

ANC 6C Parks and Events Committee

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Committee Attendees: Phil Tahtakran, Erik Heilman, Caitlin LaRocco, Vira Sisolak

1. NoMa Parks Update

Robin Eve-Jasper (NoMa BID) and Stacie West (NoMa Parks Foundation) provided an update.

- M Street Underpass – Amtrak reversed their previous position and have allowed NoMa Parks to proceed with the M Street installation without modification. There are 3 minor conditions which are being met: 1) inspect on an annual basis; 2) provide funds in case the structure needs to be taken down in case of a significant emergency; 3) provide a vermin and bird protection plan. Re-upping permits and moving forward with Bikeshare movement (during construction). Hope to complete by November. L Street Underpass by end of year.
- Homeless Encampments – still merits more attention from the city. Mayor's Office didn't seem to be aware of this persistent issue in NoMa.
- 3rd & L Park – construction began in August 2017. Hope to complete and open by 3rd week of November.
- Naming of Parks – seeking community input on names for 3rd/L and NoMa Green spaces. 4 or 5 selections from community suggestions will be put up to a vote. Highest vote getter for each park will likely be sent to Council and then Mayor for approval.
- NoMa Green – working on enlisting a general contractor partner now given the scope and breadth of the project. Targeting Fall 2018 for completion.
- Civic Plaza – rethinking and looking for more sites given change to design of Storey Park development. Land being sought.

2. D.C. Services & Neighborhood Issues

Naomi Mitchell, Community Liaison, Office of Councilmember Charles Allen

- Committee members flagged key issues of concern for the Councilmember's representative.
- Homeless Encampments – Councilmember's representative suggested calling 311 regularly will help. The Councilmember will also consider reaching out to the Deputy Mayor to flag the importance of this issue.
- Urban Forestry Administration – the Committee flagged a lack of responsiveness to some hazardous conditions such as large dead trees that need to be removed. Also discussed the need for better maintenance/pruning of younger trees (to remove lower branches).