



MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING

SPECIAL GUEST - 6:30-7:00 PM

- Jamie Donovan, Amanda Holloway DOEE – Clean Energy DC Plan Update, provided an update on the Clean Energy DC Plan, and answered Commissioner and community questions.

OFFICIAL SESSION – 7:00PM

**CHAIR HARRIS CALLED FOR OFFICIAL MEETING TO ORDER*

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	COMMISSIONER	PRESENT
Handerhan	Absent	Kensek	Present
Holihan	Not present	Fields	Present
Sycamore	Present	Harris	Present
Lakatos	Present	Jones	Present

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Lakatos moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded. Discussion took place on adding items to the public safety portion of the agenda. Chair Harris reminded Commissioners to submit committee updates per the agenda a week in advance prior to Commission meetings.

MOTION: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission modify the proposed agenda to include, in the Public safety and Community Engagement section one item for Howard University Homecoming announcement, and other proposed modifications Commissioner Fields described – which included an announcement of the next Public Safety and Community Engagement Committee meeting taking place on November 7th at 7:00 PM via Zoom, and Howard University’s announcement about revealing an affordable apartment, which will be discussed at the November 7th meeting. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Draft Meeting Minutes
- 2-minute comment time for Commissioners and Community Members
- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the Commission approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS:

Financial Reports

- Commissioner Lakatos mentioned that the Commission will be voting on the Q4 FY23 Finance Report at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Commissioner Fields shared announcements and updates – also noted that Commissioners met with MPD Chief Pamela Smith on September 26, 2023, and discussed her goals for MPD during a time of a rise in violent crimes.
- Lieutenant K. Monahan, MPD – provided updates on public safety from the last 30 days and answered questions from Commissioners and the community.
- Director Andrew Rivers, Howard University – gave a presentation on Howard University’s homecoming weekend activities, and then answered questions from Commissioners and community members.
- No action items reported.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov 7 at 7pm via Zoom

ZONING, PRESERVATION, & DEVELOPMENT

- 1235 W St NW (Square 0271 Lot 0079)| OPaL | RA-2 (1B03– Jamie Sycamore) | (None yet assigned, HPO will give once a date is assigned in January)
- **ZPD Committee Recommendation:** Full ANC support of the application at 1235 W St NW requesting concept and massing approval with the caveat that further refinement of the new bay windows be continued with the historic preservation office to meet historic preservation approval. (3 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention)
- **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved to that the full ANC supports the application at 1235 W St NW, requesting concept and massing approval with the caveat that further refinement of new bay windows be continued with the historic preservation office to meet historic approval. Motion seconded. MOTION PASSED (5-0-1)
- If interested in joining the ZPD committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Tucker Jones at 1B09@anc.dc.gov.
- Next meeting: Thursday October 12 at 6:30pm via Zoom (see ANC1B website)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Main Streets – Clean Streets (Lower GA Ave, Shaw, 14 Street, and U Street)
- **Action Item:** Resolution re: reducing vacant and blighted properties: The Economic Development Committee voted unanimously to send a resolution establishing and funding a task force to ANC 1B for consideration at their next full meeting.
 - **Motion: Recommend the full ANC 1B support the Economic Development Committee resolution re: reducing vacant and blighted properties (4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining).**
- **1617 U Street:** Committee is interested in gathering community feedback before next Zoning Committee hearing on Monday, November 20 at 4:00pm. ANC 1B has already passed a resolution in support of the upzoning with caveats – but would like to better aggregate the community’s feedback about the future of the property more broadly. Discussed additional community meetings and possibly a survey.
- Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19 at 6:30pm (Third Thursday of the Month).
- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved the full ANC to adopt the resolution before the Commission on vacant and blighted properties. Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (5-0-1)

TRANSPORTATION

- Resolution on Safety Improvements at 13th Street and Florida Avenue
 - **Transportation Committee Chair Cmsr. Lakatos Recommendation:** Recommends full ANC support of resolution.
 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved for the full ANC adopt the resolution as presented on safety improvements at 13th Street and Florida Avenue. Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (6-0-0)
- If interested in joining the Transportation Committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Santiago Lakatos at 1B04@anc.dc.gov.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm (Registration via ANC1B.org)

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE REGULATION

- Voodoo | 1334 U Street N.W. (1B08- Sabel Harris) | Retailers Class C Tavern | ABRA-126026
 - New License
 - Entertainment Endorsement includes dancing and cover charge

- Settlement agreement written by previous owner and kept the seats at 50. New owners needed to get a new license to expand the amount of seats to 76. They will not sell hookah.
- **MOTION:** Chair Harris moves for full ANC protest the new license of Voodoo at 1334 U Street N.W., on the grounds of trash, rats, noise, safety issues, and on the grounds of peace, order, and quiet and all other applicable grounds. Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (5-0-1)
- **Next meeting:** The ABR Committee tentatively meets every third (3rd) Wednesday of the month (except on holidays) at 7pm online, virtually, through Zoom – Wednesday, October 18, at 7 PM. Contact Committee at: 1b02@anc.dc.gov | On the web at: ANC1B.org

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- Special Election for ANC 1B06 – Chair Harris provided an update.
- Saturday, October 28 earmark date – OANC will help conduct the Special Election
- **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that ANC 1B hold a special meeting to allow for a special election to fill the vacant seat at 1B06 on the date of Saturday, October 28, from approximate times 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM, to be held via hybrid means, and authorizing Chair Harris to finalize the location of the physical portion of the hybrid meeting and to finalize the time on that date. Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (6-0-0)

EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Office of the Councilmember — David Connerty-Marin, Communications Director for Councilmember Nadeau; provided updates and then answered questions from Commissioners and community members.
- Office of the Mayor — Jerrod Allen, not in attendance
- Commissioner announcements
- Community announcements

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm