

**DIETER 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

**THE MINUTES OF THE  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

*Virtual via Zoom Webinar*

Chairperson LEHMANN MORALES was not present at the call to order. The Vice Chair, Commissioner Jeremy SHERMAN called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. (the hour appointed for the meeting was 7:00 p.m.). Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS, Secretary, was present. 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.

The Secretary called the roll of Members. At that time, it was found that there were:

PRESENT: Commissioners BHATIA, EASLEY, GHORPADEY, KENNY, LEHMANN MORALES, PERRI, SHERMAN, THOMAS-DAVIS, TURNER

ABSENT: None.

A quorum was established.

The Chair called for *Approval of the Agenda*. Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS moved to amend the agenda, to add a Community Presentation from Metropolitan Police Department Fourth District Captain Megan Mulrooney, and to add a Letter of Termination regarding Commission personnel to the Consent Calendar. On a roll call vote, the amendments were APPROVED. Commissioner Turner also moved to amend the agenda to add a letter of termination of a office space agreement with District Bridges to the Consent Calendar. On a roll call vote, the amendments were APPROVED. On the question of whether the Commission should approve the agenda as amended, the motion 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 July 10, 2024, and the special meeting of the Commission on August 22, 2024. Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS moved to waive the reading and to approve the minutes, which was seconded. The motion to approve the minutes PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The Chair called up *Reports from Officers*.

The Secretary placed on file a report, noting several communications exchanged with the Executive, including several status reports due from executive agencies following action by the Commission at its July 10, 2024 Regular Public Meeting. The Secretary also noted action by the Special Committee on Public Life to issue a public hearing notice and letters requesting the appearance of executive agency heads. The Commission also received a response from the Executive regarding action it took on October 11, 2023 regarding a National Park Service land



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acquisition. The Secretary also received a concurring opinion of Commissioner Anthony Thomas-Davis, concurring in part and dissenting in part, regarding final action of the Commission on R24-0017.

The Treasurer placed on file a report regarding the Commission treasury balances following the Commission's recess in July and August. The Treasurer presented the Commission's Fiscal Year 2024 Third Quarterly Financial Report and the Commission's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

The Chair opened the floor for *General Speeches & Public Comments/Announcements*.

Commissioner GHORPADEY announced the relaunch of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party on Saturday, September 14, from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Monroe St. NW and Otis St NW.

Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS offered that the Special Committee on Public Life was holding open the public hearing record until Thursday, September 19, following the committee's September 5 Public Hearing on challenges and opportunities at the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza.

Commissioner EASLEY shared that he attended a meeting of the Harriet Tubman ES School Improvement Team (SIT) Team. The SIT has released a public survey regarding the playground at the new school for feedback, which Commissioner EASLEY noted his willingness to share.

Captain Megan Mulrooney joined the meeting to provide a public safety update from MPD's Fourth District, which covers the north/northwest portion of the Commission area. CPT Mulrooney discussed recent crime trends, as well discussed a comprehensive Third/Fourth District public safety and connective services strategy at the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza. Questions from Commissioners and the public followed.

*The Chairperson, Commissioner LEHMANN MORALES, joined the meeting at this time and assumed the gavel to preside over the meeting. Chair LEHMANN MORALRES was recored as Present for attendance and quorum purposes.*

The Chair called up *Reports of Committees*.

ANC 1A Resident Christine Miller, reported on behalf of the Committee on Education, Youth, and Family, which she chairs.

ANC 1A Resident Max Ewart, reported on behalf of the Committee on Housing Justice and Zoning, which he chairs.

Commissioners Carlo PERRI and EASLEY, reported on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety, which they co-chair.



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Commissioner SHERMAN, reported on behalf of the Committee on Small Business and Economic Development, which he chairs.

Commissioner Stephen Coleman KENNY, chair of the Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Spaces, reported on behalf of the committee.

Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS, chair of the Special Committee on Public Life, reported on behalf of the committee's recent activities and continuing studies.

The Chair called up *Special Orders*.

Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS moved that Commission dissolve into the Committee of the Whole, to hear the joint presentation of the Committees on Transportation, Parks, and Public Spaces and Small Business & Economic Development regarding the draft Vending Management Zone Guidelines. The motion to dissolve into the Committee of the Whole was note seconded. The Commission proceeded to receive the presentation of the committees and take questions from Commissioners and the public.

The Chair called up *Community Presentations*.

The Chair called up *Presentations from the Council & the Executive*.

Estelle McKinney, Constituent Services Specialist, Office of Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, provided general updates from the Council.

Kendall Gibson, Ward 1 Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services ("MORCS") introduced herself as the Commission's and neighborhood's new liaison to the Executive.

The Chair called up the *Consent Agenda*.

Following motions of Commissioners THOMAS-DAVIS and TURNER, two measures were added to the Consent Calendar: (1) A Letter of Termination of Commission Consultant Agreement; and (2) A Letter of Termination of Commission's Office Space Agreement with District Bridges. The Consent Agenda was APPROVED unanimously by a voice vote.

The Chair called up *New Business*.

The first item for consideration was CR18-2024, A Resolution Concerning the Establishment of A Task Force on Budget Process and Advocacy, as sponsored by Commissioner SHERMAN. Chair LEHMANN MORALES recognized Commissioner SHERMAN for a statement. Commissioner SHERMAN moved the measure for consideration, which was seconded. Following lengthy debate and discussion from Commissioners, Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS moved an amendment in the nature of a substitute, which failed by a recorded vote:



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YEAS: Commissioners KENNY, THOMAS-DAVIS

NAYS: Commissioners BHATIA, EASLEY, LEHMANN MORALES, SHERMAN, TURNER

PRESENT: Commissioner PERRI

NOT VOTING: Commissioner GHORPADEY

Commissioner EASLEY offered an amendment, which was accepted as friendly, to strike the phrase “task force” everywhere it appears and insert the phrase “working group”. The Chair called the question, for passage of CR18-2024, which by a recorded vote of was APPROVED.

YEAS: Commissioners BHATIA, EASLEY, GHORPADEY, KENNY, LEHMANN MORALES, PERRI, SHERMAN, TURNER

NAYS: Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS

The second item for consideration was CR14-2024, A Resolution Concerning Amendments to the Establishment of the Special Committee on Public Life in Columbia Heights, sponsored by Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS. Following a statement, Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS moved the measure for consideration. Following debate, Commissioner THOMAS-DAVIS moved an amendment to strike several phrases and sections from the resolution. The amendment, THOMAS-DAVIS #1 was APPROVED unanimously. The Chair called the question, on the motion to pass CR14-2024, which the Commission APPROVED.

YEAS: Commissioners EASLEY, PERRI, THOMAS-DAVIS, TURNER

NAYS: Commissioners BHATIA, KENNY, SHERMAN

PRESENT: Commissioners GHORPADEY, LEHMANN MORALES

The next measure for consideration, CR15-2024, A Resolution Concerning Amendments to the Rules of the Commission to Include Guidelines on Community Grants, sponsored by Commissioners SHERMAN and GHORPADEY. The Chair recognized Commissioner SHERMAN for a statement, who moved the measure for consideration. The Chair called the question on the motion to pass CR15-2024, which was APPROVED unanimously by voice vote.

Following, CR17-2024, Approval of the Third Quarterly Financial Report of Fiscal Year 2024 of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A, as introduced by Commissioner EASLEY, was considered. The Chair recognized Commissioner EASLEY for a statement, who subsequently moved the measure for consideration. The Chair called the question on the motion to approve CR17-2024, which was APPROVED unanimously by a voice vote.



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The final measure for consideration was CR16-2024, A Resolution Concerning Passage of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A, introduced by Commissioner EASLEY. The Chair recognized Commissioner EASLEY for a statement, who subsequently moved the measure for consideration. Following debate and questions from Members, the Chair called the question on the motion to approve CR16-2024, which was APPROVED unanimously by a voice vote.

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, October 9, 2024. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

  
Anthony Thomas-Davis,  
SECRETARY