

Minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

Meeting call to order:

At 7:02 pm, Gary Decker, co-chair, called the meeting to order. Five of seven ANC1D commissioners joined the meeting, representing a quorum. The meeting was publicly noticed with flyers, on social media and a posting on www.anc1d.org. The meeting was hybrid, hosted at the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, streamed via Zoom and recorded. Real-time Spanish interpretation was provided over Zoom and in person.

SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, partially present (virtually)

SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, present (virtually)

SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, present

SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, not present

SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, present

SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, present (virtually)

SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, present

Administrative Tasks:

- Agenda Approval
 - *CHANGES*
 - No Changes
 - Commissioner Parbhoo motioned to approve the agenda with noted changes; Commissioner Nunez seconded. The Co-chair called a voice vote, and the agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Review & Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (October 2023)
 - Commissioner Parbhoo suggested a slight change to remove unnecessary template lines remaining in the minute notes. Commissioner Nunez motioned to approve meeting minutes, it was seconded by Commissioner Allison & the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Committee of the Whole Report and Date for Next Meeting
 - The next COW will likely touch on ANC1D planning commissioner roles, being more efficient with resolutions and servicing the community.
 - COWs will be on the Monday two weeks prior to the general body meeting, the next one is on December 4th at 7pm Virtually over Zoom.

DC Government & Representative Announcements

Lieutenant Dae, Metropolitan Police Department 3rd District

Initially not there so the Public Safety Q&A section of the agenda was moved down until the Lieutenant arrived.

Return with update **(28:30)** on the recent homicide case and about the shooting on 14th and Irving. Three day operation in the area that saw 17 arrests.

Questions from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Gary Decker - importance of coordination between agencies, and Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Nunez and Allison asked about the safety plan and the operation -

- What operation was the one that happened in Columbia Heights?
 - Did not share strategy or details.
 - Focused on general coordination between agencies.

Period for Public Questions:

- Question on use of helicopters for proactive policing, use of air-tags and recruitment of veterans to absolve the alleged lack of police resources.
- Question on letting violators go with just warnings at discretion of officers.
- Question on repeat offenses and the root of issues.
- Question on connection between truancy and youth crime rates.
- Question on folks using the public space and potentially exposing youth to substances, as well as making other residents feel unsafe.

Alyce McFarland, DC Office of the Tenant Advocate (07:45)

The Office of Tenant Advocate is an independent agency within the executive branch of the DC government.

Legal branch provides legal services to tenants - tenants can call the intake line at **202-719-6560** for issues with eviction assistance, rent increase, lease inquiries, housing code violations and more. Policy branch works with gov and community partners, as well as the Education and Community Outreach branch. Has a temporary emergency housing program for folks in need of emergency housing after a disaster such as fire or flood.

DHS will re-open the Emergency Rental Assistance program on January 1st, April 1st and July 1st of 2024 - with a max of 3500 applications/quarter. Typically available for 5-6 days after.

Tatiana, DC Water - Piney Branch Storage Project (19:20)

Discussion of combined sewer system project that will reduce CSO (sanitary and storm overflow) discharge into Piney Branch - 96% reduction. Water will be funneled into the sewage system. Will be located in Piney Branch Park and construction will happen between 2025-2029.

Powerpoint presentation available online under the November meeting.

Paco Ramos, District Bridges (54:00)

Supporting folks experiencing substance use disorder, homelessness and housing insecurity getting them Narcan and access to resources, IDs, jobs and more.

Upcoming events:

- Holiday lights November 17th
- Tree lighting December 8th from 5-7 pm on Civic Plaza
- Mount Pleasant Market on December 10th from 11-5 pm
- Recruiting Mount Pleasant Clean Team leaders
- Coat drive upcoming.

Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee Report (01:05:30)

- In September, the Commission approved the formation of a public safety committee to resolve growing safety concerns in the area.
 - Goals include identifying public safety concerns, engaging the community, unify under this issue and track efforts publicly
 - Commissioner Parbhoo was chosen as chair of this committee, along with a public co-chair and community members that range from residents to educators and community leaders.
 - Updates on two public meetings, upcoming recruitment plans and goals.
- Nomination Form will be available soon and it will be posted on website, social media and all over the community. Form will be translated for accessibility.
- Community members will be nominated by the community and appointed by the chair.

New Business

ABCA License Renewal, Best World Market, 3178 Mount Pleasant St. NW **(01:15:20)**

- Commissioner Willis read out the resolution, Commissioner Decker opened the floor for comment, Commissioner Parbhoo presented a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Nunez.
 - The resolution passed with 6 votes, all in favor
 - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yay
 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yay
 - SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, yay
 - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, not present
 - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yay
 - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yay
 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yay

Resolution in Support of BZA Case #20961, 1648 Park Rd. NW (01:18:30)

- Commissioner Nunez read out the resolution, Commissioner Decker opened the floor for public comment, Commissioner Parbhoo presented a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Nunez.
 - Comment from Commissioner Nunez highlighting existing construction concerns to support the project.
 - o The resolution passed with 6 votes, all in favor
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 - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yay
 - SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, yay
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 - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yay

Secretary's Report (01:23:50)

- FY23 Annual Report
 - o Report shown to commissioners to vote on for November - it is a summary that reports a lot on what the ANC1D commission did for the community. Before voting, Commissioner Nunez advises to take some more time to not just have that, but also to highlight more of some of the impacts directly. A larger and full picture report could be better.
 - o Comment from Kent (OANC) - clarifying it is a good report, more details are in our meeting minutes and archives, and the purpose of the report is to highlight as much as possible.
 - o Commissioner Parbhoo suggests that a vote proceed, supported by Commissioners Nunez and Allison. Commissioner Parbhoo presented a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Nunez.
 - o The ANC1D FY2023 Annual Report is adopted with voice 6 votes, all yays
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 - SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, yay
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Commissioner Updates:

- Commissioner Parbhoo (01:33:00)
 - o Updates on last month's discussion about opposing the shrinking of Bancroft boundaries
 - o "Bancroft is the heart of our neighborhood, a cohesive community, and it also supports the dual-language program. We cannot ignore that there is a capacity issue at Bancroft, but we can't accept a solution that undermines our community..."

- Public votes and the following work is currently revolving around expanding the annex space to host the pre-K 3 and pre-K 4 programs. Shrinking the boundary is consistently the least popular option.
- **Commissioner Allison: (01:37:50)**
 - Recognition of a resident that noticed a new cable box being installed on 17th street sidewalk between Park and Monroe, contacted the appropriate agencies to get a stop-work order and within 24 hours the sidewalk was no longer obstructed and re-paved.
- **Commissioner Nunez: (01:39:00)**
 - Amigos Park community meeting - launched website to put down email and get more information.
 - The Developer of the project is looking to close in the next few weeks, so the city will know who will be in charge of the project and it will begin to move forward.
 - Community input for park footprints incoming, question on if the park will be a full project or a half-version of the original design.
- **Commissioner Willis: (01:41:05)**
 - Curbside compost program highlight and update. This is an initiative part of Zero-Waste DC. It is a pilot program for city-wide consideration.

Treasurer's Report (01:42:50)

- **Approval of QFR for FY2023 Q4 (Quarterly Financial Report)**
 - \$1000 expense in grants line (sponsorship included in grants) - will be refunded due to event cancelation (weather).
 - Less expenses due to lack of meetings in July and August (summer break) - only meeting being in July.
 - Reimbursable translation services, payment for checkbook, check for business cards and Quickbooks account, checks for Squarespace accounts and expenses, expenses for Zoom account, yearly rent for Mount Pleasant office as mailing address, small fees for paper monthly statements (to possibly be canceled soon, DC government allotment received, hearsay interpretation funds, and check to admin assistant for ANC1D.
 - Question from Commissioner Decker about submitting another QFR - but all that is needed is a reimbursement receipt added to the form.
 - Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve the motion, Commissioner Nunez seconded to approve the motion
 - The motion to approve the QFR passed with 6 voice votes, all in favor
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Public Comment

Member of the public (Tom) speaking out in support of NOT shrinking Bancroft boundaries, highlighting the value of local children attending that school and being part of this unified community.

Member of the public (Robert), suggesting that folks online can see all the participants in gallery view.

End of Meeting

Final announcements:

- Next COW meeting is Monday December 4th at 7 PM available on Zoom
- Next GBM is Tuesday December 19th at 7 PM at the library and on Zoom

With no additional comments or questions, Chair Nunez moved for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parbhoo seconded. The motion passed with six (6) votes, all in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner Decker adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM
