

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



PUBLIC SPACE COMMITTEE HEARING

1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor

Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM

9:13 am - *The meeting was called to order by Matthew Marcou. The attending members: Andrew Wiley, (DCRA), Chris Shaheen (OP) Anna Chamberlin (PSD), Matthew Marcou (DDOT), Julia Hudson (EOM), Elliott Garrett (DDOT), Kisha Allen (DDOT), Catrina Felder(DDOT)*

Applications on the Consent agenda were Approved as Submitted with the Vote: 5 to 0

Consent Agenda:

- 1) ANC 2B05 - **1521 17TH STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: AstoriaDC LLC t/a Astoria - AstoriaDC LLC t/a Astoria # 10713431
- 2) ANC 2C03 - **575 3RD STREET NW** - Permittee: Jewish Historical Society - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Planter Box behind Sidewalk to 42", Wall (Exception over 42"), Projections: ADA Ramp, Porch & Steps # 323399
- 3) - **14TH STREET SE AND U STREET SE** - Permittee: Wilfredo Valladares - Owner: Wilfredo Valladares - Fixture: Street Fixture or Furniture (Exception) # 324397
- 4) ANC 2C01 - **615 I STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Suzanne Simon - Suzanne Simon # 10712923
- 5) ANC 2B06 - **818 18TH STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Alberto Sissi - Alberto Sissi # 10712856
- 6) ANC 5D01 - **1350 OKIE STREET NE** - Valet Staging Zone - Permittee: City Winery DC, LLC - # 10716494

General Agenda

9:15 am - 9:32 am

Vote: 5 to 0 - Approve w/Conditions

- 1) ANC 7E04 - **27 46TH STREET SE** - Permittee: Alemework Ambellu - Owner: Alemework Ambellu - Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) New -Residential # 323581
Applicant must provide photos of the side yard are entirely level for the entire width of the yard. Planning & Sustainability Division must review and approve prior to issuance. Applicant must submit a revised plan showing the parking pad (9x19) fully behind the façade of the building.

9:35 am – 10:44 am

Vote: 5 to 0- Resented Previous Approval and Tabled

- 2) ANC 8A03 - **2345 R STREET SE** - Permittee: Stephanie Erwin - Owner: Stephanie Erwin - Paving: Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Projections: Stoop & Steps # 320657

Discussion: Applicant stated that the application was previously on the Consent Agenda with the PSC and the ANC has raised some issues with the application from the objections from the ANC. Mr. Thompson (ANC Commissioner was present at the hearing). The applicant is preserving two Heritage trees and Riggs Place driveway was the only feasible place to serve the eight proposed parking spaces. The Chair asked the applicant if the driveway could be decreased in the width. The applicant agreed to look at reducing the width of the driveway. Mr. Soniel Charles stated that he had met with the residents within the last month regarding the location of the curb cut. The school will have two hundred children.

Five major concerns of the Community:

- placement of the roll-off – the applicant stated that the roll-off is currently on private property

-Curb cut on Ridge Place-

-Tree line-Tree canopy on the original property – applicant has agreed to tree planting and the applicant has asked the community to work with them on preparing a landscaping plan

-Communication with neighbors and ANC

- Rodent abatement- The applicant has hired a rodent control company and they are expected on Monday Commercial access for deliveries and pick up and drop off and how many parking spaces – Pick up and drop off are currently on R Street, side and there are eight parking spaces. The trash will be picked up three times a week (with a two and four yard trash containers) and there will be meal deliveries three times a day five days a week (sprinter van will be making the deliveries) from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm students will be arriving and leaving and includes the before and after care. School hours are 8:45 am – 4:00 pm. School plans to open in August 2019.

Public display of permits – photos of permits were given to the Chairman during the hearing. The Chair notified the applicant that the Occupancy permit needs to be posted immediately

There were four community members that testified: Ms. Patterson – she stated that she was never notified by the applicant. Her biggest concern is the rodents because of the construction and because of the street being so narrow and the volume of traffic that will be coming through the neighborhood and she is worried that her vehicle may get hit. She also wants a barrier placed between her house and the school. Also, there is a large amount of overgrown weeds and bushes that was mentioned to the previous owner and the new owner and nothing has been cut. Mr. Payton and his mother stated that his concerns was the debris and the sprinter vans and going to be more volume of traffic and where the staff will be parking. Ms. Jackie Brown submitted a letter from April 16, 2019 from neighbors. Ms. Batchlor shared a driveway with the previous owner and herself and the property lines are in the middle of the existing driveway. She explained that the applicant asked her if she wanted to purchase the driveway but never offered anything in writing. The R Street driveway is needed because it is adjacent to her property and it serves her home as well and will impact her being able to access her home. Ms. Patterson stated that the curb cut on Ridge Place is not sixty feet from the intersection and that she's seen no traffic study/analysis. Ms. Patterson also stated that there is some damage to her basement windows being off track because of the construction

Motion:

Resend the Public Space Committee action (from Dec 21, 2018) that was made last year.

Motion:

Table the current application until the applicant Ms. Alison and the ANC, and Neighbors. There is a meeting with Councilmember White next week to facilitate a meeting. The ANC Commissioner Thompson will be notify by Elliott Garrett as to when the application will be heard.

10:44 am - 10:55 am

Vote: 5 to 0 - Approved w/ Condition

- 3) ANC 6A04 - **1250 CONSTITUTION AVENUE NE** - Permittee: DCPS - Owner: - Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential # 326083

Discussion: Moving the curb cut twenty feet from the previously approved location, UFA tree permit has not been issued. The applicant stated that the six feet radius doesn't work for them. The existing six foot radius

Motion: PSC approved with a six foot radius but if the applicant wants to extend the radius a review plan with Levon Petrosian's team to see if the additional width can be approved.

10:55 am – 11:10 am

Vote: 4 to 0- Denied curb

cut/driveway and Approved the sidewalk paving and fence not to exceed 42 inches in height

- 4) ANC 8A03 - **2301 S STREET SE** - Permittee: District Properties - Owner: District Properties - Fixture: Fence to 42" (Open Design), Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) New -Residential, Sidewalk(s) # 326437
Discussion: The applicant stated that UFA has an issue with the relocation and a Special Tree permit for the location. Also, stated that they are working with Carlston Klapthor to identify the relocation and species. The propose curb cut will destroy a healthy tree. The applicant stated that this is a required parking space. The ANC Commissioner Mr. Thompson testified in opposition of the proposed driveway because S Street is super narrow and the lot is located on the corner it is a safety issue for pedestrian and vehicular traffic; a car pulling out or backing out at night would be hazardous. The applicant will upload a revised drawing with the approved scope of work only

11:10 am – 11:15 am

Vote: 5 to 0 - Tabled

- 5) ANC 5B01 - **2006 BUNKER HILL ROAD NE** - Permittee: Paul Skorochod - Owner: Paul Skorochod - Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential # 323943
Discussion: Applicant stated that he is applying for a driveway for his electric car. Revised plans were uploaded on 4/24/19. Reviewers haven't put in the comments. Applicant brought in another revised plan at the hearing.

11:16 am -

Vote: 5 to 0 -

- 6) ANC 5D01 - **399 MORSE STREET NE** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Antonio Matarazzo - Antonio Matarazzo # 10707181
**Applicant not present*

11:17 am – 11:25 am

Vote: 5 to 0 – Approved w/Condition

- 7) ANC 6B02 - **360 7TH STREET SE** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: 700 Wine, LLC - # 10712564
Discussion: Applicant was asked if he spoke with the Eastern Market café and he stated no, they were a block away from the . The applicant will provide the support letter from the ANC

11:26 am - 11:32 am

Vote: 5 to 0- Approve

w/Condition

- 8) ANC 6C04 - **701 2ND STREET NE** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: 701 Second Street LLC - # 10712570
Discussion: The applicant stated that the ANC support this application with the ADA seating identified. Fire Hydrant needs to be shown on the site plan
Conditions: The applicant must clearly label the Fire Connection and Fire/FEMS must review/approve prior to issuance

3:06 pm - 3:20 pm

Vote: 5 to 0- Approve w/Modification

- 9) ANC 5E06 - **1700 1ST STREET NW** - Convert to Enclosed Cafe - Permittee: Stuart Davenport - Stuart Davenport # 10716617
Discussion: New Enclosed café and the design have been re-designed. He is proposing an awning with drop-down sides on 1st Street.
Motion: All walls must be inside the concrete planters and the objection from Cash Manager must be resolved. Also, Historic Preservation must review/approve prior to issuance.

- 10) 11:33 am - 11:45 am

Vote: 5 to 0 – Tabled

ANC 6E05 - **508 K STREET NW** - Permittee: Drew Turner - Owner: Drew Turner - Landscaping: Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Sidewalk(s), Projections: Bay Window(s) # 323912

Discussion: The applicant uploaded the revisions however; the reviewers haven't commented on the uploaded revisions uploaded on April 24, 2019. PSC authorizes the Chair to approve on behalf before next month's PSC meeting..

11:45 am - 12:24 pm

Vote: 5 to 0- Approve in

Design Concept; until the Building Restriction Line removed.

- 11) ANC 5B04 - **3250 9TH STREET NE** - Permittee: Spectrum Management, LLC - Owner: - Paving: Driveway(s) New- Commercial # 324507

Discussion: Resident stated that the area is too narrow for him to exit out of and is coming before the PSC for a waiver. There is a Building Restriction Line that runs directly in the middle of the property. The applicant stated that the Surveyor's Office didn't have a BRL in 2013. The applicant wants two curb cuts one on Kearny Street and another on 9th Street, NE. You may get support from PSC if a curb was built per Mr. Marcou and the applicant asked where the water would go. Anna Chamberlin asked if the applicant was planning to have the BRL removed. He answered yes. Once this happens the PSC wouldn't have to charge rent. We need to see how many parking spaces are required by Zoning.

Motion: Approve in Design Concept a driveway off of Kearney Street with a maximum width of 12 feet for the driveway and fully built out curb and gutter to standards. No driveway/curb cut on 9th Street, NE at all.

12:25 pm -1:00 pm

Vote: 5 to 0 – Tabled

- 12) ,, - **17TH STREET NE AND E STREET NE, 17TH STREET NE AND D STREET NE** - Permittee: OLD CONGRESS HEIGHTS SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT CO. LLC - Owner: OLD CONGRESS HEIGHTS SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT CO. LLC - Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential # 324283

Discussion: Applicant was asked if they researched the real legal status of the land to Surveyor's Order 93-308 (Proposed Easement). The Chair recommends that the applicant go to the Surveyor's Office and confirm the easement went through or not. Chris Shaheen asked if FEMS has reviewed/approved the reduction in the alley width. The applicant responded no, but they could do pavers that would accommodate a fire truck. If the applicant proposes a forty-two inch fence the PSC would support that but would need to see the design and location. ANC also has concerns regarding this proposed scope of work.

1:01 pm – 1:30 pm - PSC took a thirty minute lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 pm

1:30 pm – 3:04 pm

Vote: 5 to 0- Tabled

- 13) ANC 6B01 - **201 EAST CAPITOL STREET SE** - Permittee: Wiles Mensch - Owner: Melody Fetske - Fixture: Bench(es), Bike Rack: Not DDOT Standard, Hand Rail (36" high for ADA, 30"-42" high other), Retaining Wall to 42", Sign (w/footings)(Exception), Landscaping: Hedge to 36" tall, Replacement Tree, Stormwater Mgmt (Exception Serve Private), Stormwater Mgmt (serve public), Tree Planting, Tree Space (Stormwater Mgmt), Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) Repair or Replace, Sidewalk(s), Projections: ADA Ramp, Areaway Entrance # 326630

Discussed: The applicant is seeking Concept Design Approval for the Folger Shakespeare Library. The applicant stated that the building is not accessible. The excessive grading that is being proposed is the issue with reviewers. Especially the East Capitol Street side of this project. The greenspace on East Capitol Street is an existing long continuous green space that exists on this street. This is a sixteen foot projection that ranges in depth that includes a ramp.

Motion: The Executive Secretary will convene a meeting with ANC, CFA, PSRD Planning, UFA and OP and the applicant to assist with the design solution before returning to the PSC within one month (May 23, 2019).

***Applicant not present**

Vote: 5 to 0- Tabled

- 14) ANC 6E07 - **317 K STREET NW** - Permittee: Birchington LLC Birchington LLC - Owner: Birchington LLC Birchington LLC - Excavation: Vault(s) L'XW', Paving: Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Projections: Bay Window(s), Canopy # 318366
Discussion: This would be the first time they didn't attend

3:53 pm – 4:20 pm

*** All of the Georgetown Bid applications were heard and voted on at the same time**

Vote: 5 to 0- Approved w/condition

- 15) ANC 2E03 - **1300 WISCONSIN AVENUE NW** - Permittee: Georgetown BID (GBID) - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Planter Box on Sidewalk (Exception) # 326581

Discussion: The overall reasoning is to make the Georgetown neighborhood more usable/accessible in the neighbors and patrons. The proposed fixtures will be left over night. All fixtures must be a minimum of three feet from existing utilities

Georgetown Bid will include a posted plate installed that state that "Georgetown Bid is responsible for the maintenance of these fixtures"

Vote: 5 to 0

- 16) ANC 2E06 - **2715 M STREET NW** - Permittee: Georgetown BID (GBID) - Owner: - Fixture: Planter Box on Sidewalk (Exception), Table (Except for commercial), Umbrella (Except for commercial) # 326572
Conditions: No blocking of any utility infrastructure, No logo and umbrellas must be a minimum of eight feet of clearance. The fixtures will be left overnight. The applicant will be adding signage/plate that states that the "Georgetown Bid" is responsible for the maintenance of all fixtures. *All fixtures must be a minimum of three feet from existing utilities*

Vote: 5 to 0

- 17) ANC 2E05 - **1000 POTOMAC STREET NW** - Permittee: Georgetown BID (GBID) - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Planter Box on Sidewalk (Exception), Table (Except for commercial), Umbrella (Except for commercial) # 326580
Conditions: No blocking of any utility infrastructure, No logo and umbrellas must be a minimum of eight feet of clearance. The fixtures will be left overnight. The applicant will be adding signage/plate that states that the "Georgetown Bid" is responsible for the maintenance of all fixtures. *All fixtures must be a minimum of three feet from existing utilities*

Vote: 5 to 0

- 18) ANC 2E05 - **1222 WISCONSIN AVENUE NW** - Permittee: Georgetown BID (GBID) - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Planter Box on Sidewalk (Exception), Table (Except for commercial) # 326583
Conditions: Change fixtures to benches and they be located in the furnishing area.

Vote: 5 to 0 –

- 19) ANC 2E,ANC 2E02,02 - **1629 WISCONSIN AVENUE NW,1633 WISCONSIN AVENUE NW** - Permittee: Georgetown BID (GBID) - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es) # 326584
Conditions: Move fixture north five feet and the location of benches must be at the curb side.

Vote: 5 to 0

- 20) ANC 2E05 - **1111 34TH STREET NW** - Permittee: Georgetown BID (GBID) - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Planter Box on Sidewalk (Exception), Table (Except for commercial), Umbrella (Except for commercial) # 326576
Conditions: Remove the table seating should be two tops not four tops and umbrellas must comply with standards.

Vote: 5 to 0

- 21) ANC 2E05 - **1070 31ST STREET NW** - Permittee: Georgetown BID (GBID) - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Planter Box on Sidewalk (Exception), Table (Except for commercial), Umbrella (Except for commercial) # 326575

Conditions:

3:20 pm – 3:45 pm

Vote: 5 to 0 – Approved the Design

Concept for the enclosure; applicant will submit additional documentation

- 22) ANC 2F01 - **1357 R STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Enclosed - Permittee: Matt Harris - Matt Harris # 10716555

Discussion: The applicant was before the PSC two years ago and has come up with another design that created a clear zone of eight feet of pedestrian right of way. OP stated during the meeting that the design of the enclosure really looks permanent as opposed to removable within 24 hours. The ADA seating will be identified with the revised drawings that the applicant will upload.

The final enclosure and any equipment that is being added will be uploaded into TOPS and the type of materials to be used must be approved by the PSC. ANC has already signed off on this application.

The PSC was adjourned at 4:11 pm by Matthew Marcou.