

Minutes of the January 25, 2023 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

Meeting call to order

At 7:04 pm, Omar Parbhoo, speaker pro tempore, called the meeting to order and introduced each commissioner. All seven ANC1D commissioners were present. The meeting was held via zoom. Spanish interpretation was provided.

SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, present

SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, present

SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, present

SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, present

SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, present

SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, present

SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, present

Swearing-in for Commissioner Willis & Remarks from Councilmember Nadeau

Councilmember Nadeau swore in ANC Commissioner Willis and provided remarks on some of her current Ward 1 priorities and notes on resources for residents.

Highlights from Councilmember Nadeau’s remarks and conversation with ANC Commissioners included:

- ANC1D now has a seat that crosses 16th St.
- The public has opportunities to testify at performance oversight hearing at the DC Council. The hearings are online via zoom, broadcasted live online, and on Channel 13. Link to the budget hearings’ schedule here: <https://dccouncil.gov/2022-2023-performance-oversight-fy-2024-budget-schedules/>, <https://www.brianneknadeau.com/testify>
- Councilmember Nadeau is now the Chair of the Committee of Public Works and Operations.
- Councilmember Nadeau acknowledged that despite crime data being down in Ward 1, resident’s personal feelings may differ. She highlighted the increase in prevention and interruption efforts in Ward 1.
- The new park at 19th St and Lamont is open. Councilmember Nadeau highlighted 1D residents and Commissioner Allinger’s efforts in seeing it through to completion.
- Councilmember Nadeau is considering a new commission to name public spaces and streets in Ward 1.
- Councilmember Nadeau provided an update on Amigos Park efforts at the corner of Kenyon and Mt. Pleasant St, and addressed questions from Commissioner Romero.
 - o Councilmember Nadeau stressed the importance of all groups working together to keep the park’s progress moving forward and raise it as a priority.
 - o Councilmember Nadeau noted that over \$500,000 was allocated to program the park and to enter into an agreement with 7-11 to get site control in order to move the fence down to begin landscaping and build the community’s vision, and that OLA has

- additional funds that could be used to program events. Funding decisions went into effect for the Oct. 1st fiscal year, so Nadeau noted the need to continue raising the topic.
- Commissioner Romero noted that the Commission approved Amigos Park as early as 2010.
 - Commissioner Romero also stressed the importance of addressing the security situation near the park area in front of the 7-11 and bus stop.
 - Nadeau's team as three full time constituent staff.
 - Legislative updates on bills that Councilmember Nadeau has reintroduced this year -
 - The BABY Act ("banning associations from banning youth") prohibits condo rules that exclude licensed childcare homes, attempts to address one of the risks facing home-based child centers in DC. Councilmember Nadeau cited a recent example of a shut-down daycare in Columbia Heights.
 - "Elaine's Law" would address divorce procedures in cases of inter family offenses. The impetus for this law case from a local resident's experience.
 - Commissioner Decker raised a question about long turnaround times for trash can replacements.
 - Councilmember Nadeau confirmed that there are supply chain issues with certain items for trash repair causing months-long delays in some cases. She advised to residents to put in a 311 request and share that confirmation number with Councilmember Nadeau's team to help expedite.

Agenda approval

Commissioner Parbhoo presented the proposed agenda. The commission approved the agenda for the evening, with revisions to the original draft.

Commissioner Allison requested a public comment period specifically on school parking zone requests.

Commissioner Romero requested an agenda item related to parking in a loading dock area in SMD1D04.

ANC1D Officer Election

Omar Parbhoo opened the newly elected ANC1D's officer elections.

Commissioner Grigg nominated Commissioner Allison for chair, and she accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Decker motioned to vote, seconded by commissioner Willis.

Chair passed with 6 votes in favor, none opposed.

SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes

SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes

SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes

SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes

SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes

SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, n/a

SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes

Commissioner Allison ran the remainder of the meeting.

- Vice Chair
 - Commissioner Parbhoo nominated Commissioner Decker for Vice Chair, and he accepted the nomination.
 - Commissioner Romero nominated herself for Vice Chair.
 - Commissioner Allison called for votes for Commissioner Decker.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, abstained
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, n/a
 - Commissioner Allison called for votes for Commissioner Romero.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, abstained
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, abstained
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, abstained
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, n/a
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, abstained
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, abstained
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, abstained
 - Commissioner Decker was voted Vice Chair with 6 votes, none opposed.
- Secretary
 - Commissioner Parbhoo nominated Commissioner Nunez for secretary, Commissioner Decker seconded, and she accepted the nomination.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, n/a
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
 - Commissioner Nunez was voted Secretary with 6 votes, none opposed.
- Treasurer
 - Commissioner Nunez nominated Commissioner Grigg for Treasurer, and she accepted the nomination.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, n/a
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes

- SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
- Commissioner Grigg was voted Treasurer with 6 votes, none opposed.

Administrative tasks

Discuss Proposed Revised Bylaws

Chair Allison noted that as the boundaries of ANC1D have changed and new Single Member Districts have been added, ANC1D is required to change the commission's bylaws. ANC1D is required to give 30-day notice that the bylaws will be revised at the March meeting.

Commissioner Parbhoo and Chair Allison previewed possible bylaw changes, to be also made available on the ANC1d.org website, including:

- Changing the commission area boundaries to account for redistricting
- Removing the words Mount Pleasant as the commission now includes Mount Pleasant & parts of Columbia Heights
- Removing gendered pronouns to be more inclusive
- Changing the number of commissioners required to meet quorum
- Removing the grant policy from the bylaws in order to set up a separate grant policy

Dates

Chair Allison shared the proposed ANC1D's upcoming monthly meeting calendar for review and approval. Intentionally designed to happen prior to the HPRB meeting schedule.

Proposed Meeting Calendar for ANC1D: February 21, March 21, April 25, May 23, June 20, July 25, September 26, October 24, November 14, December 18, January 16 (2024). All meetings are scheduled for 7:00 PM -9:00 PM.

Commissioner Willis moved to approve the meeting schedule, Commissioner Decker seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The dates were approved as shown.

Government Rep

Jaqueline Castaneda introduced herself as a constituent services representative focusing on 1A and 1D in Ward 1 on Councilmember Nadeau's team. She will be joining ANC1D's monthly meetings going forward.

ANC Security Fund

Chair Allison described that ANC 1D, according to its bylaws, requires a \$50 fee each year for the purpose of securing the ANC against wrongful misappropriation and loss of funds by the chairperson and treasurer of the ANC for unpaid operating expenses. This is mandatory for all commissions.

Commissioner Grigg shared a prepared draft resolution to approve the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund.

Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve the resolution as written, Commissioner Decker seconded. The resolution was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.

- SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
- SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
- SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
- SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
- SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
- SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
- SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes

DDOT School Parking Zone requests

Commissioner Nunez provided an overview with the following points:

- DDOT has informed this and other area commissions that they have received applications for School Zone Parking for the Latin American Youth Career Academy on Park Rd and Bancroft Elementary on Newton.
- DDOT's School Parking Zone Program allows DDOT to offer a limited number of permits to DC Public Charter and DC Public School staff to park in certain Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zones. These permits are valid for the entire school year and cost \$50 per permit. Participating schools are required to develop a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan to promote commuter travel options and reduce the use of single occupancy automobiles.
- Based on initial conversations with DDOT and Bancroft's
- For Bancroft, the maximum number of SPZ permits the school could receive would be twenty-eight (28) in year one, declining 10%/year to a maximum of twenty-two (22) from year three onward. DDOT is planning to tentatively issue twenty (20) of the maximum twenty-eight (28) SPZ permits for this year, pending further information and any ANC feedback.
 - DDOT based this on preliminary information from Bancroft that described having 110 staff, with 40 on-site parking spaces, and 77 total vehicles (with estimated 76 staff driving alone, seven carpool vehicles, 11 vehicles find private offsite parking).
 - Other DDOT considerations were whether Bancroft being within one mile of Metro and within one-quarter mile of a priority transit corridor.
 - Some key context on Bancroft's behalf include that they currently have zero residential parking permits, and that a combination of COVID mitigation protocols, school expansion to 740 students, and no other existing storage space, a number of their existing parking lot spaces have had to be converted into storage.
- For LAYC Career Academy, the maximum number of SPZ permits the school could receive would be seven (7) in year one, declining 10%/year to a maximum of four (4) from year four onward. DDOT is planning to tentatively issue four (4) of the maximum seven (7) SPZ permits for this year, pending further information and any ANC feedback.
 - DDOT based this on preliminary information which accounted for 22 staff, with 4 on-site parking spaces, an estimated thirteen (13) staff driving alone and no carpool vehicles (total 13 vehicles), with three vehicles finding private offsite parking.
 - Again, DDOT considerations included LAYC being within a half mile of Metro and within one-quarter mile of a priority transit corridor.

- The ANC is not required to pass a resolution or take any formal action, but individual commissioners may choose to express opposition or support of the DDOT School Zone Parking approval.
- The ANC has done some preliminary outreach to each school to determine the nature of the request, alternative transportation methods considered, and the impacts that this determination could have. Responses have been shared with all commissioners.

Chair Allison opened up an opportunity for public comments

ALL COMMISSIONERS share thoughts, opinions, and any outstanding questions.

Commissioner Parbhoo acknowledged that the parking zone permits should consider both the neighborhood's parking limitations and the service that Bancroft and staff provide our community, and expressed his support for seeking alternative viable solutions to on-street parking.

Commissioner Willis supported Commissioner Parbhoo's comments and emphasized that, while she understood the arguments in favor of approving the parking permits, it is important not to mask or suppress the underlying problems causing the shortage of parking, e.g. ensuring that Bancroft has proper accommodations for larger enrollment, and, in the interest of promoting public transport, making sure to its services are frequent, regular, and adequate enough to cater to the community's needs.

Commissioner Decker expressed support for incentivizing use of public transportation and to addressing the concerns that are driving the needs for additional parking, and to elevate those concerns to Councilmember Nadeau and others who can bring city resources to bear to address underlying challenges versus providing quick fixes.

Commissioner Grigg added her concern regarding the number of parking spaces that were lost to storage, and for the possibility that the Bancroft storage shortage would impact neighbors' parking spaces.

Secretary's report

Commissioner Nunez asked if there were any corrections to the December minutes. Minutes have also been distributed to commissioners in advance. None were offered.

Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December 13 meeting of ANC1D. Commissioner Decker seconded. None opposed.

Treasurer's report

Commissioner Grigg went through the following items:

- Request for QFR Q1 FY2023 approval
 - Commissioner Grigg explained one discrepancy from an earlier quarter between the ending balance between the spreadsheet used with OANC to track expenditures and with the amount in our bank account and noted that she will follow up.
 - Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve the report, Commissioner Willis seconded.
 - The motion was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes

- SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
- Request to approve increase monthly expense to James True to \$215, and pay him \$15 additional in January, per his request because of the extra SMD locations.
 - Commissioner Decker motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Parbhoo.
 - The motion was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
- Request approval to issue 12 month contracts to James True and Heresay Interpreting, as per the OANC’s new requirement to have contracts on file.
 - Commissioner Willis moved to approve, Commissioner Decker seconded.
 - The motion was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
- Request approval for monthly expense of up to \$20/month for MailChimp, through Dec 2023
 - Commissioner Decker moved to approve, Commissioner Nunez seconded.
 - The motion was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
- Request closing of petty cash fund
 - Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve, Commissioner Decker seconded.
 - The motion was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes

- SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
- Request approval to store checkbook at 3636 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20010
 - Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve, Commissioner Decker seconded.
 - The motion was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
- Request that ANC1D be authorized to secure a debit card, now allowed in 2023.
 - Commissioner Willis moved to approve, Commissioner Allison seconded.
 - The motion was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes
- Request that chair, treasurer, and vice chair be authorized to sign checks.
 - Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve, Commissioner Willis seconded.
 - The motion was passed with 7 votes, all in favor, none opposed.
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yes
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yes
 - SMD1D03 – Erika Nunez, yes
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, yes
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yes
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yes
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yes

Additional Comments & Closing Remarks

Unsafe intersection in front of new park

- Commissioner Willis raised the issue of concern to ANC1D residents that there is an unsafe intersection in front of the new park that opened at 19th and Lamont St, warning that it lacks a high visibility cross walk and that the new TSI process will likely lead to very slow review and action for this crosswalk on its own.
- Commissioner Parbhoo agreed on the clear danger of the current situation, echoed concerns that the process may take longer than it should, and to raise the priority level, and advocated

for the commission to consider the tools in its toolbox and possibly drafting a resolution in support of addressing the issue at the following meeting.

- Commissioner Nunez supported raising the issue as a priority ANC agenda item and brainstorming creative solutions. Suggested bringing DC government officials to see the issue in person, possibly with a DDOT walkthrough. Also suggested framing as a Vision Zero concern.
- Commissioner Parbhoo suggested Mayor Bowser's possible ribbon cutting ceremony as a prudent opportunity.
- Commissioner Willis considered these comments and offered to share concerns with Councilmember Nadeau.
- Commissioner Allison added a suggestion to reach out to Ward 1's MOCR.
- Commissioner Decker recommended that the Commissioner's for the nearest SMDs reach out to Councilmember Nadeau's team to request an opportunity to speak, with the explicit intention of either celebrating the new crosswalk or raising concerns if it hasn't been addressed yet.

Spanish language ANC meeting posters

- Commissioner Willis raised a Q&A resident question about adding Spanish language posters, and it was noted that while they were attempted but unavailable for the January meeting, it is the intention to have them available for all future meetings.

With no additional comments or questions, Chair Allison requested a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Parbhoo moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Willis seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner Allison adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm.