ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee
Kaiser Permanente Capitol Hill Medical Center
700 2nd St. NE, Room G3-G4
Thursday, February 8, 2018
7:00 pm

REPORT

In Attendance:
Mark Kazmierczak, chair
Emily-Diamond Falk
Josh Linden
Comm. Mark Eckenwiler
Kate Kemmerer
Comm. Heather Edelman

1. Dockless Bikeshare

Jonathan Rogers of DDOT presented an overview of the pilot program and some of the issues that have been identified. The pilot runs until April 30, 2018. Mr. Rogers stated that recommendations will be presented to DDOT leadership in March so that a decision of how to proceed can be made by the time the pilot program ends. Mr. Rogers indicated that it is unlikely that permanent allowance of dockless bikeshare entities to operate in the District will be granted at that time.

Some of the issues discussed by Mr. Rogers and the Committee include:
- Parking Enforcement
  - Companies currently rely on users to self-police the system to some extent, which hasn’t yet been totally effective.
  - Unlike carshare, bikes can be moved after a ride is completed, so automatically fining users is not fair.
  - Currently the regulations don’t support being able to fine users or companies for improperly parked bicycles; this will be addressed before permanent roll-out.
- Bike conditions: DDOT acknowledges that bikes are often vandalized and quickly show signs of wear and tear, and would like to see improvement.
- Options Going Forward:
  - Enforcement: Will have to increase enforcement if the program becomes permanent.
  - Program management: Questions include open permitting process vs. one vendor?; should DDOT issue an RFP; can Capital Bikeshare turn into a hybrid docked/dockless system?
  - Bike maintenance: Design requirements, safety, inspection
  - Costs: How do companies contribute to the costs to operate, including use of public space, and how do they offset the costs of enforcement?
  - Scale: Should the number of bikes be capped? In total or by company?
  - Bike locations: Saturation (how many is too many?); Distribution (requirements for coverage?); Tethering (should we require locking to something?); Parking (should we have designated zones?)

The public can submit comments on the program to DDOT by email at dockless.bikeshare@dc.gov or through 311.

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2. **Peet’s Coffee, 1275 1st St. NE | Unenclosed Sidewalk Café | Application #10556869**

Representative: Peet’s Coffee [6C06]

The applicant presented their application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for coffee shop. It will consist of 4 steel framed tables, 2 chairs each, with umbrellas. There will be no ropes or fencing around the tables, and a minimum of 8’ 11” between edge of tables and the closest obstruction (benches). The proposed hours are 5am-8pm M-F, 7pm-7pm Sat-Sun. All furniture will remain outside during off hours, chained together and locked.

The committee discussed the potential for noise at early hours, and the ability of the establishment to keep people away when closed. Most members did not see a significant issue.

Motion: Recommend the ANC support the application
Vote: Passed, 5 – 0 (1 abstention)

3. **CAVA Grill, 523 H St. NE | Unenclosed Sidewalk Café**

Representative: Steven Ni, CAVA [6C05]

The applicant present a preview of their application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for a fast-casual restaurant. At the time of the meeting an application had not yet been submitted. The café will be on the 6th St side of Cava and consist of tables with 2 or 4 seats for a total occupancy of 28. No ropes or fencing will surround the café, and a minimum 10 ft. clearance to the nearest obstruction (trees). There will be no awnings or umbrellas. Alcohol is not served at this location. Hours of operation will be 11am-10pm, 7 days a week.

The committee asked how they will store the furniture after hours, and the applicant replied they had not determined. The committee was not enthusiastic about leaving them cabled in place. The committee also reiterated that the restaurant is to use reusable tableware as per the zoning requirements prohibiting fast food restaurants.

The committee also discussed the proximity of the café to residences and the potential for noise disturbance. A graduated seating approach was suggested, starting out with fewer and then potentially expanding at a later date following a period without significant complaints. The applicant was open to that.

Motion: Advise the ANC that the committee supports the concept, and will consider the full application once it’s filed with DDOT. A graduated seating plan should be investigated.
Vote: Passed, 6 – 0.
4. **Indigo, 243 K St. NE | Enclosed Sidewalk Café | Application #10553703**

Representative: Dinesh Tandon, Indigo. [6C06]

Indigo restaurant is applying to convert their current unenclosed sidewalk café (operating under permit #10237183) to an enclosed sidewalk café. ANC 6C had requested at the January meeting that the applicant return to provide more details regarding the design and materials of the enclosures.

The applicant presented revised plans for the sidewalk café. A number of details were discussed, with the goal of providing sufficient enclosed space for customers while maintaining a manageable size that doesn’t negatively affect the block. Ultimately, the following details were agreed on. Two separate sections of the patio will be covered. Neither will extend more than 20’ from the building and together will not comprise more than 60% of the available area. Both areas will use covering with clear, plastic sides that can come down in bad weather (parts of winter). A pergola or covering will be over the entrance/walkway area. Plexiglass panels will be added on the NW corner only (to block wind – dimensions: from the northern edge of the unenclosed area around the bar toward K; from the corner going east, only to the first brick pillar; maximum 7 feet high). Plexiglass will not extend all the way around the perimeter. The number of seats and operating hours will not change from the existing permit.

**Motion:**Recommend the ANC support the application with the above revisions and conditions.  
Vote: Passed, 6 – 0.

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