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Subject: RE: //CUI/LES//Changes to the Security Perimeter
Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:04:44 AM

Good Morning,

We reached out to the SAA POCs to see if they were aware. What we received from HSAA is below:

- The racks were moved after a meeting with between Paul Irving and Chief Sund. They walked the site on Monday and the concern by the HSAA was that the House side was not as protected as the Senate.
- HSAA wanted the racks removed on First St. as they were concerned that people would be trapped and forced to enter and exit on the House side.

The HSAA POC is aware of our concerns, but noted that this is USCP's Operational Plan. As background, lack of coordination on this change is indicative of the hurdles AOC has been trying to overcome on security issues. There are several historical factors on why AOC has not been included in these decisions that I can discuss with you later. I will continue working to improve the coordination and input.

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Val,

This seems absolutely illogical. It removes a zone of defense. If you find out a logical impetus for the change, let me know ASAP. I'll make calls to the board if necessary.

Regards, Brett

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 5, 2021, at 9:10 PM, Hasberry, Valerie L. <valerie.hasberry@oc.gov> wrote:

Good Evening,

I wanted to pass on last minute changes for the security perimeter for tomorrow's

planned demonstrations.

We received a late request to remove approximately 500 bike racks along first street NE/SE, and along the south curb of Constitution Ave. between the North Barricade and First Street NE. My team was told the reason for the change was due to USCP's concern that demonstrators would be trapped on the Eggs. This explanation did not track with past set ups including those used in November and December. In addition, the change didn't make sense from a security perspective.

I reached out to Asst Chiefs Thomas and Pittman for additional information on the change and to ask how USCP plans to protect the assets uncovered by the removal. I followed up with a phone call to Chad Thomas and he provided the following:

“With the shift in our posture to secure the Capitol Square, there will be no tie-in for the bike rack along first street and no officers to stand fixed posts there; they will all be on Capitol Square. That being said, we will actively monitor all portions of the grounds and have CDU response squads to quickly address problems, including potential vandalism to Library grounds.”

I will follow up with Chad tomorrow as I believe there may be other factors driving the change. I will also get additional information on the shift to Capitol Square.

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