

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B



# AGENDA PACKET FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

ON

August 7, 2025

7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)

Miguel Trindade Deramo, SMD 1B06, *Chair*Sabel Harris, SMD 1B08, *Vice-Chair*Aaron Lemon-Strauss, SMD 1B04, *Treasurer*Matt Fay, SMD 1B01, *Secretary* 

François Barrilleaux, SMD 1B02

Jamie Sycamore, SMD 1B03

Alan Kensek, SMD 1B05

Matthew Holden, SMD 1B07

Stephen Hanrahan, SMD 1B09



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August 7, 2025, Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)

Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.

• Jeffrey Jones: Captain, Metropolitan Police Department

Call meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### I. ROLL CALL

	Commissioner	Present	Absent
1B01	Fay		
1802	Barrilleaux		
1B03	Sycamore		
1804	Lemon-Strauss		
1805	Kensek		
1B06	Trindade Deramo		
1B07	Holden		
1B08	Harris		
1B09	Hanrahan		

#### II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission August 7, 2025 Meeting Agenda
- B. Commission July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

#### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS** (3 minutes per committee)

- A. Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Space
  - i. July Committee Meeting Summary
  - ii. August Committee Meeting Preview



#### B. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

- i. July Committee Meeting Summary
- ii. Upcoming ZPD Agenda Items

#### C. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations

i. Update on Current Protests

#### D. Committee on Community Engagement

- i. Update on Current Community Engagement Efforts
- E. Committee on Economic Development
  - i. Update on 1617 U Street Development Timeline
  - ii. Comp Plan 2050 ANC 1B Activities

#### F. Committee on Public Safety

i. Monthly crime data updates

#### IV. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, AND AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: David Meni (3 minutes)
- B. Office of the Mayor: Stephanie Advincula, MOCR (3 minutes)
- C. District Agencies: Steven Osborn, DDOT Kiwi-bot Pilot Launch (4 minutes)

#### V. COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A. Commissioner announcements** (1 minute per Commissioner)
- **B.** Community announcements (1 minute per community member)



#### VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Executive Officers' Reports (2 minutes per officer)

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **ABRA-126215:** "SOST", 1901 9th Street, NW, Proposed Settlement Agreement for a Substantial Change in License requesting a Summer Garden with 9 seats.
- **B. TPPS:** Resolution Urging DDOT to Explore Bicycle Friendly Speed Hump Treatments
- **C. ED:** Resolution in Support of DMPED's Formal Engagement of the Community Before Finalizing a Development RFP for 16171 U Street NW
- D. **TPPS:** Letter of Support for DDOT NOI 25-179-TPA Installation of Reserved Residential Parking Space for Disabled Resident at 2021 Vermont Ave NW
- **E. SMD1B01:** Letter of Support for the Removal of a Public Trash Can (LeDroit Park)

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, September 4, 2025.



# DRAFT MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION on July 10, 2025, Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)

Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.

• Fred Moosally: Director, DC Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration

**SUMMARY:** Director Fred Moosally of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) joined the meeting to provide an overview of the upcoming liquor license renewal period for taverns and nightclubs across the District. Approximately 540 establishments are required to renew their licenses by September 30, 2025. The renewal process will begin in mid-August, when ABCA will send out electronic notifications to license holders. Placard notices will be posted during September and October, marking the start of the 45-day public comment period, during which ANCs may submit recommendations, protest applications, or negotiate settlement agreements. All official ANC responses, protests, and letters of support should be sent to <a href="mailto:abca.legal@dc.gov">abca.legal@dc.gov</a>.

Director Moosally emphasized the importance of ANC input, noting that their recommendations carry "great weight" in ABCA's decision-making process. He was joined by Mary McNamara, ABCA's Public Information Officer, who leads the agency's community outreach team and supports ANC engagement and information-sharing. The presentation aimed to ensure commissioners, and the public were informed about the upcoming process, particularly in ANC 1B, which has a high concentration of tavern and nightclub licenses.

During the Q&A, Director Moosally addressed several key topics related to ABCA's operations and upcoming license renewals. He shared that ABCA has drafted the *Noise Balance Amendment Act of 2025*, which would reduce the need for investigators to enter private homes when responding to noise complaints—making enforcement more efficient and respectful of residents' privacy.

Commissioners raised concerns about access to licensee records and settlement agreements, and Moosally acknowledged website limitations. He noted that ABCA is developing a new Salesforce-based records system and committed to including ANC contact info on renewal placards going forward. He also assured commissioners that ABCA will not face staffing cuts and is hiring a new nighttime investigator to strengthen noise enforcement.

Moosally explained that noise complaints can lead to warnings or escalating fines—starting at \$250 and increasing to \$1,000—but that multiple citations are only recognized after prior cases are adjudicated. Repeat violations may be referred to the OAG for possible license suspension or operational restrictions. Regarding trash issues, he clarified that ABCA can enforce settlement agreement terms, while other agencies (DPW, DOH, DDOT) handle related public health matters. On the timeline for tavern renewals, he stated notices would go out in mid-August, with ANC review periods running mainly through September and October. He emphasized ABCA's effort to stagger renewals to ease ANC workloads.



Finally, commissioners raised concerns about establishments requesting 6 a.m. operating hours amid ongoing violence and limited public safety resources. Moosally acknowledged the strain and confirmed that ABCA has already taken steps to limit hours for problem venues. He welcomed continued collaboration with ANC 1B on balancing nightlife with neighborhood safety and quality of life.

During the community Q&A, residents raised concerns about ABCA's limited use of license revocations despite ongoing public safety issues and repeated violations by certain establishments. They also urged the agency to resume in-person board meetings and improve transparency. Director Moosally responded that ABCA is exploring legislation to allow summary closures of alcohol establishments, like cannabis enforcement, and confirmed plans to bring back in-person meetings. He stated ABCA has sufficient nightly enforcement coverage but acknowledged staffing limits and emphasized efforts to reduce in-home inspections. Moosally clarified that protests can be filed by ANCs, civic associations, MPD, or groups of five residents, though group protests are dismissed if the ANC reaches a settlement. He also noted that hemp products cannot be sold in alcohol-licensed venues and emphasized the need for clear, enforceable terms in settlement agreements. ANC 1B maintains a public tracking sheet for active and upcoming license cases.

Call meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

#### IX. ROLL CALL

	Commissioner	Present	Absent
1B01	Fay	X	
1B02	Barrilleaux	X	
1B03	Sycamore		X- joined after roll call
1B04	Lemon-Strauss	X	
1805	Kensek		X- joined after roll call
1B06	Trindade Deramo	X	
1B07	Holden		X- joined after roll call
1B08	Harris	X	
1B09	Hanrahan	X	

#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission July 10, 2025 Meeting Agenda
- B. Commission June 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes



**MOTION:** Commissioner Harris moved to approve tonight's consent agenda. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fay added two items to the agenda, a revised vote on the Q1 Quarterly Financial Report (QFR), which had been previously approved with a missing item, and a late-breaking settlement agreement for Slice and Brewed (operating as The Terrace). The protest vote originally listed under new business was updated to reflect a settlement agreement adoption The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

#### **XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS** (3 minutes per committee)

#### A. Committee on Public Safety

- i. Monthly crime data updates
- ii. Public safety walk

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Barrilleaux reported that the Public Safety Committee met earlier in the week. The committee plans to organize another public safety walk in the fall, but summer heat and MPD availability have delayed scheduling. He shared updates on recent Council legislation expanding pretrial detention and modifying the juvenile curfew, now starting at 11 p.m. citywide for youth up to age 17, with potential for earlier curfews in specific areas. The committee is also exploring strategies to better engage youth by partnering with local recreation centers and conducting surveys to understand their needs and reasons for gathering on U Street. Over the July 4 weekend, MPD was overwhelmed by incidents including fireworks being fired at pedestrians. Crime data shows a decrease from 154 to 130 reported incidents over the past month, with no homicides, two assaults with dangerous weapons, and one drive-by shooting that MPD described as isolated. While monthly totals are down, some metrics remain higher than pre-pandemic levels.

#### B. Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Space

- i. June Committee Meeting Summary
- ii. July Committee Meeting Preview

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden reported that the Transportation Committee is addressing several items, including a letter of support for EV pilot charging spaces in the public right-of-way, performance parking through the U Street pilot program, a Notice of Intent (NOI) related to that program, and a proposed bus route to the hospital. The committee's July meeting focused on the updated 11th Street bike lane proposal, which includes changes such as removing protected bike lanes from S Street to Florida Avenue and along Vermont Avenue to preserve parking. However, 11th Street will be converted to one-way, one-lane southbound traffic, which may benefit cyclists. The committee is drafting a resolution in response to the updated design, to be discussed further in August.



#### C. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

- i. May Committee Meeting Summary
- ii. Upcoming ZPD Agenda Items

**SUMMARY:** Chair Brandt shared that the Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee met on June 16 and reviewed several items. The committee recommended support for an HPO case at 1315 Florida Avenue involving the remodeling and addition to a single-family rowhouse. Another application was discussed but will be brought forward at a future meeting due to timing issues. The committee also discussed the V Street building collapse, ongoing concerns about rear yard setbacks, the zoning omnibus bill, and housing-related topics, including the Rental Act and Budget Support Act. These discussions will continue at upcoming meetings.

#### D. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations

i. Update on work to catalog ANC 1B Settlement Agreements

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Hanrahan reported that the ABCR Committee is preparing for the upcoming fall tavern license renewal period. Over the summer, the committee will focus on cataloging existing settlement agreements, some of which are over a decade old, to improve organization and management of the renewal process. He plans to submit a large FOIA request to obtain the necessary documents. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, and meetings will continue monthly on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.

#### E. Committee on Community Engagement

i. Update on Committee Relaunch

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo reported that Commissioner Sycamore stepped down as chair of the Community Engagement Committee, and he has temporarily assumed those responsibilities. The committee met in June and will meet again the following Monday at 6 p.m. Current priorities include supporting U Street businesses through new outreach initiatives—such as a potential restaurant-focused scavenger hunt—and increasing ANC presence at community events. The committee is also working on recruitment to reach its goal of 10 members per committee, targeting community organizations, tenant groups, and civic associations.

#### F. Committee on Economic Development

- i. Update on 1617 U Street Property
- ii. Comp Plan 2050 ANC 1B Activities

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay provided an update from the Economic Development Committee, which recently held a public meeting to gather community input on the redevelopment of 1617 U Street NW, the site of the 3rd District MPD Precinct and Fire Station No. 9. No resolution was



introduced at that meeting, as the focus was on collecting feedback. A related community meeting is scheduled for Saturday at the 3rd District Conference Room. A draft resolution will be developed for discussion at the next committee meeting, with the goal of presenting it to the full ANC in August. He also noted continued work on the proposed Greater U Street Business Improvement District (BID), with efforts underway to engage small businesses. Finally, the committee will begin discussions in August with the Office of Planning on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan update, focusing on foundational data and projections for the Mid-City area, including ANC 1B. Commissioner Harris asked for clarification about the Saturday meeting related to the 1617 U Street NW redevelopment. Commissioner Fay explained that it is hosted by an independent community group focused on social and affordable housing, not affiliated with ANC 1B. He plans to attend to gather community feedback and offered to share the group's name and meeting details with interested commissioners.

#### XII. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, AND AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### A. Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: Niccole Rivero (3 minutes)

**SUMMARY:** Niccole Rivero, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Nadeau, provided updates on the DC Council's ongoing budget process. Key priorities in the Public Works and Operations Committee's budget include improved waste and street cleaning services, expanded public restroom access, increased litter and recycling infrastructure, and expanded curbside composting. The budget also includes funding to enforce laws against vehicles with fake or expired tags and reverses cuts to affordable housing, TANF, healthcare, and other social services. It allocates funds for substance use support and park projects, including a new public space at 625 T Street. Rivero also reported on housing legislation, noting that the Councilmember voted against the Mayor's Rental Act in committee despite some improvements, citing the need for further changes. The bill did incorporate several of Nadeau's proposed reforms to the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA).

Commissioner Holden asked about the status of the public restroom "thrones," which are currently closed. Rivero explained that the city did not extend the contract for July, but the Council is working to resolve the issue and secure permanent funding. Commissioner Fay asked about claims that the program was funded by cutting 60 DPW positions. Rivero clarified that this is inaccurate, funding for thrones came from transfers between Council committees, and job impacts are being reviewed separately. A community member asked about implementation and enforcement of the performance parking program. Rivero noted the program is still being rolled out, which limits current enforcement and data availability. She will follow up once more information is available. Budget investments are also intended to improve enforcement related to fake tags and dangerous driving.

#### B. Office of the Mayor: Stephanie Advincula, MOCR (3 minutes)

**SUMMARY:** Anthony Robertson from the Mayor's Office encouraged participation in the July 29 RFK Stadium site hearing, noting that residents can testify or submit written comments. He offered support for organizing a public safety walk and emphasized the importance of using 311 and Alert DC for reporting and receiving updates. He also asked commissioners to alert the Mayor's Office



directly during storms to help coordinate responses, citing a recent flood on the 2500 block of Sherman Avenue.

Commissioner Sycamore raised concerns about ongoing flooding near W Street and Cardozo High School. Robertson requested the information be resent so he could escalate it to the appropriate contacts.

#### C. District Agencies: Laura Gonzalez, DC Office of Human Rights (2 minutes)

**SUMMARY:** Laura Gonzalez and Rosa Carrillo from the DC Office of Human Rights presented an update on ANC language access reimbursements. Under the ANC Omnibus Act of 2016, ANCs can be reimbursed for interpretation, translation, and assistive listening services for residents with limited or no English proficiency. However, American Sign Language (ASL) is not covered under this program due to its classification under the ADA rather than the Language Access Act. ASL services must be reimbursed through the Office of ANCs or requested via the Mayor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Reimbursement requests must be submitted within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year.

#### XIII. COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A. Commissioner announcements** (1 minute per Commissioner)
  - i. Shakespeare in the Park Report Out: Trindade Deramo/Fay

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay reported on the successful Shakespeare in the Park event, estimating 400–450 attendees and crediting community outreach, good weather, and strong partnerships. The event generated interest in future programming, with residents asking for more events. Commissioner Trindade Deramo added that the logistics were manageable and encouraged involvement through the Community Engagement Committee for future cultural events.

Commissioner Barrilleaux announced an upcoming event at Beta Academy celebrating the King of Thailand's birthday, featuring martial arts demonstrations. He will share more details for inclusion in the ANC newsletter. Commissioner Trindade Deramo noted ANC 1B's past support of Beta Academy through a grant letter.

**B.** Community announcements (1 minute per community member)

**SUMMARY:** No community announcements were shared this month.



#### XIV. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Executive Officers' Reports (2 minutes per officer)

**SUMMARY:** No executive officer report was shared.

**B.** July COW Meeting Schedule: The July Committee of the Whole meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> will be scheduled for 90 minutes with 30 minutes allocated to a preview of upcoming ABCA 9/30/25 renewals presented by ANC 1B ABCR Committee Chair Hanrahan.

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo announced that the July 30 Committee of the Whole meeting will be extended to 90 minutes to allow Commissioner Hanrahan to present an overview of upcoming ABCA renewals. Commissioners are encouraged to review the list early to identify any concerns or potential protests in advance.

Commissioner Fay provided details about a community meeting hosted by the group "Save DC Public Land" (also known as the 1617 Project), scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at 12:00 PM at the 3rd District Precinct Community Room. The group, which originally opposed the 1617 U Street map amendment, now focuses on advocating for affordable and social housing. Fay clarified it is not an ANC-sponsored event but recommended attending to better understand community perspectives.

**C. Authorization of Payment for Photo Services:** The commission will vote to authorize payment to photographer Alexis Gavidia in the amount of \$500 to take second round of ANC 1B area photographs for use in Commission publications and announcements.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved to re-engage photographer Alexis Gavidia for a second round of work, noting that the original winter photos are now seasonally out of sync and some locations were missed. The proposal is to repeat the previous agreement—\$500 for 20 finished photos—with the same expectations. In his first engagement, Gavidia significantly overdelivered, providing 78 edited photos and nearly 1,000 raw images. The new photos will support ANC materials and social media use. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

**D. U Street Banner Initiative:** A request for funding to support the development of U Street area banners – an effort the Commission is organizing.

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay provided background on a proposed \$2,000 design contract for the first in a series of branded banners along the U Street corridor. The idea originated from a partnership with ANC 1E to replace aging "North Shaw" banners and evolved into a broader effort to create a unified identity for Greater U Street, rooted in the legacy of Black Broadway and the proposed "Duke District." A working group, including representatives from 1B and 1E, residents, designers, and historian Briana Thomas, has begun conceptual development. The initial funding would produce a draft banner design to engage stakeholders and seek further financial support. The banner series would highlight the area's cultural history while promoting a cohesive visual identity. Discussions with DDOT and potential partners like the BID are ongoing. Future banner placement would span 7th to 17th Street and key intersections, with installation costs to be addressed separately. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to approve a not to exceed amount of



\$2,000 for the design of an initial banner to support the U street. Duke District Banner Project. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION**: no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

E. Commission Approval of the Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Treasurer Lemon-Strauss

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss explained the need to amend the ANC's Q1 (October–December 2024) financial report to include an \$80 check issued by the previous Commission for Community Yoga. The check was never cashed and therefore wasn't reflected in the original report, but accounting regulations require it to be recorded when written. The amendment will correct the oversight; if the check remains uncashed, it will later be voided without further Commission action.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss moved to approve the amended FY25 Q1 Quarterly Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss moved to approve the FY25 Q2 Quarterly Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss moved to approve the FY25 Q3 Quarterly Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

#### F. Midterm Committee Surveys

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo reminded committee chairs to review the email from Karen about distributing a mid-year survey to committee members. The goal is to check in on how members are feeling, gather feedback, and identify areas for improvement. Chairs should aim to send the survey out by the end of July and can reach out to Karen, Matt, or Miguel with any questions.

#### XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. **ABRA-115871:** "Sliced and Brewed Restaurant", 1915 9th Street, NW, substantial change (Sliced and Brewed Restaurant ANC 1B Summer Garden.pdf) (4-0-0)

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners Hanrahan and Barrilleaux presented a proposed settlement agreement for a substantial change to a tavern license at 1915 9th Street NW, which includes adding a summer garden with hours from 9 AM to midnight. The license was inherited from the owners' parents, who purchased the building decades ago. The new operators plan to shift toward a food-focused, brunch-style establishment rather than a late-night bar or club. The agreement limits alcohol sales and outdoor amplified sound to align with moratorium zone expectations and nearby business practices. While the establishment retains its tavern license, the commissioners emphasized the intent is not to replicate the area's oversaturation of nightlife venues. Outreach was conducted with community members, including proponents of the moratorium, and the proposal was adjusted accordingly. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to support the settlement agreement with



Sliced and Brewed with the new name of The Terrace. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

**B.** ABRA-094795: "Appioo", 1924 9th Street NW, license renewal (<u>1802 - Appioo.pdf</u>) (4-0-0)

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Hanrahan reported that the ANC's ABC Committee voted unanimously to protest the license renewal for Appioo, a West African restaurant at 1924 9th St NW, due to ongoing trash management issues. Although the business has an existing settlement agreement with clear provisions on sanitation and rodent control, committee members and nearby residents have raised concerns about non-compliance. Hanrahan personally suggested focusing on enforcing the current agreement rather than protesting but deferred to the committee's decision. Community members and Commissioners Barrilleaux and Committee Member Aileen Johnson emphasized the protest as a necessary step to bring the business to the table and negotiate stronger, more enforceable terms. Commissioner Harris clarified that the ANC's role is to negotiate, not enforce, and that other parties (e.g., civic associations or neighbors) can also file protests. Commissioners discussed the need for clearer, more measurable settlement agreement language and a broader strategy for addressing trash issues on 9th Street. MOTION: Commissioner Barrilleaux moved for the full ANC protest "Appioo" at 1924 9th Street NW on the basis of peace, order and quiet and all other applicable grounds. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION**: Commissioner Sycamore shared that during the previous term, they attempted to contact Appioo and other nearby businesses about sidewalk cleanliness and debris but received no response from Appioo. Since then, no improvements have been observed, leading Sycamore to support the protest of the license renewal. The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstentions).

**C. ABRA-129325:** "Lyfted Essentials" 2220 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, ANC Proposed Settlement Agreement

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Hanrahan reported that a protest filed by a daycare against a proposed medical cannabis dispensary was withdrawn by the daycare. Commissioner Kensek worked with both parties to draft a settlement agreement based on the ANC's standard template. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to support the settlement agreement and withdrawal the protest with "Lyfted Essentials." The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harris clarified that although she had been copied on protest-related communication, the matter was not in her SMD. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

**D. SMD 1B08:** Letter of Support for Hamiltonian Artists Grant Application

**SUMMARY:** Lily Siegel, Executive Director of Hamiltonian Artists at 1353 U Street NW, presented a request for a letter of support for a grant application to the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities. The proposed public art project, in partnership with the Nicholson Project in Ward 7, would feature video art by four DC-born artists displayed on an LED media truck traveling across all eight wards and on a monitor in Hamiltonian's gallery window. The project also includes a mural component in Ward 7. Commissioners expressed support, and Siegel invited input on potential 1B locations for



the truck to stop during its citywide route. **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved to support the Hamiltonian artists grant application and sent a letter of support forthwith. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Jamie Sycamore confirmed that the request was for a letter of support only, not a funding request from ANC 1B. Lily Siegel clarified that all funding would come from the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

**E. SMD 1B01:** Resolution in Support of Naming the Public Space on the 400 Block of Florida Avenue NW (Square 507)

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay introduced a resolution to support naming the newly created public space at the 400 block of Florida Avenue NW "Harmony Park." The name honors the historic Harmoneon Cemetery, one of DC's earliest African American burial grounds. The cemetery once stood a block west of the site and was moved in the mid-1800s. The resolution will be shared with Councilmember Pinto's office, which is preparing legislation to formalize the name. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to support the renaming of the land in the triangle of Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Florida avenues to Harmony Park in recognition of the historic African American burial ground on the Harmoneon Cemetery. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

**F. SMD 1B02:** Resolution Regarding Backlog and Inaction on Illegal Sign at 1924 9th Street NW

SUMMARY: Commissioner Barrilleaux introduced a resolution urging the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) to take action on an electronic sign on 9th Street that has been displaying lewd images. The Department of Buildings (DOB) deemed the sign illegal, but it remains in place pending an OAH order. He apologized for not resending the resolution in advance but noted it had been shared at the previous meeting. He thanked community member Paul O'Neill for helping draft the resolution. O'Neill expressed appreciation for the resolution, highlighting the frustration that the illegal sign has remained up for over two years with no enforcement action. He criticized the lack of support from the Councilmember and emphasized the broader concern this sends about lax enforcement and accountability. MOTION: Commissioner Barrilleaux moved to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. DISCUSSION: no discussion. The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).

**G. SMD 1B02**: Resolution in Support of Renaming Some Alleys in 1B02

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Barrilleaux introduced a resolution to rename four alleys in 1B02 to honor historic local figures and businesses, based on research by longtime resident John Shaw. Proposed names include references to the White Cross Bakery, Shepard Allen (a key figure in the Howard Theatre's history), the Golden Q venue, and the Keys family restaurant from the Green Book era. Shaw emphasized the importance of preserving neighborhood heritage and offered to share supporting documents. **MOTION:** Commissioner Barrilleaux moved to approve resolution as



presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

H. ZPD: Resolution on the 2024 Fatal Building Collapse at 1111, 1113 V St NW

**SUMMARY:** Chair Brandt gave context to a resolution responding to the fatal building collapse at 1111–1113 V Street NW in December. While the Department of Buildings (DOB) presented at ANC and ZPD meetings, the resolution criticizes the quality of DOB's after-action report, highlighting a lack of accountability, conflicts of interest, and insufficient analysis of the agency's role. Commissioner Lemon-Strauss and community member Krishna Kumar echoed concerns about DOB's lack of transparency and follow-through. Kumar emphasized ongoing safety issues at the site and thanked the ANC for driving accountability. Chairman Trindade Deramo noted that DOB staff will attend the next ZPD meeting and expressed hope for continued collaboration on unresolved safety issues. **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

I. TPPS: Resolution on NOI-25-133-TPA: Expansion of the U Street Performance Parking Zone

SUMMARIZE: Commissioner Holden introduced a resolution supporting the expansion of the U Street Performance Parking Zone to additional residential blocks. The expansion allows visitors to pay for parking on blocks traditionally reserved for permit holders and extends enforcement to 24/7, aiming to improve parking availability and spread demand. The resolution also calls for improved signage, intersection daylighting, and transparency around enforcement and revenue use. Commissioners expressed support but emphasized the need for better data, reporting, and accountability from DDOT as the program expands. MOTION: Commissioner Holden moved to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. DISCUSSION: no discussion. The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).

J. TPPS: Resolution on the New C61 Rider Impacts under the WMATA Better Bus Network Initiative & Access to MedStar Washington Hospital Center and Washington VA Medical Center

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden introduced a resolution responding to community concerns about the new C61 bus route, which no longer enters the hospital circles at Washington Hospital Center and the VA Hospital, making access harder for seniors, veterans, and patients. The resolution, prompted by Darren Jones of Pleasant Plains Civic Association, urges WMATA, DDOT, and the hospital complex to improve bus stop infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and consider restoring direct service into the hospital circles. Jones and Commissioners emphasized the lack of transparency around the changes and their disproportionate impact on vulnerable residents. The resolution mirrors similar actions already passed by ANCs 1E and 1D. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 



**K. ED:** Resolution in Support of DPR Community Engagement in the Future Design and Use Planning of 625 T St NW

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay introduced a resolution urging the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to engage the community in plans for redeveloping 625 T Street NW, a small, triangular, city-owned parcel near the Howard Theatre and Duke Ellington Plaza. Previously under DMPED, the site has sat unused for years. With \$800,000 proposed in the upcoming budget for redevelopment, the resolution calls for DPR to begin community outreach within 60 days of assuming control and ensure the space reflects the area's cultural significance. Commissioners discussed setting a timeline for action and emphasized the need for long-term maintenance and thoughtful activation of the site. MOTION: Commissioner Fay moved to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION**: Commissioner Barrilleaux proposed a friendly amendment to the resolution on redeveloping 625 T Street NW, requiring DPR to present a proposal for the site's use within 8 months of the land transfer. Commissioners debated timelines, balancing urgency with DPR's pace. Commissioner Fay accepted the amendment, emphasizing it would help hold DPR accountable. Patrick Nelson advised the ANC to engage the D.C. Council's Facilities Committee, chaired by Councilmember Janeese Lewis George, to support the effort and help advance the project. MOTION: Commissioner Fay moved to vote in favor of adopting the resolution as amended with the 8-month provision. The motion PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).

L. **ZPD:** Letter of Support for the proposed design at 1315 Florida Ave NW

**SUMMARY:** The ANC reviewed and supported a proposal for renovations at 1315 Florida Avenue NW. The project will convert a deteriorating two-story rowhouse into two units with a three-story rear and roof addition. Commissioner Brandt described the project as straightforward, noting collaboration with HPO and no committee concerns. Commissioners Sycamore and Kensek praised the applicant, Ben Medvene, for extensive community engagement, detailed planning, and transparency. The resolution received strong support and appreciation for the applicant's diligence and professionalism. **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved to vote those in favor of adopting the letter as presented by ZPD. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

M. TPPS: Letter of Support for Public EV Charger at 1806 9th St NW

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden presented a letter of support for a citywide pilot program to install curbside electric vehicle (EV) chargers, with two proposed spots on 9th Street NW in Ward 1. The spaces would remain under Residential Permit Parking (RPP) but restricted to EVs while charging. The committee supported the pilot, viewing it as a low-risk way to test EV infrastructure. Commissioner Kensek expressed skepticism about its practicality and planned to abstain from the vote, comparing it to past underperforming city projects. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to support the letter as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions).** 



N. **Public Safety**: Resolution Regarding the Proposed Decrease in Overall Funding for Violence-Interruption Programs

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners Barrilleaux and Trindade Deramo introduced a resolution opposing proposed cuts to DC's violence interruption programs, specifically the plan to eliminate Cure the Streets and fold it into ONSE's Pathways program. The resolution raises concerns about a \$6 million funding gap, unclear staffing impacts, and potential loss of services in areas like Columbia Heights and LeDroit Park. It calls for maintaining overall funding, implementing a phased and transparent merger, and partnering with independent researchers to evaluate program outcomes. The resolution urges the Council to delay structural changes until a clear transition plan is shared, especially given the budget vote's urgency. **MOTION:** Commissioner Barrilleaux moved to support the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions).** 

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was motioned to be adjourned at 10:21pm

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

Prepared by: Karen Lee, ANC1B Admin Consultant

**Approved on:** August 17, 2025

**Attested by:** Matthew Fay, ANC1B Secretary



### **Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Regulations Committee**

Date: July 16, 2025 Location: Zoom

ABCR Tracker: 2025- ANC1B ABR Committee Tracker.xlsx

Roll call of members

Committ	Prese	Committ	Prese	Committ	Prese
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Member		Member		Member	
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Cmsr.	X	Alex	х		
Stephen		Smith,			
Hanrahan		SMD			
, SMD		1B02			
1B09,					
Chair		,			
Frank	X	Stephen	-		
Chauvin,		Rutgers,			
SMD		SMD			
1B02		1B08			
Ashleigh	-	Rachel	Х		
Fields,		Scheckma			
SMD		n, SMD			
1B07		1B01			
Karen	x				
Gaal, SMD					
1B05					
Aileen	-				
Johnson,					
SMD					
1B08					

7:19pm with a quorum of 4 committee members, the meeting was started.

#### Agenda

#### **Active Protests Updates**

- Half Smoke Applicant failed to show
  - o Is the license "Safekeeping?" or what is the standing
- Commissioner Hanrahan followed up with ABCA and will hope to inform at the next Committee meeting.
- Sliced and Brewed DC Terrace
- Lyfted Essential
- Chi Cha Lounge



Expanding Operating Hours to 6am

#### **Administrative items:**

- Meeting time
- Prep for the Tavern Licenses in the Fall

#### **Enforcement:**

Committee discussed a potential resolution passed by ANC to have ABCA do better enforcement? And the violation period to be cured?

Motion passed with a vote of 3 yays and 1 nay: That the list of tavern licenses will divided up and sent to the committee members, that each member go through and search the investigative reports for each license, evaluate whether they have an SA and whether the SA is current and adequate in meeting ANC 1B standards for peace, order and quiet and all applicable grounds.

#### **Substantial Changes**

- ABRA- 109064, **Unity-** 1936 9th Street NW, 1B02
  - o <u>Unity ANC 1B Change of Hours.pdf</u>
  - o Investigative Report:
- Renewal 9/23/22
- ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE- Feb 2023

Motion passed with a vote of 4 yays, 0 absentions, and 0 nays,: Recommend ANC 1B protest for peace, order, and quiet, and all applicable grounds, with special considerations for public safety, and adverse affects on 9 1/2th St NW.

- ABRA-126215- SOST, 1901 9th Street NW
  - o SOST ANC 1B Summer Garden.pdf
  - Investigative Report:
- 6/21/25: **Case #25-CMP-00066,** Operated a summer garden without approval (*Primary*).

Motion passed with a vote of 2 yays, and 2 absentions: Recommend ANC 1B protest for peace, order, and quiet, and all applicable grounds, and note the business is open to SA discussion.



## **Community Engagement Committee**

**Date:** July 15, 2025 **Location:** Zoom

#### Roll call of members

Committee Members, SMD	Prese nt	Committee Members, SMD	Present	Committee Members, SMD	Present
Cmsr. Trindade Deramo, acting chair		Gabriella Savelli, SMD 1B01		Jean Homza (observer)	
Ashleigh Fields, SMD 1B05		Erin Short, SMD 1B06		Dawnetta Baker (observer)	
Karen Gaal, SMD 1B05		Leah Tribbett, SMD 1B08		Juan'Nique Campbell (observer)	
Maggie Kentilitisca, SMD 1B06		Mike Huling, SMD 1B01 — new member!			
Dionne McAdoo, SMD 1B04		Selena Gonzales, SMD 1B04 (business interest) — new member!			



### **Economic Development Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 7:00pm **Location:** Zoom

1. Welcome: The meeting was called to order at

2. Roll call

Committee Members	Present	Committee Members	Present
Krishna Kumar, Vice Ch.		David Martin	
Frank Chauvin		Tania Shand	
Karen Gaal		Matt Fay, Chair	
Ian Hawkesworth			
Howard Kurtzman			

- 3. Old Business
- 4. New Business
- 5. Other Business
- 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41



## **Public Safety Committee**

**Date:** July 8 , 2025 **Location:** Zoom

1. Roll call

Committee Members	Present	Committee Members	Present
Nakapan Phungephorn		Carl Beauregard	
Leah Tribbett		Brandon McClain	
Clare Considine			
Karen Gaal			
Elaine Gin			





#### ANC 1B Transportation, Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Date: 7/09/2025, 7pm Location: Zoom

Roll call of members

Committee Members,	Present	Committee	Present	Committee Members,	Present
SMD		Members, SMD		SMD	
Cmsr. Matthew Holden, SMD 1B07, Chair		Julius Duhan, SMD 1B02	х	Santiago Lakatos, SMD : 1B04	X
Zoë Abrahm, SMD 1B08	X	David Fadul, SMD 1B07	Х	Dionne McAdoo, SMD 1B04	
Johnny Cabrera, SMD 1B09	Х	Karen Gaal, SMD 1B05	Х	Matthew Ruest, SMD 1B02	
Nicole Cacozza, SMD 1B08	Х	Lara Ho, SMD 1B06	X	Guneev Sharma, SMD 1B04	X
Rebecca Dannemiller, SMD 1B01		Ben Klemens, SMD 1B02		J. Swiderski, SMD 1B03	X
Nick Addamo SMD 1B08					

Motion to adopt agenda – Karen Gaal Seconded – J Swiderski 10 yeas 0 nays 0 abstentions (David joined later)

- 1. DDOT: 11th St NW/Vermont Ave NW Bike Lane Update
  - a. Update from Project Manager Christopher Berg
  - b.  $11^{th}$  from Vermont Ave to Florida Ave will be converted to a one-way, southbound traveling street
    - i. Will add standard southbound bike lane and northbound contraflow bike lane
    - ii. Links to protected bike lanes on either end
    - iii. Retains curbside access and parking along these blocks
  - c. Vermont Ave NW repurpose one of the travel lanes in each direction for a buffered bike lane in each direction
    - i. Reduces travel lanes from two to one in each direction intended to slow speeds and provide space for the bike lane
    - ii. Provides connections between 11th St and Florida Ave protected bike lanes
  - d. Anticipated Construction for Vermont to Florida in 2025
  - e. Anticipated Construction for other segments in 2026
  - f. Notionally a NOI for Fall 2025
  - g. Ben Klemens Committee Member
    - i. Disappointed about the lack of protected lanes along this stretch
    - ii. Suggests protection along east side of 11th St south of Florida
  - h. J Swiderski Committee Member
    - i. Disappointed about the lack of protected lanes asks why lack of protection is a better option?
    - ii. Could 11th one-way be a switch-over?



- i. Christopher Berg DDOT
  - i. brings up one-way conversion as a major benefit to the neighborhood reduce cutthrough traffic, more space for cyclists while preserving parking
- j. Johnny Cabrera Committee Member
  - i. why is it hard to justify curbside protected lanes? What's the calculus for this decision?
- k. Christopher Berg DDOT
  - i. it was decided not to remove the parking this section is too narrow for saving parking and protected bike lanes
- l. Santiago Lakatos – Committee Member
  - i. ANC had previously asked about 11<sup>th</sup> North of Florida is it possible to widen the protected bike lane for passing?
- ii. How will DDOT approach repaving? Also removing streetcar tracks from roadbed? m. Christopher Berg DDOT
  - i. possibility for future improvements after construction
  - ii. Probably won't remove streetcar tracks
- n. Commissioner Barrilleaux
  - i. How will the project be cohesive?
  - ii. Why did DDOT move forward with 11<sup>th</sup> St work south of Vermont before this decision was made?
- o. Christopher Berg DDOT
  - i. Presents a challenge, previous projects at 11<sup>th</sup> and S were stand alone safety projects, intended to work into the overall network but not specifically part of the 11<sup>th</sup> St corridor redesign
- p. Brad Edelman Community Member
  - i. How will vehicle traffic be impacted by one way redesign on 11th?
  - ii. Concerned about diagonal parking north of Rhode Island
- q. Ben graciously volunteered to write the first draft of a resolution

#### 2. Discussion on Harrison Recreation Center

- a. Guneev Sharma led the discussion
- b. Discussions with U Street Neighborhood Association and residents
  - i. Difficulty with utilizing the park for events / Issues with DPR?
  - ii. Difficult utilizing playground / baseball field often locked up
  - iii. Invite DPR rep to a future meeting potentially August
  - v. DPR site says Harrison Rec is "closed until further notice" unclear why

#### 3. Discussion on Vehicle Registration Fees

- a. Johnny Cabrera
  - i. heard from neighbors about escalating fees for larger vehicles
  - ii. Concerned about EVs weighing more because of the battery and fees discouraging EV adoption
- iii. Concerned about fees for working class families/people with disabilities needing specialized vehicles
- iv. J Swiderski brings up point that vehicles with ramps/lifts for people with disabilities are exempt from the higher fees



- 1. Transportation Committee report mentions heavier weight class in the current budget proposal and reduces class 1 to \$70.
- v. Johnny to work on Resolution for
- 4. NOI 25-179-TPA Installation of Reserved Residential Parking Space for Disabled Resident at 2021 Vermont Ave NW
  - a. Karen moves to send a letter of support for the NOI
    - i. Seconded by Santiago
    - ii. 11 yeas X nays X abstentions
  - b. Follow up on LeDroit Park and W Street Pilots for Multifamily RPP Disabled Parking with DDOT potential future actions
- 5. Potential Resolution on Bike Friendly Speed Humps
  - a. Julius Duhan wrote proposed resolution
  - b. Resolution encourages DDOT to explore the feasibility of installing bike friendly speed humps
  - c. Julius introduced motion to support resolution
  - d. Zoe seconded
  - e. Motion passes 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions to send resolution to ANC for August meeting.



# **ANC 1B Zoning, Preservation and Development Committee**

Date: 6/16/25 Location: Zoom

Roll call of members

Committee Members, SMD	Prese nt	Committee Members, SMD	Present	Committee Members, SMD	Present
Cmsr. Alan Kensek, SMD 1B05		Karen Gaal, SMD 1B05		Daniel Kramer, SMD 1B02	
Christian Brandt, SMD 1B06 , Chair		Simon Handelman, SMD 1B09		Alex Smith, SMD 1B02	
Jason Bello, SMD 1B01		Ian Hawkesworth, SMD 1B07	V	Bruce Flippens, SMD	
Karyn Bruggeman, SMD 1B06		Joel Heisey, SMD 1B01			
Frank Chauvin, SMD 1B02		Nianyi Hong, SMD 1B03			

#### Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Roll call



#### **ANC 1B Committee of the Whole**

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 6:00pm Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at

#### I. Roll call

Commiss	sioner	Present	Absent
1B01	Fay		
1B02	Barrilleaux		
1B03	Sycamore		
1B04	Lemon-Strauss		
1B05	Kensek		
1B06	Trindade Deramo		
1B07	Holden		
1B08	Harris		
1B09	Hanrahan		
ZPD Ch.	Brandt		

- II. Announcements
- III. Preparation of the Draft Commission Agenda
- IV. Consultants' Reports
- V. Commissions' Projects
- VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at . The next  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{COW}}$  meeting is scheduled for .