

**MINUTES**  
**ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting**  
**Call-in Conference via WebEx**  
**Monday, November 16, 2020**

I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Introductions:

Committee members in attendance: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Marc Brumer, Andrew Burnett, Hassan Christian, Maura Dundon, Jeff Fletcher

Commissioners in attendance: Amber Gove (6A04), Mike Soderman (6A03), Brian Alcorn (6A08)

III. Announcements:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) submitted information (attached to the TPS agenda) about progress on D Street NE between approximately 16th and 18th Streets NE. DDOT has committed to: install new high-visibility crosswalks at the intersection of 16th and D Streets NE and new 20 MPH signs (replacing 25 MPH) along D Street NE. ANC 6A had passed a resolution in support of speed humps on these blocks at midblock, but DDOT was unable to install them based on field work showing the blocks are too short for mid-block speed humps. DDOT is now investigating the feasibility of installing raised crosswalks instead at the intersections, which will require coordination with WMATA and utility companies due to bus stops and manholes.

IV. Community Comment: None

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business

A. The Committee discussed BZA 20323, which relates to a zoning application for a variance to remove parking spaces from Maury Elementary School in order to increase the size of the playground. The size of the existing school parking lot will be reduced from 21 to 13 spaces to create more play space at the school, in response to school-community requests. Per an agreement between District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and District Department of Transportation (DDOT), DDOT has agreed to locate 8 street parking spaces adjacent to the school on 12th Place NE, to be used by school staff during DCPS work hours, possibly via ParkMobile app. Outside DCPS work hours, the spaces could operate as Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zone or pay-by-cell parking open for use by the public. These spaces are already designated as “no parking during school hours.” This is consistent with prior ANC 6A votes on the matter. Link to additional information: The zoning application is available at [https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/CaseReport/CaseReportPage.aspx?case\\_id=20323](https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/CaseReport/CaseReportPage.aspx?case_id=20323).

Dan Nebhut and Sara Woodhead, representatives from DGS, summarized the application. Commissioner Gove stated that adding play space and removing parking space had been envisioned during the whole school renovation process, and thanked everyone for their work, and clarified that 8 parking spaces would be removed. She noted that there is an existing ANC resolution on the RPP and staff usage after hours to be included in the resolution.

Will Handsfield spoke as a private citizen in support of the application.

Mr. Brumer discussed the need to make sure that material for the bridge over bioretention area would be safe for biking over. He noted a gate over bioretention on 13th Street NE that is dangerous for bikers/scooters. Mr. Soderman asked about the bridging over the bioretention area and received DDOT confirmation that the area would stay open, but with a bridge over it.

Mr. Brumer made the motion; *TPS recommends that ANC 6A send a letter to BZA in support of BZA 20323, conditional upon there being ROP (Resident Only Parking) on the west side of 12th Place NE and RPP (Resident Permit Parking) from 6:00 pm - 7:00 am on the east side of 12th Place NE, and that there are 8 parking spaces involved.* The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gove and passed 8-0. [Committee members Nelson, Brumer, Dundon, Fletcher, Christian and Commissioners Alcorn, Gove, Soderman in favor; Mr. Burnett was not present for this vote)

- B. The Committee discussed public space application #343819, for a driveway through public space at 1518 North Carolina Ave. NE, which had been forwarded to the TPS Committee by DDOT. This application had already been reviewed by ANC 6A earlier this year, which sent a letter of opposition dated 3/3/2020, available at <https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Re-Public-Space-343819-1518-North-Carolina-NE.pdf>.

The applicant was present and stated that she had not reapplied, and had asked for discussion to be delayed. The applicant stated that she did not want the application “ruled on” and stated that the property was under litigation. She stated that previously ANC 6A had not wanted to get involved due to the litigation. She said that she noticed that the public space was being used for trash storage, and that the steep slope was a fall risk, and that people had fallen there before. She made reference to a pending lawsuit with an adjacent property owner and DDOT’s decision timeline. Ms. Nelson said that she did not see any mention of a lawsuit in the minutes of the TPS relevant to the public space question.

Ms. Nelson further stated that, as the ANC has already reviewed the application and made a determination, and there have been no material changes to the site or to the application, there is nothing the TPS Committee can recommend to the ANC, other than to restate its existing position.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion: *The TPS Committee urges ANC 6A to send a letter to DDOT stating that ANC 6A reviewed and commented on public space application #343819, for a driveway through public space at 1518 North Carolina Ave. NE, in March 2020. As the application is unchanged, DDOT should refer to the letter of opposition already sent.* The motion was seconded by Commissioner Soderman and passed 8-0. [Committee members Nelson, Brumer, Dundon, Fletcher, Christian and Commissioners Alcorn, Gove, Soderman in favor; Mr. Burnett was not present for this vote)

- C. The Committee discussed the DDOT PaveDC Initiative, which is soliciting lists of locations for repaving “roadways, alleys, and sidewalks in poor condition.” The TPS Committee suggested that the ANC invite DDOT to give a community presentation at

the December 2020 ANC meeting to discuss PaveDC, specifically what criteria they use to select locations (roadways, alleys and sidewalks) for repaving/resurfacing/repairs. The thought was that developing a consolidated list might be on the agenda for the December TPS meeting. However, subsequent to the November 2020 TPS meeting, the ANC was informed that a representative would not be available for the ANC meeting and that the deadline for submission of locations is prior to the December TPS meeting.

- VII. Second round of Community Comment: None
- VIII. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.