ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee
Kaiser Permanente Capitol Hill Medical Center
700 2nd St. NE, Room G3-G4
Thursday, April 5, 2018
7:00 pm

REPORT

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

1. NoMa Farmers Market

NoMa BID and Fresh Farm Markets are planning to start a farmers market at 1st and Pierce Street NE (on a private lot). They will be applying to occupy 10-15 of the metered parking spaces on 1st St. and/or Pierce St. between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM 7:00 am and 2:00 pm on Sundays from May-October.

Representative: Nony Dutton, Fresh Farm Markets [6C06]

The applicant is requesting support to reserve space for 15 box trucks (18’ each) on the street in what is now metered parking (but free on Sundays). The spots would be reserved only during the time and months specified above. In response to questions from the committee, the applicant explained that signage would be present to deter parking: at first temporary signs would be used then permanent, metal signs. The committee was in favor of permanent signage as long as it specified the months for which the parking restrictions were applicable. The applicant stated there would also be stickers placed on the parking meters.

Motion: Recommend the ANC support the application to reserve parking spaces from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sundays from May through October.
Vote: Passed, 7 – 0.

2. CAVA Grill, 523 H St. NE | Unenclosed Sidewalk Café | Application #10574315

Application for a new sidewalk café for a fast-casual restaurant. The applicant presented a preview of their application at the February committee meeting. 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.

Meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

The full Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 6C) usually meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm and will vote on all committee recommendations. Non-voting items from this committee meeting may be omitted from the full ANC agenda. Commission meetings are held at the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE. For a complete ANC schedule and agenda, see http://anc6c.org/.
The committee voted unanimously in February to advise the ANC that the committee supports the concept and will consider the full application once it is filed with DDOT. The committee also wanted to explore the possibility of a graduated seating plan, wherein the initial approval would be for a limited number of seats and potentially increase at a later date following a period without significant complaints.

Representative: Steven Ni, CAVA [6C05]

The applicant did not show up at the meeting and gave no notice.

Motion: Recommend the ANC request that DDOT PSC postpone the hearing on the matter (scheduled for April 26) so that the applicant can return to the TPS Committee meeting in May.

Vote: Passed, 5 – 1 – 1.

3. Burodo, 111 K St. NE | New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café | Application #10599573

Application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café for a fast casual restaurant. Hours of operation 11:00 am – 10:00 pm all week; 16 seats.

Representative: Michael Haddad, Burodo [6C06]

The committee was supportive of the concept of an unenclosed sidewalk café. Some constructive questions and recommendations were made, including the following:

- Trash cans are required but not shown on the application; applicant confirmed there will be trash receptacles.
- The applicant stated there will likely not be umbrellas unless the sun ends up being oppressive. The committee reminded the applicant any umbrellas must have 8’ of clearance under them.
- The committee asked about ADA compliant tables. The applicant stated that all tables are ADA accessible (30” clearance).
- The committee discussed with the applicant the southernmost table and its proximity to a garage exit presents a significant hazard. Ultimately it was agreed a barrier (e.g., chain or rope) would be placed at the end of the café to separate it from the driveway.

Motion: Recommend the ANC support the application, with two specifications: that a trash receptacle be provided and a barrier be placed at the end of the café by the parking garage exit.

Vote: Passed, 7 – 0.
4. **M St. Traffic Survey**

Residents of the 2M apartments are looking to remove rush hour parking restrictions on the north side of the unit block of M St. NE. They have asked DDOT to perform a traffic count to re-evaluate the need for the parking restriction, and are seeking ANC support.

Kyle Duarte, 2M Tenants Association [6C06]

Mr. Duarte presented the parking schematic for the unit block of M St. NE. On the south side, metered parking is in effect Monday through Saturday from 7:00 am – 6:30 pm; no parking restriction at all other times. On the north side, the same is true except there is no parking allowed from 4:00 – 6:30 pm Monday through Friday. The residents are requesting the afternoon parking restriction be removed. The committee agreed that the rush hour restriction is unnecessary and undesirable, as it provides for increased traffic into a residential area and an already very busy intersection.

**Motion:** Recommend the ANC send a letter to DDOT supporting the residents’ request to remove the rush hour parking restriction on the north side of the street and allow metered parking from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm.

**Vote:** Passed, 7 – 0.

5. **DDOT Budget Oversight Hearing April 9**

The Council Committee on Transportation & the Environment will hold a Budget Oversight Hearing on April 9 wherein the District Department of Transportation will testify. Our committee will discuss issues to raise with Council for the hearing.

Although the committee discussed some items for the budget hearing, a recently released budget document from DDOT raised additional concerns. Specifically:

- DDOT set a goal of 10% more bike lanes installed; the committee felt they should set a higher goal.
- Despite a 15% increase in Capital Bikeshare uptake last year, DDOT’s goal for next year is a 3% increase; the committee felt they should set a higher goal.
- The mayor requested $1M for a bus rapid transit study on New York Ave. The committee supported that but wanted to point out other efforts that would require coordination, including the redesign of the virtual circle at the Florida Ave intersection and the New York Ave streetscape project.
- Most importantly, much of the Vision Zero data in the budget document was listed as “not available.” The committee felt strongly that DDOT should staff, fund, and support activities surrounding collection and public distribution of Vision Zero data, such as number of injuries and number of intersections improved.

**Motion:** Recommend the ANC send written testimony reflecting the above discussion points. (The record will be held open until April 23.)

**Vote:** Passed, 7 – 0.