chair Mahmud noted that there are different proposals for how the streetcar would be constructed on K Street NW, as we discussed at the June 2016 meeting, and the dedicated lane seems a good option. It is not in ANC 6A, but it will have an impact on our ANC, and we will have better streetcar service, so it is appropriate for us to take a position on the issue relating generally to the need for dedicated lanes in order to ensure reliable service.
- iii. ***Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Adleman, recommending that ANC6A send a letter of support for having a dedicated line for the streetcar on K Street NW due to the benefit it will provide for service for residents of ANC6A. The motion passed unanimously***

## VII. Additional Community Comment.

- A. Committee member Adleman suggested that there should be a four-way stop at Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) and I Streets NE. It is an anomaly along I Street at Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) Street that traffic does not stop at this corner. Another option would be a sign saying that cross traffic does not stop. ANC 6A sent a letter about this issue

before, but not a petition, since there was a different process under the previous mayor. We could pick it up at the next ANC meeting.

- B. Commissioner Soderman received an email regarding large vehicular traffic on Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street NE, going to the Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street SE on-ramp for I-695. The constituent wrote to every ANC commissioner, Councilmember, and the Mayor from H Street NE to the on-ramp at Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street SE. Co-chair Sloves noted that the Committee discussed this a few months ago - residents on the 400 block of Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street NE wanted a “no trucks” sign. There were concerns that if we put up “no trucks” signage on Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street NE, it would just push the trucks to the neighboring streets. Discussion ensued about how to work with DDOT to direct truck drivers to appropriate streets. Commissioner Soderman said he would ask DDOT their preferred process on how to submit this request and copy Co-chair Mahmud.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.