

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Sherwood Recreation Center (10th Street and G Street NE)
December 17, 2012

- I. Call meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- II. In attendance: Nelle Pierson, WABA Outreach Coordinator; residents Bonita Dandridge, Ms. Salter, Ms. Oshin and Todd Sloves; Damon Harvey, DDOT Deputy City-Wide Program Support Manager; ANC 6A Commission Chairman David Holmes; and J. Omar Mahmud, Committee Chair.
- III. Community Comment
 - A. Ms. Dandridge expressed concern about residents like her getting tickets on her block for violating the two hour parking restriction. Mr. Harvey agreed to send an email to the DDOT manager responsible for these matters to find out why there is a new sign on her block creating the ticketing problem. Mr. Mahmud asked Ms. Dandridge to provide him with her contact information so that he could follow up with her about this matter. Mr. Harvey also asked Ms. Dandridge to give him the citation number for the ticket so he can follow up.
 - B. Ms. Oshin asked about obtaining resident only parking for her block on Maryland Avenue. She has a petition signed by neighbors but is unsure of what to do with it. Mr. Harvey agreed to accept the petition from Ms. Oshin and turn it into DDOT in the morning.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Presentation regarding a “bicycle parade” organized by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) - Mr. Mahmud introduced Ms. Pierson and thanked her for attending. Ms. Pierson went on to provide the following information and answer questions from those in attendance:
 1. The WABA bicycle parade is called the Tour de Fat. Fat is for the bicycle tires, not anything else. The event is put on by a beer company in Colorado and proceeds go to local bike advocacy groups. Organizers are emphasizing a family friendly event. Last year was the first year of the event in DC, which raised \$20,000 for WABA.
 2. The event will be on Saturday June 1. At 11 am riders gather at Yards Park in Southeast DC. There are some street closures for a temporary time, but they are primarily in ANC 6B. Race organizers were unable to get a closure of M Street SE approved for last year’s race.
 3. There is a video of the event last year, which Ms. Pierson agreed to email to Mr. Mahmud.
 - a. Chairman Holmes indicated he and Commissioner Nick Alberti are OK with the proposed street closures in their single member districts and will support the race.
 - b. Chairman Holmes recommended organizers get MPD support to help with the street closures and to protect cyclists from motorists.
 - c. Ms. Oshin asked how this event educates cyclists in the area since she is concerned about bicyclist riding safely on streets. Ms. Pierson indicated there are booths with educational materials at the event and she personally encourages helmet use.

- d. Ms. Dandridge asked what ages are allowed to participate in the event and if there is a cost. Ms. Pierson indicated the event is open to all ages and that it is free of charge to sign up.
4. Chairman Holmes indicated he would like approval from ANC 6A to be contingent on seeing a Homeland Security and MPD approved plan for addressing street closures. Mr. Mahmud suggested we also see approvals from adjacent ANCs.
5. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the ANC send a letter of support for the 2013 Tour de Fat contingent on Ms. Pierson showing Homeland Security and MPD have approved the street closure plan and that the adjacent ANCs have sent letters of support. Chairman Holmes seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***

V. Old Business

- A. Performance Parking program rollout updated by Damon Harvey of DDOT - Mr. Mahmud introduced Mr. Harvey, thanked him for attending and told him the committee is most interested in getting an update on the status of the H Street pilot program, visitor parking permits and the new meter pricing scheme proposed by DDOT. Mr. Harvey went on to provide the following information and answer questions from those in attendance:
 1. One of the program tools is to adjust meter rates based on usage data to create optimal parking price points.
 2. There are also enhanced parking restrictions which allow for resident only parking. Designed to benefit us as residents by ensuring parking on blocks just off H Street.
 3. 36 multi-space meters have been installed on the corridor. There is also a network of smart meters on the side streets of H Street. These meters are all 4 hour max until 6:30 pm. After that time there is no time limit.
 4. Smart meters allow parkers to pre-pay on the network smart meter, meaning they are not charged until meter enforcement hours begin (e.g. 7am).
 5. Regarding the 4-hour meters in front of Horace & Dickies, Mr. Harvey doesn't believe changing them to 15-minute meters will help the problem with illegal parking on this block (e.g. cars double parked, parking on the sidewalk, blocking the alley, etc.). Mr. Harvey indicated there has been an increase in enforcement, which will help.
 - a. Chairman Holmes informed Mr. Harvey the ANC's motivation for requesting the change to 15 minute meters is because we thought shorter parking times would benefit both business and residents. Mr. Harvey expressed concern that you will "walk people into tickets" by putting in 15-minute parking restrictions. Mr. Harvey indicated his team is concerned about the peak hours and people not being able to park long enough to wait in line for food. He's not sure 15 minutes is the right time.
 - b. Mr. Mahmud questioned if there is a more optimal time that would encourage turnover of parking spots while ensuring people could park long enough to pick up food. He expressed further concern about the current 4-hour parking spots not being a good idea for allowing parking turnover, hence people deciding to illegally park when parking spots are not available. He stressed to Mr. Harvey that this is a real concern for the neighborhood and that something must be done soon to resolve the problem. Mr. Harvey indicated his team would take all information under advisement.

6. Regarding the visitor parking permits, Mr. Harvey indicated all those living within one block of H Street would be receiving one initially (mailed out at the end of the prior week). Each household can give the pass to guests so they can park in restricted areas without getting a ticket. Soon DDOT will migrate to an online system for obtaining visitor parking passes, hopefully next year. These passes do not allow overnight parking by cars with out of state license plates because the ROSA (registration of out of state automobiles) law trumps this parking authorization.
 7. Residents can go to www.ddot.dc.gov to find specific information about the H Street pilot program.
 - a. Chairman Holmes informed Mr. Harvey that the Commission may request that DDOT include all of ANC 6A in the pilot, not just the portion of the ANC near H Street.
 8. ANC 6A has all the new meter technology installed along the H Street corridor. ANC 6A is one of the few areas in the city with the newly installed smart meters.
- B. Consider Next Steps with DDOT regarding petition from residents to convert the 1400 block of G Street NE to one-way traffic.
1. Mr. Mahmud asked to table this item given we are still awaiting information from DDOT and the concerned resident is not in attendance.

VI. Additional Community Comment

- A. ***Mr. Mahmud made a motion that the January 2013 committee meeting be moved back one week to January 28 because of the Presidential Inauguration. Chairman Holmes seconded the motion, which passed without objection.***

VII. Adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm