1. NoMa Parks Foundation -
   • Robin Eve-Jasper provided EPE Committee with update on various park projects.
   • K Street underpass -
     • Now that M St and L St underpass projects are completed, NoMa Parks is looking to do a scaled-down installation for K St. In this regard, K St has significantly narrower sidewalks and therefore cannot support the same degree of lighting infrastructure.
     • NoMa Parks is working with a potential designer to “wash” the K St underpass with light and projections.
     • NoMa Parks expects that in September it will have significantly more to report concerning the project.
   • See NoMa Parks Project Status Report July 2019 for details on additional park projects.
   • “Virtual Circle” at NY Ave and FL Ave NE (a.k.a. Dave Thomas Circle)
     • DDOT’s proposed “Option 6” reconfiguration will create 40,000 ft$^2$ of new public space largely through eminent domain of the existing Wendy’s restaurant.
     • In June, NoMa Parks sponsored an Urban Lands Institute (ULI) Technical Advisory Panel to develop expanded conceptual designs for the potential new public spaces.
     • The ULI panel looked at potential designs and uses for three main public spaces.
     • ULI presented the plans to DDOT, which has provided positive initial feedback to the NoMa BID. As a result, NoMa BID/Parks has offered some of its $7 million in remaining funds to perform near-term landscaping work if DDOT can commit to moving forward in the near term.
     • Because ULI’s expanded conceptual designs contemplates changes to the “Option 6” vehicular and bicycle traffic flow, EPE Chair McCann advised the NoMa BID to present the ULI conceptual plans to 6C’s TPS Committee. This same message was also conveyed to TPS Chair Mark Kazmierczak.

2. Police/Fire Call Box Project -
   • EPE Committee surveyed ANC 6C and identified 27 call boxes within ANC 6C boundaries. As of 2005, there were at least 7 additional call boxes within 6C’s boundaries. Sadly, these call boxes have been lost to history.
   • Per discussion with DDOT (Renan Snowden), we learned the following:
     • All police and fire call boxes are DDOT assets.
     • Although the call boxes are DDOT assets, DDOT does not have an asset management program for the call boxes. As a result, DDOT does not maintain an active inventory of existing boxes and does not have funds to repair or paint the boxes.
     • DDOT is supportive of community efforts to maintain or improve the call boxes.
     • DDOT requires that applicants first obtain an occupancy permit before conducting any work on the call boxes.
     • Ms. Snowden explained that she is willing to help ANC 6C navigate the DDOT application process should 6C develop a plan to work on the call boxes.
• Per discussion with Commission on Arts and Humanities (Keona Pearson), we learned the following:
  • Arts and Humanities annually awards “Public Art Building Communities” grants.
  • Provided that there is a “public art” element, Arts and Humanities can award a dollar-for-dollar match to a call box refurbishment/art project.
  • For instance, the Downtown Bid received approx. $85K in matching grants for its recent call box restoration/art project.
  • Applications for calendar 2020 are due by August 8, 2019.
  • Ms. Pearson offered her guidance and support should ANC 6C seek to advance a public art project involving the call boxes.
• At the July 2 EPE meeting
  • At the invitation of the EPE Committee, Nancy Metzger, representing the Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS), appeared to explain CHRS’ past efforts to restore and beautify call boxes on Capitol Hill.
  • In the coming months, EPE committee members will work with CHRS to do the following:
    • Begin drafting a letter to the Mayor’s Office calling for DDOT and, possibly, DPW and Historic Preservation, to develop a plan to (i) inventory and paint existing call boxes on Capitol Hill and (ii) ensure that existing call boxes are not removed from Capitol Hill without notification to HP, CHRS and the impacted ANC. The hope is that the draft CHRS/EPE letter will obtain support from all Capitol Hill area ANCs and Councilmember Allen.
    • Explore the possibility of restoring and beautifying a handful of the 27 existing call boxes in 6C during calendar 2021. The 3-4 call boxes in the Swampoodle area may be ideal ones to target initially.