

DEITER LEHMANN MORALES, SMD 1A02, *Chair*
JEREMY SHERMAN, SMD 1A04, *Vice-Chair*
ANTHONY THOMAS-DAVIS, SMD 1A06, *Secretary*
BILLY EASLEY, SMD 1A10, *Treasurer*



JASPAL BHATIA, SMD 1A01
CARLO PERRI, SMD 1A02
STEPHEN COLEMAN KENNY, SMD 1A05
MUKTA GHORPADEY, SMD 1A07
vacant, SMD 1A08
JAMES A. TURNER, SMD 1A09

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

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Hybrid - in-person at Harriet Tubman ES and virtual via Zoom Webinar

Chairperson LEHMANN MORALES was present and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS, Secretary, was present. In accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 1–309.11(c) and 1–207.42, the meeting was properly noticed in advance and open to the public. The meeting was scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Comm’rs BHATIA, EASLEY, GHORPADEY, KENNY, LEHMANN MORALES, PERRI, SHERMAN, THOMAS-DAVIS, TURNER

ABSENT:

The Chair called for *Approval of the Agenda*, which was moved by Comm’r THOMAS-DAVIS and seconded. The motion to approve the agenda was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

The Chair called up the *Reading and Approval of the Minutes* from the previous regular meeting of the Commission on January 10, 2024. Comm’r THOMAS-DAVIS moved to waive the reading of the minutes, which the Chair accepted by unanimous consent. On the motion to approve the minutes, Chair called for a voice vote, which passed unanimously.

The Chair called up *Officer Reports*. The Chair had no report. The Vice-Chair had no report. The office of Secretary was vacant. The Treasurer had no report.

The Chair opened the floor for *Public Comments & Community Announcements*. Speakers were permitted one minute to address the Commission.

The Chair opened the floor for *Committee Reports*.

The Chair opened the floor for *Community Presentations*.

The Commission heard from Travoris Culpepper of PEPCO, to inform the Commission of the utility’s ongoing community engagement for its multi-year rate plan, which was presented to the Public Service Commission (PSC) in April 2023, and a brief update on the Harvard Substation Project, which will provide greater capacity to the area to accommodate more load that anticipate in the future. Mr. Culpepper also shared information about the Exelon STEM Academy which will take place July 28-August 2 at the University of Maryland, College Park campus.



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The Chair called up the *Consent Agenda*.

On the Consent Calendar were two measures: Approval of REP01-2024 Committee Reports from January 2024, and Approval of Budget Request for Translation Services for a Committee on Education, Youth, and Family Event in March/April, as introduced by Chairperson Dieter Lehmann Morales at the request of Christine Miller, Chair of the Committee on Education, Youth, and Family. On the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, the Chair called a for a voice vote, which passed unanimously.

The Chair called up *Old Business*.

The election for the office of Secretary was pending from the January 10, 2024 meeting. The Commission, having discussed candidacy for the position, moved to nominate Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS. Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS accepted. No other names were placed in nomination. The Chair closed the floor for nominations and moved that the Commission elect Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS to the office of Secretary, which passed unanimously.

The Commission proceeded to consideration of R24-0001, A Resolution Concerning Approval of Participation in the ANC Security Fund for 2024, sponsored by Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS. Comm'r EASLEY moved an amendment to the measure, which Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS accepted as friendly:

EASLEY Amendment #1: To strike "January 10, 2023, at line 30 and insert "January 12, 2024, in its place. To insert at lines 18 and 19, the names of Chairperson "Dieter Lehmann Morales" and Treasurer "Billy Easley". Strike at line 20 the phrase "January 8, 2025, and insert "January 2, 2025, in its place. At line 28, strike the period and following "Fund", insert the phrase "at \$50.00"."

On the motion to pass the resolution as amended, the Chair called a voice vote, which passed unanimously.

The Chair called up *New Business*.

The first item for consideration was CR03-2024, Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Members to Each Standing and Special Committee of the Commission, as sponsored by Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS. Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS moved an amendment:

THOMAS-DAVIS Amendment #1: To strike lines 33-35; at line 43, strike the period and insert Daniel Hayes (SMD 1A04)"."; and at line 49, strike "Priscilla Phelps (SMD 1A07)" and insert "Priscilla Phelps (SMD 1A10)".

On the motion to pass the resolution as amended, the Chair called a voice vote, which passed unanimously.



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The second item for consideration was CR04-2024, Resolution Concerning Amendments to the Rules of the Commission, which was sponsored and moved by Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS. The change to the Rules would allow the Vice-Chairperson to serve as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, and strikes from Section 111, the phrase "(a) Committee on Community Outreach and Events. Following debate and discussion, the Chair called the question on the motion to approve, which passed YEAS 8, NAYS 0, PRESENT 1.

YEAS: BHATIA, EASLEY, GHORPADEY, KENNY, LEHMANN MORALES,
PERRI, THOMAS-DAVIS, TURNER

NAYS:

PRESENT: SHERMAN

NOT VOTING:

The Commission moved to the next measure for consideration, CR5-2024, Resolution Concerning Amendment to the Bylaws of the Commission, which Comm'r GHORPADEY sponsored and moved. Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS moved an amendment:

THOMAS-DAVIS Amendment #1: To strike "Executive Committee", at line 14; strike the phrase "Executive Committee", at line 18; and at line 19, strike the phrase "when delegating tasks" and insert the phrase "of tasks. Notice shall be given to the Chair of the assignment of such tasks".

Following discussion and debate, the Chair called the question on the motion to approve, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Commission turned to R24-0002, A Resolution Concerning Support for the Creation of a Green New Deal for Schools, which Chair LEHMANN MORALES introduced at the request of ANC 1A resident Christine Miller, Chair of the Committee on Education, Youth, and Family. The Chair yielded time to Ms. Miller, who spoke to resolution and urged its approval. Following debate and discussion, the Chair called the question on the motion to approve, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Commission turned to R24-0003, A Resolution Concerning Support for the Creation of a Citywide High School Voter Registration Contest, which Chair LEHMANN MORALES introduced at the request of ANC 1A resident Christine Miller, Chair of the Committee on Education, Youth, and Family. The Chair yielded time to Ms. Miller, who spoke to resolution and urged its approval. Following debate and discussion, the Chair called the question on the motion to approve, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Commission moved to consideration of LTR24-0003, Letter of Support for Columbia Heights Day 2024, which was sponsored by Comm'r SHERMAN. Following debate and discussion, the Chair called a voice vote on the motion to approve, which passed unanimously.



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The Commission turned to LTR24-0004, A Letter to the Mayor, DC Council, and OBPM Director Regarding Small Business and Economic Development Funding for the FY25 Budget, which Comm'r SHERMAN sponsored and moved. Following debate and discussion, Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS moved an amendment, which Comm'r SHERMAN accepted as friendly:

THOMAS-DAVIS Amendment #1: On page 2, to strike in its entirety, the paragraph regarding "Investment in Capital Improvement Project for Columbia Heights Public Realm".

The Chair called the question on the motion to approve, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Commission turned to a final measure for consideration, LTR24-0005, A Letter to DC Council and MPD Regarding Business Beat Funding for FY25 Budget. Following debate and discussion, Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS moved to commit this measure to committee, sequentially to the Committee on Public Safety and the Committee on Small Business and Economic Development. The Chair, on the motion to commit this measure to committee, called for a voice vote, which passed YEAS 7, NAYS 0, PRESENT 1.

YEAS: BHATIA, EASLEY, GHORPADEY, KENNY, LEHMANN MORALES, PERRI, THOMAS-DAVIS, TURNER

NAYS:

PRESENT: SHERMAN

NOT VOTING:

Note: Commissioner Perri took no further part in the meeting at this point.

The Chair called up *Other Business*.

The Commission proceeded to consider BZA Case 21037, Application for a Variance and/or Special Exception at 1361 Oak Street NW (SMD 1A04) to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. On the motion to adopt the report of the Housing Justice and Zoning Committee and to take no position on the BZA Application, the Chair ordered a roll call vote, which the Secretary took and recorded as 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 PRESENT. The motion failed.

YEAS: BHATIA, KENNY, SHERMAN, TURNER

NAYS:

PRESENT: EASLEY, GHORPADEY, LEHMANN MORALES, THOMAS-DAVIS

NOT VOTING: PERRI

With no further business before the Commission, the Chair called the meeting to a close, noting that the next regular meeting of ANC 1A is Wednesday, March 13, 2024. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



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Anthony Thomas-Davis,
SECRETARY