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

REPORT

In Attendance  
Mark Kazmierczak, chair  
Emily Diamond-Falk  
Comm. Karen Wirt  
Comm. Mark Eckenwiler  
Kate Kemmerer  
Josh Linden  
Christy Kwan  
Jay Adelstein

1. 434 3rd St. NE | Application #275605

Proposed construction of a new single-family townhouse. The design of the house is consistent with neighboring houses. The application as described was different from the materials initially submitted, because the applicant had made revisions based on review from the historic preservation board.

The main public space elements include:
  - A bay window projecting into public space
  - Area way for lower floor, covered by a metal grate. Stairs are provided for emergency egress but there is no door (it is not an entrance).
  - Hedges bordering the public parking
  - Small aluminum frame canopy over front door

In addition, the applicant confirmed that trees will be protected during construction. The sidewalk will need to be closed for 5-10 days during utility work, and a dumpster will be on the street throughout the duration of the project (equivalent of 2 spaces).

Motion: Recommend the ANC support the application, specifically identifying the elements described above.  
Vote: Passed 8 – 0.
2. **Union Pub, 201 Massachusetts Ave. NE | Conversion to Enclosed Sidewalk Café | Application #10575606**

Union Pub is proposing to enclose their existing sidewalk café, which is currently covered with an awning. The enclosure would be roll-down plastic sheets to be lowered during winter months and inclement weather. No other changes to operations requested. The owner described the need for the enclosure to mitigate against seasonal fluctuations in business that create staffing challenges and difficulty in keeping prices relatively low (which is a key attraction).

Representative: Matthew Weiss, Union Pub [6C02]

The committee had some concerns with the application. DCMR 24 210.8 states that “No enclosed sidewalk cafe shall project more than twenty feet (20 ft.) from the building line, or occupy more than sixty percent (60%) of available surface space.” The existing awning covers the entirety of the public parking, and extends approximately 35’ from the building face. In addition, Commissioner Wirt stated that she had received complaints of noise from the patio. Committee members also objected to the current use of a projection TV with sound on the patio; the owner claimed they don’t need them on a daily basis, and he offered to adjust use per neighbors’ concerns.

One committee member stated that the applicant provides a welcome service to the neighborhood and did not agree with the objections.

**Motion:** Recommend the ANC oppose the application.  
**Vote:** Passed, 4 – 2 – 2.

3. **Ludlow Taylor Elementary, 659 G St. NE | Application #10575606**

Ludlow Taylor Elementary School recently repaired an existing retaining wall and installed a new 8' high wrought iron fence (previous DDOT Permit # PA203114). The wall was finished in the summer of 2017. Approval of this as-built condition is being requested because the original permit allowed for a 6’ fence only.

No representative was present. The committee discussed the issue internally and decided they did not need to weigh in, as it was mainly repair and replacement in kind, and the additional height was not a problem. After the meeting, Commissioner Miller, in whose SMD the school is, stated no objection.

**No Vote.**
4. **DDOT Budget Oversight Hearing April 9**

The committee will discuss issues to raise at the Council’s budget oversight hearing for the District Department of Transportation, held on April 9, 2018.

Commissioner Eckenwiler requested the committee support ANC testimony at the upcoming oversight hearing to request increased additional funding for public space inspectors.

**Motion:** Recommend the ANC authorize testimony to request increased funding for public space inspectors.

**Vote:** Passed 8 – 0.