

MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2024 COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

SPECIAL GUEST - 6:30-7:00 PM

- Christopher Dyer, Community Engagement Manager, DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) - provided an overview of DPR programs and answered questions from commissioners and community members.

OFFICIAL SESSION – 7:02PM

*CALL OFFICIAL MEETING TO ORDER

I. Roll Call

Commissioner		<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
1B01	Handerhan	<i>X</i>	
1B02	Holihan	<i>X</i>	
1B03	Sycamore	<i>X</i>	
1B04	Lakatos	<i>X</i>	
1B05	Kensek		<i>X (out sick)</i>
1B06	Trindade Deramo	<i>X</i>	
1B07	Fields	<i>X</i>	
1B08	Harris	<i>X</i>	
1B09	Jones	<i>X</i>	

II. Approval of Agenda

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 1B approve the draft agenda for the February 1st meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

A). January Draft Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Jones moved to amend the consent agenda to clarify the two-minute comment time for commissioners and community speakers, for community members also include a one speech per speaker per topic limit. Commissioner Lakatos accepted the friendly amendment. Discussion: Commissioner Sycamore asked for clarification if the amendment includes commissioners as well rebuttals. Commissioner Jones clarified that the proposed amendment is what has been proposed for most of the last year which has been one two-minute speech per topic per person, per speaker. Commissioner Trindade Deramo asked if Commissioner Jones would

accept a small amendment to add that at the discretion of the chair, a speaker could be given 20 seconds rebuttal to a direct question or comment. Previous motions were retracted. **NEW MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 1B adopt the minutes and set for a two-minute comment time for commissioners and community speakers with a limit of one speech per speaker per topic, allowing up to 20 seconds for responses in addition to that at the discretion of the Chair. Discussion: Commissioner Sycamore asked about fair discretion from chair. The answer was yes. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained).**

IV. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS

A). Commissioner Lakatos presented Fiscal Year 2024 Q1 Financial Report

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC adopt the financial Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2024 Finance Report as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A). Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Regulation

- i). FireHouse DC, 912 U St NW – marijuana and weed dispensary, and medical cannabis retailer.
- ABR Committee met with representatives from retailer - open to settlement agreement discussions modeled by other neighborhoods.
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Holihan moved to have the full ANC 1B protest FireHouse on the grounds of security and other applicable measures. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).**

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

B). Committee on Economic Development

i). Main Streets – Clean Streets (Lower GA Ave., Shaw, 14th Street, and U Street)

ii). Neighborhood updates

1. 1617 U Street redevelopment: Zoning Commission resumed hearings on the upzoning of this site from MU-4 to MU-10. Details:
<https://dmped.dc.gov/page/1617U>

2. Alcohol moratorium in North Shaw: ABCA draft rule

3. Public safety interventions: 3D CAC Public Safety meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm at 1620 V Street, NW. Spanish speaking only meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm. The T Street Task Force continues to meet monthly. Howard plans to announce an interim use at the CVS site

iii). Committee agenda topics for 2024

4. Existing Public Disposition conversations (1617 U Street, Reeves Center, Grimke); future of U Street; update on DC HFA redevelopment; Night Life Task Force engagement; revisit Green New Deal for Housing/Social Housing resolution; revisit Public Restrooms resolution

vi). Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. (third Thursday of the month)

C). Committee on Public Safety and Community Engagement

i). Report

ii). Draft Resolution highlighting Administrative Challenges issuing ANC grants and Requesting Procedural Improvements to Facilitate Commission Grantmaking.

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Fields moved to approve the resolution as presented by Commissioner Jones to the OANC on issues highlighted in sponsorships and grants section of ANCs locally. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.

iii). Report from Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)

iv). Next regular meeting: Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

D). Committee on Transportation

i). Resolution on U Street Bus Priority Project (1B02, 1B07, 1B08)

1. Transportation Committee recommendation: Full ANC support of the resolution on the U Street Bus Priority Project spanning SMDs 1B02, 1B07, and 1B08 (3-0-0)

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC adopt the U Street Bus Priority Project resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.

ii). Resolution on Florida Avenue Bus Priority Project (1B01, 1B02)

1. Transportation Committee recommendation: Full ANC support of the resolution on the Florida Avenue Bus Priority Project spanning SMDs 1B01 and 1B02 (3-0-0).

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC adopt the Florida Avenue Bus Priority Project resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.

iii). If interested in joining the Transportation Committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Santiago Lakatos at 1B04@anc.dc.gov.

iv). Next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. (Registration via ANC1B.org)

E). Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

i). Howard University proposed map amendment Z.C. Case No. 24-01 (view case here)

1. Property: Area outlined in white in map on the left: Southern bound approximately Florida Ave NW and U Street Alley. Northern bound approximately Euclid St NW. Western bound approximately Georgia Ave NW. Eastern bound approximately 5th St NW between U and W St NW, and 6th St NW between W and Euclid St NW. See case linked above for detailed map.

2. SMD/Commissioner: 1B01 (Larry Handerman), 1B02 (Sean Holihan), 1E05 (Philip Newland), 1E07 (Brian Footer)
 3. Proposal: The area is currently zoned either for RA-2 or PDR-3. Howard University is proposing changing the zoning for this area mostly to MU-10, with some parts being changed to MU-9. Right now the MU-9 subtype is listed as MU-9A but Howard may amend the proposal to change that to MU-9B.
 4. No motions were made and the ZPD committee has no recommendations at this time
- ii). Z.C. Case No. 23-17 (Office of Planning – Proposed Text Amendment to Reduce Parking Requirements for Publicly Assisted Affordable Dwelling Units)
1. For full information see the Office of Zoning site here:
https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/CaseReport/CaseReportPage.aspx?case_id=23-17
 2. ZPD Committee recommendation: Full ANC support of Zoning Case number 23-17, the proposed text amendment to reduce parking requirements for publicly assisted affordable dwelling units (3- 2-0, with the Chair voting in favor).
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 1B support Zoning Case number 23-17 the proposed text amendment to reduce parking requirements for publicly assisted affordable dwelling units. The motion was seconded. There was a brief question during the discussion section by Commissioner Sycamore seeking clarifying on the case. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained)**.
- iii). Next regular meeting: Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Introduction of Asha Taylor – the new Marketing and Neighborhood Engagement Intern
- B. Election of committee chairs (Cmsr. Harris for the Executive Committee) Under the Commission’s Standard Operating Procedures, the Executive Committee reviews all eligible submissions for committee chairs and presents nominations to the Commission for approval. Committee chairs are appointed to a one-year term.
 - i. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Regulations
 - **NOMINATION:** Executive Committee nominated Commissioner Ashleigh Fields for Commissioner Chair, Community Chair Frank Chauvin. Frank Chauvin declined the nomination.
 - **VOTE:** Commissioner Fields was elected Commissioner Chair.
 - ii. Committee on Economic Development
 - **NOMINATION:** Executive Committee nominated Commissioner Tucker Jones for Commissioner Chair, Krishna Kumar for Community Chair.
 - **VOTE:** Commissioner Jones was elected Commissioner Chair, and Krishna Kumar was elected Community Chair.

- iii. Committee on Public Safety and Community Engagement
 - **NOMINATION:** Executive Committee nominated Commissioner Ashleigh Fields for Commissioner Chair, Community Chair Gabriella Savelli. Commissioner Jamie Sycamore nominated himself.
 - **VOTE:** Commissioner Fields received 7 votes, and Commissioner Sycamore received 1 vote. By a 7-1 vote, Commissioner Fields was elected Commissioner Chair, and Gabriella Savelli was elected for Community Chair (ran unopposed).

- iv. Committee on Transportation
 - **NOMINATION:** Executive Committee nominated Commissioner Santiago Lakatos for Commissioner Chair. Commissioner Jaime Sycamore nominated Commissioner Alan Kensek for Commissioner Chair on his behalf. Commissioner Sycamore withdrew the nomination of Commissioner Kensek – wrong committee nomination.
 - **VOTE:** Commissioner Santiago Lakatos was elected Commissioner Chair.

- v. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development
 - **NOMINATION:** Executive Committee nominated Commissioner Tucker Jones as an Interim Commissioner Chair. Commissioner Sycamore nominated Commissioner Alan Kensek for Commissioner Chair on his behalf.
 - **VOTE:** Commissioner Jones received 7 votes and Commissioner Kensek received 1 vote. By a vote of 7-1, Commissioner Jones was elected as an Interim Chair.

VII. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A). Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: Niccole Rivero
 - Provided updates from the Councilmembers’ office – and fielded questions from Commissioners and community members.

- B). Office of the Mayor: Jerrod Allen, MOCRS

- C). Commissioner announcements

- D). Community announcements

1. Diane Romo Thomas, Rock 'N Roll DC Half Marathon and 5K, March 16

VIII. New Business

- October 5, 2023, Meeting Re-Votes
 - Traffic Safety 13th and Florida Ave
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC adopt the resolution as presented in the October meeting, calling for traffic safety prevention in the intersection of 13th and Florida Avenue Northwest in response to a child that was struck while crossing the street. The motion was seconded. There was a brief question during the discussion section by Commissioner Sycamore seeking clarifying on the case. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).**
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- Vacant and Blighted properties
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that the ANC support the resolution drafted at the Economic Development Committee and presented to the ANC first on October 5th regarding reducing vacant and blighted properties. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.
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- 1235 W St NW
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved to suspend the rules for 5 minutes to allow the developer to present the plan so that we all have a refresher on what is being discussed. The motion was seconded. POINT of ORDER raised by Commissioner Sycamore. Chair Harris asked for a discussion instead. There was a brief question during the discussion section by Commissioner Sycamore seeking clarifying on the topic. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.
 - Developer presented.
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Sycamore moved to postpone this agenda item, BZA case 21033, until the ANC's next scheduled meeting on March 7, 2024, or to have the ANC call for a special meeting before the scheduled BZA meeting on this project scheduled for February 14, 2024. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Jones asked for clarity in the discussion section. The motion **DID NOT PASS (2 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstained)**.
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 1B support the request for zoning variant described in BZA at application 21033. The motion was seconded. There was a brief question during the discussion section by Commissioner Sycamore seeking clarification. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained)**.
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved for the Committee on Zoning, Preservation and Development develop a set of guidelines or best practices regarding announcements related to development projects in single member districts, and base practices for commissioners to make neighbors aware when notices come across our desk – that can be HPRB notices, BZA notices. Chair Harris suggested ANC does not need a motion, but for Commissioner Jones can establish that process and Chair will help as well.

IX. Adjournment – at 10:28pm