February 25, 2019

Councilmember Charles Allen
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 110
Washington, DC 20004

Re: West Virginia Ave NE Triangle Park

Dear Councilmember Allen,

On January 9, 2019, at a regularly scheduled, duly noticed, monthly meeting at which 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public were present, the above-mentioned matter came before ANC 6C.

Neighbors around the closed block of West Virginia Ave NE between K St. and 8th St. expressed desire for this car-free public space to become a park. The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to support the creation of a park at this location. We request that you explore design and funding of a park at this location through all means available.

In previous discussions about this block, neighbors reported to ANC 6C that Rappaport Development may be willing to sponsor this park. Your office was informed of these talks in the past. We kindly request your assistance in continuing to investigate this potential funding avenue. If private funding of the park is no longer available, however, we ask that you strongly consider identifying District funds that could be used to create this park. We know you recognize the importance of public green space, especially in neighborhoods such as ANC 6C which are lacking, and hope that we can have your support in making this park a reality.

As a short-term measure, ANC 6C recommended installation of a Capital Bikeshare station in this space. We are prepared to discuss a new location for the bikeshare station in relation with the future park at an appropriate time.

Thank you for your continued efforts in providing quality public spaces to the residents of ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair