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## **THE MINUTES OF THE**

### **November 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held at the Latin American Youth Center (1419 Columbia Rd NW) and virtually via Zoom. Commissioner Dieter Lehmann Morales called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. In accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 1–207.42 and 1–309.11(c) the meeting was properly noticed in advance and open to the public.

#### **ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Commissioner Stephen Coleman Kenny took roll call.

The following Commissioners were marked as “present”:

- SMD 1A02 – Dieter Lehmann Morales
- SMD 1A04 – Jeremy Sherman
- SMD 1A05 – Stephan Coleman Kenny
- SMD 1A06 – Anthony Thomas-Davis
- SMD 1A07 – Mukta Ghorpadey
- SMD 1A09 – James A. Turner
- SMD 1A10 - Billy Easley

The following Commissioners were marked as “absent”:

- SMD 1A01 – Jaspal Bhatia
- SMD: 1A03 – Carlo Perri

A quorum was declared and determined by roll call at the beginning of the meeting, with 7 of 9 commissioners present.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Dieter Lehmann Morales introduced the agenda and entertained changes. The following changes were made to the original meeting agenda. Those changes are reflected in these minutes:

- Remove the one item contained in the “Other Business” section of the agenda, titled “Pre-Authorization of Grant Application from District Bridges for Holiday Tree Lighting Grant (pending OANC approval)”. Replace it with “Approval of Grant Application from

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District Bridges for Holiday Tree Lighting Grant” to reflect OANC authorization received shortly before the meeting.

- Remove R24-0021 and R24-0027 from the “Consent Agenda” and into “New Business”.
- Remove the section titled “Election of the Commission Secretary”, which was erroneously maintained from the October 9 GBM agenda.
- Add a presentation from DC Water regarding Lead Free DC to the “Community Presentations” portion of the agenda.
- Remove R24-0024 from the agenda.

Commissioner Dieter Lehmann Morales moved to accept the agenda with the above changes. The Commission approved the agenda unanimously via voice vote.

## **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES**

The Chair called up the Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the previous regular meeting of the Commission on October 9, 2024. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Commissioner Kenny delivered the Secretary’s Report in his capacity as former Secretary.

Commissioner Easley delivered the Treasurer’s Report, presenting the FY24 Fourth Quarterly Financial Report.

## **GENERAL SPEECHES & PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several Commissioners and community members made announcements.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Committee chairs delivered committee reports.

### ***Standing Committees***

- **Committee on Education, Youth, and Family**, ANC 1A Resident Christine Miller, Chair
- **Committee on Housing Justice and Zoning**, ANC 1A Resident Max Ewart, Chair
- **Committee on Public Safety**, Commissioners Carlo Perri and Billy Easley, Co-Chairs
- **Committee on Small Business and Economic Development**, Commissioner Jeremy Sherman, Chair
- **Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Spaces**, Commissioner Stephen Coleman Kenny, Chair

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### *Special Committee*

- **Permanent Special Committee on Public Life & Neighborhood Planning**,  
Commissioner Anthony Thomas-Davis, Chair

### **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL & THE EXECUTIVE**

Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau delivered a presentation regarding ongoing legislative and other government initiatives in the community, answering questions from residents and commissioners.

### **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

Sean Moore delivered a presentation on behalf of DC Water, regarding their Lead Free DC initiative and services available to residents.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Any matters listed are pending on the “Consent Agenda” are considered to have the unanimous consent of all Commissioners and able to be passed by one vote. However, any Commissioner, by request, may remove an item from the consent agenda. A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda is non-debatable.

The Commission approved the following items on the Consent Agenda unanimously via voice vote:

Issue (Sponsor)

R24-0022, A Resolution Concerning A Request to DCPS and DGS for Proactive Monitoring of the Harriett Tubman Elementary School to Prevent Drug Trafficking on the Premises (Easley)

R24-0023, A Resolution Concerning Senate Confirmation of More Judges to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Easley)

R24-0025, A Resolution Concerning Support for Bill 25-630 “Universal Out-of-School Time Amendment Act Of 2023” (Lehmann Morales at the request of Resident Chair Christine Miller, Committee on Education Youth and Families)

R24-0026, A Resolution Concerning Granting “Great Weight” to the State Board of Education (Lehmann Morales at the request of Resident Chair Christine Miller, Committee on Education Youth and Families)

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LTR24-0017, A Letter Concerning Traffic Safety Input Prioritization to the District Department of Transportation (Sherman)

LTR24-0018, A Letter Concerning Small Business and Economic Development Funding for FY26 to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP), and the Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM) (Sherman)

LTR24-0019, A Letter Concerning Transportation and Public Spaces Funding for the FY26 Budget to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) (Coleman Kenny)

LTR24-0020, A Letter Concerning Enhanced Communication Tools for Students and Families for the FY2026 Budget for to the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) (Lehmann Morales at the request of Resident Chair Christine Miller, Committee on Education Youth and Families)

LTR24-0021, A Letter Concerning Priorities for the FY2026 Budget to the Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE) (Lehmann Morales at the request of Resident Chair Christine Miller, Committee on Education Youth and Families)

LTR24-0022, A Letter Concerning Student-Related Priorities for the FY2026 Budget to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (Lehmann Morales at the request of Resident Chair Christine Miller, Committee on Education Youth and Families)

LTR24-0023, A Letter Concerning Priorities for the FY2026 Budget to the State Board of Education (SBOE) (Lehmann Morales at the request of Resident Chair Christine Miller, Committee on Education Youth and Families)

LTR24-0024, A Letter Concerning Priorities for the FY2026 Budget to the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) (Lehmann Morales at the request of Resident Chair Christine Miller, Committee on Education Youth and Families)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Issue (Sponsor)

R24-0028, Approval of the Fourth Quarterly Financial Report of Fiscal Year 2024 of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A (Easley)

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- Motion in support of R24-0028 was approved by voice vote, 7 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

R24-0029, A Resolution Concerning the Management of Street Vending in Columbia Heights and Expressing No Confidence in VZM (Thomas-Davis)

- Motion to postpone consideration of R24-0029 to a date certain (the Commission’s December 11, 2024 general body meeting) was approved by voice vote, 6 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 1 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

R24-0021, A Resolution Concerning Support for the Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2024 (Sherman)

- Approval of this resolution also means approval of the underlying testimony of Commissioner Sherman “Testimony of Commissioner Jeremy Sherman, Single Member District 1A04 on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A regarding B25-1003, the “Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2024” before the Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole”
- Motion in support of R24-0021 was approved by voice vote, 6 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining. Commissioner Thomas-Davis was recorded as “recused”.

R24-0027 A Resolution to Declare the Sense of the Commission Concerning A Moratorium on Permitted Events at the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza and Clarification of Amplified Sound Use Policy (Thomas-Davis)

- Motion in support of R24-0027 was approved by voice vote, 7 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining

## **PROPOSED AGREEMENTS**

A proposed addendum to a settlement agreement, A24-0008 (An Addendum to the Settlement Agreement of MVA Inc. d/b/a Cinco Soles for An Entertainment Endorsement), was introduced by Commissioner Sherman as the chair of the referring Committee (Small Business and Economic Development).

- Motion in support of A24-0008 was approved by voice vote, 6 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining. Commissioner Thomas-Davis was marked “Present”.

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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

A Motion to approve R24-0030, “Approval of Grant Application from District Bridges for Holiday Tree Lighting Grant”, was introduced by Commissioner Sherman.

- Motion in support of approving R24-0030 was approved by voice vote, 7 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.
- Commissioner Thomas-Davis indicated that he would file a dissenting opinion on this grant approval at a later date.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next general meeting of ANC 1A is Wednesday, December 11, 2024. This meeting will be held at the Latin American Youth Center (1419 Columbia Rd NW) and virtually via Zoom; more information for how to join the meeting will be available at [anc1a.org](http://anc1a.org).