



**Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7 pm**

**Florida Avenue Baptist Church**

**623 Florida Avenue NW**

1. **DDOT** – Leon Anderson Operations and Kaz, engineer were present
  - a. Intersection Issues: residents' experiences on Florida and 6<sup>th</sup> NW
    - i. There is bottleneck and traffic congestion, Intersection blocking, Difficult left turn, Pedestrian crossing concerns, Enforcement issues
  - b. Traffic Volumes during morning rush hour (1 hour snapshot)
    - i. 1070 are going eastbound on Florida, 910 going westbound, 190 pedestrian
  - c. Engineering Challenges
    - i. Signal timing and phasing- Photo attached
    - ii. Intersection geometry issues – photo attached
      1. Intersection is 150 feet (it's larger than normal (80 feet))
  - d. Potential Measures
    - i. Short term – signage and pavement marking
    - ii. Media term – signal phasing improvements (changing this phase will impact rhode island ave, new jersey ave, Georgia ave, etc.)
    - iii. Long term – Intersection redesign (intersection skew, geometric approach, reduce the size of the intersection to reduce the footprint – closes up access to 6th)
  - e. Questions
    - i. Q: What options are there besides closing off T Street? A: We can talk about some solutions.
    - ii. Q: Could you redesign the intersection that's a square and keep access to 6<sup>th</sup> street? A: We can look into that.
    - iii. Q: Can you use sensors to adjust traffic lights? A: Sensors are only used for side streets so if there are no cars there, lights stay green on a main street.

- iv. Q: What are the other options? A: This is the option that addresses the issues we identify.
- v. Q: People are violating the law; nothing to do with the intersection. The problem is that people go through the red light. A: The size of the intersection does not help the driver.
- vi. Q: If we get a red light camera there, it should help. A:
- f. Next steps: they will add a test camera to collect data.
  - i. Block the box: it is illegal but enforcement of it is unsure (don't know if drivers can get ticketed)
  - ii. First camera will be the box to collect data.
  - iii. Then they will see if the solution is a stop sign, speed camera, or stop lights.

## 2. **MPD report** – crime statistics

- a. Violent crimes are down
- b. Refer to crime stats on MPD website
- c. Nothing of value should be left in the car. Even if it's hidden, people will break in so don't leave anything important in the car.
- d. Ask visitors to take everything of value out of the car and call 911 if you see anything suspicious.
- e. Call 911 for non-emergencies.

## 3. **Office of the People's Counsel**

- a. June 2016 Pepco filed an app to raise distribution rates by \$76 million and OPC is opposing that amount. (Formal Case No. 1139)
- b. Pepco is asking permission to raise their prices. When utility companies ask to raise their prices, they have attorneys acting on behalf of shareholders. Office of the People's Counsel represents us, the people who use Pepco services.
- c. OPC doesn't think the amount they are asking for is fair or appropriate. (See document)
- d. The litigation is over. Now they need to hear from the community.
  - i. Community Hearing on the Pepco Rate Case: April 12, 6pm; DC Public Service Commission 1325 G Street, NW 8<sup>th</sup> Floor
  - ii. Contact the Office of the Commission Secretary by April 7 to testify: 202-626-5150, [psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov](mailto:psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov) (walk-ins welcome)
- e. OPC is your utility lawyer (telephone, electric, gas). They handle individual matters too. [opc-dc.com](http://opc-dc.com)

## 4. **Howard University** – Maybelle Bennett

- a. Campus master plan amendments
  - i. Campus master plan is a document that the university has to file to city govt in order to govern the large land masses

- ii. Howard wants to file a new plan to include a new tower of residence hall
- iii. Slowe and Carver Halls: issued an RFP and now have several proposals for adaptive reuse of the building for multi-family apt. Univ is right now reviewing the propels.
  - 1. What about parking? DDOT required the univ to create and stand by parking plan and reduce the parking lots. They know it's a concern. One option is that there will be parking restrictions put on the residents.
- iv. Effingham Apartments – currently it's boarded. Univ want to demolish and build something new.
- v. Southwest Campus area – will develop this area into buildings with art space, retail ground floor, multi family housing upper floors
- vi. Mary Churchill house: they will reinvest in this house and other
- b. Q: childcare center- what is that status? A: they are working on it
- c. Mrs. Bennett wants to take a vote to extract all the parcels out of Howard Univ.
- d. We took a vote and we have 9 people. 1 opposed.

5. **Brianne on Your Block** is this Friday.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

This memorandum represents our understanding of the events that transpired and the actions that were taken. If they do not conform to a recipient's understand, prompt written notice must be communicated to the writer. If no corrections or objections are made, this memorandum will be relied upon as a factual interpretation of this meeting.

Submitted on Monday, April 10, 2017 by Jeehye Pak.