

ANC 6C Parks and Events Committee

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Kaiser-Permanente Capitol Hill Medical Center (700 2nd St. NE)

Committee/Commissioner Attendees: Phil Tahtakran, Caitlin LaRocco, Joe McCann, Scott Price (6C03 Commissioner)

1. Capitol Hill Classic

Roberta Stewart, director of community outreach, briefed the committee on the upcoming 38th annual race. Race organizers will be reverting back to the usual course route (used in 2015 and for several years prior) after a required re-route in 2016 due to security requirements for an event on the West Front of the Capitol attended by the President. No other changes expected from previous years, including the number of racers. Organizers received one complaint from a resident on Maryland Avenue last year re: road closures. Stewart noted the Capitol Hill Cluster Schools that benefit from funds raised via the race. **The committee members present were unanimously supportive of recommending that the ANC write a letter to the Mayor's Special Event Task Force Group indicating its support for the race and course.**

2. NoMa Parks update

Stacie West gave a brief update on the various NoMa parks projects in the works.

- The M Street Underpass project continues to face issues with Amtrak in seeking permission to mount on their overhead structure. Discussions with Amtrak will be escalated and backup plans are also in the works for a free-standing structure if needed. Spring 2017 completion is still expected. Homeless encampments in the public space continue to be a concern with little interest from DC government in addressing the situation.
- 3rd & L park design was approved by the Commission on Fine Arts. Next step is agency approvals: DDOT, DOE, and DC Water. Next community conversation will occur in mid-April to share adjustments in design.
- L Street Underpass scheduled for Summer 2017 completion.

3. Reservation 84

Randy Martin with Neighbors of Reservation 84 briefed the Committee on this community group's plans for renewal of Reservation 84 (a 9,661-square foot public space bounded by Massachusetts Ave, Constitution Ave, and 7th Street NE). The group has a Park Partners Cooperative Agreement with DPR and is seeking \$1,750 from the ANC 6C Grants Program for seven trees. The full scope of work for the project includes pruning and other maintenance (aerating, seeding). The group estimates that the requested funds only amount to 1/5 of the estimated cost of the project, as they have secured a number of in-kind contributions from groups in the community including Casey Trees and DDOT. Commissioner Scott Price (6C03) expressed strong support for the project, particularly given that the corner is a high-crime area. **The committee members present were unanimously supportive of recommending that the ANC support the design plans, including the additional trees sought.**