

MINUTES
from the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
on
January 4, 2024

Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.

- Sean Cuddihy, DC Council, Deputy Committee Director, Committee on Housing (Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr., Chair), provided background on social housing and took questions from Commissioners and community members.

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Consent agenda

- i. December draft meeting minutes
 1. **MOTION:** Commissioner Kensek moved to approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.
- ii. Consent agenda with December 2023 draft meeting minutes, 2-minute comment time, 1 comment per speaker per topic, for Commissioners and community members

1. **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved to approve the January agenda. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Election of 2024 ANC 1B officers

i. Chairperson

1. **NOMINATION:** Commissioner Handerhan nominated Chair Harris for Chairperson. Chair Harris accepted the nomination.
2. **NOMINATION:** Commissioner Sycamore nominated Commissioner Trindade Deramo for Chairperson. Commissioner Trindade Deramo did not accept the nomination.
3. **NOMINATION:** Commissioner Sycamore nominated Commissioner Kensek for Chairperson. Commissioner Kensek accepted the nomination.
4. **VOTE:** Commissioner Jones led the vote count. Commissioner Harris received **6 votes**. Commissioner Kensek received **2 votes**. By a vote of 6-2, Commissioner Harris was re-elected as Chairperson.

ii. Vice-Chairperson

1. **NOMINATION:** Commissioner Kensek nominated Commissioner Handerhan as Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Handerhan accepted the nomination.
2. **VOTE:** With no opposition, Commissioner Handerhan was re-elected as Vice Chair.

iii. Treasurer

1. **NOMINATION:** Commissioner Kensek nominated Commissioner Lakatos as Treasurer. Commissioner Lakatos accepted the nomination.
2. **VOTE:** With no opposition, Commissioner Lakatos was re-elected Treasurer.

iv. Secretary

1. **NOMINATION:** Commissioner Jones nominated Commissioner Trindade Deramo as Secretary. Commissioner Trindade Deramo accepted the nomination.
2. **VOTE:** With no opposition, Commissioner Trindade Deramo was elected as Secretary.

B. Applications for chairs of committees

- i. The two-week period in which the Commission will accept applications for the chair of each committee began.

C. Security fund: ANC 1B's participation in the ANC security fund, related fees of up to \$100, and authorizing the Treasurer to complete all related paperwork.

- i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that ANC 1B participate in the ANC Security fund up to \$100 and authorize the Treasurer to complete all necessary paperwork. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.

V. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS — No reports.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Regulations

- i. Did not meet in December, no action items to report out.
- ii. Next regular meeting: Wednesday January 17, 2024, at 7pm via Zoom (Registration via ANC1B.org).
- iii. Commissioner Holihan responded to a community member question: whether ABR Committee would be handling new licenses and protest opportunities for licenses newly available for medical marijuana dispensaries and other cannabis dispensaries. The answer was yes.

B. Committee on Public Safety and Community Engagement

- i. Sponsorship update
- ii. ANC Neighborhood Engagement Intern review
- iii. Proposal for community engagement at Cardozo
- iv. Public safety updates

- v. Upcoming community events for PSCE
- vi. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7pm via Zoom (Registration via ANC1B.org).

C. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

i. Case #1

1. Applicant: Drakakis Architecture for client Lincoln Liebner
2. Contact: Desiree Drakakis desiree@drakakisarchitecture.net
3. Property: 1332 T St NW (square 0238 lot 0078) (current zoning RF-1) (Greater U Street Historic District) (1B08 – Sabel Harris)
4. Case number: Not yet assigned
5. Request of committee: BZA zoning special exception (or whatever exceptions/variances are necessary) to allow for a second-floor addition to existing rear detached garage. Applicant notes “the existing garage was approved under a variance because the rear alley width is narrower than usual. Other adjacent garages have a 2nd story as well, and similar setback, so we are hoping we can just piggy back off of the original variance.”
6. ZPD committee recommendation:
 - a. **Full ANC support the project at 1332 T St NW at the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) so far as we think it is compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood** (3 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining).
 - b. **Full ANC support at 1332 T St NW with respect to zoning the proposed changes to the concept and massing to alter the existing accessory building** (3 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining).
7. **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 1B support the project at 1332 T St NW at the HPRB as we think it is compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).**

8. **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that the full ANC 1B support the proposed project at 1332 T St NW with respect to zoning regarding the proposed changes to the concept and massing to alter the existing accessory building. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.
- ii. Case #2
1. Applicant: Hunt Laudi Studio (for client)
 2. Contact: Julian Hunt jhunt@huntlaudistudio.com
 3. Property: 1311 S St NW (square 0238 lot 0852) (current zoning RF-1) (Greater U Street Historic District)
 4. Case number: BZATmp3329 (provisional number) (1B08 — Sabel Harris)
 5. Request of committee: BZA zoning special exception to allow for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). For context, applicant notes “that alley behind 1311 S St. NW has at least five or six ADU's already so I don't foresee any objections to this new building type that will allow greater density and add some relief to the housing shortage.”
 6. ZPD committee recommendation to ANC 1B: **Full ANC support a request for special exemption to allow an ADU in an RF-1 zone at 1311 S St NW while meeting all other zoning requirements for the zone** (3 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining).
 7. **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 1B support the request for special exemption to allow an ADU in an RF-1 zone at 1311 S St NW while meeting all other zoning requirements for the zone. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)**.
- iii. Next regular meeting: Tuesday January 16 starting at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please see ANC 1B's website for details. Please contact the ZPD committee's chair Cmsr. Tucker Jones 1B09@anc.dc.gov if you have any questions.

D. Committee on Economic Development

- i. Did not meet in December, no action items to report out.
- ii. Lindsay Hicks (U Street Main Street) provided an update on activities of U Street Main Street.

- iii. Zoning Commission’s public hearing on 1617 U St. and proposed rezoning, on January 8th, 2024, at 4pm.
- iv. Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 pm via Zoom (Registration via ANC1B.org).

E. Committee on Transportation

- i. Did not meet in December, no action items to report out.
- ii. If you are interested in joining the Transportation Committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Santiago Lakatos at 1B04@anc.dc.gov.
- iii. Next regular meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7pm (Registration via ANC1B.org).

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Office of the Ward 1 Councilmember — Niccole Rivero, Chief of Staff, provided community updates and fielded both Commissioner and community questions.

B. Commissioner announcements

C. Community announcements

VIII. NEW BUSINESS — None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 8:05 p.m.