On Tuesday, February 13, 2018, the ANC 6C Parks & Events Committee convened with a quorum of four members consisting of Chair J. McCann; 6C01 Commissioner C. Healey; At-Large member P. Tahtakran; and 6C03 representative L. Dejesus.

**MPD “Clean Routes” parking policy/Rock ’N' Roll Marathon**

Commander Guillermo Rivera and Lt. Wayne Steinhilber from MPD Special Operations Division explained MPD’s recent adoption of a “Clean Routes” policy which requires removal of parked vehicles along race/event routes. The policy is intended to promote public safety by minimizing the risk that a terrorist could drive a vehicle along a closed route in an effort to injure participants/bystanders. Other major US cities have already adopted this policy (e.g., NYC, L.A., Bos). The risk of such an incident has come to the fore after the terrorist attack this fall along NYC’s West Side. see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_New_York_City_truck_attack

MPD, which is one member of the Mayor’s Special Events Task Group, adopted the Clean Routes policy this past summer. MPD recently applied the policy at the Cupid Undies Run. MPD acknowledges, however, that they have not had occasion to apply the new policy to a large event on the scale of the Rock n Roll Marathon.

MPD considers this Clean Routes initiative to be its official policy, though they acknowledge that the policy has not been added to the Mayor’s Special Events Planning Guide. See https://hsema.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/hsema/publication/attachments/2018_MSETG%20Special%20Events%20Planning%20Guide.pdf.

- Note: It also does not appear that MPD had adopted/posted the policy as a written directive. See e.g., https://mpdc.dc.gov/node/423112.

For purposes of the March 10, 2018, Rock n Roll Marathon, the new Clean Routes policy will require that approximately 17 to 20 blocks of residential/commercial parking in ANC 6C will need to be cleared prior to the start gun. Rock n Roll Marathon’s representative Diane Thomas, who brought the matter to ANC 6C’s attention, explained that they only recently became aware of MPD’s new policy in January.

Following discussion, the Committee unanimously adopted the following motion:
The Committee recommends that ANC 6C write a letter to the Mayor’s Office calling for the Mayor to:

- ensure that all District agencies, including MPD, work to minimize the impact that the Clean Routes policy will have on people living near the Rock n Roll Marathon route;
- explore options for designating local parking lots or areas where residents could park their vehicles prior to and during the event; and
- ensure that MPD adheres to any regulations regarding the adoption and publishing of a Clean Routes policy. In this regard, the public should understand the parameters of the new policy and have an opportunity to offer comment.

Note: The Committee discussed but did not vote on the issue of whether ANC 6C should vote to revoke its November 2017 letter in support of the Rock n Roll Marathon.

**Capitol Hill Classic**

The organizers explained the 10-K, 3K and Fun Run events are the main annual fundraiser for the Capitol Hill Cluster School and in the past has raised approx. $100K (net of costs). The event, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, is celebrating its 40th year. Race representatives Jason Levine and Roberta Stewart confirmed that the race will follow the same course as in 2017. They also reported no major problems/unplanned disruptions with the 2017 race.

Mr. Levine and Ms. Stewart expressed major concerns regarding the anticipated parking impacts flowing from the Clean Routes policy. They explained that the new policy (which they learned about in December) will prohibit parking along 33 Capitol Hill blocks. In their view, MPD’s should not apply a Clean Routes policy to smaller events where the magnitude of the risk is smaller in scale. In this regard, they note that the Capitol Hill Classic will have 3,000 runners as compared to 20,000 runners for the Rock n Roll Marathon.

The race organizers are very concerned that the new policy will kill community support for their event. They have presented their concerns to the Mayor’s Office, which in turn has promised mitigation in two forms:

1. The Mayor’s Office will reimburse race organizers for the additional costs this year (est. $10K)
2. The Mayor’s Office will provide residents and church attendees with vehicle placards that will allow them to park along the route.
Note: Per race organizers, the Mayor’s Office views the Capitol Hill Classic as an opportunity to pilot a collaborative effort to ensure that the Clean Routes policy does not jeopardize community support for this type of event.

Note: MPD notes that the biggest threat relates to non-resident and stolen vehicles along the course route.

The Committee unanimously adopted the following motion:
We recommend that ANC 6C write a letter to Mayor Bowser:
- voicing strong support for the Capitol Hill Classic;
- asking that the Mayor’s Office and MPD consider whether the Clean Routes policy should be applied to this race given its small size; and
- urging that the Mayor’s Office continue to work to mitigate the impacts of the Clean Routes policy, if applied, on people living (and worshiping) near the race route.