

## **Minutes of the October 24, 2023 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D**

### **Meeting call to order:**

At 7:02 pm, Angela Allison, 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](http://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, present (virtually)

SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, not present

SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, present

SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, not present

SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, present

SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, present

SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, present

### **Administrative Tasks:**

- Agenda Approval
  - *CHANGES*
    - No Changes
  - Commissioner Decker motioned to approve the agenda with noted changes; Commissioner Allison seconded. The Chair called a voice vote, and the agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Review & Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 2023)
  - Commissioner Decker motioned to approve meeting minutes, it was seconded by Commissioner Nunez & the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Committee of the Whole Report and Date for Next Meeting
  - INSERT NOTE ON COW
    - The next COW will likely touch on ANC1D planning for communications, grants, and potential additional committees. COWs will be on the Monday a week prior to the business meeting, the next one is on October 30th 7pm Virtually over Zoom

## **DC Government & Representative Announcements**

### **Ashley Wells, DC Smart Street Lighting Project**

Here to discuss a project that will convert 72 thousand DC street lights into more energy efficient lights with remote monitoring and advanced LED technology.

- Increased sustainability effort
- Reducing 311 calls and increase speed of replacements
- Eliminating 38,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions

Project began May 2022, currently in the Rehabilitation Phase, will finish by May 2024 and have 15 years of Asset Management where the lights will be maintained and replaced.

Project is broken up into 3 groups, Ward 1 will be part of Group 3 and further divided by ANC. Outreach and Engagement focus will start 45 days prior to the construction of the project. No parking signs will be put 72 hours before time needed.

ANC1D work will happen near March 2024 near the end of the project.

Questions for Commissioners on uplift and emissions

### **Brittney Bunch, DC Sentencing Commission (23:51)**

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### **Jamie Donovan, DC Department of Energy (30:51)**

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### **Paco, District Bridges (01:54:26)**

District Bridges now serves Mt. Pleasant, and will be an organization to support neighbors in need of social services.

Holiday Lights - business holiday decoration coming up.

## **Consent Agenda Review**

- Alcohol and Beverage License Renewals;
  - Each Peach, 3068 Mt Pleasant St NW, Commissioner Parbhoo
  - Argyle, 3220 17th St NW, Commissioner Willis
  - Samber Market, 3243 Mt Pleasant St NW, Willis
  - International Progresso Market, 3158 Mount Pleasant St NW, Willis
  - Ogden Market, 1500 Ogden St NW, Commissioner Allison
  - New Dodge Market, 3620 14th Street NW, Commissioner Decker
- Public Space Permit;
  - Construction at 3205 14th St NW, Commissioner Willis
  - Roof Replacement at 1845 Lamont St NW, Commissioner Willis

SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yay

SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, not present

SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, yay

SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, not present

SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yay

SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yay

SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yay

## **Old Business**

Discussion of Ad Hoc 6 month-long Committee for Public Safety (52:02)

- **Two Chairs**
  - 1 from Commission, 1 from member of Community
  - 1-3 deliverables
  - Structure for feedback
- **Next Steps (November):**
  - Interested Community Members will reach out to commissioners and co-chairs will come up with process to decide who committee members are
- **Nominations**
  - Commissioner Decker nominates Commissioner Parbhoo as Commission Co-Chair.
    - Commissioner Parbhoo accepts the nomination
      - i. The nomination passes with a unanimous roll call vote
      - ii. Commissioner Parbhoo becomes the Commission Co-Chair
  - Commissioner Parbhoo nominates community member Tom Conway as Community Member Co-Chair.
    - Tom Conway is not present in the room but expressed interested to Commissioner Parbhoo
      - i. The nomination passes with a unanimous roll call vote
      - ii. Tom Conway becomes the Community Member Co-Chair
- **Deliverables/Objectives**
  - Proposed by Commissioner Parbhoo

- i. Engage with the community and relevant stakeholders to identify, prioritize, and unify around a list of public safety concerns that need to be addressed
  - ii. Elevate issues that need the attention of the Commission, provide recommendation and draft language for the Commission to use
  - iii. Create a public facing tracker of top concerns, with regular status updates for the community
- The deliverables pass with a unanimous roll call vote

### **New Business**

- Commissioner Allison presented a draft Resolution to Ensure a Litter-Free Community **(01:00:40)**
- Questions/Discussion:
  - Attempt to highlight the issue and resolve the issue of trash can removal.
    - Multiple trash cans were removed from the community, leading to multiple 311 requests for trash removal.
  - Comment by Commissioner Nunez on 311 requests not properly working
  - Comment by Commissioner Decker that this should be elevated to Councilmember Nadaeu
- Commissioner Parbhoo presented a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Nunez
  - The resolution passed with 5 votes, all in favor
    - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yay
    - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, not present
    - SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, yay
    - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, not present
    - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, yay
    - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yay
    - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yay
- Commissioner Allison presented a draft Resolution for Safety Improvement Brown & Monroe Sts NW **(01:09:10)**
- Questions/Discussion:
  - Attempt to reduce safety risks, commonly documented by residents. 25 neighbors signed letters in support of safety improvements.
  - The Brown/Monroe Intersection meets several of DDOTs stated criteria for road improvements
    - Roadway characteristics, crash patterns, equity, proximity and locations utilized by vulnerable road users.
  - ANC1D advises the District of Columbia Department of Transportation to prioritize resolving this issue scheduled for the next quarter of this fiscal year.

- Commissioner Decker added that the ANC1D Commission should have a broader conversation about safety in this intersection.
- Commissioner Nunez presented a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parbhoo
  - The resolution passed with 5 votes, all in favor
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- Commissioner Grigg presented a draft Letter on Emergency Rental Assistance Program Access (01:14:40)
- Questions/Discussion:
  - Hoping to address challenges faced by tenants on the ERAP portal for its new application that opened on October 2nd.
    - Outages from Tuesday Oct 3 - Friday Oct 6
    - Long wait times via phone calls
    - Portal now closed until next year after brief weekend open
  - Call to resolve technical issues by the time the portal reopens in January
  - Edit of Date / vote recounted
- Commissioner Parbhoo presented a motion to approve the letter, seconded by Commissioner Decker
  - Support for the letter passed with 5 votes, all in favor
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    - SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, yay
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- Commissioner Parbhoo presented a draft Resolution Opposing Changes to Bancroft Boundaries (01:19:10)
- Questions/Discussion:
  - Attempt to prevent the potential shrinking of the boundary of Bancroft elementary school to exclude the southern portion of Irving St, Hobart and the northern portion of Harvard St.
  - Multiple community members wrote 28 letters of support, as well as having virtual and in-person attendees supporting this specific issue in the GBM.

- Commissioner Parbhoo will represent the Commission in all manners due to this.
  - Cited reason moving to neighborhood
  - Cited school access, diversity and equity
- Community Members left comments all in support of the resolution
- Discussion of potential solutions such as adding annexes for preschool which is done in other schools.
- Commissioner Nunez presented a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parbhoo.
- The resolution passed with 5 votes, all in favor
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  - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, not present
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### **Public Comment**

- Hoping that the boundary of Bancroft is not shortened.
- Questions about equity and capacity problems in DC schools for feeder programs into dual-language schools.
- Importance of dual-language schools being available for all students in the community, especially for Spanish speakers.
- 1648 Park Rd. construction permit request.
- (Online) Pepco public meeting Nov 4th for service production.

### **Secretary's Report**

- Next meeting November will have published FY23 Annual Report
  - Summary of Resolution and Letters

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Consider Sponsorship for Dia de Los Muertos event for \$1,000
  - Serves the community, highlights culture and heritage.
  - The ANC1D commissioners will be able to be there, table and engage with the community.
  - This is part of the goal to use excess ANC1D reserve funds to support the community.
- Commissioner Decker moved to approve the motion, Commissioner Parbhoo seconded to approve the motion
  - The motion to approve the budget passed with 5 votes, all in favor
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**Commissioner Updates:**

- Commissioner Allison:
  - Walk with the Mayor at Lamont Plz at 4 PM Oct 25th
  - Thank you to Mt. Pleasant Village
  - Thursday the 26th the 3D 7th District V st. Office community meeting
  - New pantry on Mt. Pleasant st. next to Mt. Pleasant Hair Salon
- Commissioner Decker:
  - Recognition of Columbia Heights and that the mayor has those areas pointed out as well.
- Commissioner Willis
  - Pilot composting program with thousands of households.
  - Lamont St. Block party approved.
- Next meeting is November 14th at 7 pm virtually and in the library.

**End of Meeting**

With no additional comments or questions, Chair Decker moved for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Willis seconded. The motion passed with five (5) votes, all in favor, none opposed.

**Commissioner Allison adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM**

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