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

REPORT

In Attendance:
Mark Kazmierczak, chair
Jay Adelstein
Comm. Mark Eckenwiler
Christy Kwan

1. Capital Bikeshare Station at New Jersey and F

   Proposed Capital Bikeshare station at F and New Jersey NW. Alex Block at the BID supports this location, and the building management has been contacted. DDOT and Capital Bikeshare like this location- DDOT has received 25 public requests for a new Bikeshare station at the Gerogtown Law School campus. This is as close to the campus as possible while installing the station in public space. There is ample sidewalk space for a station here.

   Representative: Aaron Goldbeck, DDOT [6C02]

   This station is part of a big effort by DDOT to add 40 more bikeshare stations. There have been many public requests from GW Law, and this is the closest they could get. The proposed station will have 25 docks. DDOT reached out to the building’s director of facilities, who did not sound thrilled but could not give a good operational reason why a station shouldn’t go there.

   Motion: Recommend the ANC support the new station (Adelstein/Eckenwiler)
   Vote: Passed, 4 – 0.

2. North Capitol St. Needs Assessment

   Study and recommendations from NoMa BID.

   Representative: Galin Brooks, NoMa BID [multiple SMDs]

   Initiated last June, the assessment’s goal was to look at the environment and what could be improved, especially with an eye on safety but also improving the built environment. The report has recommendations categorized as:
   - Sidewalk
   - Roadway
   - Signage and markings
   - Traffic signals

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- Design
- Immediate action

Input was collected through outreach including an online map and walkthroughs of the corridor.

DDOT is going to be a partial author on the report. NoMa BID is looking for feedback on specific recommendations.

No Motion

3. 400 M St. NE | Application #313139

Modifications to driveway and patio at private residence.

Representative: Mike Gilles, Homeowner [6C06]

The homeowner has a driveway that is approximately 9’ wide, with retaining walls on either side. The entire yard of this corner row house is elevated and contained by a retaining wall. The applicant proposes to widen the driveway to 12’ and further excavate and move the retaining wall an additional 10’ to create a patio with pervious materials. The patio will maintain the existing pitch of the driveway.

Most committee members were favorable of the design. Commissioner Eckenwiler objected, fearing the patio would be used for parking. Other committee members felt the size and pitch of the patio would make that difficult.

Motion: Recommend ANC support the application (Kazmierczak/Kwan).
Vote: Passed, 3 – 1.

4. Fancy Radish, 600 H St. NE | Application #10665208

Application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for Fancy Radish restaurant. Applicant intends to submit revised plans (ANC 6C voted in October to oppose).

Representative: TBD [6C05]

The applicant has postponed the PSC hearing until December.

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5. **Louisiana Avenue Bike Lane**

   Proposed letter regarding the plans for a bike lane on Louisiana Ave from Columbus Cir. To Constitution Ave., which were released at a public meeting hosted by Eleanor Holmes Norton this month.

   Representative: Joe McCann, ANC 6C EPE Committee [6C02]

   On October 24, DDOT released designs for a proposed bike lane along Louisiana Ave and Constitution Ave, connecting to the Pennsylvania Ave bike lane. The plans call for a two-way, center installed bike lane, with the exception of the northern most block of Louisiana Ave. This block currently has center parking, and the plans divert the bike lane to share the travel lanes on either side.

   In response to the designs, ANC 6C EPE Committee chair proposed sending a letter supporting the lanes but expressing the need to maintain the bike lane in the center for the entire duration. Because an easement from the Architect of the Capitol to DDOT is required for installation, the letter expresses the need for the easement to include the center lane of the block in question, even if installation occurs in phases. The letter also requests a commitment to install the bike lane in 2019.

   Need an easement to do the bike lane.

   **Motion:** Recommend ANC send the letter as drafted (Adelstein/Kazmierczak)
   **Vote:** Passed, 4 – 0.

6. **Proposed Rulemaking and Legislation**

   - RPP Resident Only proposed rulemaking.
   - Dockless Vehicles proposed rulemaking
   - B22-752, the Warnings Before Citations Amendment Act of 2018 – Would require DPW to issue a warning to residents at least 7 days before issuing a citation for a violation of laws related to solid waste collection. (Hearing Nov. 16)

   **Dockless Vehicle Proposed Rulemaking**
   The committee had the following concerns about the proposed rulemaking:

   1. The fee schedule is inappropriate. Per-vehicle fees (up to $60, almost twice RPP) are too high—DC should be encouraging new modes of transportation. The reason for having differing fees Prior to Jan 1 and after Jan 1 is unclear.
   2. The required threshold for rebalancing (6 vehicles in each ward) is ridiculously low.
   3. The cap on number of vehicles (600 per vehicle type) is too low.
   4. DDOT to think about privacy implications noted 3314.5 (d) and (h), which require data collection on origin, destination, and route

   Further, the committee had the following concerns on the proposed permitting conditions released after the rulemaking:

   5. DDOT needs to address whether a rulemaking will be proposed for these conditions. As it stands, these rules appear to violate the administrative procedures act.

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6. The requirement for bikes to have a locking mechanism is worrisome as it will lead to improper parking, e.g., locking to trees and ADA ramps. To alleviate this, bikes should be required to have instructions on what is and is not an appropriate place to park. DDOT also needs to install more bike racks throughout the city.

7. Limiting scooter speeds to 10 mph seems dangerous for those who choose to ride in the street. Perhaps 15 mph is a better cap.

In all, both the proposed rulemaking and the permitting conditions do not help DC meet its mode share/climate goals (including reducing car trips to 25% of commutes and increasing biking/walking to 25%).

Motion: Recommend the ANC send a letter expressing the above concerns (Kazmierczak/Eckenwiler)

Vote: Passed, 4 – 0.

RPP Proposed Rulemaking
The committee had the following concerns about the rulemaking. With respect to the Resident-Only parking rules:

1. 2437.1 (b) – The phrase “majority of blocks in the ANC” is unclear and needs to be defined.
2. 2437.4 – The phrase specifying that Resident Only parking should apply to all blocks in the ANC should be deleted (it appears to be a vestige of the previous rulemaking and should be deleted).
3. 2437.7 – the phrasing (DDOT will evaluate petitions received by ANCs twice during a calendar year) is unclear—just state, “ANCs may submit applications twice a year.”

With respect to other parts of the rulemaking:

4. 2405.7 – We propose this be deleted. It references zoning regulations and confuses who may be allowed to park on public space (nobody).
5. 2440.2 – “At all times” contradicts “at no time”. Strike the 25’ rule, because possession of an RPP permit should not allow to park closer to intersections than is normally allowed for safety reasons.

Finally, the committee refers to the letter ANC 6C sent in response to the first proposed rulemaking and reiterates all points on the 2nd page of said letter.

Motion: Recommend the ANC send a letter expressing the above concerns (Eckenwiler/Kazmierczak)

Vote: Passed, 4 – 0.

B22-752, the Warnings Before Citations Amendment Act of 2018
The committee was supportive of this bill.

Motion: Recommend the ANC send written testimony in support of the legislation.

Vote: Passed, 4 – 0.
7. **Hearing, Snow Removal**

On Friday, November 16, 2018, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on the District’s Snow Removal Operations Plan for Winter 2018 – 2019 and B22-752, the Warnings Before Citations Amendment Act of 2018. The hearing will begin at 12:00 PM in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The purpose of the hearing is to examine the Department of Public Works’ readiness for the coming snow season and ability to coordinate with other entities.

The committee wanted to raise a couple issues regarding snow plowing based on past experience:
- Snow plows must not cover sidewalks with snow when plowing
- Snow plows must not block sidewalk ramps at intersections or pile snow so high as to obscure visibility at intersections.

**Motion:** Recommend the ANC submit written testimony stating the above concerns. (Eckenwiler/Kazmierczak)

**Vote:** Passed, 4 – 0.