

Government of the District of Columbia

Public Space Committee



PUBLIC SPACE COMMITTEE HEARING

1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 09:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Member Attendance: Matthew Marcou, Andrew Wiley, Anna Chamberlin, Lucky Barbieri, Chris Shaheen, Elliott M. Garrett

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am by Chairman Marcou with a quorum of three members; during the calling out of the Consent applications two other members arrived

Consent Agenda Applications

Approved as Submitted Vote: 5 to 0

- 1) .. - **2500 - 2599 BLOCK OF MINNESOTA AVENUE SE, 1300 - 1399 BLOCK OF 27TH STREET SE** - Permittee: Minnesota and 27th SE LLC - Owner: - Fixture: Retaining Wall to 42", Landscaping: Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Tree Space (Stormwater Mgmt), Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Leadwalk Only, Sidewalk(s), Projections: ADA Ramp, Stoop & Steps # 330758
- 2) ANC 2E06 - **2715 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW** - Permittee: INITIO LP - Owner: INITIO LP - Fixture: Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Bike Share Station, Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Landscaping: New Tree Space(s), Tree Planting, Tree Space (Stormwater Mgmt), Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk(s) # 333270
- 3) ANC 6B06 - **1318 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SE** - Permittee: Magdala Properties Group LLC - Owner: Magdala Properties Group LLC - Projections: Areaway Entrance, Bay Window(s), Canopy, Stoop & Steps # 338140
- 4) ANC 2A05 - **2300 H STREET NW** - Permittee: Wiles Mensch - Owner: Hillel at The George Washington University - Fixture: Bench(es) # 339359
- 5) ANC 5C04 - **1710 17TH STREET NE** - Permittee: Peter Mellen - Owner: Peter Mellen - Paving: Driveway(s) New- Commercial # 340613
- 6) ANC 2C03 - **401 9TH STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Andrew Harris - Andrew Harris # 10758504
- 7) ANC 6C02 - **240 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NE** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Gina Chersevani - Gina Chersevani # 10761424
- 8) ANC 6E04 - **640 L STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Rumi's D.C., LLC - # 10763453
- 9) ANC 1A09 - **3227 GEORGIA AVENUE NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Supra 2 LLC dba Tabla by Supra - # 10765354
- 10) ANC 5E06 - **234 FLORIDA AVENUE NW** - Permittee: KILLETTE and ASSOCIATES - Owner: KILLETTE and ASSOCIATES - Paving: Driveway(s) Repair or Replace # 334575

- 11) ANC 3C09 - **3401 LOWELL STREET NW** - Permittee: Seth Ballard - Owner: Christopher Cahill - Fixture: Fence to 42" (Open Design), Retaining Wall to 42", Paving: Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New - Residential, Leadwalk Only, Leadwalk Repair/Replace Existing, Projections: Areaway Entrance # 338371
- 12) ANC 5C04 - **1920 BLADENSBURG ROAD NE** - Permittee: Douglas Development Corporation - Owner: Douglas Development Corporation - Fixture: Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk(s) # 332990
- 13) ANC 6D05 - **88 V STREET SW** - Permittee: V Street SW LLC - Owner: - Fixture: Wall, Free Standing (Exception over 30") # 335368
- 14) ANC 6C06 - **40 PATTERSON STREET NE** - Permittee: MR 40 Patterson Land JV LLC - Owner: MR 40 Patterson Land JV LLC - Excavation: Vault(s) L'XW', Fixture: Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Landscaping: New Tree Space(s), Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Sidewalk(s) # 336383

These two applications were added to the Consent agenda:

15) ANC 2C01 - **900 F STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Riggs F&B LLC - Riggs F&B LLC # 10758512 moved to Consent agenda during the meeting

16) ANC 6D02 - **1239 1ST STREET SE** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Somewhere International LLC - # 10756421 Moved to the Consent agenda during the meeting.

General Agenda

9:15 am – 10:06 am

Approve w/Conditions – Vote: 5 to 1

Conditions: The PSC approved the bike racks and benches. A Covenant of Maintenance is required. A plaque must be placed at the site that states “This is property of the Foggy Bottom Association and their responsible for maintenance.

- 1) **25TH STREET NW AND VIRGINIA AVENUE NW** - Permittee: Foggy Bottom Association C/O Carmen Cochrane - Owner: Carmen Cochrane - Fixture: Bench(es), Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Landscaping: Tree Planting # 340143 (removed at the hearing)

-The applicant stated that there is a green space that has had some issues with water standing, and the plaza pays for the maintenance of the area for the last twenty-five years. The area is underutilized and there is a safety issue with the homeless hanging materials over the railing (over Interstate-66 that could potentially fall on the motorist below. They are proposing a design that will enhance the space and the Foggy Bottom Association and the ANC supports this application. Mr. Swartz attended the meeting with his concerns regarding the application.

Chris Shaheen spoke with the applicant about the other side of the circle and stated that the Urban Design Division would be happy to work with the applicant with design of the landscaping.

Mr. Fredrick Schwartt – is concerned with the maintenance of the circle and the under path and the maintenance of the under path and the stairs are detreating and should not be the Foggy Bottom Associations responsibility. The trees should remain and DDOT should be responsible for maintaining them. He doesn't object to the project itself, but

that it shouldn't be paid for by the Foggy Bottom Association. The Department should repair the existing damaged stairs.

Chairman Marcou told Mr. Schwartt that the Department is and will be responsible for the infrastructure and only the fixtures will be the responsibility of the Foggy Bottom A Association. The Office of Planning will be working with the applicant.

Eight benches and bike racks are the only proposed fixtures that will be installed and will require a plat that states that "Foggy Bottom Association" is responsible for maintaining this fixture" and that a Covenant of Maintenance will be signed and filed prior to the installation of the fixtures.

10:05 am - 10:21 am

Approved w/Conditions Vote: 5 to 0

Conditions: The plan must be modified to accurately reflect the existing conditions in public space and proposed conditions. Plans will be reviewed/approved by the Expectative Secretary prior to issuance of permit.

- 2) ANC 3E05 - **4200 WISCONSIN AVENUE NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: BO BLAIR SCRIBONE LLC - BO BLAIR SCRIBONE LLC # 10761426
-The applicant is expanding the existing café area; they are proposing to take out the existing landscaping.
-The applicant is proposing two separate seating areas. The applicant is not removing the existing doorway. The applicant needs to revise the plans to reflect what is in public space.

1:18 pm - 1st time applicant not present

Tabled – Vote: 5 to 0

- 3) ANC 6B01 - **201 EAST CAPITOL STREET SE** - Permittee: Melody Fetski - Owner: Melody Fetski - Fixture: Bench(es), Bike Rack: Not DDOT Standard, Knee Wall to 30", Retaining Wall w/Open Fence Combo to 42", Sign (w/footings)(Exception), Wall/Fence Combo (Exception over 42"), Landscaping: Hedge to 36" tall, Replacement Tree, Tree Planting, Tree Space (Stormwater Mgmt), Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) Repair or Replace, Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk(s), Projections: ADA Ramp, Areaway Entrance # 338680
1st time

1:18 pm - 1st time applicant not present

Tabled – Vote: 5 to 0

- 4) ANC 5C01 - **2650 MYRTLE AVENUE NE** - Permittee: Charae Ligon - Owner: Charae Ligon - Fixture: Hand Rail (36" high for ADA, 30"-42" high other), Retaining Wall to 42", Landscaping: Tree Removal, Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential # 337556
1st time applicant didn't attend meeting.

10:00 am – 10:41 am

Tabled

Vote: 5 to 0

-Reduce the width of curb cuts and driveways on Overlook Avenue to maximize amount of landscaped area in public space;

-Remove all vehicle parking spaces off of District-owned property; and;

-Consider the design of changes to the south side of the entrance to the Naval base as part of a formal design that also includes the north side of the entrance.

- 5) ANC 8D04 - **4555 OVERLOOK AVENUE SW** - Permittee: Gary Bittner - Owner: Delester Monk - Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Driveway(s) Repair or Replace, Sidewalk(s) # 340527
-Mr. Shaheen asked what Fine Arts and Historic Preservation stated regarding this application. The applicant stated that they were awaiting PSC approval. Mr. Shaheen asked if there were any changes to the north side of the entrance. The applicant stated that the landscaping (tree planting). The applicant has a scheduled meeting in March, 2020 with HP and Fine Arts. Tim Maher and Evelyn Isreal should be contacted prior to going to the meeting in March.

Two curb cuts, sidewalks and two driveways; the applicant needs to reduce the width of the driveways to minimize the amount of paving in public space

10:50 am – 11:33 am

Approved w/Conditions Vote: 5 to 0

Conditions:

-The PSC approved the curb cuts/driveways. Final design elements for the streetscape design (trees, species, signs, lighting etc.) will be delegated to the Office of planning and DDOT staff, with a focus on number and spacing of street trees;

-If the applicant needs any Code Modification the applicant will return to the PSC for review and approval.

- 6) ,, - **5500 - 5599 BLOCK OF SOUTH DAKOTA AVENUE NE, 300 - 399 BLOCK OF RIGGS ROAD NE** - Permittee: FT Associates LLC - Owner: FT Associates LLC - Landscaping: New Tree Space(s), Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Over Head Work: Pole Removal (each add'l), Pole Removal (single or first one), Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Driveway(s) New-Commercial, Leadwalk w/Steps, Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk(s), Projections: Awning(s), Stoop & Steps # 340914

The applicant stated that this project has been going on for a few years. The Phase One part of the project is what is before the PSC today.

The applicant was told that the streetscape will be upgraded on Riggs Road, and South Dakota Avenue per Mr. Marcou.

The applicant must engage in a conversation with DDOT with regards to signs proposed, private roadways and the proposed driveways. There are projections being proposed on both Riggs Road, South Dakota.

There is not a pedestrian urban design at the location now and there is no vehicular calming devices being proposed. There is not adequate lighting around the location or tree boxes and street trees that are being proposed. The applicant was advised by Chris Shaheen to make sure that they get in as many street trees on Riggs Road and South Capitol Street, NE.

PSRD Planning's comments from yesterday was to rotate the bike racks and reduce the driveway

The applicant has withdrew/cancelled their application

- 7) ANC 8C03 - **747 ALABAMA AVENUE SE** - Permittee: Lionel Laquinte - Owner: Lionel Laquinte - Fixture: Repair Retaining Wall (No change), Wall/Fence Combo (Exception over 42") # 331109
-Applicant requested this application be Cancelled/Withdrawn their application

1:18 pm - 1st time applicant not present

Tabled

Vote: 5 to 0

- 8) ANC 6C06 - **1150 1ST STREET NE** - Permittee: CP VII 1150 First, LLC - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Landscaping: New Tree Space(s), Over Head Work: Streetlight(s) Installation, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Sidewalk(s), Projections: Balcony, Bay Window(s), Canopy # 337706

-1st time applicant did not appear at meeting.

11:34 am – 11:50 am

Approved w/Conditions Vote: 5 to 0

Conditions: The site plan must be revised to show all elevations, dimensions of enclosing materials and specifications of those materials and the revisions must be reviewed at the staff level by Public Space Regulation Division - Planning and Office of Planning and will be sent to Historic Preservation for review and approval.

- 9) ANC 3C01 - **2621 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW** - Convert to Enclosed Cafe - Permittee: Dale Shields - Dale Shields # 10765726

-The applicant is enclosing the existing café. The applicant stated that they don't have the ANC's response to date.

-The application must be sent to Historic Preservation prior to issuance.

-The maximum height of the awning should not exceed 12 feet or the ceiling of the first floor.

1:18 pm - 1st time applicant not present

Tabled

Vote: 5 to 0

- 10) ANC 7C07 - **1100 50TH PLACE NE** - Permittee: MCN Build - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Hand Rail (36" high for ADA, 30"-42" high other), Retaining Wall to 42", Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Landscaping: Replacement Tree, Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: Leadwalk w/Steps, Sidewalk(s) # 327880
1st time applicant didn't appear at meeting

11:54 am – 12:02 pm

Tabled – Vote: 5 to 0

The application information will be combined to application #344142 and heard at next month's PSC meeting together.

- 11) ANC 6D05 - 1820 HALF STREET SW - Permittee: MRP Realty - Owner: MRP Realty - Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) New- Commercial # 338781 and #344142
The applicant will combine the two application and include the driveway on the applicant

The PSC took a break at 12:03 and will return on record at 12:30 pm

12:41 pm – 1:01 pm

Approved with Conditions Vote: 5 to 0

The PSC approved the plan uploaded 10/30/19 under Fixtures & Furnishings with the following conditions

- 1. Remove the planter box at end of the ramp where it meets the sidewalk. Keep the planter box adjacent to the alley.***
- 2. Limit to two tables and four chairs, the tables and chairs must not extend beyond the ramp.***

- 12) ANC 4B08 - **104 KENNEDY STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Senayet Gebrehiwot - Senayet Gebrehiwot # 10759050
-The applicant has been revising his drawings and still has not met the conditions of reviewers.

1:01 pm – 1:17 pm

Approved - Vote: 5 to 0

The PSC approved subgrade footing for wall entirely installed on private property.

- 13) ANC 6C02 - **235 2ND STREET NE** - Permittee: Jason/kim Jones/loving - Owner: Jason/kim Jones/loving - Fixture: Repair Retaining Wall (No change) # 337354
-The applicant stated that the wall is totally on his private property; and that he has an Occupancy permit
-The applicant also presented a letter from ANC-6C Karen Wirt stating that the Single Member District is supporting the application.
-The PSC approved a minor subgrade footing below grade for a wall in public space. This is not a permit to build the wall in public space.

1:18 pm *This application was cancelled/withdrawn at the applicant's request*

- 14) ANC 8A02 - **1701 18TH STREET SE** - Permittee: pepco company - Owner: pepco company - Fixture: Fence (Exception over 42") # 337814
Cancelled/Withdrawn

1:18 pm

Tabled

Vote: 5 to 0

- 15) ANC 4A01 - **7229 16TH STREET NW** - Permittee: dave bloom - Owner: Glen Macieski - Paving: Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Leadwalk Only # 338375
The applicant representative attended the meeting and requested a postponement of this application to the next PSC meeting date.

1:18 pm

Tabled

Vote: 5 to 0

16) ANC 1A03 - 1401 COLUMBIA ROAD NW - Permittee: Frank Guyton - Owner: MARC MAALOUF - Fixture: Bollard(s) (Exception) # 335518

-1st time applicant didn't attend meeting.

The PSC meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm