

ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee
Kaiser Permanente Capitol Hill Medical Center
700 2nd St. NE, Room G3-G4
Thursday, January 5, 2017
7:00 pm

REPORT

In Attendance:

Mark Kazmierczak (chair)
Heather Edelman
Richard Merkle

1. NoMa Streetscape Guidelines Update

NoMa BID is finalizing new streetscape guidelines. There are currently two conflicting guidelines so the goal is to create one consolidated document that can be used going forward. The guidelines were reviewed by this committee in November, and NoMa BID is returning to provide a status update, including responses to comments from the ANC.

Representative: Galin Brooks, NoMa BID. [6C06]

Ms. Brooks presented draft revised guidelines that create a more straight, direct pedestrian right of way that aligns with crosswalks. Other points discussed include:

- Will the two streetscape surfaces (for the sidewalk and amenity zone) require different treatment in winter? (answer unknown)
- Sidewalk cafes are intended to be in the amenity zone and not adjacent to buildings, although that will need to be enforced on a case-by-case basis.
- There are special configurations of the amenity zones in food truck vending zones, with more paths to the curb and ideally more short walls for seating (still being refined).

Ms. Brooks will return with more updates as the effort progresses.

No Vote

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2. Washington Gateway

Washington Gateway is a three-phase project by MRP Realty providing three mixed-use buildings at the intersection of New York Ave. and Florida Ave. NE. Phase I is complete with the Elevation building at 100 Florida Ave. Phases II and III will consist of two additional buildings along the Metropolitan Branch Trail, and goes before the Zoning Commission later this month (January 19).

Although the project is in ANC 5E, its construction may impact access to the MBT and create traffic effects for ANC 6C residents.

Representative: Matthew Robinson, MRP Realty. [ANC 5E]

The committee asked about traffic impacts of the project. There is a no left turn entrance/exit on New York Avenue NE to allow cars entering or leaving the project to avoid the intersection with Florida. Underground parking for office and retail is provided. No changes to existing lights or intersections are planned as part of the PUD.

Also discussed was the “bike lobby” and access to the Metropolitan Branch Trail from the project. With community input (Eckington Civic Association, etc.), MRP designed an open-air lobby that goes through the two buildings, which includes stairs with a bike trough, an elevator for ADA accessibility, bike racks, benches, and a bike repair station. The intent allows for tenants of the project as well as the public to access the MBT from Florida Ave through the premises. The lobby will be closed from midnight to 6am daily for safety reasons. This point was discussed extensively, and the committee ultimately agreed that closing the lobby for safety is needed. Mr. Robinson also presented details of the building and property design along the MBT, all of which the committee viewed favorably.

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