

ANC2B Transportation and Public Infrastructure Committee

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Dupont Circle Resource Center (9 Dupont Circle NW)

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Comm. Noah Smith (2B09)
Susan Volman
Comm. Abigail Nichols (2B05)
Michael Upright
Rudi Riet
Moirca McCauley

Brian Knudsen
Tom Hay
Sarah Moulton
Comm Kishan Putta (2B04)
Comm Mike Silverstein (2B06)

Committee Business and News

- * James Nozar resigned from the committee. He will continue to work with the committee as time in his schedule permits.
- * Dupont Village - Has identified someone from their group to be part of the committee.
- * JBG PUD at 13/U has money available for transportation issues. Bike share station near Garrison ES. Crosswalk repainting. Lighting of crosswalk. Custom bike racks. Hope to begin expending dollars this year.

1. Update on Progress of Goals and Assignments

Parking Survey: Template for parking survey is in process

Walkthroughs (beginning with 2B08) for infrastructure safety issues. Need to find DDOT staff to schedule the walkthrough.

Bike Lanes: New informal signage with warning about riding on sidewalks were requested by individuals. Not placed by DDOT or WABA.

Awareness about riding on sidewalks. Resolution to send letter to DDOT about education / signage about riding on sidewalks (Rudi). Draft will be sent by email to committee for informal approval. Present to full ANC at July meeting.

Bike Lane Markings: Comm. Kishan Putta (2B04) has noted a few areas along Q and R streets NW to be repainted / restriped.

Bus Lanes: more Councilmembers are engaged in the conversation about a study of bus lanes on 16th street NW.

We have a contact DPW about on street recycling program.

Parking Problem Statements

Goal is to alleviating specific concerns of residents, businesses and visitors. The plan is to develop problem statements and a series of options to address those problems, then meet with DDOT to discuss feasibility. The committee will then host a public forum on parking where these options will be discussed and the ANC will vote to adopt one or more of them per issue.

Brainstorming on Solutions to Parking Issues

Visitor Parking Issues -

- Eliminate 2 hour free parking and have all visitors pay for parking, i.e. "Pay to Park" on residential streets for visitors.
- Voucher system - annual pass book
- Single pass for one car sent automatically or by request to residents
- Improve existing visitor parking system - advertise it more - streamline service to include online availability.
- Add meters to residential streets.
- Improve contractor parking permit process.
- Allow contractors to apply for long-term permit if they do work in the city so they don't have to apply for each job (like a zone 9 permit).

Residential parking issues

- Designate specific ANC/SMD on parking signs and RPP permits.
- Expand enhanced RPP program (one side of block reserved for residents only).
- Raise price for RPP permits for multi car households.
- Raise price for RPP on all vehicles.
- Performance pricing for RPP permits.
- Set aside more space for car sharing.
- Education about public transportation issues.
- Develop incentives for not owning a car.
- Charge permit pricing based on vehicle size/weight.

Under Utilized Parking

- Parking is allowed on Sunday mornings on both sides of many blocks; expand to other times, particularly during street sweeping.
- Address overlap of parking on street sweeping days.
- Standardize and implement signage for available parking lots across the city.
- Smartphone Apps for parking.
- More education about transit and parking resources.
- Increase utilization of multi-use parking.
- Encourage churches/schools/other owners of lots to open parking at off hours.
- Walk through neighborhoods to find potential unused spots and report to DDOT.

Business Patrons

- Encourage shared valet parking
- Encourage businesses to educate patrons about parking availability.
- Support other modes of transit besides motor vehicles.
- Performance parking (USDOT / FHWA study - parking has been too cheap)
 - DDOT has been contacted (Moirra)
 - San Francisco - variable pricing changes behavior.
 - Smart meters in business corridors
- During negotiation of liquor licenses include provision for bike racks, valet and other parking considerations.

Invite DDOT to next meeting to discuss options and schedule public forum for early fall.

New Issue for 2014 goals: Identify Pedestrian Safety Concerns (Moirra / Brian / Sarah)

Crosswalk safety

Identify risk areas

Handicap access

Infrastructure

Condition of sidewalk

Aesthetics

Next meeting - Tentative date of Wednesday July 30, 2014 at 7:00pm