

**ANC 6C Parks & Events Committee  
January 2, 2018 Meeting  
Kaiser Permanente Capitol Hill Medical Center  
700 2nd St NE  
7:00 PM**

**Attendance**

**Committee members:**

Joe McCann, Chair (6C06)  
Phil Tahtakran (At-large)  
Vera Sisolak (6C01)  
Brianna Battle (At-large)  
Caitlin LaRocco (At-large)  
Luz Dejesus (6C03)

**Commissioners:**

Mark Eckenwiler, 6C04

**Agenda Items:**

**1. NoMa Parks Foundation - status update**

Several NoMa Parks projects are in construction or in design phase. Here are some highlights:

- M Street Underpass Lighting Installation:
  - Amtrak has approved all permits and installation will commence in mid-January.
  - Installation is slated for completion by the end of March. Please note that installation will require rolling closures of the north and south sidewalks.
  - One of the sidewalks will remain open at all times and efforts will be made to assist bicyclists in navigating through the area.
  
- L Street Underpass Lighting Installation:
  - All required permits are issued and construction will commence in mid-January.
  - Installation is slated for completion by the end of April.
  
- Swampoodle Park - 3rd and L St NE-
  - Construction of the dog park, children's play structure and seating areas is in progress and slated for completion by the end of April.
  - There have been delays attributable to utilities and inclement weather.
  
- NoMa Green –
  - The Parks Foundation has selected a general contractor and continues to work on engineering and permitting.

- Central Civic Plaza –
  - The public plaza previously envisioned for the 100 Block of L St NE is no longer planned.
  - The Parks Foundation will consider potential land acquisition opportunities to fulfill this need.

## 2. Legislative Matters concerning Parks/Schools Fields-

On January 10, 2018, the DC Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment will hold a public hearing concerning four bills. Although ANC 6C will hold its January meeting after the hearing, the record remains open for written statements until January 24, 2018. At the request of Commissioner Eckenwiler, our Committee considered two of the bills:

- *Community Use of School Facilities Task Force Establishment Act of 2017 (B22-39)*

The Committee unanimously recommended that ANC 6C resolve to submit a letter to Committee Chairwoman Mary Cheh in support of the District creating the community task force provided for in the legislation.

- *Ensuring Community Access to Recreational Spaces Act of 2017 (B22-613)*

The Committee unanimously recommended that ANC 6C resolve to submit a letter to Committee Chairwoman Mary Cheh in support of the legislation with the following caveats/commentary:

- Use Prioritization:
  - The Committee supports the use prioritization regime set forth in lines 44 to 56.
  - The Committee believes that DGS should promulgate regulations to mediate between competing users. In this regard, the Committee does not believe that the mediation regime provided for in lines 61-67 is manageable.
- Schedule of Uses: The legislation should be amended to require that DGS publish on-line an updated schedule for activities conducted at DCPS school facilities/grounds. DGS similarly should publish on-line the days and times for the “open community use” that is provided for in lines 70 to 71.
- Application Intake: The legislation should be amended to require that DGS/DCPS promulgate regulations to establish pre-defined “open call for applications” window (for a given period of days or weeks) for any facility such that no permit is granted until after the window closes. Such amendment would ensure that we do not have a “first come, first served” regime that effectively denies priority to youth sports, non-profits and other groups listed in lines 44-56.
- Morning use restrictions: The legislation should be amended to establish that DCPS/DGS shall not grant any permit for the use of a DCPS facility or grounds, or

otherwise provide for “open community use” at such DCPS location, to the extent that such use would (i) commence prior to 7:00 AM and (ii) occur within or immediately adjacent to a residentially zoned neighborhood.

### **3. Environmental Sustainability Pilot Project-**

As discussed with the Commissioners, the Parks & Events Committee will undertake a one-year pilot project to focus on sustainability issues. In consultation with 6C Commissioners, the Committee will:

- Establish a mission statement and
- Develop a list of 8-10 environmental sustainability issues to address during the coming year