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THE MINUTES OF THE

October 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at the Latin American Youth Center (1419 Columbia Rd NW) and virtually via Zoom. Commissioner Dieter Lehmann Morales called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. In accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 1–207.42 and 1–309.11(c) the meeting was properly noticed in advance and open to the public.

Appointment of Acting Secretary, *vice Commissioner Anthony Thomas-Davis resigned*

The Commission appointed Commissioner Stephen Coleman Kenny as acting Secretary via unanimous consent.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner Stephen Coleman Kenny took roll call.

The following Commissioners were marked as “present”:

- SMD 1A01 – Jaspal Bhatia
- SMD 1A02 – Dieter Lehmann Morales
- SMD: 1A03 – Carlo Perri
- SMD 1A04 – Jeremy Sherman
- SMD 1A05 – Stephan Coleman Kenny
- SMD 1A06 – Anthony Thomas-Davis
- SMD 1A07 – Mukta Ghorpadey
- SMD 1A09 – James A. Turner
- SMD 1A10 - Billy Easley

A quorum was declared and determined by roll call at the beginning of the meeting, with 9 of 9 commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Dieter Lehman Morales introduced and moved to accept the agenda without changes. The Commission approved the agenda via unanimous consent.

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READING AND APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES

The Chair called up the Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the previous regular meeting of the Commission on September 11, 2024. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously via unanimous consent.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission appointed Commissioner Stephen Coleman Kenny as Secretary via unanimous consent.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Thomas-Davis delivered the Secretary's Report in his capacity as former Secretary.

Commissioner Easley delivered the Treasurer's Report.

GENERAL SPEECHES & PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several Commissioners and community members made announcements.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee chairs delivered committee reports.

Standing Committees

- **Committee on Education, Youth, and Family**, ANC 1A Resident Christine Miller, Chair
- **Committee on Housing Justice and Zoning**, ANC 1A Resident Max Ewart, Chair
 - Report delivered by Commissioner Lehmann Morales on behalf of Chair Ewart.
- **Committee on Public Safety**, Commissioners Carlo Perri and Billy Easley, Co-Chairs
- **Committee on Small Business and Economic Development**, Commissioner Jeremy Sherman, Chair
- **Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Spaces**, Commissioner Stephen Coleman Kenny, Chair

Special Committee

- **Permanent Special Committee on Public Life & Neighborhood Planning**, Commissioner Anthony Thomas-Davis, Chair

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COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Carolina Buitrago delivered a presentation on behalf of District Bridges, regarding the Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant Vending Zone and draft vending sites/lots and management guidelines.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL & THE EXECUTIVE

Estelle McKinney delivered a presentation on behalf of the Office of Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau.

Kendall Gibson, Ward 1 Liaison, delivered a presentation on behalf of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MORCS).

NEW BUSINESS

Issue (Sponsor)

R24-0017, A Recognition Resolution Concerning the Neighbors of 10th Street NW and the 10th Street Block Party (Ghorpadey)

- Motion in support of R24-0017 was approved by voice vote, 9 Commissioners voting "Yes"; 0 voting "No"; 0 Abstaining.

R24-0018, A Resolution Concerning Opposition to the Harmonious Living Amendment Act of 2024 before the Council of the District of Columbia (Thomas-Davis)

- Commissioner Thomas-Davis accepted several amendments to R24-0018 as friendly:
 - o Insert "Sections 4 and 6" to Line 74.
 - o Strike "particularly Section 4" from Line 75.
 - o Move lines 35-38 to before Line 13.
 - o Add "Sections 4 and 6" to the title of the resolution.
- Motion in support of R24-0018, as amended, was approved by roll call vote (unanimous support):
 - o Yeas: Commissioners Lehmann Morales, Bhatia, Easley, Ghorpadey, Kenny, Perri, Sherman, Thomas-Davis, and Turner
 - o Nays: None
 - o Abstentions: None
 - o Not voting: None

R24-0019, A Resolution Concerning Designation of Civic Plaza Partners as the Department of Parks and Recreation Park Partners for the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza (Thomas-Davis)

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- Commissioner Thomas-Davis accepted an amendment to R24-0018 as friendly:
 - o Replace the word “is” on Line 42 with the word “be”
- Motion in support of R24-0019, as amended, was approved by voice vote, 9 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

R24-0020, A Resolution Concerning a Resolution Concerning the Root Causes of and Response to the Gas Explosion at 1433 Columbia Rd NW (Perri, Lehmann Morales, and Thomas-Daivs)

- Motion in support of R24-0020 was approved by voice vote, 9 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

PROPOSED AGREEMENTS

A proposed settlement agreement, A24-0007 (A Settlement Agreement Concerning Green Tree Incorporated d/b/a Greenway's at 3617 14th St NW (SMD 1A04), for a Medical Cannabis Retailer License), was introduced by Commissioner Sherman as both the district Commissioner and the chair of the referring Committee (Small Business and Economic Development).

- Motion in support of A24-0007 was approved by voice vote, 9 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS

A Motion to Adopt REP24-0008, the Hearing Record of the Special Committee on Public Life, concerning its September 5, 2024, Public Hearing on “Management of the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza” and direct its transmittal to the Council of the District of Columbia, was introduced by Commissioner Thomas-Davis.

- Motion in support of REP24-0008 was approved by voice vote, 9 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

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The next general meeting of ANC 1A is Wednesday, November 13, 2024. This meeting will be held virtually; more information for how to join the meeting will be available at anc1a.org.