

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B**



**MEETING MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
ON**

April 4, 2024

6:30 p.m. at DCHFA, 815 Florida Ave. NW, and via Zoom webinar

Sabel Harris, SMD 1B08, *Chair*

Larry Handerhan, SMD 1B01, *Vice-Chair*

Miguel Trindade Deramo, SMD 1B06, *Secretary*

Santiago Lakatos, SMD 1B04, *Treasurer*

(SMD 1B02 is vacant.)

Jamie Sycamore, SMD 1B03

Alan Kensek, SMD 1B05

Ashleigh Fields, SMD 1B07

Tucker Jones, SMD 1B09

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April 4, 2024, at DCHFA at 815 Florida Ave. NW, and via Zoom

Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.

- Councilmember Brianne Nadeau – provided updates, and fielded questions from commissioners and community members.

Call meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner	Present	Absent
1B01 Handerhan	X	
1B02 [vacant]		
1B03 Sycamore	X	
1B04 Lakatos	X	
1B05 Kensek	X	
1B06 Trindade Deramo	X	
1B07 Fields	X	
1B08 Harris		X
1B09 Jones	X	

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 1B approve the draft agenda. The motion was seconded. **The Motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

Motion passes.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the March meeting minutes**
- B. Two-minute comment time for Commissioners and community members**

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that the full Commission amend the consent agenda to clarify two-minute comment time for Commissioners and community members, and also includes a limit of two speeches per person per topic. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Kensek asked for additional clarity on follow-up and number of topics. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.
- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved for the Commission to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

IV. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Financial report

- Commissioner Lakatos provided the Fiscal Year 2024 Q2(FY Q2) update.
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full Commission adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Q2 financial report as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Kensek mentioned that the Commission needs to spend the money down. Commissioner Jones agreed, and encouraged the Commission to connect with neighborhood organizations doing work to benefit the community – Commissioner Lakatos added that community organizations and members visit the ANC 1B website's sponsorship page . **The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Regulations

- i. License Number: ABRA-019710
 1. Applicant: F. K. T. Enterprises
 2. License Class/Type: A / Retail — Liquor Store
 3. Trade Name: Florida Liquors
 4. Address: 2222 14th Street NW; SMD: 1B05
 5. Hearing: May 20, 2024; File Date: 4/29/24

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved to Florida Liquors in their application for a retail license. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)**.

ii. License Number: ABRA-117375

1. Licensee: VentureForth, LLC
2. Trade name: Capital Care
3. License: Medical Cannabis Renewal
4. Address: 1115 U Street NW; SMD: 1B08
5. Contact: Eden Mohammed: (202) 200-4997, info@eatopiaeatery.com
6. Hearing: May 20, 2024; File Date: 4/29/24

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved that ANC 1b support a medical cannabis license renewal for Capital Care licensee VentureForth. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).**

iii. License Number: ABRA-12779

1. Licensee: V14 Investments, LLC
2. Trade Name: V Street Lounge
3. License Class: Retailer's Class "C" Tavern
4. Address: 2100 14th Street, NW; SMD: 1B05
5. Contact: Jeff Jackson: (202) 251-1566, jjharlem112@gmail.com
6. Hearing: May 13, 2024; File Date: 4/22/2024

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved that ANC 1b support V14 Investments, LLC, to receive their Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstention).**

iv. License Number: ABRA-111473

1. Applicant: G & G Fine Spirits, LLC
2. Trade Name: Gallagher & Graham Fine Spirits

3. License Class/Type: A / Retail - Liquor Store
4. Address: 1939 12th Street NW; SMD: 1B08
5. Hearing: May 13, 2024; File Date: 4/22/2024

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved for ANC 1b to approve G & G Fine Spirits, LLC 's renewal of their license. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).**

v. License Number: ABRA-127444

1. Licensee: Eatopia Eatery, LLC
2. Trade name: Eatopia Eatery
3. License: Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant
4. Address: 1301 U Street, NW, #111; SMD: 1B08 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B Page 5
5. Contact: Eden Mohammed: (202) 200-4997, info@eatopiaeatery.com
6. Hearing: May 6, 2024; File Date: 4/15/2024

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved for ANC 1b to support Eatopia Eatery for a Retailer's Class "C" license. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).**

vi. Florida Firehouse Settlement Agreement

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved for ANC 1b to support Firehouse in receiving a medical cannabis license through the settlement agreement. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).**

vii. Next regular meeting: Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

B. Committee on Economic Development

- i. Potential dog park at 625 T St NW
 1. Neighbor Parker Griffin presented the case for a dog park at 625 T St NW. The property is owned by the city.
 2. At this time there is no design for a dog park. The first step is to determine whether the community wants a dog park at all — not what it would look like.
 3. Several neighboring business owners and managers as well as the Westminster Neighborhood Association have submitted letters of their support.
 4. Committee member Tania Shand moved the committee recommendation: That ANC 1B approve the draft resolution in favor of a dog park at 625 T St NW (4-0-0). *See page 28.*
- ii. DMPED update re: Reeves Center process
 1. Mr. Whit Smith from DMPED joined to discuss the Reeves Center updates. In a fastest-case scenario, we can expect demolition of the existing structure to begin no earlier than approximately September 2026. Expected timeline:
 - a. Tenants leave the property by end of 2024.
 - b. DMPED proposes a disposition package to the Council in approximately September or October 2024. If approved, the disposition will “convey as a lease”
 - c. DMPED may seek zoning changes (a map amendment) because the site has multiple zonings. This is not yet certain. The estimated timeline for such a map amendment would be 10-12 months. This would happen during the two-year period mentioned above.
 2. No motions were made and no votes were taken.
- iii. The next meeting of ANC 1B’s ED Committee is Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To attend, check ANC1B’s website, www.anc1b.org. If you are interested in joining the ED Committee, please email Commissioner Tucker Jones at 1b09@anc.dc.gov.

C. Committee on Public Safety and Community Engagement

- i. Report from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)
- ii. Vermont Ave. sponsorship approval

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved for ANC 1b to support Vermont Avenue Garden Work Parties and their sponsorship. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

- iii. Boxing public safety class funding approval
- iv. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

D. Committee on Transportation

- i. Last Energy seeking public space permits
- ii. If interested in joining the Transportation Committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Santiago Lakatos at 1B04@anc.dc.gov. Next regular meeting: Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. (registration via ANC1B.org)

E. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

- i. The next meeting of ANC 1B's ZPD Committee is Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To attend, check ANC1B's website, www.anc1b.org. If you are interested in joining the ZPD Committee, please email Commissioner Tucker Jones at 1b09@anc.dc.gov.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Vacancy in SMD 1B02

B. Updates to governing documents (Cmsr. Handerhan)

VII. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: Niccole Rivero

- Niccole Rivero (Chief of Staff to Councilmember Nadeau) provided updates, and fielded questions from commissioners and community members.

B. Office of the Mayor: Jerrod Allen, MOCRS

- Jerrod Allen provided updates, and fielded questions from commissioners and community members.

C. Commissioner announcements

D. Community announcements

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution in Opposition to the Initiative Amendment Act of 2023 (Cmsrs. Trindade Deramo, Jones, and Lakatos): see page 33." (Cmsr. Handerhan)

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved that ANC 1B adopt the resolution in opposition to the Initiative Amendment Act of 2023. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

B. Amendment to the Commission budget to create new line item 3.5, "Outreach and engagement materials," with a value of \$5,000 (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo) (Cmsrs. Trindade Deramo and Sycamore)

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved that ANC 1B create a new line item in fiscal year 24 budget to accommodate the work the commission intends for the marketing and communications intern to carry out – the commission has hired a marketing and communications intern. Principally, the commission expects to fund printed materials that Ms. Taylor (intern) can carry with her as she canvasses the commission area, engaging residents and businesses with a view of educating them about the work of the commission – Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved an initial budget of \$5,000. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - at 8:39pm

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on May 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.