



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting  
July 1, 2019**

**Commissioners present: Steve Holtzman, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Jerry Sroufe, and Kelly Waud**

**Resident Members present: Floyd Brown (6B01), Norm Metzger (6B03), John Manley (6B04), Roger Tauss (6B05), John Ten Hoeve (6B09)**

**Others: Brian Wise, Kristin Laurente, and other residents of the 200 block of 3rd Street SE**

**CHAW Animal Alphabet Art Project**

Madeleine Odendahl, Eastern Market Main Street (EMMS) and Hannah Jacobson Blumenfeld, Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) presented plans to augment the existing 10 Animal Alphabet sculptures installed on Capitol Hill street signs in 2014. Animal names are matched with letter street names. Plans are to install an additional 16 sculptures if funding can be obtained.

The organizations are applying for a grant from the DC Commission of the Arts and Humanities to fund 8 new sculptures. Each artist is paid \$2,500 to create the animals. DDOT decides which street sign poles will be appropriate for the addition of the sculptures and, last time, did all the installations. If they get approval for the grant, the organizations will have to conduct fundraising as the grant will only cover 50% of the costs.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved, with a second by RM Metzger, that the Committee recommends the ANC to send a letter to the DC Commission of the Arts and Humanities supporting the EMMS and CHAW request for a Public Arts Benefitting Communities grant to continue the Animal Alphabet Project. The committee voted 8-0-0 in support of the motion and placed the item on the consent agenda.

**Response to NOI 19-06-12 (Installation of Parking Restriction for PUDO Research and Data Collection)**

DDOT plans to conduct a research and data collection project whose objective is to reduce congestion in pick up and drop off areas from commercial vehicle deliveries.

According to the NOI, DDOT “is experiencing increasing congestion from a growing number of commercial vehicle operators on its streets. The rapid growth of commercial operators, which include ridesharing, parcel delivery, on-demand delivery, microtransit, e-bikes & scooters, and others, has created significant demand for access to the city’s curbsides. Meanwhile, the supply of DC’s curbs is largely fixed, creating a supply/demand imbalance leading to increased

congestion, unsafe operating environments, lower productivity, inequitable access, and unnecessary emissions. ...” To investigate the viability of one solution, DDOT plans to install special No Parking/Loading Zone areas at 9 locations in the District for the period of August 1, 2019 through October 30, 2019. There are two such areas within 6B: the west side of 400 block of 8th Street SE and the east side of the 200 block of 3rd Street SE (next to Pret a Manger where there are currently 3 one-hour parking meters).

According to a conversation Commissioner Oldenburg had with the DDOT project manager, DeAngelo Baynes today, these special areas—which will take up to 3 curbside parking spaces—will be physically monitored for 9 hours each day for the purpose of research and data collection. Users will be able to reserve space for pickup/drop off via an app. DDOT is working in partnership on this pilot with the firm curbFlow.

A portion of the 200 block of 3rd Street SE near Pennsylvania Avenue is zoned commercial. The balance of the block is zoned residential. Several residents of the block attended the committee meeting to protest against the choice of their block for the pilot. Arguments included encouragement for commercial vehicles to use residential streets and the loss of parking for visitors (the metered spaces). There was also a complaint that during unmonitored hours, large semi delivery trucks would use the special No Parking areas. Apparently, one resident was told in a phone conversation with DDOT (staff not identified) that eventually the No Parking zone could be extended to the end of the block at C Street (thereby encroaching on Residential Permit Parking). Residents suggested that it would be better if one of the loading zones on Pennsylvania Avenue were enlarged to accommodate the pilot’s research and data collection.

Conversely, the committee discussion on the 400 block of 8th SE option generated no concerns.

On a motion by Commissioner Waud, seconded by RM Manley, the Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend the ANC advise DDOT that the Commission endorses the general intent of addressing double parking and the research data and collection project approach in principle, supports the study on the 400 block of 8th but opposes implementation of a study on the 200 block of 3rd St SE. On the latter, the ANC is concerned about encouraging commercial traffic on neighborhood streets and recommends instead expanding one of the loading zones on nearby Pennsylvania Avenue for the study. Request additional information about the implementation of the study, what specific hours will be monitored, how DDOT will address the risk that the monitored period will not reflect real conditions. Also request transparency about costs to DC associated with implementation of this app. The motion was placed on the consent agenda.

**NOTE:** the appendices on pages 3 and 4 contain draft letters for both Committee motions

## APPENDICES

*DRAFT LETTER TO DC Commission of the Arts & Humanities*

*Do not send the letter to the arts Commission. Rather email the letter to*

*madeleine@easternmarketmainstreet.org and to Hannahjacobsonblumenfeld@gmail.com who will submit the letter directly to the arts commission.*

*They need to upload the letter by July 22, 2019*

Date

Ms. Terrie Rouse-Rosario  
Executive Director  
DC Commission of the Arts and Humanities  
200 Eye Street SE, Suite 1400  
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Support for CHAW Animal Alphabet Art Project

Dear Director Rouse-Rosario and Members of the Independent Selection Committee:

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on July 9, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted X-X-X to support the Eastern Market Main Street (EMMS) and the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW). They are partnering to complete the Capitol Hill Animal Alphabet public art project which included six locations in our boundaries as part of the initial 2014 installation.

EMMS and CHAW are specifically applying for a Public Arts Benefiting Communities grant from the DCCAH. The Capitol Hill Animal Alphabet project certainly furthers the objectives of this grant program, namely to connect artists and their work with communities, and we look forward to supporting EMMS and CHAW's efforts to complete this project for the benefit of residents, businesses, and visitors.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this grant application. Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov, if you have any questions about this support or need further information.

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Date

Mr. DeAngelo Baynes  
Parking and Ground Transportation  
Operations Administration  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street SE  
Washington DC 20003

VIA EMAIL: DeAngelo.Baynes@dc.gov

RE: NOI 19-06-12-PGDT Installation of Parking Restriction for PUDO Research and Data Collection

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on July 9, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted x-x-x to send DDOT the following comments on NOI 19-06-12-PGDT issued June 20, 2019.

The Commission endorses the general intent of DDOT addressing double parking through this study and the research data and collection project approach in principle, supports it's application on the 400 block of 8th but opposes the use of the 200 block of 3rd St SE as part of the study. On the latter, the ANC is concerned about encouraging commercial traffic on neighborhood streets and recommends instead expanding one of the loading zones on nearby Pennsylvania Avenue for the study. The ANC would like more information on the criteria DDOT used to select the 9 options, and about the implementation of the study such as what specific hours will be monitored, and how DDOT will address the risk that the monitored period will not reflect real conditions should the study result in a DDOT decision to move forward with these new areas without monitoring. Also, ANC6B requests more transparency about the costs to DC associated with implementation of this app.

Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov if you have any questions about this matter or need further information.

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Cc Councilmember Charles Allen  
Naomi Klein and Lee Goodall