

AGENDA
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
December 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm

- I. Called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions
 - A. Committee members in attendance: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Marc Brumer, Jeff Fletcher , Caitlin Rogger, Todd Sloves, Hassan Christian
 - B. Commissioners in attendance: Mike Soderman (6A03), Amber Gove (6A04)
- III. Announcements - none.
- IV. Community Comment - none.
- V. New Business
 - A. Public Space permit for sidewalk cafe, Duffy's Irish Pub, 1016 H St. NE. DDOT PSRA Permit Tracking# 10704245, Review# 525260.
 - i. Owner Casey Callister presented plans for a 4.5 foot sidewalk patio with three tables and seating for eight. There will be a 10 foot clearance from the edge of café to the curb. Planters will be within the patio space. Duffy's already has a Settlement Agreement (SA) with ANC 6A that addresses some aspects of operating a sidewalk café - but not the size of the café or hours of operation. That will be negotiated with the ABL committee
 - ii. ***Mr. Sloves moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 6A send letter of support to DDOT Public Space Committee for the sidewalk cafe application by Duffy's Irish Pub (1016 H Street NE), conditioned on applicants agreement to the following:***
 - a. ***The applicant only operates the sidewalk café space during those hours agreed upon in the SA;***
 - b. ***The applicant will take reasonable efforts to contain noise within the sidewalk café space including, but not limited to, using any sidewalk café removable structures it may now or in the future install (e.g., a sidewalk cafe canopy, roll down plastic windows, etc. - none are currently planned) and any other reasonable means to contain noise, but only to the extent allowable by applicable District laws and regulations;***
 - c. ***The applicant will only use the sidewalk café space for food and drink service, and not for any playing of music, amplified or otherwise, or for any other use, including live performances;***
 - d. ***If the applicant installs fencing around the sidewalk café area, it shall be consistent with DDOT specifications and the fencing enclosing other sidewalk cafes within our ANC, which shall include fencing or bars designed to keep trash contained within the sidewalk café area (preferably by minimizing any gaps at the bottom of the fencing);***

- e. *The applicant will use easily moveable chairs and tables that shall be moved to the interior patio;*
 - f. *The applicant will ensure no trash container of any sort will be stored anywhere on public space, including on the sidewalk café itself; and*
 - g. *The applicant will regularly maintain the adjacent tree boxes and keep all areas in front of the business and within the sidewalk café area clean, including the adjacent sidewalk and street gutter.*
 - iii. *The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously, 7-0 (including Commissioners Soderman and Gove).*
- B. Pedestrian safety - Naomi Klein and Julie Wilson, District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- i. DDOT will implement a new system for reporting problems and requesting traffic assessments in early 2019.
 - ii. There will be public engagement, largely through the ANCs but also other venues.
 - iii. The changes are intended to make it easier for citizens to report problem intersections. They will be able to do so without first going through their ANCs. The support of their SMD commissioners will strengthen their case but a vote of the entire ANC will not be required.
 - iv. It is critical to provide a sufficient description of the problem for which redress is requested. Too often, the requests simply say “problem intersection” without explaining what the problem is (speeding, aggressive driving, light timing, lines of sight, etc.)
 - v. The Ward Community Engagement Analyst (Naomi Klein for Ward 6) should be cc’d on all correspondence.
 - vi. The Powerpoint presentation given at the meeting will be forwarded to the ANC for posting on the website.
 - vii. The TPS indicated a desire to have a more holistic approach to pedestrian/traffic safety rather than addressing problems one intersection at a time - which can just relocate problems. A request was made to do a study of a larger area. DDoT countered that they always consider the potential effects of changes when doing their assessments. Also, while they will do small area studies of a few blocks, they do not do Ward-wide or ANC-wide studies. They did agree to accept a list of problem intersections, if provided by the TPS/ANC.
 - viii. Commissioner Soderman reported that police have said they cannot enforce laws restricting trucks and other heavy vehicles without proper signage and signage is frequently missing.
 - ix. Several attendees pressed the DDOT representatives to work with the developers of navigation apps but DDOT says that the companies are not interested in working with them and they have no means to compel them.
- C. Consideration of ANC6A sending a letter to DDOT requesting that traffic studies be done for Eighth (8th) & A Street intersection as well as Tenth (10th) & East Capitol Street intersection
- i. The DDOT representatives responded that studies have already been done for these intersections but that they are not yet ready to share the results with the

public. They agreed to attend either the January or February 2019 TPS meeting to make a presentation.

- D. Potential plans for football stadium at RFK site - whether there is an opportunity for the ANC to play a role at this time
- i. Committee members and members of the audience briefly discussed the merits of such a possibility and having decided they were insufficient to justify a new stadium, moved on to discussing the best course of action for the ANC to take. Commissioner Gove also asked that those in opposition encourage others to sign the petition being circulated by Councilmember Charles Allen.
 - ii. ***Mr. Sloves moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 6A send a letter to Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mayor Bowser, Councilmember Allen, Chair Phil Mendelson, and all At-large Councilmembers endorsing Councilmember Allen's position (opposition) with respect to a new NFL stadium on the RFK site. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously, 7-0 (including Soderman and Gove).***

VI. Additional Community Comment - none.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.