

Ward 6: Mayor Muriel Bowser's Eastern Market/Barracks Row Community Walk



Wednesday, December 18, 2019

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Start: Rumsey Aquatic Center – 635 North Carolina Ave SE

End: Tyler Elementary School – 1001 G Street SE

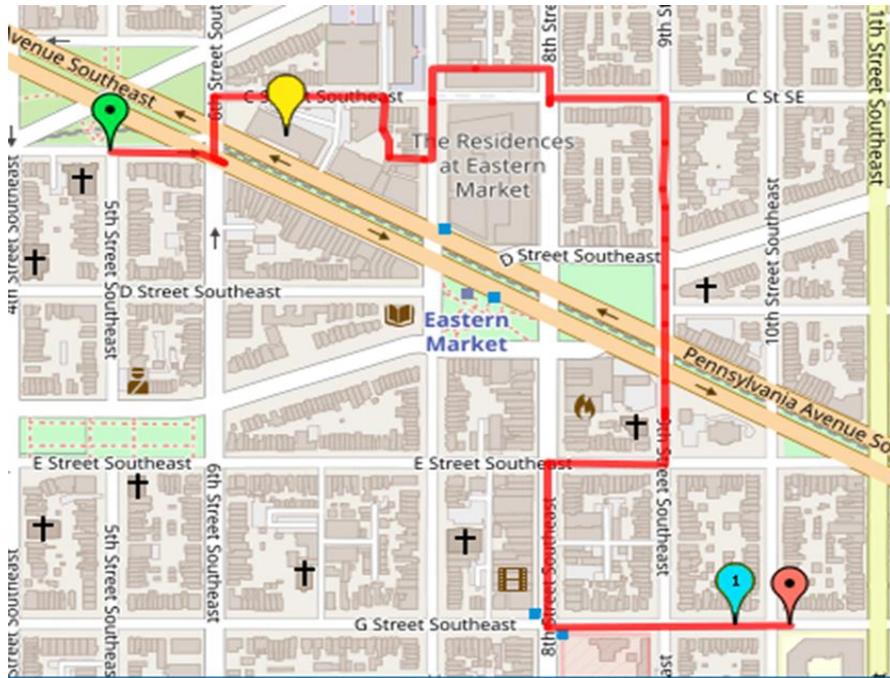
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On December 18, 2019, Mayor Muriel Bowser hosted a press conference to provide holiday safety tips regarding package thefts, safe exchange zones, the Private Security Camera Incentive Program, and the expanded investment for the Metropolitan Police Department crime cameras program. Following the press conference, Mayor Bowser, accompanied by deputy mayors, agency directors, community members, and stakeholders, conducted a community walk in the Eastern Market and Barracks Row neighborhood.

This report outlines those efforts in detail and will be forwarded to each agency for the appropriate response. The Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) will provide a 30, 60, and 90 day update on follow-up items with the identified agencies.

Route



START: Rumsey Aquatic Center – 635 N. Carolina Ave SE

- Walk east down the 600 block of N. Carolina Ave SE
- Turn left onto 6th St. SE
- Turn left on C St. SE.
- Turn right into the alley behind the 300 block of 7th St. SE
- Upon exiting the alley, turn left on 7th St. SE
- Turn right on C St. SE
- Turn right on 9th St. SE
- Turn right into the alley behind the 800 block of Pennsylvania Ave SE.
- Upon exiting the alley, turn left on 8th St. SE
- Turn right on E St. SE
- Turn left on 8th St. SE
- Turn left on G St. SE

END: Tyler Elementary – 1001 G Street SE

Administration Participants

- **Kevin Donahue**, Deputy Mayor, (DMPSJ)
- **Lucinda Babers**, Deputy Mayor, (DMOI)
- **Chanel Dickerson**, Assistant Chief of Police, (MPD)
- **Morgan Kane**, Commander. (MPD)
- **Tomás Talamante**, Deputy Chief of Staff (EOM)
- **Julia Irving**, Director, (MOCRS)
- **Polly Donaldson**, Director (DHCD)
- **Christopher Geldart**, Director, (DPW)
- **Julie Lawson**, Director, (Clean City)
- **Jeffrey Marootian**, Director (DDOT)
- **Shawn Townsend**, Director (MONC)
- **Kristi Whitfield**, Director, (DSLBD)

Administration Participants cont'd

- **Carlie Fisherow, (DME)**
- **Joey Breems, (OCA)**
- **Jasmin Benab (DMPSJ)**
- **Kristen Metzger (MPD)**
- **Jennifer Mcahill (MONC)**
- **Ramona Thomas (DHS)**
- **Reginald May (DPW)**
- **Preston Moore (DPW)**
- **Jasmine Benab (DMPSJ)**
- **Frank Maduro (DGS)**
- **Christina Amoruso (DSLBD)**
- **James Partlow (DSLBD)**
- **Jennifer McHill (MONC)**
- **Ciana Creighton (MOP)**
- **Jessica Smith (DMHHS)**
- **Travis Dread-Hughes (DBH)**
- **Richard Livingston (DHCD)**
- **Andrew DeFrank (DDOT)**
- **Tommie Jones (DPR)**
- **John Stokes, (DGS)**

Community Participants

- **Gerald Sroufe**, Commissioner, ANC 6B02
- **Brian Ready**, Commissioner, ANC 6B03
- **Kirsten Oldenburg**, Commissioner, ANC 6B04
- **Steve Holtzman**, Commissioner, ANC 6B05
- **Corey Holman**, Commissioner, ANC 6B06
- **Chander Jayaraman**, Commissioner, ANC 6B08
- **Martin Smith**, Executive Director, Barracks Row Main Street
- **Charles McCaffrey**, Executive Director, Eastern Market Main Street
- **Tom Johnson**, Managing Partner, Hill Restaurant Group
- **Allison McGill**, PTA, Tyler Elementary School
- **Jessie Henry**, Community Member
- **Sharyn Kilderry**, Community Member
- **James Dunn**, Community Member
- **Janice Kruger**, Community Member

- **Michael McDonald**, Community Member
- **Donna Schoecker**, Community Member
- **Ellen Opper-Wanor**, Community Member
- **Steve Daniels**, Community Member

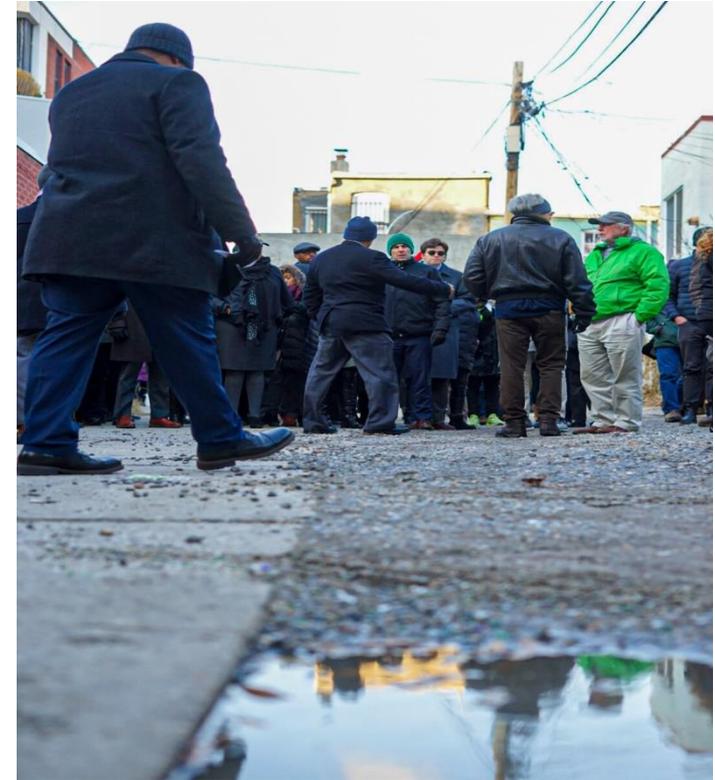
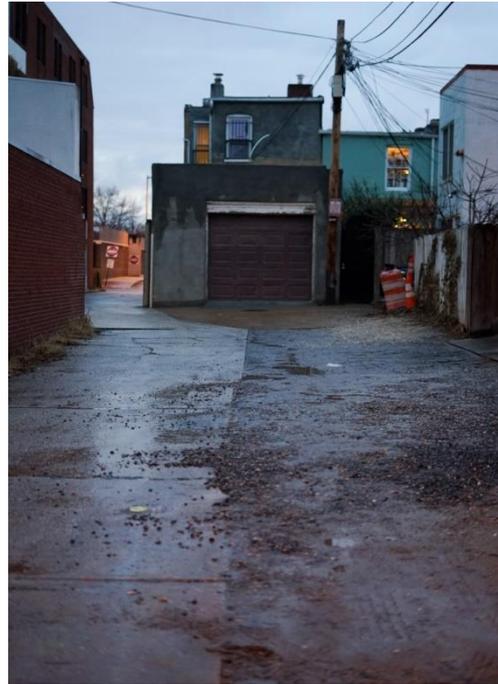


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Mayor Bowser visited Seward Square, which often serves as an interim living space for individuals experiencing homelessness. One gentleman in particular has been a consistent presence in the area and until recently occupied the WAMATA bus bay at 6th and Pennsylvania Ave. SE. Neighbors expressed their interest in activating the space so that it no longer lays idle and gets properly maintained. They would also like to ensure that that the gentlemen is receiving services to assist with his habit of accumulating more items.

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During the walk, Mayor Bowser was able to engage with Eastern Market stakeholders and ANC commissioners on the alley behind the 300 block of 7th St. SE. Much to their satisfaction, she was able to put the private/public alley speculation to rest behind the 300 block of 7th St. SE. Though half of the alley is paved and the other half is gravel, it appears that the width of the alley does in fact extend to the graveled area where the utility poles are. The alley will therefore be a candidate for paving to ensure uniformity in the public space.

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As the walk continued, Mayor Bowser stopped inside Eastern Market for business engagement, most of which was centered around the building's tenants efforts to receive a fair lease with the District Government. The business owners are working tirelessly to keep the fresh food market alive and were as excited to share their experience with the Mayor as she was to receive them.

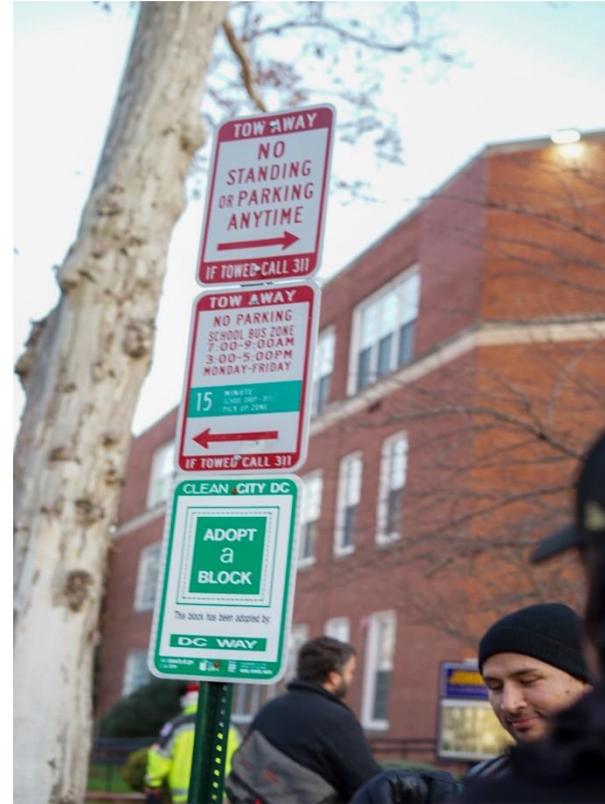
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Other issues that came up during the walk included the Eastern Market Metro Park Project, rodent concerns in public space areas around Barracks Row, and a commercial storefront that is intentionally left vacant by the property owner. As each of these issues were identified, Mayor Bowser engaged the community, ensuring that the agency efforts matches the ideas of the neighbors, businesses, and stakeholders.

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As the walk neared it's end, Mayor Bowser arrived at Tyler Elementary School just after what many consider to be a stressful school pickup situation. During her visit at Tyler, the mayor reviewed the efficiency of the parking signs, and spoke with the parents and principal that are present for the drop off and pick up situation daily. She also engaged the parents, school administration, and commissioners on ways for our District agencies to make the parking situation easier for parents to comply with .

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After a productive and engaging walk, Mayor Bowser facilitated a summary review of all concerns brought up and discussed various ways District agencies can collaborate to resolve concerns.

Issues Identified and Status

| ISSUE | LOCATION/ADDRESS | AGENCY RESPONSIBLE | SLA | STATUS |
|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Outreach to neighbors experiencing homelessness | Seward Square | DMHHS | Ongoing | Open |
| Outreach to neighbors in need of DMHHS services | 500 block of Pennsylvania Ave SE | DMHHS | Ongoing | Open |
| Outreach to neighbors in need of DMHHS services | Bus bay at 6 th and Pennsylvania Ave SE | DMHHS | Ongoing | Open |
| Street needing to be repaved | 600 block of C Street SE | DDOT | Sept. 5, 2018 17-00446940 | Open |
| Public versus private space dispute | Alley behind 300 block of 7 th Street SE | DDOT | Jan. 1, 2021 9-01034612 | Open |
| Review request to remove retention wall in the rear of aquatic center to accommodate Eastern Market customer parking | William H Ramsey Aquatic Center | DGS ANC 6B | Spring FY20 | Open |
| Engage with Eastern Market vendors regarding lease terms | 225 7 th Street SE | DGS | January 31, 2020 | Open |
| Neighbors parking in public space and driveways | 800 block of C Street SE | DPW | Ongoing | Open |
| Review letter ANC 6B sent to District agencies regarding the 5G Cell Towers | 600 block of C Street SE | DOEE DDOT DOH | January 20, 2020 | Open |
| Possible illegal sign advertising parking | 600 block of C Street SE | DDOT | December 31, 2019 | Open |
| Certificate of Occupancy challenges and emergency vehicle access for carriage houses | St. Cyprian's Way | DDOT DCRA OUC | January 31, 2020 | Open |

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| Interim playground at Eastern Market to remain unlocked | 800 block of D Street SE | DPR ANC 6B | Effective Dec. 18 2020 | Open |
| Schedule meeting to update Mayor Bowser on Eastern Market Metro Park Project | Eastern Market Park | DGS/DPR DDOT/MOCRS | January 2020 | Open |
| Alley entrance needs to be repaved | 324 8 th Street SE | DDOT | Jan. 1, 2021 19-01034508 | Open |
| Rodent abatement needed | 800 block of Pennsylvania Ave SE | DOH | Jan. 9, 2020 19-01034517 | Open |
| Trash storage enforcement and education | 800 block of Pennsylvania Ave SE | DPW/ Clean City | Dec. 27, 2019 19-01034545 | Open |
| Rodent abatement needed | 429 8 th Street SE | DOH | Jan. 9, 2020 19-01034553 | Open |
| Alley in need of repair | 800 block of D Street SE | DDOT | Jan. 1 2021 19-01034571 | Open |
| Illegal dumping in alley | 800 block of D Street SE | DPW | Jan. 8, 2020 19-01034575 | Open |
| Overflowing dumpsters | 823 Pennsylvania Ave SE | DPW | Dec. 27, 2019 19-01034582 | Open |
| Substance abuse and selling; individuals needing DBH services | 400 block of 8 th Street SE | MPD/DBH | Ongoing | Open |

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| Missing flexposts | 900 block of G Street SE | DDOT | Jan. 1, 2021 19-01034593 | Open |
| Meeting with District agencies, Tyler Elementary, and Tyler Elementary PTA regarding pick-up and drop-off issues at Tyler Elementary | 1001 G Street SE | DDOT/DME DPW/Tyler Elementary + PTA | January 2020 | Open |