

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Sherwood Recreation Center (10th and G Streets NE)
September 16, 2013 at 7pm

I. Call meeting to order at 7:01 pm

II. Introductions

1. In attendance were committee members J. Omar Mahmud (Chair and ANC 6A Commissioner), Lara Levison, Benjamin Rosset, Todd Sloves; Kevin Roberts from the Jair Lynch project on H Street; Ian Swain, Don Edwards, Thomas Perry, and Margaret Gentry from DDOT; members of the ANC6A committee, including neighbors on Wylie Street.

III. Community Comment (5 minutes)

1. No comment offered at this time.

IV. Announcements

1. DDOT TOPS (Transportation Online Permitting System) is now online and available for researching and applying for public space permits. ANC commissioners went through a training to submit comments. To read an overview what the system offers and to register for an account, go to <http://www.tops.ddot.dc.gov/>. The system includes public space permit applications from restaurants, etc.
2. The visitor parking pass program has been extended through the end of the year. To pick up one visitor parking pass for your home, go to your local police station. DC is not mailing the passes any more.

V. New Business

1. Presentation concerning bus plan for Jair Lynch project on H Street [*Note: this project is located in ANC 6C, but the developer is being required to present information to ANC 6A given the proximity to our ANC.*]
 - a. Kevin Roberts of the Jair Lynch Project (609, 625, 645 H St. NE) briefly presented the plan. People will want to know why these vans are driving in the neighborhood. They are being required to provide a shuttle bus from parking on New York Avenue to the project location. The van will go from 66 New York Ave. NE to Florida down 4th NE across F NE and back up 6th St, all in ANC6C. It will be a two-axle, 14-20 passenger van.
2. Presentation providing an update on construction and project status for the H Street/Benning Road streetcar line, led by Thomas Perry, new program manager for DC Streetcar, responsible for engineering and construction.
 - a. Mr. Perry gave an overview of DC's proposed eight streetcar lines to foster connectivity within DC, as well as near-term work on the H St. corridor. DC Streetcar will send out a request for qualifications for 22 miles for design-build. The circulator and streetcar will come under "aligned premium transit." The first phase on H St is 2.4 miles. The intention is to deliver a train going up and down H St. by the end of the year, at least for testing. The temporary maintenance facility at Spingarn is under construction; the permanent facility will be built a year later (done late 2014/early 2015). They are modifying the entrance to Union Station. Construction on H Street: over the past 10 days, they have put up about 100 poles for the

catenary wire. They are currently doing “quiet” work such as hanging wires, which will continue through the end of the year. If there are concerns, reach out to the streetcar team. For more information, go to DCstreetcar.com. Twitter: dcstreetcar.

- b. Commissioner Mahmud inquired about DC Streetcar’s request for night work: what hours are they asking for? Mr. Perry: 7pm to 7am window for installing wire. Not for the whole corridor. Probably not on Friday and Saturday between the starburst and 3rd Street. Quiet work: no jackhammers, no noise pollution, yes will have some bucket trucks. If receive complaints, will mitigate them on the spot. DDOT is setting up a hotline, a phone number, which will be provided to the ANC.
 - i. Questions and concerns were raised about noise, construction lights, etc. Concerned neighbor was offered the opportunity to review the mitigation plan. DDOT can prioritize less residential areas for night work.
 - ii. DDOT will do “a huge amount” of community outreach. Community Don Edwards is also part of the public engagement team. Next DC Streetcar public meeting: Oct 22, 6:30-8:30, Miner Elementary School.
 - c. Questions regarding schedule, choice of an operator, loading trucks on H St., X2 bus service, timing of RFQ, securing the metal plates in the street so that they don’t thump. Will probably match WMATA’s hours for the most part. Requesting proposals for the operator; will select 4 teams and develop an RFP for design-build-operate-maintain, (DBOM). DDOT has a program to reach out to the loading trucks—it’s an issue they are aware of and looking to mitigate. There’s an upcoming meeting with businesses on Oct. 14 where they will discuss this with businesses. The H St. streetcar has an operator; the RFQ for the 22 miles will go out at the end of 2013. They have told the contractor to make sure the plates are nailed down and will pass along the request.
 - d. **Motion by Commissioner Mahmud: To request the ANC to send a letter to Terry Bellamy indicating our support for quiet work during the night hours as proposed by the DDOT team, provided they take all measures to mitigate noise and light pollution and address neighborhood concerns. Motion seconded. After further discussion of noise issues and responses, the motion passed without objection.**
3. Request from residents in the 1200 block of Wylie Street NE to support petition extending hours and days for residential permit parking enforcement.
- a. Residential parking currently goes until 7:30 pm, and the neighbors want to extend it to midnight. The threshold for such a request is 50% of neighbors on the block; they have 26 signatures. There is a heavy concentration of businesses on nearby H St. Families with babies have to park far away.
 - b. **Motion by Commissioner Mahmud: To ask the ANC to send a letter of support for the petition. Motion seconded. Passed without objection.**
 - i. Commissioner Mahmud cautioned the Wylie Street residents that DDOT may be slow to make the change, based on his experience with the 900 block of L St, which has been waiting since March for new parking signs.

4. Request from resident to follow up regarding road and pedestrian safety requests (all-way stop signs and speed bumps) in the 400 to 600 blocks of Tennessee Avenue NE submitted via 311.
 - a. They got a tracking number, and DDOT said the request was resolved, but it was not. Commissioner Williams not present. Commissioner Mahmud will follow up with DDOT.

VI. Additional Community Comment (time permitting)

1. Mr. Sloves noted that the temporary measures on Maryland Ave. haven't yet been initiated. Commissioner Mahmud will follow up with DDOT. Mr. Rosset pointed out the same issue with C Street coming off the bridge by RFK; the lane hasn't been stripped off for an environmental study.

VII. Adjourn meeting at 8:05 pm.