

## **Minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D**

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

At 7:21 pm, Angela Allison, chair, called the meeting to order. Six 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

SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, present

SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, present

SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, not present

SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, present (virtually)

SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, present

SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, present

### **Administrative Tasks:**

- Agenda Approval
  - *CHANGES*
    - Last minute addition of Councilmember Nadeau speaking added to the Agenda and moved to the top “District Government Announcements”
    - Removal of Resolution for Extension of Alcohol and Beverage License Renewal for Addis Cafe since it was already awarded.
    - Removal of Historic Preservation Permit for 3212 19th St NW - no resolution for this permit.
  - Commissioner Allison motioned to approve the agenda with noted changes; Commissioner Nunez seconded. The Chair called a voice vote, and the agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Review & Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (June 2023)
  - Commissioner Nunez motioned to approve meeting minutes was seconded by Commissioner Decker and 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 16th 7pm in-person at the Mount Pleasant Library.

## **DC Government & Representative Announcements**

### **Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1 Council Member (Nadeau's Office)**

Here to discuss recurring concerns from members of the Mount Pleasant community regarding public safety.

- Friday evening walks around the community with MPD
  - Talk to businesses and residents about solutions and strategies for public safety
  - CM Nadeau aspires to resolve other underlying issues with policy while MPD does their day-to-day work.
- New Budget for FY24 sees around 4.5M USD in public safety investments
  - Funds for Mount Pleasant to have Community Navigators
  - Activity in corner of Kenyon/Mount Pleasant
- Hiring of people to be in the spot, and they are working with the people who experience SUD and they directly connect them to resources
- Pilot program in Columbia Heights saw positive health outcomes, and dozens of folks received care.
- This is an expanded service to complement the DC-wide CRT (Crisis Response Team), which only has around 46 members and is stretched thin.
- District Bridges, through the Main Streets Programs of both Columbia Heights and Georgia Avenue will hire and manage the Community Navigators for Mount Pleasant
  - Currently in our community, we have Paco and Dario at the forefront of the Community Navigator program.
  - MPD is working in the community in their own way, but the council is looking to complement the collective approach.
- The corner of Kenyon and Mount Pleasant is going to become Amigos Park, and the challenges faced by folks currently using the space is hindering the construction of the park.
  - CM office secured funding for FY2023, Capital Construction Services was hired to bring in a General Contractor and Landscape Architect, and determined there were challenges with the timeline that the DDOT space permit application had set. This brought a set of challenges.
  - An arborist and structural engineer were hired to ensure proper construction of the park while protecting existing tree roots and canopies.
  - A civil engineer will advise on paving suspension, and stair and ramp placement.
- The major unresolved issue is whether or not the city can lease or acquire the adjacent 7/11 property, only the part that is fenced in for now is available - and they are not expecting to be able to acquire this at all.
  - The CM office is likely to recommend no longer waiting, and securing the park in the existing owned property space even if it is smaller.
  - Money currently covers costs of design, landscaping architecture, structural architect and engineers.
  - DGS will submit their plan to DDOT in October for a December public hearing

- Mount Pleasant Senior Village had asked for funding to Mount Pleasant Street and the parks that connect it
  - This funding was secured by the CM's office as the "Public Place Study" is kicking off in FY2024.
  - Lamont Park public park redesign, which has been long desired by the community, could see progress.
- NEW chief of MPD, trying to bring her to Ward 1 to speak to the community.
- Parking Enforcement - hearing on October 4th to crack down on Fake Tags. Public can tune in and stream this hearing.
- Trash bill - public hearing later on in October.

At 7:45 PM CM Brianna Nadeau took questions from the public for about 15 minutes.

Main points:

- Sobering center to open up in Columbia Heights, it will seek to help alleviate and address the issues faced by our community members suffering from substance use disorder (SUD).
- Gun violence and assaults with deadly weapons continue to be cause for concern in our neighborhood, but this is generally contained within the conflicting parties. MPD working to get guns off the street. Updating laws for "ghost" guns and pretrial detention for violent crimes.
- The Community Navigator program is more successful when they hire peers and folks with similar experiences, instead of social workers.

**Consent Agenda Review**

- Board of Zoning Adjustment Application; 1748 Lamont St NW
  - Reconstruction of existing deck and stairs in rear of residential building
- Alcohol and Beverage License Renewal; 3170 Mount Pleasant St NW (Los Primos)
  - Commissioner Nunez to represent the commission in all matters relating to this
- Public Space Permit: Excavation and Paving; 1648 Newton St NW
  - Development of one new parking space as consistent with adjacent residencies

SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yay

SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yay

SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, yay

SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, not present

SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, not present

SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yay

SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yay

## New Business

- Commissioner Nunez presented a drafted resolution Vision Zero Hardening Project for pedestrian safety infrastructure on 18th Street NW & Newton Street NW
  - Questions/Discussion:
    - No questions or further discussion
  - Commissioner Decker presented a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Willis
    - The resolution passed with 5 votes, all in favor
      - SMD1D01 - Kelly Willis, yay
      - SMD1D02 - Hannah Grigg, yay
      - SMD1D03 - Erika Nunez, yay
      - SMD1D04 - Yasmin Romero, not present
      - SMD1D05 - Omar Parbhoo, not present
      - SMD1D06 - Angela Allison, yay
      - SMD1D07 - Gary Decker, yay
  
- Commissioner Allison presented a discussion and motion to create a new Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety to advise the Commission on all matters of public safety
  - Questions/Discussion:
    - The Committee shall be composed of no less than five (5) residents of ANC1D area, in which one (1) Commission member and one (1) resident serve as co-chair. Committee members are to compose of a minimum of three (3) residents from the Mount Pleasant area, and a minimum of two (2) residents of the northern Columbia Heights area. They will serve for a term of six (6) months, renewable for another term.
    - Commissioner Willis agrees that the Committee will empower the Commission to extend beyond the efforts of individual commissioners responding to concerns and complaints of public safety. Fully supports the motion.
    - Commissioner Grigg asked if ANC bylaws allow the creation of a Committee and direct the Commission in how to appoint members to the Ad Hoc Committees, Commissioner Allison clarified that they do allow but don't direct in how to appoint members.
    - Commissioner Nunez discussed that the Committee can take different models, and take shape as something as publicly inclusive as possible.
    - Commissioner Allison discussed taking lead in executing the proper timeline of setting up the next steps to form this Committee on Public Safety by the October ANC1D General Body Meeting.
    - Commissioner Decker discussed putting up a sign-up link + QR code online post the meeting.
    - Commissioner Nunez led a discussion on whether or not a person who served the community but did not live in it, such as a business owner, would be allowed to serve in the Committee. Commissioner Decker

discussed the potential of intentionally setting up the language and structure of the Committee to include members of various interests, not just residents, but businesses and special interests.

- Commissioner Willis discussed whether or not the Committee would serve to solely advise MPD in matters of public safety, or itself hold space for members of MPD to join. Commissioner Allison clarified that the role of the Committee would be to advise the ANC in matters of public safety, which could include establishing forums and conversations with other public agencies such as MPD. Commissioner Decker discussed supporting engaging with the various public agencies as a Committee instead of having members of those agencies sit within the Committee.
- Commissioner Allison re-introduced the motion to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety to advise the Commission on all matters of public safety
  - Questions/Discussion:
    - The Committee shall be composed of no less than seven (7) members, five (5) of which are residents of ANC1D area, in which one (1) Commission member and one (1) resident serve as co-chair. Committee members are to compose of a minimum of three (3) residents from the Mount Pleasant area, a minimum of two (2) residents of the northern Columbia Heights area, and a minimum of two (2) special interest members. They will serve for a term of six (6) months, renewable for another term.
    - Within one (1) month, the ANC will establish a co-chair Commissioner, one (1) to three (3) deliverables the Committee will accomplish, create a recording structure for feedback into the ANC, and prepare a list of interested community members to be voted on during the October General Body Meeting.
  - Commissioner Willis moved to approve the motion, seconded by Commissioner Grigg
    - The resolution passed with 5 votes, all in favor
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## **Public Comment**

- Commissioner Allison opened the floor for public comment:
  - Chat Comments:
    - Closing Newton as students arrive or leave Bancroft elementary in the morning and after school.
      - Discussion regarding working with MPD and using technology tools such as Google Maps to redirect drivers.
  - In-person Comments:
    - “Has anyone tried to put a sidewalk on 17th street on the side of the park?”
      - Commissioner Grigg discussed the active proposal and plan to extend the sidewalk all the way down, a crosswalk, and build a sidewalk on the side of Piney Branch.
      - DPR and DDOT are in collaboration on this.

## **Secretary’s Report**

- Nothing new/significant to report this month

## **Treasurer’s Report**

- Payments this month were issued to:
  - La Clínica del Pueblo for Support of La Fiesta del Barrio
  - Gian Simone for Administrative Assistant Contract
  - Standard payments for Poster-ing and Spanish Interpretation costs
- Commissioner Decker moved to approve the motion, Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the motion
  - The motion to approve the budget passed with 5 votes, all in favor
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- Transfer from Bank of America to Industrial Bank
  - \$2 charge for paper statements will be canceled once we have access to the online account, and \$90 for paper checks. Commissioner Grigg asks for approval to, as per OANC instruction, move \$100 from “Personnel” to “Bank Charges” in the FY23 budget.
- Commissioner Decker moved to approve the motion, Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the motion
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- Commissioner Grigg introduced FY24 budget
  - The Commission is carrying forward approximately \$52,000 and will be receiving a slightly higher District Allotment of \$19,014, and \$2,000 for Interpretation Reimbursements.
  - There are a total of \$73,014 in funds available during FY24.
    - Breakdown includes funds for Admin Assistant, Rent, Communications, Interpretations and Poster making, Bank Charges and a small Security Fund.
    - Discussion of eligibility using excess funds for sponsorship of partner events or other funds, adding funds to the “Other” section for necessary materials and adding funds for Tech Assistance.
      - \$500 added for Other
      - \$300 added for Office Supplies/Printing
      - \$400 round-up for Communication
- Commissioner Decker moves to approve the budget and revisit in the October General Body Meeting
  - The motion to approve the budget passed with 5 votes, all in favor
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**Commissioner Updates:**

- Commissioner Allison:
  - The next General Body meeting will be held on October 24th
  - Meeting Agenda and Updated Resolutions will be posted on the ANC website within 7 days of this meeting

**End of Meeting**

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

**Commissioner Allison adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM**

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