

Minutes
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.
Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (Co-Chair) and Caitlin Rogger (Co-Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman
Commissioners present: [Amber Gove](#) (ANC 6A Chair, 6A04), [Keya Chatterjee](#) (6A01)
- III. Old Business.
 - District Department of Transportation (DDOT) update on the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#). Mr. [Jerrell Johnson](#) (Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project Outreach Team) updated the committee and community on progress on the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project. Gas line work is predicted to be completed December 2023, with all other repairs and installations lasting into spring to fall 2024.
 - i. Commissioner Keya Chatterjee queried whether Washington Gas contractors would be finished with the project in December, and whether that indicated that DDOT contractors only would be engaged in the project from January 2024, noting that contractors from this agency had been less cooperative and seemingly less concerned with safety. Mr. Johnson affirmed this.
 - ii. Commissioner Chatterjee also queried why the sidewalk repairs were taking as long as they are. Mr. Peyton Manning (Project Outreach Team) and Mr. Nandlal Gevaria (Project Manager) alluded to a number of challenges with the sidewalk work, namely sidewalk widths and existing utilities underground, noting that future progress would depend to some extent on winter weather. Mr. Gevaria also highlighted a number of augments to the project to improve the cycling facilities.
 - iii. Co-Chair Shaun Lynch thanked the project team for their updates and continued cooperation and affirmed the importance of their continued participation in ANC 6A meetings.
- IV. New Business.
 - Honorary Renaming of the 1300-1600-Blocks of A Street NE to recognize the Eastern High School Blue & White Marching Machine. ANC 7D requested the support of ANC 6A for their recent resolution requesting the honorary street renaming. ANC 7D Vice-Chair Brian Alcorn informed the Committee that the 7D ANC had resolved at its previous meeting to honorarily rename the block something along the lines of Blue and White Marching Machine Way or BWMM Way or BW Band Way, compliant with DDOT regulations, to be developed in consultation with DDOT and the community.

Commissioner Gove made the motion recommending: That ANC 6A ANC 6A send a letter of support of ANC 7D's resolution for the honorary renaming of the 1300- to 1600-blocks of A St NE to recognize the Eastern High School Blue & White Marching Machine. **Committee Member Jeff Fletch seconded the motion.**

The motion passed unanimously, with all Commissioners and TPS Committee Members present voting yes.

- Public Space Construction Permit Application #419662 at 1101 H Street NE (Commissioner Mike Velasquez). Co-Chair Lynch noted that the timeframe for offering comment on this process had lapsed. Commissioner Gove explained that this matter had previously been before the Committee and had been “re-upped”.
- TPS Committee contribution to the ANC 6A Annual Report. Co-Chair Lynch explained the process by which the report needs to be completed and asked for volunteers to help populate it. Commissioner Gove explained that the previous annual report could be populated with current data. Co-Chair Lynch clarified that the annual report had to cover the fiscal year, therefore October 2022-September 2023, and a draft would need to be ready for review by the October 2023 TPS meeting.

V. Community Comment.

- Elizabeth Nicholas, community member, registered concerns about the effects on individual blocks (specifically an 8th Street block) of major construction projects. Similarly, Monica Gonzalez-Conic requested advice on getting a walk-through of the 8th Street DDOT bus project, raising concerns about the bollards creating safety issues, and asked if the bus priority team could be brought back to explain their value. Co-Chair Lynch offered to relay the concerns to the DDOT community representative, and Commissioner Gove suggested asking the bus priority project team to return for another Committee meeting. Another community member, Kisha Salters, echoed concerns about the reduced police presence and reduced parking spaces.
- Commissioner Chatterjee noted that many of her constituents had reported significant benefits to their bus journeys, specifically bus journeys had improved in efficiency.
- Community Member Patrick Bloomstein echoed support for the 8th Street bus project and queried whether safety improvements could be made to Atlas Court. Commissioner Chatterjee commented that she had had discussions previously with DDOT and had not been offered any support for slowing down traffic in the alley. She offered to try again. Committee Member Sussman suggested that the Committee to try to incorporate proposed safety changes to the H Street bus priority project, based in part on concerns around cars moving into the alleys to avoid the bus lanes.
- Committee Member Mark Sussman suggested bringing the Vision Zero hardening team back to an upcoming committee meeting. Co-Chair Lynch agreed to invite them.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.