

**DEITER LEHMANN MORALES, SMD 1A02, Chair**  
**JEREMY SHERMAN, SMD 1A04, Vice-Chair**  
**ANTHONY THOMAS-DAVIS, SMD 1A06, Secretary**  
**JAMES A. TURNER, SMD 1A09, Treasurer**



**JASPAL BHATIA, SMD 1A01**  
**CARLO PERRI, SMD 1A02**  
**STEPHEN COLEMAN KENNY, SMD 1A05**  
**MUKTA GHORPADEY, SMD 1A07**  
**DAVID SEGALL, SMD 1A09**  
**BILLY EASLEY, SMD 1A10**

**JANUARY 10, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

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*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 the Open Meetings Act, 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.

*Note: Preceding the meeting, Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Jaspal Bhatia, allowing him to begin official duties.*

The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Comm'rs BHATIA, GHORPADEY, KENNY, LEHMANN MORALES, SHERMAN, THOMAS-DAVIS, TURNER.

ABSENT: Comm'rs EASLEY, PERRI, SEGALL.

The Chair called for approval of the agenda, which was moved by Comm'r TURNER. The agenda was approved unanimously.

The Chair called up the Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the previous regular meeting of the Commission on November 8, 2023, which was moved by Comm'r TURNER. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved unanimously.

The Chair called up Officer Reports. The Chair addressed the Commission and public to welcome Commissioner BHATIA.

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

The Commission first heard from Comm'r SHERMAN, who shared informational resources for the Commission and District Bridges.

The Commission then heard from resident Priscilla Phelps, regarding issues with a housing project in SMD 1AXX.

The Commission also heard from LaToya Davenport, Third District Community Outreach Specialist for U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia ("USAO") for the District of



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Columbia, regarding a January 31, 2024, for its Hate Bias Task Force meeting on human trafficking via WebEx. Ms. Davenport also introduced the Third District USAO prosecutor.

The Commission then heard from Bonnie Linderman, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. AUSA Linderman noted that she will be engaging with commissions and other stakeholders across the Third District.

The Chair opened the floor for *Committee Reports*.

Comm'r GHORPADEY, reporting on behalf of the Community Outreach & Events Committee, noted that the committee will hold a planning session during its January meeting to discuss community events for the calendar year.

The Chair reported on behalf of community member Christine Miller for the Education, Youth and Family Committee, which she chairs. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm, where the committee will plan their advocacy agenda for the year.

Reporting on behalf of the Housing Justice and Zoning Committee, community member Max Ewert, who chairs the committee, addressed the Commission to note the committee met to consider a Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) case, as well as to hear from Adam Myers of Pathways DC to talk about the downtown K. Street stabilization and sobering center. Mr. Ewert noted that the committee meets on the first Monday of the month.

The Chair reported on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, which Comm'rs PERRI and EASLEY chair. The committee worked alongside residents in addressing alleged drug dealing in certain areas of the Commission's boundaries, contacting MPD who were able to quickly deploy their Crime Suppression Team and initiate an investigation. The committee also met with MPD Captain Riley Hong alongside residents about a shooting and a request for the return of a camera on Irving and 13th Street NW – the camera has been restored at the corner of the intersection. Additionally, the committee noted the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council released new data sets on the number of criminal prosecutions in DC, juvenile arrests, successful diversion and probation rates, and other data points. Also, the Mayor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, which Comm'r EASLEY is a part of, met with the Multicultural Career Intern Program (MCIP) at CHEC to hear how they're connecting with students, creating a more positive environment, and reducing truancy.

Comm'r SHERMAN, reporting on behalf of the Small Business and Economic Development Committee. The committee announced its next meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, to plan for the new calendar, along with discussions around several key initiatives, including small business grants for Main Streets. The committee also intends to address community governance needs as it relates to a business improvement district.



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Comm'r KENNY, reporting on behalf of the Transportation, Parks, and Public Spaces Committee, announced the committee meetings will be on the third Wednesdays of the month, with the next meeting for January 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Comm'r KENNY noted that the committee will focus on several roadway and parks projects across the neighborhood, along with assisting with new street vending regulation implementation.

Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS sought recognition to speak out of order and was recognized to give an update on the committee application process. Applications were received and processed by the Commission and updates will be shared with community members by the end of January.

The Chair opened the floor for *Community Presentations*.

The Commission heard from Diana Romos Thomas, a community organizer for the Rock-and-Roll Half-Marathon and 5K. Mr. Romos Thomas provided an update on the planning of the marathons, including the impacts by the event along several streets of the Commission.

The Chair opened the floor for *Presentations from the Council and the Executive*.

The Commission heard from Estelle McKinney, a constituent service specialist in the office of Ward 1 Councilmember Brienne K. Nadeau, who provided an update about office hours for January, noted that performance oversight hearings are underway at the Council for FY24, and the release of the Request for Proposals for the street vending manager position. Ms. McKinney addressed several questions of the Commission.

The Commission also heard from the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF). Adriana Lazo and Tamika Hayes presented information about the Fair Elections Program.

The Commission heard from Christopher Dyer, community engagement manager at the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), who provided an update on the programs and services of the agency. Mr. Dyer noted the performance oversight hearing for the agency and encouraged residents to participate so the agency can hear feedback. Mr. Dyer answered several questions from the Commission and the public.

The Commission heard from Randi Thorpe, public affairs specialist at the Department of Public Works (DPW), who provided an update on the programs and services of the agency. Ms. Thorpe provided general updates on the agency's upcoming initiatives and events, including leaf collection and a virtual quarterly community conversation with the agency director. Ms. Thorpe addressed several questions from the Commission and the public.

The Chair called up the *Consent Agenda*.

No items were pending before the Council on the *Consent Agenda*.

The Chair called up *New Business*.



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The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Officers. *Note: The Chair set aside parliamentary guidance on officer elections of the Commission issued by the Secretary under authority delegated by the Chair, at the recommendation of the Secretary, due to a conflict with existing District law and guidance from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG).* The Chair recognized Comm'r KENNY, who sought recognition to nominate a slate of candidates for Officers: For Office of Chairperson, Comm'r LEHMANN MORALES, for Office of Vice-Chairperson, Comm'r SHERMAN, for Office of Secretary, Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS, and Office of Treasurer, Comm'r TURNER. Comm'rs THOMAS-DAVIS and TURNER declined their nominations. The slate of nominations failed, requiring individual nominations from the floor.

The Chair moved to receive nominations from the floor for the Office of Chairperson. Comm'r KENNY nominated Comm'r LEHMANN MORALES. Comm'r TURNER requested the Yeas and Nays, and the Chair ordered a roll call vote. The Secretary called the roll, reporting 5 YEAS and 2 commissioners recorded as PRESENT. The nomination carried and Comm'r LEHMANN MORALES was elected to Office of Chairperson.

YEAS: BHATIA, GHORPADEY, LEHMANN MORALES, KENNY, SHERMAN  
NAYS:  
PRESENT: THOMAS-DAVIS, TURNER  
NOT VOTING: EASLEY, PERRI, SEGALL

The Chair moved to receive nominations from the floor for the Office of Vice-Chairperson. Comm'r KENNY nominated Comm'r SHERMAN. The Chair requested a voice vote on this nomination. The Secretary noted the vote, reporting 6 YEAS and 1 commissioner recorded as PRESENT. The nomination carried and Comm'r SHERMAN was elected to the Office of Vice-Chairperson.

YEAS: BHATIA, GHORPADEY, LEHMANN MORALES, KENNY, SHERMAN,  
TURNER  
NAYS:  
PRESENT: THOMAS-DAVIS  
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The Chair moved to receive nominations from the floor for the Office of Secretary. Comm'r TURNER nominated Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS. Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS declined the nomination. With no further nominations for the Office of Secretary, the office was declared procedurally vacated, with the Commission resuming consideration of election to the office at its next regular meeting. Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS will continue carrying out the duties under the role until that time.



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The Chair moved to receive nominations from the floor for the Office of Treasurer. Comm'r SHERMAN nominated Comm'r TURNER. Comm'r TURNER declined the nomination. Comm'r SHERMAN then nominated Comm'r EASLEY. Comm'r TURNER requested the Yeas and Nays, and the Chair ordered a roll call vote. The Secretary called the roll, reporting 4 YEAS and 3 commissioners recorded as PRESENT. The nomination carried and Comm'r EASLEY was elected to the Office of Treasurer. As Comm'r EASLEY was elected *in absentia*, the Commissioner will be notified of his election to the Officer of Treasurer and must accept for the election to become final. *Note:* Following the meeting of the Commission, Comm'r EASLEY accepted his election to the Office of Treasurer, making the election final.

YEAS: GHORPADEY, LEHMANN MORALES, SHERMAN, TURNER

NAYS:

PRESENT: BHATIA, KENNY, THOMAS-DAVIS

NOT VOTING: EASLEY, PERRI, SEGALL

Chairperson LEHMANN MORALES introduced a resolution, CR01-2024, A Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Chairs to the Standing and Special Committees of the Commission. After debate, Comm'r KENNY moved to call the question, and the Chair put forward the question on passage on a voice vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

Chairperson LEHMANN MORALES introduced a resolution, CR02-2024 A Resolution Concerning the 2024 Schedule of Meetings of the Commission. Comm'r SHERMAN moved to amend the resolution, to add (7) July 10, 2024, and reordering the number, and to add December 11, 2024. After debate and discussion, Comm'r TURNER moved to call the question and the Chair put forward the question of passage on the resolution, as amended, on a voice vote, which was passed unanimously.

Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS introduced a resolution, R24-0001, A Resolution Approving the Participation of the Commission in the ANC Security Fund for Calendar Year 2024. Comm'r THOMAS-DAVIS moved to postpone consideration of the measure to a date certain on February 14, 2024, or the Commission's February Regular Meeting. The Chair put forward the motion on a voice vote, which was adopted unanimously. The measure is postponed until February 14, 2024.

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, February 14, 2024. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

  
ANTHONY THOMAS-DAVIS,  
Secretary