

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B



Annual Report
2025

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Letter from the Chairman

Dear community member:

At the outset of the commission's 2025 term, I laid out three broad priorities for the year ahead: recruitment/diversification, transparency, and collegiality. To achieve those goals, our commission undertook a range of actions:

- We created the Committee on Community Engagement, which is currently chaired by a community member rather than a commissioner. The committee has drawn new voices into the commission's work and now counts on over a dozen energetic members from the community. You can read more about its work below.
- We hired an outreach consultant to professionalize our printed materials and to support our on-the-ground activities in the commission area, including the launch of the U Street Business Roundtable, our signature Shakespeare in the Park event, the commission's presence at community events, and tabling/canvassing.
- We boosted the membership of our committees, with two of six committees now at capacity (15 members each) with waitlists of interested community members.
- We established the Committee of the Whole, comprising all commissioners and committee chairs. This committee meets monthly in advance of each commission meeting, serving as a forum for our team to share preliminary reports on their activities and collaborate across functional silos.
- We recommitted ourselves to upholding public-notice requirements, both for the commission and for our committees. We have published more detailed meeting announcements and agenda previews than ever before, across our website, e-mail listserv, and social media properties. I note with pride that our monthly newsletter now reaches over 1,500 community members, an audience that has grown by around 300 subscribers this year.
- We reordered the agenda for our commission meetings to prioritize representatives from executive agencies and the Council, as well as community announcements, so that visitors and constituents no longer have to wait until the end of the night to present their views to the commission. We also disaggregated new-business items from committee reports, streamlining the agenda and making timing more predictable.
- We resumed occasional in-person meetings — always with a virtual option — and expanded to new meeting venues in the commission area. We are committed to making our proceedings accessible and to fostering live interpersonal interaction whenever possible.

These structural changes have yielded positive results. Meetings of the Committee of the Whole allow commissioners, committee chairs, and public attendees to discuss routine and

administrative matters in a more relaxed setting; in doing so, they relieve some of the pressure from our already very busy monthly commission meetings. Commissioners and chairs update one another, seek guidance on ongoing projects, and collaborate, thereby strengthening their final products for presentation at the subsequent commission meeting. This practice has reduced the incidence of surprise announcements at commission meetings, as well as the amount of time spent amending and debating resolutions, given that the Committee of the Whole essentially functions as a “first reading” of nearly every document later adopted by the commission.

The impressive volume of our “legislative” work, outlined below, reflects the augmented capacity of the commission as a deliberative body. I am proud to point to the many resolutions co-sponsored by multiple commissioners and/or considered by multiple committees before reaching the full commission. These are signs of a healthy process that reacts nimbly to community needs and invites various types of expertise to weigh in.

Our commission has shone in other ways, too. I am proud of the enhanced tracking of ABCA license applications and the publication of our archive of settlement agreements — two vital tools for ensuring transparency — undertaken by the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations in close partnership with our administrative consultant, Karen Lee, an indispensable member of our team. In a very different vein, the commission’s marquee event, a “Shakespeare in the Park” performance of *The Comedy of Errors* at Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park on July 2, was a smashing success with hundreds of attendees — despite two weather-related postponements — due to the tenacity and dedication of commissioners, staff, volunteers, and community partners. That event showed the best of what the commission’s grant- and sponsorship-making authority can achieve in the community.

While our goals are by no means fully realized, we have made great strides toward opening the doors of the commission to the community. I look forward to another record-setting year ahead as our commission addresses crucial priorities including affordability, the new Comprehensive Plan, and the future of the U Street corridor. We will also remain steadfastly committed to continually improving our internal processes and to ensuring that we represent our constituents well and faithfully. I warmly invite your participation in bringing that about.

Sincerely,

Miguel Trindade Deramo
Chairman, ANC 1B

ANC 1B — Highlights from 2025

- Held 12 monthly meetings in 2025 (9 virtual, 3 hybrid)
- Passed 30 resolutions and 18 letters of support
- Allocated \$11,700 in support of community events
- Distributed 8 monthly newsletters to the community
- Guest speakers this year included:
 - Michael Pulliam, Commander, Third District, Metropolitan Police Department
 - Sean Moore, Lead Free DC (DC Water Contractor)
 - Rev. Judie Martin, InnerCity Collaborative CDC
 - Nick Kushner and Alex Krefetz from the DC Office of Planning
 - Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne Nadeau
 - Fred Moosally, Director, Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration
 - McHauley Murphy, Captain, Third District, Metropolitan Police Department
 - Sharon Kershbaum, Director, District Department of Transportation
 - Kwelli Sneed, Executive Director, Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
- YouTube Playlist: [2025 ANC1B Monthly Meetings](#), with 132 views of monthly commission meetings
- 838 registrants for monthly meetings held on Zoom

2025 Passed Resolutions

Date	Resolution	Agency
January 9, 2025	Resolution 25-01: Fixing the Schedule of Commission Meetings for 2025 (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo, Cmsr. Fay)	
January 9, 2025	Resolution 25-02: Amending the Standard Operating Procedures to Create a Committee on Community Engagement (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)	
January 9, 2025	Resolution 25-03: Amending the Standard Operating Procedures to Provide for Greater Transparency of Commission Operations (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)	
April 3, 2025	Resolution 25-04: Traffic Safety Improvement at 1300 Block of Clifton Street NW (Cmsr. Holden)	DDOT
April 3, 2025	Resolution 25-05: In Support of NOI # 25-18-CPD - Curbside Changes to Implement WMATA Better Bus Network Redesign in ANC 1B (Cmsr. Holden)	DDOT
May 1, 2025	Resolution 25-06: Calling for a hearing on the confirmation of Ed Martin (Cmsr. Barrilleaux)	Mayor — Chief of Staff

May 1, 2025	Resolution 25-07: Supporting Progress Toward a Columbia Heights Neighborhood Management Authority (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)	DC Council
May 1, 2025	Resolution 25-08: Supporting of the Establishment of a Place Management Entity for the Greater U Street Corridor (Cmsr. Fay)	DC Council
June 5, 2025	Resolution 25-09: Supporting the Funding of a “Shakespeare in the Park” Event for the Residents Commission 1B and our Neighbors (Cmsr. Fay)	
June 5, 2025	Resolution 25-10: In Support of the Fair Housing Practices Amendment Act of 2025 (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)	DC Council
June 5, 2025	Resolution 25-11: In Support of Council Bill B26-0057, the “Motor Vehicle Insurance Modernization Amendment Act of 2025” (Cmsr. Holden)	DC Council
June 5, 2025	Resolution 25-12: Continued Support of Capital Bikeshare Operations (Cmsr. Holden)	DDOT
June 5, 2025	Resolution 25-13: Calling on the Mayor, the Council of the District of Columbia, the Delegate to the House of Representatives, and the Shadow Delegation to Urge the U.S. Senate to Hold a Hearing on the Confirmation of Jeanine Pirro as U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia (Cmsr. Barrilleaux)	Mayor, Council, and US Congress
June 5, 2025	Resolution 25-14: Supporting the Maintenance of or Increase in Funding Levels for Violence-Interruption Programs in Ward One (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)	DC Council
July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-15: Supporting of Naming the Public Space on the 400 Black of Florida Avenue NW (Square 507) (Cmsr. Fay)	DC Council
July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-16: Regarding Backlog and Inaction on Illegal Sign at 1924 9th Street NW (Cmsr. Barrilleaux)	OAH, DOB
July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-17: In Support of Renaming Some Alleys in 1B02 (Cmsr. Barrilleaux)	DC Council
July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-18: Regarding the 2024 Fatal Building Collapse at 1111, 1113 V St NW (Cmsr. Lemon-Strauss)	DOB

July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-19: Regarding the NOI-25-133-TPA: Expansion of the U Street Performance Parking Zone (Cmsr. Holden)	DDOT
July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-20: Regarding the New C61 Rider Impacts under WMATA Better Bus Network Initiative & Access to MedStar Washington Hospital Center and Washington VA Medical Center (Cmsr. Holden)	WAMATA, DDOT
July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-21: In Support of DPR Community Engagement in the Future Design and Use of Planning of 625 T Street NW (Cmsr. Fay)	DPR
July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-22: Regarding the Proposed Decrease in Overall Funding for Violence-Interruption Programs (Cmsrs. Barrilleaux, Trindade Deramo)	DC Council
July 10, 2025	Resolution 25-23: Urging DDOT to Explore Bicycle-Friendly Speed Hump Treatments 2025 Letters (Cmsrs. Barrilleaux, Trindade Deramo, Holden)	DDOT
September 4, 2025	Resolution 25-24: Condemning Federal Overreach in District of Columbia Policing and Demanding the Immediate Return of Local Funds (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)	US Congress
September 4, 2025	Resolution 25-25: Regarding the Identifiability of Federal Agents and Officers Operating in the District of Columbia (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)	Office of the Mayor, DC Council
September 4, 2025	Resolution 25-26: Resolution inviting DMPED Engagement of the Community in the Development of an RFP for the Public Land at 1617 U Street NW and 1620 V Street NW (Cmsr. Fay)	DMPED
October 9, 2025	Resolution 25-27: Resolution in Support of Removal of Abandoned, Vacant and Unused Temporary Streeteries in ANC 1B (Cmsr. Holden)	DDOT
October 9, 2025	Resolution 25-28: Resolution in Support of the Revised 11th Street Protected and Vermont Avenue Bike Lane Project Proposal (Cmsr. Holden)	DDOT
November 6, 2025	Resolution 25-29: Resolution Regarding Late-Night Operations and Amplified Sound of ABCA License Establishments in ANC 1B (Cmsr. Hanrahan)	ABCA

November 6, 2025	Resolution 25-30: Resolution Supporting the Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Amendment Act (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo and Cmsr. Holden)	DC Council
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2025 Official Letters

Date	Letter Subject
January 9, 2025	Certification of Vote Regarding BZA Case 21236
March 6, 2025	ANC 1B Letter-HPRB Case HPA 25-93 1922 9th Street NW
April 3, 2025	ANC1B Letter- HPRB Case HPA 25-178: 1103 and 1105 S Street NW
June 5, 2025	African American Civil War Museum Parking Proposal 1900 Block of Vermont Avenue
July 10, 2025	Letter of Support for Hamiltonian Artists Grant Application
July 10, 2025	Letter of Support for the proposed design at 1315 Florida Ave NW
July 10, 2025	Letter of Support for the Public EV Charger at 1806 9th Street NW
August 7, 2025	Letter of Support for Removal of a Public Trash Can at 537 Florida Avenue NW
August 7, 2025	Letter of Support for HPRB Case HPA 25-328: 1203 T Street NW Greater U Street Historic District
August 7, 2025	Letter of Support for DDOT NOI-25-179-TPA-Installation of Reserved Residential Parking Space for Disabled Resident
September 4, 2025	Letter of Support to Transfer Liquor License at 1905 9th Street NW
September 4, 2025	Letter of Support for Proposed Development of 1300 W Street NW
September 4, 2025	Letter to Secretary of the Interior on Repairs to Meridian Hill/Malcom X Park
October 9, 2025	Letter of Support for Howard University Zoning Request
October 9, 2025	Letter of Support for George Washington Williams Historic Heritage Trail
November 6, 2025	Letter in Support for Stipulated license application for Spark Social House (ABRA-134059)
November 6, 2025	Letter in Support for HPRB Case HPA 25-423, 1815 8th Street NW

November 6, 2025	Letter in Support for Inner City Collaborative DC for Ward 1 Violence Interrupter Program
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2025 Community Grants & Sponsorships Awarded

Date	Organization/Purpose	Amount
March 2025	Vermont Avenue Garden Party	\$500
May 2025	13 th Street Block Party	\$500
July 2025	Shakespeare in the Park at Meridian Hill/Malcolm X	\$7,500
August 2025	Art All Night Sponsorship	\$500
September 2025	LeDroit Park Block Party	\$500
September 2025	Global Community Day: A Celebration of International Service	\$1,700
October 2025	Seaton Street Block Party	\$500

2025 Committee Reports

Committee on Transportation, Parks and Public Space (TPPS)

Website: <https://www.anc1b.org/tpps-committee>

- Chaired by Commissioner Matthew Holden
- Held 10 monthly meetings in 2025
- Has 15 committee members
- Passed 9 resolutions gaining full commission support
- TPPS Committee highlights:
 - Advanced key transportation safety initiatives across ANC 1B, including the U Street Bus Priority Project, the Better Bus Network redesign, and corridor improvements on 11th Street and Vermont Avenue to enhance walkability, bike access, and transit reliability.
 - Supported strategies to manage neighborhood parking, including expansion of performance-based parking, improved resident curbside permit zones, and clearer communication and signage to the public.
 - Promoted active transportation by supporting Capital Bikeshare operations, improved bike lane connectivity, and safer infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders.
 - Strengthened collaboration with community organizations and agencies, including Washington Parks and People, to improve the use, accessibility, and activation of parks, recreation areas, and public spaces.

- Raised quality-of-life concerns related to access to recreation facilities, event space, vehicle noise, and policies affecting equitable use of streets, sidewalks, and public amenities.
 - Expanded committee participation, clarified priorities for the year, and reinforced the committee's role in connecting residents, agencies, and commissioners in early planning and problem-solving.
- 220 registrants for the monthly meeting held on Zoom

Committee on Economic Development (ED)

Website: <https://www.anc1b.org/economic-development>

- Chaired by Commissioner Matt Fay
- Held 11 monthly meetings in 2025
- Has 7 committee members
- Passed 5 resolutions gaining full commission support
- ED Committee highlights:
 - Led community discussions on the proposed Neighborhood Management Authority to improve coordination, services, and investment in the U Street and North Shaw corridors.
 - Facilitated public engagement with DMPED on redevelopment projects at the Reeves Center, Rita Bright site, and 1617 U Street, emphasizing community input, timelines, and transparency.
 - Supported early planning for a U Street Business Improvement District, focusing on corridor boundaries, organizational structure, and service priorities.
 - Advanced discussions on activating public spaces, including plans for park development at 625 T Street NW and addressing issues like signage, trash, and access.
 - Encouraged greater participation and communication between businesses, Main Streets programs, ANC commissioners, and residents to improve coordination and community responsiveness.
- 306 registrants for the monthly meeting held on Zoom

Committee on Zoning, Preservation and Development (ZPD)

Website: <https://www.anc1b.org/zoning-preservation-development>

- Chaired by Christian Brandt
- Held 11 monthly meetings in 2025
- Has 15 committee members
- ZPD Committee highlights:
 - Reviewed development and preservation projects with emphasis on architectural compatibility, façade integrity, community engagement, and neighborhood impact.
 - Worked with applicants to address key issues such as easements, tree preservation, trash management, and alignment with historic guidelines.
 - Hosted Department of Buildings to improve understanding of inspections, enforcement tools, construction compliance, and ANC oversight roles.

- Facilitated discussions on safety and accountability following the 1111 and 1113 V Street building collapse, emphasizing transparency and enforcement.
- Provided residents with information on zoning procedures and historic preservation review processes to encourage earlier and more effective public participation.
- Examined zoning limits under the Uptown Arts Overlay District, focusing on entertainment use thresholds, variance procedures, and data transparency.
- 189 registrants for the monthly meeting held on Zoom

Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations (ABCR)

Website: <https://www.anc1b.org/abcr-committee>

- Chaired by Commissioner Stephen Hanrahan
- Held 12 monthly meetings in 2025
- Has 6 committee members
- Reviewed 122 business applications: see [committee tracker](#)
 - 9 new license applications
 - 104 license renewals applications
 - 9 substantial changes to applications
- Negotiated 7 settlement agreements with ANC 1B businesses
- Passed 1 resolution gaining full commission support
- ABCR Committee highlights:
 - Increasing concerns about late-night operating hours, especially proposals extending service to 6 a.m., with community emphasis on safety, livability, and neighborhood impact.
 - Continued focus on quality-of-life issues, including noise, trash accumulation, rodent activity, loitering, and disruptions in residential alleys near nightlife establishments.
 - Stronger attention to accountability and enforcement, with growing collaboration between the committee, commissioners, and ABCA to improve compliance monitoring.
 - Shift toward evaluating overall community impact rather than business expansion, prioritizing peace, order, and quality of life in nightlife-heavy corridors.
 - Internal efforts to improve committee process, including better tracking of cases, division of research responsibilities, and more consistent meeting planning and communication.
 - Increasing committee focus on outreach and coordination, encouraging proactive engagement between residents, commissioners, businesses, and agencies.
- 147 registrants for the monthly meeting held on Zoom

Committee on Public Safety (PS)

Website: <https://www.anc1b.org/public-safety>

- Chaired by Commissioner Francois Barrilleaux
- Held 11 monthly meetings in 2025
- Has 6 committee members

- Passed 4 resolutions gaining full commission support
- PS Committee highlights:
 - Elevated focus on youth engagement and violence prevention through partnerships with violence interrupters, recreation centers, and youth-serving organizations.
 - Strengthened coordination with MPD, federal partners, and Howard University Public Safety on curfew enforcement, camera use, patrol coverage, and community safety strategies.
 - Monitored crime trends, including shootings, robberies, narcotics activity, crowd management, and juvenile safety, particularly along U Street and surrounding corridors.
 - Supported development of resolutions on violence interruption, U.S. Attorney transparency, youth programming, and unified accountability in public safety initiatives.
 - Raised community concerns around federal law enforcement actions, racial profiling, and the impacts of the federal MPD takeover.
 - Explored opportunities to activate parks and recreation spaces for youth programming, Late Night Hype events, and community partnerships.
 - Promoted initiatives like Camera Connect, Safe Passage, public safety walks, and collaboration with service providers to improve neighborhood safety and access to resources.
- 44 registrants for the monthly meeting held on Zoom

Committee Community Engagement (CE)

Website: <https://www.anc1b.org/community-engagement>

- Chaired by Mike Huling
- Held 8 monthly meetings in 2025
- Has 13 committee members
- CE Committee highlights:
 - Expanded community partnerships and outreach, including collaboration with local schools, recreation centers, neighborhood associations, and arts organizations.
 - Supported community events such as Shakespeare in the Park, Art All Night, school block parties, and local pop-up engagement tables, increasing ANC visibility and participation.
 - Advanced initiatives to strengthen neighborhood identity, including planning for U Street and Duke District banners and exploring historic walking tours and arts tie-ins.
 - Explored launching a farmers' market at the Reeves Center and identified potential partners, including DPR, FreshFarm, Common Good City Farm, and local Black farmers.
 - Encouraged creative community engagement formats, including restaurant crawls, neighbor-to-neighbor events, youth outreach, and presence at local markets and gatherings.
- 30 registrants for the monthly meeting held on Zoom

Committee of the Whole (COW)

Website: <https://www.anc1b.org/committee-of-the-whole>

- Held 11 monthly meetings
- 23 registrants for the monthly meeting held on Zoom