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ANC 3C Resolution 2013-013

Regarding DDOT's Failure to Provide Proper Notice Prior to Change in Signage
on Wisconsin Avenue Between Calvert St NW and Massachusetts Av NW

WHEREAS in a letter dated March 27, 2013, postmarked April 1, 2013, and sent to the incorrect ANC, the District Department of Transportation ("DDOT") indicated it's intent to install AM and Extended PM Parking Hour Restrictions on northbound Wisconsin Avenue NW, between Calvert Street NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW; and

WHEREAS ANC3C would not have known about the proposed changes unless ANC3B forwarded the notice on April 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS DDOT has not responded to a request that DDOT send a representative to the ANC3C public meeting to answer questions about the change, nor responded to requests that the comment period be extended to provide proper opportunity for ANC3C review and comment; and

WHEREAS DDOT disregarded the period of comment and procedure and proceeded to change the parking signs without regard for neighborhood or ANC3C review or comment; and

WHEREAS this is the third un-noticed change in parking signage in front of Temple Micah since last summer and hardships imposed upon Temple Micah and it's congregants are described in the letter attached to this resolution (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS while these changes may have been an attempt to mitigate any unintended adverse consequences of the Glover Park Streetscape Project, they were implemented without the proper review of potential new adverse consequences and the neighborhood and ANC3C were not accorded the opportunity to raise concerns and offer other options that might not adversely affect the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS the ANC3C-08 Commissioner has received numerous detailed communications from constituents outlining concerns and objections to these changes:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC3C requests that DDOT follow it's own procedures as outlined in the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000", DC Law 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001) that requires DDOT to give written notice of intent to modify traffic and/or parking requirements and provide proper written notice to ANC3C with a 30-day comment period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C requests that DDOT immediately restore the parking signage and northbound traffic and parking patterns as configured before the March 27, 2013 TOA 13-23 changes were implemented so that the neighborhood and ANC3C may have the opportunity to review the other available options and have input into the process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that before DDOT takes any steps to implement changes to parking or traffic patterns along Wisconsin Avenue NW between Calvert St. NW and Massachusetts Av. NW, DDOT will provide an open, extended and well publicized opportunity for further neighborhood and ANC3C review and comment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair and Commissioner for SMD ANC3C-08 are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "V. Silveira/ANC3C".

Victor Silveira

Chair, on April 15, 2013

This resolution was approved by a roll-call vote of 9-0 on April 15, 2013 at a regularly scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

Attachment A

April 15, 2013

Dear ANC Commissioners,

On behalf of the membership of Temple Micah, I ask your assistance in responding to parking restriction changes on Wisconsin Avenue within ANC3C. Without prior consultation with us, the DC Department of Transportation ("DDOT") has extended parking restrictions from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Our concerns with DDOT's abrupt change are both substantive and procedural; DDOT's decision harms our neighbors and us, and DDOT ignored neighborhood input and impact in making the change.

Temple Micah, located at 2829 Wisconsin Avenue, will be negatively impacted by the changes, as will its membership and many individual constituents within ANC3C. The heaviest impact for us will be felt during our most important religious ritual, the start of Sabbath services on Friday nights. Currently, our service begins at 6:30 pm on Friday evening, enabling members and neighbors to park on Wisconsin Avenue at the start of services. Extending traffic restrictions to 7:30 pm as DDOT proposes will prevent Micah members from using a dozen or more spots that are essential attend services. This will force members (many of them elderly) to park on neighborhood streets, creating conflict with our residential neighbors with whom we strive to maintain friendly relations.

With no detailed explanation from DDOT, it is difficult to understand the justification for the sudden change. First, we have seen no anecdotal or empirical evidence that traffic has increased near Temple Micah. Second, Temple Micah is located precisely where Wisconsin Avenue northbound expands from one lane of traffic to two lanes of traffic at off-peak times and from two lanes to three during rush hour. Even if traffic had increased, which is not clear, that extra lane should ameliorate that increase. Third, any change in traffic patterns that has occurred is a direct result of DDOT's own actions in re-striping Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park.

Temple Micah has had no meaningful opportunity to convey these concerns to DDOT for DDOT to make a complete and balanced analysis. In fact, DDOT's process is doubly flawed because it has abruptly changed parking restrictions twice, once to limit parking between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm Monday through Saturday, and then to reduce those limitations to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday. While we are thankful that DDOT scaled back its initial, harmful plans, it is difficult being subject to the whims of a government agency that doesn't seek the input of its citizens and their local institutions.

Temple Micah's 500-plus families are DC residents who contribute to the vibrancy of life and community in Cleveland Park, Woodley Park, Cathedral Heights, and elsewhere in the District. While we understand the importance of allowing Maryland commuters to leave the District in an orderly fashion, we believe the burden on DC residents should be fully considered and then minimized.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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