



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
December 4, 2024**

Commissioners Present: Matt LaFortune (6B09 - Chair), Jerry Sroufe (6B02), David Sobelsohn (6B03), Frank D'Andrea (6B04), Edward Ryder (6B08)

Resident Members Present: Jack Johnson (6B01- Alt), Janice Kruger (6B03), Briane Kirrane (6B03- Alt), Kirsten Oldenburg (6B04), Michael McMullan (6B04- Alt), Brian Poochigian (6B06), Brianne Eby-Stockert (6B07- Alt), Jeffrey Menzer (6B08), Karen Hughes (6B09), Joshua Peacock (6B09- Alt)

11th Street Safety Discussion

Commissioner LaFortune noted that he had not heard back from Shirley Chisholm Elementary School and recommended that the committee invite the school to a future meeting.

RM Menzer said that Derrick Hardy from DDOT recently reviewed the 11th and G St. SE intersection and noticed issues with school pickup and dropoff in the area. RM Menzer presented a map of parking zones around Chisholm and highlighted that lots of cars are parked in 15 minute parking, which restricts the ability for parents to dropoff in designated zones. He suggested that the ANC should ask DDOT to review parking for more consistency and potentially extend the 15 minute parking zone on 11th St. SE to prevent double-parking.

RM Oldenburg mentioned that she had lots of conversations when she was a commissioner about parking by the school and with neighbors.

Commissioner D'Andrea stated that it seems this is more of a parking enforcement issue and that the ANC should encourage DPW to pay more attention to the area.

RM Kirrane said that families of students are double-parking. Near where he lives, St. Peter School is more engaged with parents and has teachers outside to get cars to move to designated areas.

Michael Bruggman mentioned that the issue has gotten worse since the pandemic with DPW not issuing tickets and more parents driving to school, potentially as it has become more popular in the DCPS lottery. It does not appear that school staff is engaged with parents on the street.

RM Johnson recommended offering carrots rather than sticks with more bicycle parking.

RM Menzer suggested asking DDOT for its formal response to the ANC's prior letter and to see if anything can be done to use 10th St. SE for dropoff.

Commissioner LaFortune committed to following up with Derrick Hardy on DDOT's formal response and to ask if there are any guidelines on pickup/dropoff on arterials like 11th St. SE.

RM Hughes asked whether the ANC has worked with DCPS in the past on this issue. Commissioner LaFortune noted specific engagement with other schools like Watkins Elementary but not DCPS specifically.

(Late Breaking) Update on Intersection at 5th and Independence Ave. SE

Commissioner LaFortune shared that DDOT committed to CM Allen that it will install a four-way stop sign as requested by the ANC in its November meeting. This is a long-standing issue and is in response to over a year of neighbor requests. DDOT has not shared a timeline for when the sign will be installed.

(Late Breaking) Penn/Potomac Ave SE Update

Commissioner LaFortune noted that DDOT plans to present at the January committee meeting on its project to redesign the intersection of Pennsylvania and Potomac Ave. SE.

(Late Breaking) Request for Stop Sign at 1st and F St. SE

Commissioner LaFortune shared a letter drafted by Commissioner Avery in response to neighbor requests for improved pedestrian safety at this intersection.

RM Kirrane suggested focusing on a speed bump or raised crosswalk rather than a stop sign.

Commissioner D'Andrea recommended adding a bulb out as the most bang for the buck.

RM Johnson noted bad drainage issues at this area that already exist so DDOT should not use that as an excuse to not install a speed hump.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC send a letter to DDOT recommending safety improvements at the intersection of 1st and F St. SE, to be placed on the consent agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

(Late Breaking) Pedestrian Safety Concern at Lincoln Park/12th St. SE

Eli Rosenfeld shared his request that the ANC engage with DDOT to improve pedestrian safety near Lincoln Park. The crosswalk at 12th St. SE is obscured by a tree box, which limits visibility. A study in December 2021 found that there was not enough pedestrian traffic for a HAWK beacon. DDOT has not eliminated a parking spot as it had promised.

Commissioner D'Andrea suggested highlighting that this is a visibility issues and that something should be done to resolve this concern even if DDOT does not agree with a HAWK beacon.

RM Johnson suggested asking for a bulbout at the nearby bus stop and adding a crosswalk at the east side of 12th St. SE to increase options for pedestrians.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC send a letter to DDOT recommending safety improvements at the intersection of Lincoln Park and 12th St. SE, to be

placed on the consent agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner LaFortune adjourned the meeting noting that this is his final session as chair. He will work with the newly appointed vice chair, RM/Commissioner-elect Hughes, to put together an agenda for the January meeting.