

## **ANC 6E RESOLUTION ON DDOT APPROVAL OF WILTBERGER STREET ENTRANCE RAMP FOR THE SHAW DEVELOPMENT**

Whereas, Monument Realty is developing a mixed use building at Wiltberger and T Streets, NW in Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E (ANC 6E); and

Whereas, Wiltberger Street, NW is a narrow street with one lane of through southbound traffic and one lane of parking, and sidewalks that are too narrow to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

Whereas, Wiltberger Street, NW is experiencing significant additional vehicular traffic and congestion as a result of the operation of the Howard Theatre, which sometimes hosts several thousand guests each day at performances and other events; and

Whereas, The Shaw development is under construction, with the garage entrance on Wiltberger Street, NW, which will bear substantial additional vehicular traffic as a result of The Adora, a new mixed use development on Wiltberger Street immediately to the south of The Shaw, which will cause significant traffic congestion and vehicular/pedestrian interactions; and

Whereas, Monument Realty met with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E, neighborhood residents, and other stakeholders in 2015 to review the development plans; and

Whereas, the consensus achieved at said community meetings resulted in the relocation of the garage entrance ramp for the development was for the vehicular entrance to be located on the north/south alley between 6<sup>th</sup> and Wiltberger Streets, NW; and

Whereas, Monument Realty presented plans to the community and ANC 6E indicating that the vehicular entrance was to be located at the southeast corner of the building at the aforementioned alley; and

Whereas, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) subsequently approved the relocation of the vehicular entrance ramp from the alley to the southwest corner of the building at Wiltberger Street, NW, which was not communicated to the seven Wiltberger residential property owners by the then ANC Commissioner, by DDOT, or by the developers of The Shaw until construction began in the fall of 2018; and

Whereas, in ANC 6E's experience, DDOT has consistently expressed a preference for garage entrances to be located off alleys, rather than streets; and

Whereas, residents of Wiltberger Street, NW have repeatedly requested an explanation from DDOT as to why the garage entrance for the Shaw development was approved on Wiltberger Street, NW, but have been unsuccessful in obtaining any response from the agency; and

Whereas, the aforementioned residents of Wiltberger Street are extremely concerned about the traffic and pedestrian safety impacts of DDOT's decision to locate the vehicular entrance to The Shaw's garage on Wiltberger Street and the negative impact on their quality of life and property values:

It is therefore RESOLVED that

- 1) ANC 6E requests that DDOT provide a written explanation of the agency's decision to locate the garage entrance to the Shaw development on Wiltberger Street, NW, including any and all traffic studies performed to determine the impact of said decision;
- 2) If the impact of The Adora, the additional mixed use development on Wiltberger Street, NW was not taken into consideration when said approval was granted, ANC 6E requests that DDOT study and report on the impact of the increased traffic on Wiltberger Street and adjacent streets, especially the 600 blocks of S and T streets, NW, including Howard Theatre traffic, and evaluate the potential for widening the sidewalks on Wiltberger Street in order to improve pedestrian safety;
- 3) ANC 6E requests that DDOT recommend mitigation measures to address the increased vehicular traffic resulting from the location of The Shaw's garage entrance on Wiltberger Street, NW, in addition to the increased traffic associated with The Adora mixed use development on Wiltberger Street.

Approved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E at a Public Meeting held on February 5, 2019 at the Northwest One Library, 155 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 by a vote of five (5) in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.