



Putting the "Public" in Public Space

November 15, 7 to 9 PM
Hill Center - 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE

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Be it the use of the curbside for parking or food trucks, pocket parks, increased density awarded as a result of a Planned Unit Development, the ubiquitous sidewalk cafes that dot our urban landscape or the provision of new roadways, the organization and administration of Public Space impacts the lives of District residents. "Public Space" is all horizontal space outside private property lines as well the air rights above the limit that property owners can develop as a matter of right.

On Nov. 15 between 7 and 9 p.m., a public panel will discuss the manner in which the District of Columbia both administers public space as well as the means in which it is transferred permanently or leased to the private realm. Is the current system of public space administration adequate? Should it be reformed? Should there be more citizen involvement analogous to what occurs in zoning matters? The Hill Rag, The Ward 6 Democrats and the Hill Center have selected a knowledgeable panel to discuss the current arrangements and brainstorm ideas for the future:

- Charles Allen - Ward 6 Councilmember
- Matthew Marcou - Associate Director for the Public Space Regulations Division (PSRD)
- Meredith Fascett - The Chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
- Nancy Metzger - Former Historic Preservation Board Member
- Dave Alpert - Founder and President of Greater Greater Washington and Executive Director of DC Sustainable Transportation (DCST)

Join our panelists and neighbors for a lively discussion of the hows and whys of Public Space. Questions for the panelists will be taken both by email prior to the event at ward6matters@hillrag.com and in writing at the event itself.