

**Re: Case No. 07-08A**

**Testimony for ANC 6D, Delivered by Roger Moffatt, Chair ANC6D**

**Additional Temporary Surface Parking Lots on Additional Squares and Portions of Squares in Southwest**

Good Evening Chairman Hood, Commissioners, and other interested parties. Thank you for allowing me to address this body on behalf of ANC 6D and augment the previous submission of ANC 6D. At a regularly scheduled public business meeting of ANC 6D on February 11, 2008, ANC 6D voted 7-0 to oppose the application of the Office of Planning (OP) to zone eight additional sites for temporary baseball stadium parking. It is a rare thing to find unanimity on votes in ANC 6D, but this instance demonstrates the resolve of our community.

In its earlier application for baseball stadium parking, OP included several lots in the Buzzard Point area. ANC 6D opposed all those lots south of Potomac Avenue. In October, your order in case 07-08 specifically prohibited either the Washington Nationals or the District Department of Transportation from directing baseball patrons to approved temporary surface parking lots via 4<sup>th</sup> Street or P Street SW. All the squares in the current application are south of Potomac Avenue, encouraging access via the prohibited streets, and no traffic plan has been put in place by DDOT or the Nationals to effectively prevent baseball patrons from using those streets.

Now, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, OP has returned with a request for additional spaces, all in the same Buzzard Point area, albeit on different squares. Additionally, nothing has changed relating to the infra-structure in the area. All of the squares under consideration are currently primarily industrial in use, and lack sidewalks and curbs. The ANC believes that the Department of Transportation of the District of Columbia (DDOT) could find far better uses for its limited funds other than upgrading a streetscape that would be used only a few months out of each year.

The primary concern for ANC 6D continues to be the potential impact that up to 2,950 additional cars would have on health and safety, especially of children who use streets in the hot summer weather during arrival and departure times of the stadium crowds. While we believe the Nationals are acting in good faith when they say they will use their best marketing and promotional materials to direct traffic away from residential streets, we believe that it is the District that has shut the near SE / SW out of the process. Sure there were PowerPoint presentations to fill the quota for community meetings, but the decisions that really count were made without citizen comment.

This was brought home again last evening at a DDOT update on the parking plan for the stadium. There, we learned that the scheduled starting time for the great majority of night home games is at 7:10 p.m., making peak arrival time occur in the heart rush hour. It was not the Nationals who wanted this, but rather WAMATA who believes that their logistics will be better served by having the game end earlier. That decision was also based on the erroneous belief that most arrivals will be against the rush hour flow. Not only was the decision a bad one, but it was made behind closed doors. No community input was sought.

ANC 6D believes that bringing these requests at the last minute is a ploy to gain approval without due diligence and without adequate input. We trust that the Commission will remain steadfast in its previous pronouncement and findings, thus will deny this application.

Thank you.

**ZONING COMMISSION**

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