

ANC 6C Parks and Events Committee

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

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

Committee/Commissioner Attendees: Phil Tahtakran (Chair), Brianna Battle, Luz DeJesus, Caitlin LaRocco, Joe McCann, Vira Sisolak, and Commissioner Christine Healey (ANC 6C01).

1. Rock 'n' Roll Marathon & Half Marathon

Diane Romo Thomas, Community Relations Representative for the Marathon

- Races scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2018 with an expected 19-20K runners
- No change to course or timing from last two years
- MPD will be posted for the 2nd year in a row at Union Station to ensure buses don't turn right and get stuck at 3rd Street
- Large course signs (22x20) to be posted along the course on the Saturday before the event; will come down on Sunday. Door-to-door flyers also to be passed out; will encourage residents to use Waze since course will be uploaded.
- 13th Street issues raised by Commissioner Healey which Marathon organizers will attempt to address; MPD looking at Maryland Avenue as a possible "bump route." Additional officers will be used at that intersection to manage it.
- **Motion recommending that the ANC write a letter of support to the Homeland Security Task Force in support of the Rock-n-Roll Marathon & Half Marathon. Passed 5-1.**

2. NoMa Parks Update

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

- M Street Underpass: Amtrak finally granted formal approval. Contractor received required Amtrak training. Renewal of permits underway and one Amtrak-issued permit has been filed for. Installation to begin in December.
- L Street Underpass: Installation items undergoing fabrication; arrive early December. DDOT permit approval expected in mid-December with installation beginning later that month.
- 3rd & L Park: Under construction. Delays encountered due to utilities issues. Expected completion date now some time in January.
- The Committee raised concerns with persistent delays in delivery. NoMa BID and Parks Foundation discussed the unpredictability inherent with construction and unforeseen circumstances. Walked through some of the specific challenges they were faced with including Amtrak (M St) and utility issues at 3rd/L.
- NoMa Green – still working on hiring a General Contractor. Hope to start construction in February 2018.

3. Underpass Projects / Homeless Encampments

- The Committee discussed recent incidents that members of the community have brought to our attention, including the presence of BBQ grills, lighter fluid, and charcoal briquettes in the underpasses.
- NoMa BID also briefed the Committee on current conditions and
- **Motion recommending that the ANC write a letter to Mayor Bowser (cc: Charles Allen) urging her to prioritize the issue of homeless encampments in NoMa, and in particular to work to: 1) connect individuals with shelters, permanent supportive housing, and other support services; 2) address hazards to the public (BBQ grills, lighter fluid, food and human waste) and ensure sidewalks are passable; and 3) address reports that MPD has refused to take action against reports of drug and other illegal activity. Passed 6-0.**

4. Other Matters

NoMa BID flagged concerns with regard to the current status of Sursum Corda – 6.5 acres of vacant buildings after developer backed out in summer.

- Worries about these vacant buildings becoming a hub for undesirable activity
- Buildings are not scheduled for demolition
- Some reports of hundreds of individuals congregating there at some times