

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SPACE COMMITTEE**



PUBLIC SPACE COMMITTEE HEARING

Minutes

1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor

Thursday, February 27, 2020

**The meeting was called to order at 9:14 am the following members were present: Matthew Marcou, Anna Chamberlin, Kevin Storm, Andrew Wiley, Elliott Garrett, and Lucky Barbieri and Catrina Felder, Walter Graham*

Consent Agenda

PSC Approved all Consent applications

Vote: 5 to 0

- 1) 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
- 2) ANC 5C04 - **2910 V STREET NE** - Permittee: William McClain - Owner: Fay Burka - PS Rental: Parking on Public Space # 332956
- 3) ANC 6B01 - **209 C STREET SE** - Permittee: JORGE VERON - Owner: William Eskridge Jr - Fixture: Retaining Wall to 42", Wall/Fence Combo (Exception over 42"), Paving: Leadwalk w/Steps, Projections: Areaway Entrance, Porch & Steps, Window Well(s) # 333191
- 4) **1200 - 1499 BLOCK OF NORTH CAPITOL STREET, 1 - 99 BLOCK OF HANOVER PLACE NW** - Permittee: 1324 N Capitol LLC 1324 N Capitol LLC - Owner: 1324 N Capitol LLC 1324 N Capitol LLC - Fixture: Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Fence to 42" (Open Design), Landscaping: Replacement Tree, Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Leadwalk Only, Sidewalk(s), Projections: Balcony, Bay Window(s), Other (Exception - Not to Bldg Code), Window Well(s) # 336206
- 5) ANC 4A01 - **7229 16TH STREET NW** - Permittee: dave bloom - Owner: Glen Macieski - Landscaping: Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Leadwalk Only # 338375
- 6) ANC 5D05 - **1830 I STREET NE** - Permittee: Tenika Felder - Owner: Sofonias Astatke - Projections: Other (Exception - Not to Bldg Code) # 342305
- 7) ANC 6E07 - **810 NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW** - Permittee: Capital Vista Community Partners LLC - Owner: Capital Vista Community Partners LLC - Fixture: Street Fixture or Furniture (Exception) # 343061
- 8) ANC 8A02 - **1800 GOOD HOPE ROAD SE** - Permittee: DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities - Owner: - Fixture: Bench(es), Street Fixture or Furniture (Exception) # 343151
- 9) ANC 5E04 - **72 FLORIDA AVENUE NE** - Permittee: 72 Florida Titleholders LLC - Owner: 72 Florida Titleholders LLC - Paving: Driveway(s) New- Commercial # 343272
- 10) ANC 2F08 - **1001 14TH STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: STARBUCKS CORPORATION - STARBUCKS CORPORATION # 10767924

Anna Chamberlin acted as the Chair in Matthew Marcou's absence

General Agenda

10:11 am- 10:27 am

Tabled - Vote: 5 to 0

- 1) ANC 4B06 - 6000 NORTH DAKOTA AVENUE NW - Permittee: Lee Langston - Owner: Lee Langston - Fixture: Fence to 42" (Open Design) # 333274
Mr. Wiley stated that DDOT was not notified of the removal of the curb cut. The site plan was drawn incorrectly. DCRA does not wish to revoke any prior permit and suggested that the applicant re-configure the driveway. The current parking space is not in compliance. The applicant stated the fencing is the only reason he's before the PSC for compliance to the fencing being proposed. The existing fencing is too high and is not fifty percent open in design. The fencing doesn't conform to public space standards. The applicant is willing to look into the reconfiguration a parking space at another location in his yard.

9:28 am - 10:08 am

Denied -Vote: 5 to 0

The proposed driveway doesn't meet DDOT standards and the character of the community.

- 2) ANC 2F01 - 1610 13TH STREET NW - Permittee: Stephen Antonio - Owner: Stephen Antonio - Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential # 333505
Discussion: The applicant explained that he is land locked because they don't have access from the alley. He stated that he has enough room to park on his private property. The applicant has the approval of the ANC2F. He received an objection from PSRD Planning and UFD also has an objection on the record. The applicant has met with Urban Forestry on yesterday and stated that he will be applying for a tree removal application. The applicant stated that the width of his yard is about twenty feet. Mr. Storm stated that backing into public space creates a safety issue for pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Mr. Wiley stated that he couldn't support the removal of the street parking space and the tree for the proposed driveway.

3:39 pm

Tabled - Vote: 5 to 0

1st time the applicant didn't appear

- 3) ANC 7C01 - **601 50TH STREET NE** - Permittee: AP Communities , LLC - Owner: AP Communities , LLC - Fixture: Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Landscaping: New Tree Space(s), Stormwater Mgmt (Exception Serve Private), Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Sidewalk(s) # 335660

10:27 am – 10:36 am

Approved as submitted Vote: 3 to 0

- 4) ANC 8E01 - **3303 STANTON ROAD SE** - Permittee: Sally White - Owner: Sally White - Fixture: Fence to 42" (Open Design), Retaining Wall to 42", Paving: Patio (porous concrete/pervious pavers ONLY), Sidewalk (porous/pervious), Projections: Areaway Entrance # 337092
Discussion: There was an existing tree that had issues however the walls were redesigned and flexi pave will be installed per UFD's comments. OP has approved the last plan regarding the root zone protection issue.

10:38 am - 10:49 am

Approved w/Condition Vote:4 to0

Remove rug, relocate the existing planters (flush to the façade of building) and be within three feet standard and obtain a Valet Parking permit.

- 5) ANC 2C01 - **900 F STREET NW** - Permittee: 900 F St LLC - Owner: 900 F St LLC - Projections: Canopy # 340810
Discussion: The applicant stated that none of the canopies being proposed change the footprint. There is one large canopy and smaller canopy on the other face of the street. Ms. Chamberlin has concerns with the existing planter boxes and the existing Valet stands.

3:39 pm

Tabled – Vote: 4 to 0

- 6) ANC 5A08 - **402 GALLOWAY STREET NE** - Permittee: ART PLACE AT FT TOTTEN CARFRITZ FOUNDATION - Owner: ART PLACE AT FT TOTTEN CARFRITZ FOUNDATION - Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Lay-by (new), Sidewalk(s) # 342846

10:48 am -11:11 am

Approve w/Modification - Vote: 4 to 0

The applicant must upload any approvals from Historic Preservation and UFD and remove the existing signs on Georgia Avenue and replace with banners only. PSC approval is pending Zoning approval on April 2, 2020.

- 7) ,, - **ALASKA AVENUE NW AND FERN STREET NW, GEORGIA AVENUE NW AND FERN STREET NW** - Permittee: Irene Thompson - Owner: Irene Thompson - Fixture: Fence (Exception over 42"), Sign (w/footings)(Exception) # 343275

Discussion: The entrance will be on Fern Street until the Park at Walter Reed opens. The applicants stated that the entrance has to be at that location and they are proposing three different types of signs to direct the pedestrians. ANC supports the placement of these signs. The signs will be also being placed on the existing light posts. The sign will be two sided and they are relocating a fence. The size of the monument signs don't meet the Special Purpose District's, a hearing is scheduled on April 2, 2020, to be rezoned to current sign under Special Permits within the campus at Walter Reeds. DDOT doesn't allow the signs to be placed on our streetlights but you can attach a banner. The applicant agreed to remove the proposed signs and use banners on Georgia Avenue side. The applicant

11:12 am – 11:59 am

Approved w/modifications - Vote: 4 to 0

The applicant must upload a site plan showing all trash containers, bike racks as discussed.

- 8) ANC 6B02 - **800 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SE** - Permittee: DGS DGS - Owner: DGS DGS - Fixture: Bench(es), Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Bollard(s) (Exception), Fence to 42" (Open Design), Playground, Table (Except for commercial), Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Sidewalk(s) # 343693

Discussion: The applicant hadn't uploaded the comments that would address the current reviewer comments. The applicant also stated that they would be adding four bike racks (spaces). The applicant stated that the revised plans uploaded on 2/21/20 address the reviewer's comments. There are proposed trees on the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the street per the applicant. There are trees being proposed beside the playground area. Phase 1 is under plan #0101 is what is being approved by the PSC. The ANC-6B05 (Mr. Hoffman) supports the park but wants a Covenant of Maintenance plan filed giving DGS the responsibility of removal of trash prior to issuance of this permit. The other issue is with the trash being collected, he wants the applicant to agree that trash will be picked up promptly. Also, the locking of the playground gate every night needs to be done by DGS. The existing lighting plan seems to not be enough for the resident that spoke during the hearing from 6B05. The applicant stated that DGS will be managing this site and are still meeting; DPR is managing the closing and opening of the playground area. There was no representative for DPR present at the hearing. Per DGS at the end of every project they will assess any additional needs of the community (ANC, MPD, etc.) once construction has been completed. All MOU's and Covenant of Maintenance must be in place prior to issuance of permits.

11:59 am - 12:13 pm

Approved Concept Design – Vote: 4 to 0

The placement of the drive ways; applicant will be apply for the final streetscape plan at a later date.

- 9) ANC 6D06 - **113 POTOMAC AVENUE SW** - Permittee: John Wilson - Owner: John Wilson - Paving: Driveway(s) New- Commercial # 343765

Discussion: The applicant is applying for a Conceptual approval from the PSC for removing the curb cut on Potomac Avenue and install on 1st Street SW. The eight foot off-set that is being requested but the applicant currently has six feet off-set that is unresolved. The curb cut along first will lead to an undetermined amount of parking spaces per the applicant. Why can't one curb cut/driveway accommodate at the vehicular traffic? The applicant stated that the architect wasn't able to split the traffic because of space. The applicant needs to

add the closing of the curb cuts to the permit when they apply for the streetscape permits. The PSC is approving only the location of the two proposed curb cuts (one on Q Street and one of First Street, SW). The curb cut on Potomac Avenue SW is the one slated to be removed. The applicant was advised that they would be expected to upgrade the streetscape to standards.

Matthew Marcou returned to the Diaz as the Chairman of the PSC at 12:13 pm

12:14 pm - 12:22 pm Tabled until HP has review/approved Vote: 5 to 0
(Is this fence a contributing element to the Grant Street's Historic Preservation)

- 10) ANC 3E01 - **3837 ALBEMARLE STREET NW** - Permittee: Kristina Winn - Owner: Kristina Winn - Fixture: Fence (Exception over 42") # 343843

Discussion: The applicant is proposing to keep the fence at the height and material that exist. The applicant recently obtained a dog and wants the protection of the public with the existing fencing. This application is within a Historic District. Mr. Marcou stated to the applicant that there needs to be a certain circumstance that allows an applicant to install an over height fence or a unique characteristic.

The PSC had a 30 minute break at 12:24 pm and returned to order at 12:58 pm by Matthew Marcou

1:02 pm - 1:37 pm Approved as Submitted* Vote: 5 to 0
***Approved the most recent revised plans. PSC is reserving its authority to consider this based on the curb alignment of Virginia Avenue.**

- 11) ANC 6D01 - **300 7TH STREET SW** - Permittee: Gilbane Building Company - Owner: Gilbane Building Company - Fixture: Bike Rack: Not DDOT Standard, Coping to 18", Curbside Signage, Hand Rail (36" high for ADA, 30"-42" high other), Mutli-space Meter, Planter Box behind Sidewalk to 42", Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Landscaping: Replacement Tree, Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) Repair or Replace, Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk(s), Projections: Other (Exception - Not to Bldg Code), Show Window(s) (commercial), Stoop & Steps # 344001
Discussion: All bollards are on private property per the applicant. No trees on Virginia Avenue because there is not enough space per the applicant's testimony. The projection is needed for the steps per the applicant. The driveway that leads across the sidewalk will use the same materials on the sidewalk. The applicant has eliminated all of the non-standards fixtures and Ali Zamani has approved the Streetlight plan. The applicant stated that their Building Permit has not been issued yet.

1:38 pm - 1:55 pm Approved with Modifications Vote: 5 to 0

1. **The applicant must upload a Markings and Signage Plan**
2. **A Covenant of Maintenance will be executed for the ornamental fencing being proposed and the width.**
3. **Revise plans to show High visibility markings for 9th Street and restated bike racks**
4. **The signage plans must be reviewed/approved by Evian Patterson**

- 12) ANC 1B11 - **2131 9TH STREET NW** - Permittee: John Begert - Owner: John Begert - Fixture: Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Landscaping: New Tree Space(s), Stormwater Mgmt (serve public), Tree Fence(s), Tree Planting, Over Head Work: Streetlight(s) Installation, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk(s) # 344052

Discussion: Multi Family Residential building. There are currently two applications within the Public Space Permitting Office. The applicant resubmitted with all comments addressed except for the bump-out on 9th Street. The applicant stated that they are using DDOT Standard fixtures and a Covenant of Maintenance will be executed for the ornamental fencing. The adjacent buildings curb line will match the curb line. The applicant will provide a Signage Plan and Marking Plan. The existing streetlight adjacent to the existing curb cut will be relocated per the applicant.

Vote: 5 to 0

1:56 pm – 2:20 pm

Tabled – Vote: 5 to 0

The applicant will look into other options on design for this location to protect the install at this location. The Office of Planning and PSRD’s Planning will assist the applicant.

- 13) ANC 5B04 - **3100 9TH STREET NE** - Permittee: John Lawless - Owner: WMATA Bruce Bourque - Excavation: Electric Connection (Trench), Telecom Connection (Trench), Fixture: Fence (Exception over 42"), Landscaping: Tree Removal # 337382

Discussion: WMATA and Smart Links and the applicant. The applicant is proposing to install two cabinets before you enter the existing tunnel with fencing and plantings of two new trees. The concern is that this installation is so close to a residential properties and the design is not consistent with the existing neighborhood per Kevin Storm with the Office of Planning. The applicant stated that he had no choice for this locations installation in public space. Metro has specific security for the placement of the barbed wire fencing at these locations per the applicant. The applicant also stated the access is needed and they couldn't place it on

CSX's property because of the existing train. The applicant was asked what they could do to mitigate the appearance at this location per the Chair (Matthew Marcou). There is a solution for all of the designs issues that were discussed at the hearing with regards to security, appearance of the industrial installation.

2:21 pm - 2:50 pm

Approved with Conditions

Vote: 5 to 0

Conditions are as follows:

- **Satisfy the comments from UFA**
- **Satisfy the comments IPMA/Storm Water**
- **Move the bike racks to the furnishing area; protection of trees**
- **Upload the signage plan and wayfinding signage that must be reviewed by Office of Planning**
- **Extend the brick sidewalk work along 3rd Street and the sidewalk on 2nd Street they should extend to the edge of the driveway**

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

Discussion: The applicant returned to the PSC after he received Concept Approval. The applicant can't satisfy UFA or IPMA/Storm water Management comments and this is why they have returned to the PSC.

- a) Bike racks around 3rd Street – reviewers requested that the bike racks be relocated to East Capitol Street – the applicant wants the bike rack by the main entrance instead of the furniture zone.
- b) Stairs – Can the stairs be rotated?
- c) UFD's comments to apply for a Special Tree permit; the applicant stated they have applied for the permit. The applicant stated they would be meeting with UFA tomorrow to address their comments. The applicant stated that the plans are currently with UFA and will be uploaded if they approve.

2:52 pm - 3:04 pm

Approved w/conditions

Vote: 5 to 0

The applicant must upload the revised plans dated February 19, 2020

- 15) 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
Discussion: The applicant still has DOEE/SE's comments that haven't been addressed. The applicant didn't reduce the curb cut/driveway.

3:04 pm -

Approved In Concept w/Modifications & Conditions

Vote: 5 to 0

Modifications:

- 1) The applicant must upload specifications for structure and add the proposed coolers to the café plan
- 2) The specifications for the tables/chairs that are ADA compliant and revise seating plan to incorporate two seats.
- 3) Lighting, fans and how the structure is installed to the sidewalk

Conditions:

- 4) Confirm with Storm Water Maintenance plan
- 5) Confirmation of curb line space and have this plan reviewed by the Vending at DCRA

16) ANC 6D02 - 1201 HALF STREET SE - New Sidewalk Cafe Enclosed - Permittee: Justin Cox - Justin Cox # 10766907

Discussion: the applicant stated that he submitted a plan for the relocation of the bike racks. This café is not Enclosed. The applicant stated that the proposed railing will be 36 inches around the patio structure. Ms. Chamberlin stated that this street is very unique and it is mainly used by pedestrians. They are expected to complete by April, 2020. The applicant stated that the café seats twenty-five people. The specifications for the installation of the structure must be uploaded. The applicant must show the proposed lighting plan for the patio structure and the panels. The applicant will have coolers under the proposed café structure.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm by Matthew Marcou