

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**for the**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**  
**on**  
**March 6, 2025, Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)**

*Guest speaker at 6:40 p.m.*

- Sean Moore, Lead Free DC (Contractor) DC Water

**SUMMARY:** Sean Moore from DC Water provided an update on the Lead Free DC program, which aims to replace 42,000 lead service lines citywide. To date, 7,914 lines have been replaced. The program prioritizes high-risk areas based on environmental justice factors and maintains a public dashboard at [www.dewater.com/lead](http://www.dewater.com/lead) for tracking progress. Lead exposure poses serious health risks, particularly for children and pregnant women. The initiative focuses on replacing lead and galvanized service lines, which can leach lead into drinking water. Residents can check their service line material using an online map and monitor construction timelines through the dashboard. DC Water replaces lines through three programs: DC Water-initiated (free replacements prioritized by risk), customer-initiated (with financial assistance available), and voluntary (homeowner-funded). Residents must sign a Right of Entry authorization for replacements to proceed. Construction typically begins 6–12 months after sign-up, with block-wide projects taking up to two years. Homeowners receive notices 60 days, a few weeks, and 48 hours before work begins. DC Water restores yards and interiors after work is completed, while street paving is done after all homes on a block are finished. The Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program (LPRAP) allows eligible homeowners with lead service lines on the private side to apply for free replacement instead of waiting for their block’s scheduled work. Commissioners urged DC Water to improve outreach and ensure clear communication.

For more information, visit [dewater.com/lead](http://dewater.com/lead) or contact [lead@dewater.com](mailto:lead@dewater.com).

Call meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner	Present	Absent
1B01 Fay	X	
1B02 Barrilleaux		X
1B03 Sycamore	X	
1B04 Lemon-Strauss	X	
1B05 Kensek	X	
1B06 Trindade Deramo	X	
1B07 Holden	X	
1B08 Harris		X
1B09 Hanrahan	X	

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sycamore moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

**III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kensek moved to approve the prior meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 Minutes per Committee)**

**A. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations**

**i. Change in Date for March Committee Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Hanrahan provided an update on the first Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations (ABCR) Committee meeting held on February 19th at 7 PM. Meeting minutes were distributed, and an action item from the meeting will be discussed under new business. New placards for license renewals have been posted, and an updated agenda will be sent out soon. Due to scheduling conflicts, the next ABC Committee meeting has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, March 25, at 7 PM**. Committee members will receive official notice tomorrow.

**B. Committee on Community Engagement**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Sycamore provided updates on the Community Engagement Committee. The committee will vote on a grant for the Vermont Avenue Garden, with project leader Jeffrey Willis providing details. One committee seat is open due to a relocation; interested residents can email 1B03@anc.dc.gov. A student photographer will update promotional materials and the website. The committee has partnered with the Anthony Bowen YMCA at 14th and W to host monthly events with speakers and discussions. Collaborations include Howard University, Gallaudet University, MPD liaison units, and the Mayor's Office. The committee is coordinating outreach with ANCs in Wards 1 and 2 and will engage with businesses along the U Street corridor. Community organizations interested in free outreach programs or ANC grants should contact Commissioner Sycamore. For ANC 1B grants, businesses can check eligibility under the "Community Sponsorship" tab on the ANC 1B website. While the guidelines are under review, they remain largely accurate. Commissioner Sycamore is available to review applications before submission. Grants cannot fund ongoing operational costs but must support specific community-serving events or services. Funds cannot be used for food or ticketed events but can cover materials, space rental, and promotional costs. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18, at 6 PM,**

#### **C. Committee on Economic Development**

- i. Update on Neighborhood Management Authority and BID Discussions
- ii. Next Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 20 at 7:00pm

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay provided an update on the Economic Development Committee. The first meeting of the term focused on the proposed Neighborhood Management Authority (NMA) Bill, introduced by Councilmember Nadeau's office in January. Approximately 75–80 participants, including business owners, landlords, and residents, engaged in discussion. David Meni provided insights on the NMA, while Michael McCarthy from Quadrangle Development shared his experience with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and ongoing discussions about a possible U Street BID. The committee is compiling questions for both the Councilmember's office and BID experts based on community feedback. It is expected to be an in-person and hybrid meeting at a local U Street business, with details forthcoming. Additionally, the Office of Planning's Comprehensive Plan 2050 update will be a key topic in the coming months. Commissioner Fay attended the Mayor's kickoff event and noted plans to have the Office of Planning present at an upcoming ANC meeting. Public hearings will be scheduled to gather community input on the plan. The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm,** continuing discussions on the NMA and BID framework.

#### **D. Committee on Public Safety**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo provided an update on behalf of Commissioner Barrilleaux regarding the Public Safety Committee. The committee held its first meeting in February and currently has four members, with a goal of reaching ten. Residents interested in joining can apply at [www.anc1b.org/serve](http://www.anc1b.org/serve). The committee discussed key public safety issues, including youth opportunities, mental health and drug addiction, and plans to focus on action-oriented initiatives such as expanding safe passage programs, ANC-sponsored student scholarships, police staffing and training improvements, and advocating for crime prosecution priorities. Crime data for the ANC 1B

area showed a decline in major incidents compared to last year, with overall crime in DC decreasing. Specific reductions included homicides, robberies, and thefts from autos. The committee highlighted truancy as an ongoing concern and encouraged residents and businesses to participate in MPD's Camera Connect Program, which offers a \$500 rebate for security cameras. Upcoming meetings include the T Street Task Force on the first Tuesday of each month at 2 PM, the 3rd District CAC meeting on March 27 at 7 PM, and the next Public Safety Committee meeting on **March 18 at 7 PM via Zoom**. The new U.S. Attorney, Ed Martin, is expected to attend the March 27 CAC meeting and future community events. LaToya Davenport from the U.S. Attorney's Office confirmed Martin's attendance at the CAC meeting and invited community members to request his presence at other events. She also announced plans for a Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month event in April, focusing on education and victim resources.

#### **E. Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Space**

- i. Vehicular Noise Reduction Act of 2025
- ii. NOI 25-18-CPB - Curbside Changes to Implement WMATA Better Bus Network Redesign in ANC 1B

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden provided an update on the Transportation, Parks and Public Spaces Committee. The committee has 15 members, the largest number among ANC 1B committees. No votes were taken at the last meeting, but two agenda items are under consideration for resolutions in April. The next committee meeting is scheduled for **April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. A representative from Councilmember Pinto's office will attend to discuss the Vehicular Noise Abatement Act, as Pinto is the bill's lead sponsor. The committee will likely introduce a resolution on this issue.

#### **F. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Kensek provided an update on the Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee. The committee met on February 24, with 13 members in attendance. Meeting minutes are available for review. One action item will be voted on during the ANC meeting. The next ZPD Committee meeting is scheduled for **March 17 at 6:30 PM**. New members and public participation are encouraged. The committee continues to engage with the Department of Buildings (DOB) and Office of Zoning, despite challenges in obtaining responses, particularly following the recent building collapse on 11th Street. At the last meeting, Steve Calcutt from the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) provided an overview of historic preservation processes. The session was designed for those new to the topic and offered a clear understanding of preservation policies.

### **V. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **A. Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: David Meni (3 - 5 Minutes)**

**SUMMARY:** David Meni from Councilmember Nadeau's office provided updates on recent and upcoming legislative and community initiatives.

- **Performance Oversight & Budget Hearings:** Performance oversight hearings are concluding, and the Mayor's budget proposal will be released on April 2. Councilmember

Nadeau has focused on illegal dumping, data privacy, equitable access to translation services, and Medicaid implementation issues, including delays in home visiting program reimbursements. Residents are encouraged to participate in budget hearings, with schedules to be published soon.

- **Earth Month & Beverage Container Bill:** April is Earth Month, with multiple neighborhood cleanups planned. The Councilmember continues advocating for the bottle deposit bill, which aims to reduce litter. The bill faces opposition from the beverage industry, and a detailed FAQ is available on the Councilmember's website.
- **Smart Composting Initiative:** Thirty smart compost bins have been deployed across the city, including one at 14th & U in ANC 1B. These bins help reduce food waste and rat populations, especially in areas without access to curbside composting or farmers markets. Smart compost bins are being monitored through the Metro Key app, with a request noted for a new bin near Whole Foods on Florida Avenue.

The Councilmember has raised concerns with DCHA regarding conditions at Garfield Terrace, and follow-ups will be provided. For the Park Morton redevelopment, replacement public housing units have been designed to fit the needs of current residents, including larger units for families that have grown. Regarding inclusionary zoning, the office is reviewing inefficiencies identified in a DC Auditor's report. The Councilmember did not attend the ABCA oversight hearing but will examine neighborhood impacts, noise concerns, and potential alcohol law reforms. The Harmonious Living Act, passed in 2023, aims to address noise abatement in buildings, but funding is needed for full implementation. The Transportation Committee will discuss safety issues at 13th and Clifton, particularly concerns over sightlines and pedestrian safety near schools. Residents can reach out to the Councilmember's office for further details or follow-ups on these topics. The next "Brianne on Your Block" event will take place on Tuesday, March 18, from 6 to 8 PM at Here's the Scoop (2824 Georgia Ave NW).

#### **B. Office of the Mayor: Anthony Robertson, MOCRS (3 - 5 Minutes)**

**SUMMARY:** Anthony Robertson from the Mayor's Office provided updates on residential street sweeping enforcement starting March 17 and illegal dumping and graffiti removal efforts. Residents should report any missed holiday tree pickups or illegal dumping for quick action. The mayor is addressing federal layoffs by planning job events for affected workers. Concerns were raised about DC Home Rule, dog waste issues, and federal contractors impacted by funding cuts. The Mayor's Office is looking into additional support for contractors and will provide updates. A community member raised concerns about residents failing to pick up after their dogs, particularly near Meridian Hill Park. Commissioner Trindade Deramo noted that despite some neighbors installing signs and providing dog waste bags, the issue persists. The Office of the Clean City has provided dog waste bags in the past and typically coordinates with the Department of General Services (DGS) for parks managed by the DC. Anthony will follow up on whether additional resources, such as signs or waste stations, could be made available and suggested working with buildings to install more bag dispensers.

#### **C. District Agencies: (3 Minutes)**

- i. Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection, Shakira Richardson

**SUMMARY:** Shakira Richardson from the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) provided an overview of the agency's role in business licensing, consumer protection, and enforcement against unlicensed businesses. DLCP investigates consumer complaints, ensures businesses meet licensing requirements, and enforces the flavored tobacco ban, including menthol cigarettes. They also address unlicensed rental activity and work with other agencies on enforcement matters. Residents are encouraged to report unlicensed businesses, illegal rentals, or consumer protection violations. Complaints can be submitted through their online form, and fines for violations can be significant.

**D. Commissioner announcements:** *(2 Minutes per Commissioner)*

**i. Food Waste Smart Bin at the Reeves Center (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay provided updates on LeDroit Park, including discussions at the T Street Task Force meeting regarding enforcement actions against Shaw Howard Deli due to ongoing issues. A recent shooting near Kelly Miller and LeDroit Park involved automatic weapons, raising community concerns despite efforts from violence interrupters and MPD. Additionally, a major road redesign will take place within the next 30–45 days, closing the S Street connector and altering traffic patterns at the intersection of Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Florida Avenue.

Commissioner Sycamore announced upcoming Pepco and Washington Gas projects affecting his SMD. Pepco will conduct 24-hour work from March 18 to 22 on Florida Avenue between the 1000 and 1300 blocks, replacing aging infrastructure and impacting parking in the area. Additionally, Washington Gas has begun work on the 900 block of W Street, expected to continue through mid-March.

Commissioner Hanrahan provided an update on new developments in his SMD. A new coffee shop has opened at 2610 14th Street NW in the recently completed Novel building. Nearby, the Faircliff building at 2641 14th Street NW, located at the boundary of ANC 1B and 1A, is still undergoing construction. Hanrahan has been coordinating with ANC 1A's new commissioner and Fairmont Street residents regarding outstanding public space commitments from the developer. The developer has agreed to complete these obligations, but residents with concerns should reach out to him or ANC 1A Chair Jeremy Sherman.

Anthony Robertson from the Mayor's Office announced a new initiative to highlight local businesses. He recently visited 1B01 Fish Scales and shared the visit on the Mayor's Office social media page. He encouraged commissioners to recommend businesses interested in participating, as he is willing to visit and promote them at no cost.

**E. Community announcements:** *(2 Minutes per Community Member)*

**SUMMARY:** Alexander Padro from Shaw Main Streets announced that the annual *Eat, Drink, Shaw: Savor the Flavor* food and beverage showcase will take place on April 17 from 7:00 to 9:30 PM at the Howard Theatre. The event serves as a fundraiser, and a neighborhood discount is available



until next Monday, reducing ticket prices from \$100 to \$25. More information is available at [eatdrinkshaw.com](http://eatdrinkshaw.com).

## VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

### A. Executive officers' reports *(2 Minutes per Executive)*

**SUMMARY:** No reports to share

### B. Revision of prior meeting minutes – Commissioner Lemon-Strauss

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss moved that the Commission hereby corrects the minutes of the November 2024 meeting to reflect that at that meeting the Commission approved the FY24 Q3 Quarterly Financial Report. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

Commissioner Trindade Deramo announced that Raessa Singh has joined as the ANC's outreach consultant, taking over management of the website and Mailchimp newsletter. The Commission plans to increase newsletter frequency to three or four issues per month, incorporating not just Commission updates but also local events, new business openings, and other community news. Committee chairs will soon receive an email outlining deadlines for submitting agenda previews and meeting minutes to ensure a streamlined publication process.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. ABCR: Settlement Agreement with Holistic District

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners Hanrahan and Holden discussed the application for a new medical cannabis dispensary, The Holistic District, at 2002 17th Street NW. The ANC's ABCR Committee had previously reviewed the application and voted 4-2 to protest it on the grounds of peace, order, and quiet. Kevin Archer, the business owner, stated that he purchased the building in January 2024 and that the dispensary would be located on the first floor, with residential apartments remaining on the upper floors. The business will focus on therapeutic cannabis products, and Archer confirmed compliance with zoning regulations. Commissioner Holden noted that concerns raised by residents, including noise, deliveries, trash disposal, and security, were addressed in the Settlement Agreement, which followed a framework used for previous dispensary agreements with modifications specific to this location.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved for the ANC to support the Settlement Agreement, which, if approved, would result in ANC 1B withdrawing its protest. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** The discussion reflected ANC 1B's ongoing process of reviewing cannabis dispensary applications and establishing agreements to address potential impacts on the community. Archer has done some initial outreach, including speaking with officers from MPD's 3rd District and attending community meetings, he acknowledged that more community engagement is needed before the store opens. Commissioner Sycamore and resident Courtney Stockland expressed concerns about the lack of outreach, particularly to neighbors on Seaton Street, and emphasized the importance of engaging with the community before the business becomes operational. Stockland also raised security

concerns, noting that other similar businesses in the area have become crime hotspots and that the MPD 3rd District station, which Archer cited as a security asset, may relocate due to redevelopment. In response, Archer assured attendees that security is a priority and that he plans to work closely with MPD to develop a robust plan. Commissioner Holden explained that while businesses must submit a security plan to ABCA (Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration) before receiving final approval, ANC 1B has not previously required businesses to have one before the commission votes. Archer confirmed that ABCA will review and approve the plan before licensing. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

**B. Comm. Engagement:** Proposed Sponsorship of Vermont Ave Clean up

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Sycamore discussed a \$500 funding request for the Vermont Avenue Cleanup and Restoration Garden Party, led by Jeffrey Willis for 22 years. The volunteer-run initiative beautifies Vermont Avenue with new plants and maintenance, supported by local businesses like Wet Dog, Whole Foods, and the 9:30 Club. Commissioner Sycamore emphasized community support and compliance with ANC funding rules. Jeffery Willis provided additional details about the event, describing it as a significant community-building opportunity that attracts over 60 volunteers each spring. The initiative is supported by local businesses, with some contributing door prizes, and has been well-received by residents and business owners alike. Willis emphasized that the project promotes environmental sustainability, public safety, and neighborhood unity. He also invited commissioners and community members to participate in the upcoming cleanup event on April 26.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sycamore moved to approve the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Grant Application form for the Vermont Avenue Garden Spring Work Party in the amount of \$500 that will be taking place on April 26, 2025. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no additional discussion. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

**C. Zoning:** HPRB Case: HPA 25-93, 1922 9<sup>th</sup> St NW (ARTS-2)

**SUMMARY:** The ANC 1B Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee reviewed HPRB case HPA 25-093 regarding a proposed rear addition at 1922 9th Street NW. The committee voted 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions to recommend that the full ANC send a letter to HPRB requesting disapproval of the application. The stated reasons were: (1) the rear elevation's incompatibility with historic district guidelines, (2) lack of community engagement, and (3) lack of notification to neighboring property owners. Commissioner Lemon-Strauss questioned the opposition based on height, noting the addition does not increase the building's overall height. Patrick Nelson, committee advisor, clarified that the concern was about the rear facade design rather than height. Commissioners also noted the applicant did not notify neighbors or seek community input, and the ZPD Committee had to initiate contact. Nelson emphasized that an ANC objection would ensure further engagement before HPRB approval. Commissioner Holden pointed out that the Historic Preservation Office found the addition compatible with the historic district and questioned opposing it. Community member Frank Chauvin raised concerns about potential noise impacts and the property's prior use as an illegal cannabis shop.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fay recommend that the Commission send a letter to HPRB requesting disapproval of the applicant's request at 1922 9th Street, HPA 25-93, for the extension of existing structure with the reasons that the rear elevation is not compatible with the Historic District Guidelines and lack of community involvement or notifications provided to the neighbors. The



motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fay clarified that an ANC letter of disapproval to HPRB does not block the project but signals the need for further review and community engagement. He emphasized the importance of respecting the ZPD Committee's unanimous decision and noted that HPO's determination of compatibility does not preclude additional scrutiny. Commissioner Sycamore sought clarification on the concerns, which were identified as the design of the rear elevation and the lack of community outreach. Commissioners debated whether the rear elevation was inconsistent with the historic district, with some arguing it was not visible from public streets and others emphasizing that the design should align with the historic character of surrounding properties. The discussion also touched on the building's past unauthorized use and concerns about potential noise impacts. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss moved is to amend by striking the language of rear elevation not compatible with Historic District guidelines. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Holden argued in favor of amending the motion to remove language objecting to the rear elevation's compatibility with the historic district. He stated that historic district regulations are meant to preserve the overall neighborhood character, not individual private views. Since the proposed addition would not be visible from public streets or alleys, he contended that it was not credible to claim it was incompatible with the historic district. He also expressed concerns about restrictive historic district regulations increasing costs for homeowners and limiting development. The motion to amend **PASSED (3 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions)**. **AMENDED MOTION:** ANC1B Commission send a letter to HPRB requesting disapproval of the applicant's request at 1922 9th Street, HPA 25-93, for the extension of existing structure, on the basis of lack of community involvement or notifications provided to the neighbors. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Hanrahan stated that potential future uses of the property could be addressed in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Agreement (ABCA) process if applicable and suggested focusing on zoning and housing aspects. Commissioner Holden clarified that the case pertains to historic preservation rather than zoning and emphasized the need to distinguish between different regulatory processes. After the amendment to remove language regarding the rear elevation's compatibility with the historic district, Commissioner Sycamore confirmed that the ANC's request to HPRB now focused solely on the applicant's lack of community engagement. Commissioner Fay stated that the letter requests HPRB not to approve the project as submitted and instead require further engagement, noting that ANC 1B has only one opportunity to provide input before HPRB proceeds. Commissioner Holden clarified that the current review concerns concept plans, which will be refined during the approval process. Commissioner Trindade Deramo and other commissioners discussed that the applicant was not legally required to engage with the community but noted that the ANC encourages outreach to ensure neighborhood awareness. Commissioner Lemon-Strauss supported the revised motion, stating that promoting community engagement is a key consideration. The motion **PASSED (5 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:49pm.

*The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on April 3, 2025.*