

APPROVED MINUTES  
for the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION  
On October 9, 2025

ANC 1B held its meeting at the Josephine Butler Parks Center, introduced by Chair Miguel Trindade Deramo and hosted by Steve Coleman, Executive Director of Washington Parks & People. Coleman shared that the historic building—originally constructed as the Vice President’s residence and once used by Vice President Kamala Harris during her campaign—is named for Josephine Butler, co-founder of DC’s statehood and voting-rights movement. He described the center’s nearly 30-year legacy reclaiming parks, playgrounds, and gardens across the city, noting a 98 percent reduction in crime in Meridian Hill Park and the 60,000 volunteers who made the transformation possible. Coleman closed by calling the center a living symbol of how collective community effort can drive lasting neighborhood change.

*Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.*

- Kwelli Sneed, Executive Director, ONSE (DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement)
- Rev. Judie Shepherd-Gore, InnerCity Collaborative

**SUMMARY:** Dr. Judie Shepherd-Gore of the Inner City Collaborative Community Development Corporation (ICCDC) and Kwelli Sneed, Executive Director of the DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) shared about their programs. Director Sneed began by explaining that ONSE is built on a philosophy of engagement, opportunity, and healing rather than enforcement alone. She gave an overview of the agency’s evolution, now in its fourth iteration, and highlighted several of its flagship initiatives:

- **Pathways Program:** Originally a 10-week workforce and personal-development experience with a four-month job placement component, Pathways will soon expand to a 10-month model. The extended program will include six months focused on self-development, wellness, and mindset change, followed by four months of structured work experience. Sneed emphasized that this shift is grounded in best practices showing longer engagement leads to more sustainable behavior change.
- **Family & Survivor Support Division:** A small but “mighty” team provides trauma-informed assistance to victims and families in the immediate aftermath of shootings—within the first 24 to 72 hours and through burial support if necessary. The program also helps survivors reintegrate into their communities and coordinates closely with the *Mayor’s Office of Returning Citizens* and other community-based partners.
- **Violence Interruption (VI):** ONSE oversees ward-based violence-interruption teams across the city. For Ward 1, ONSE partners with ICCDC, led by Rev. Shepherd-Gore. Sneed explained that FY26 will bring a decrease in overall funding due to citywide budget tightening and the closure of *Cure the Streets* under the Attorney General’s office. ONSE has absorbed six Cure the Streets sites as of October 1 and will operate both systems in parallel for FY26 to track outcomes before unifying them in FY27. A re-solicitation process early in FY26 will use data to re-evaluate which neighborhoods remain “hotspots” and ensure resources are deployed where they are most needed.

Rev. Shephard-Gore then described ICCDC’s hands-on work in communities such as Columbia Heights, LeDroit Park, and Mount Pleasant. Her team of violence interrupters and *Peace Ambassadors* maintains a visible presence not only in times of crisis but also through Safe Passage programs, resource distributions, and community education. She detailed their emphasis on conflict mapping, de-escalation, and relationship-building with residents and youth who are most at risk. ICCDC’s “Peace Ambassadors” initiative provides mentorship and structured activities for young men, often meeting in local churches and community centers. Through cognitive-behavioral training, team-building, and environmental projects—such as planting 50 trees in Anacostia Park—the program channels energy toward community improvement while teaching mindfulness, responsibility, and environmental awareness. Both Sneed and Shephard-Gore stressed the importance of collaboration, between ONSE, the Metropolitan Police Department, returning-citizen agencies, schools, and civic partners like ANC 1B to strengthen community safety. Sneed concluded by reaffirming that, despite tighter budgets, the District remains committed to data-driven, healing-centered approaches that uplift residents and reduce gun violence through sustained community engagement rather than enforcement alone.

Both guests discussed the agency’s transition from the former Cure the Streets model to a new ward-based approach. Sneed explained that, unlike the older system that tied each provider to a fixed neighborhood, ONSE now uses real-time data to deploy violence-interruption teams wherever incidents rise offering greater flexibility and responsiveness across Ward 1’s priority communities. Commissioners raised concerns about fear in Latino neighborhoods due to MPD–ICE cooperation, and Rev. Shepherd- Gore described efforts to rebuild trust through bilingual outreach, Safe Passage programs, and partnerships with Jubilee Housing and Family Place DC. Sneed emphasized that ONSE’s work relies on voluntary participation, relationship-building, and consistency rather than enforcement, while acknowledging the need for stronger outcome tracking. She noted that data are now managed by the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice and that ONSE is improving its systems to measure long-term impacts like employment and recidivism. Both leaders underscored the value of cross-ward coordination and community collaboration in sustaining safety and trust as violence patterns shift.

Call meeting to order at 7:00 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. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Commission October 9, 2025 Meeting Agenda

### B. Commission September 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kensek moved to approve the consent agenda and meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

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

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

- i. Update on Current Protests
- ii. Potential resolution on late-late operations
- iii. Committee member recruitment

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Hanrahan reported that the committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations met informally without quorum but discussed many pending cases, noting that October will be especially busy with 35 licenses on the agenda. Key updates included the introduction of the *Nightlife Noise Balance Amendment Act* before the DC Council and ongoing discussions about taverns seeking extended or all-night operating hours. The committee is considering how such changes affect neighborhood peace, order, and quiet. Active protest cases include settlement negotiations with Appioo on 9th Street and productive mediation sessions with Unity and Sost. Commissioner Hanrahan emphasized that while the committee is handling many protests, it is also making progress toward resolutions. The next meeting is expected to be lengthy, and the committee is seeking additional volunteers, especially those with legal or regulatory experience related to bars or cannabis.

### B. Committee on Community Engagement

- i. Formation of working groups (farmers market, Duke District banners, block parties & neighborhood events, neighborhood/civic associations, marketing & engagement)

ii. Preview of upcoming committee events

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the Community Engagement Committee, it was reported that the committee has been reorganized into five new task forces focused on key neighborhood initiatives: block parties, a farmers' market, Duke District banners, outreach to civic and park associations, and marketing and promotion. The block party group is developing a toolkit to streamline the event-planning process, while another team is exploring ways to bring a farmers' market back to the 14th and U area. The Duke District Banner project aims to create a stronger visual identity along U Street, and outreach efforts seek to strengthen ties with groups such as the Westminster Neighborhood Association and U Street Neighborhood Association. Commissioners encouraged residents to get involved, especially those already active in local organizations. An upcoming block party on the 1700 block of Seaton Street was announced for October 25, pending DDOT approval, and the African American Civil War Museum's grand reopening was tentatively noted for November 11th.

**C. Committee on Economic Development**

- i. October meeting Discussion: Main Streets and Clean Teams
- ii. Comp Plan 2050 community engagement

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay gave the Economic Development Committee update and announced upcoming discussions with representatives from Shaw Main Streets, U Street Main Street, and the Clean Team at its next meeting to review their scope of work and community impact. The goal is to strengthen collaboration between business leaders and neighborhood programs. The committee is also continuing its work on the framework for community engagement for the DC Comprehensive Plan 2050, beginning by reviewing the priorities and commitments from the previous plan to assess their progress, relevance, and potential as a foundation for new engagement efforts in the coming year.

**D. Committee on Public Safety**

- i. Monthly crime data updates
- ii. Late Night Hype resolution in progress
- iii. Advocating for MPD community policing
- iv. Committee member recruitment

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Barrilleaux gave a detailed public safety update, reporting two homicides in ANC 1B over the past month, one on the 1400 block of Clifton Street, marking an increase from last year. Overall crime dropped from 130 to 90 incidents, with reductions across most categories except for homicides and burglaries. The Public Safety Committee continues monitoring reports of MPD cooperating with federal immigration authorities despite DC law

prohibiting such collaboration, aiming to clarify the extent of these actions. The committee is also developing two initiatives: a “late-night hype” resolution to expand youth activities during evening hours and a proposal urging DDOT to manage traffic and pedestrian flow along U Street during nightlife periods to improve safety and reduce conflicts.

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

- i. September and October meeting summaries

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden gave the Transportation, Parks, and Public Space Committee report. He reported that most discussion items from its September and October meetings appear on the current agenda for commission votes. The main announcement was that former commissioner and long-time committee chair Santiago Lakatos has resigned after moving to New York. He was recognized for his strong work on bus and public space issues, including improvements to trash-can placement and transit planning. He will be replaced by Angela Marie Hatcher, who will join the committee at its next meeting.

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

- i. September meeting summary
- ii. 1515 U Street special exemption request
- iii. Committee member recruitment

**SUMMARY:** Chair Brandt gave the Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee update. He shared that the committee recently supported a letter for Howard University Hospital, discussed a resolution related to the DC Comprehensive Plan 2050, and noted that the 1515 U Street project was postponed until the applicant is ready to present. The committee also invited new members to apply, with several recent additions already joining.

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

**A. Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: David Meni (3 minutes)**

No representative present to share announcements

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

**SUMMARY:** Stephanie Advincula, the Mayor’s Office representative, shared updates and reminders for the community. She announced that a new Faith Liaison, named Charity, has joined the Mayor’s Office team and will serve Wards 1–4, working to connect with local churches and faith-based organizations. She also noted that Anthony, the other Ward 1 representative, is recovering from surgery but is expected to return by the end of next month. In response to a question about leaf collection, she confirmed that the Department of Public Works will begin its annual collection in

November, encouraged residents to use paper bags placed curbside (not loose leaves or debris), and referenced a recent DPW WebEx presentation outlining collection procedures.

**C. District Agencies: Howard University Homecoming Update** *(3 minutes)*

**SUMMARY:** Howard University’s Andrew Rivers presented an overview of the university’s 101st Homecoming celebration, scheduled for October 24–26. The weekend will include concerts, street fairs, and the annual parade. Events open to the community include a street festival on 6th Street featuring food and retail vendors, a “Family Fest” for children, an old-school concert, and a late-afternoon football game on Saturday. The parade will start at 10 a.m. on 6th Street, loop through the neighborhood, and end at Howard Place and 4th Street. Rivers emphasized safety and coordination, noting that Howard University Police will work closely with MPD and Homeland Security to ensure a secure and minimally disruptive event. Updated maps, FAQs, and security details will be posted on the Homecoming website, and residents were encouraged to report any issues directly to HUPD.

**V. COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Commissioner announcements** *(1 minute per Commissioner)*

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Sycamore gave a brief shout-out to the recent 12th Place Community Block Party, celebrating its success and encouraging others interested in hosting similar neighborhood events to reach out for guidance, noting that the organizers have developed an effective model for community gatherings.

Chair Trindade Deramo announced upcoming Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park cleanup days organized with Washington Parks & People, scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, and Saturday, October 18. However, he noted that both events would be canceled if the federal government shutdown continued, as volunteers are not permitted to conduct cleanups during that period. He reminded residents to help keep the park clean in the meantime by avoiding littering.

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

**SUMMARY:** Tull Osman, Outreach Director for the DC Tutoring and Mentoring Initiative (DCTMI), introduced the organization’s work connecting community volunteers with youth tutoring and mentoring programs across the DC area. She announced an upcoming information session at the Shaw Library on Saturday at 11 a.m., where residents can learn about local opportunities to mentor or tutor young people. Osman highlighted programs supporting immigrant and multilingual youth in Columbia Heights and surrounding neighborhoods, including Mentoring CHEC at Columbia Heights Educational Campus, Northstar for tutoring, Volo Kids for sports volunteers, and the Washington Urban Debate League for debate coaching. She emphasized that opportunities vary by schedule and skill set and encouraged community members to get involved in helping young people thrive and feel connected.

## VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

No Executive Officer's Reports were shared.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. TPPS: Letter of Support for the African American Civil War Museum's George Washington Williams Historic Heritage Trail

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden introduced a letter of support for the African American Civil War Museum's proposed George Washington Williams Historic Heritage Trail, which will feature banners connecting the museum to Howard University along U Street. The banners, approved for 10 light poles, will include QR codes linking to educational content about George Washington Williams, Civil War veterans, and the evolution of civil rights in Washington, DC. Museum founder Dr. Frank Smith described the trail as part of a broader effort to honor Williams, who first proposed an African American Civil War memorial in 1870 to inspire Howard University students. Smith noted the trail will bridge the museum's Civil War focus with Howard's civil rights legacy, incorporating stories of Howard students' activism in the 1960s. He also proposed that ANC 1B partner with the museum to recognize outstanding community members annually through framed art awards. The project will coincide with the museum's Veterans Day events during which volunteers will read all 209,000 names of African American Civil War soldiers and is being developed with Howard faculty and students, who will contribute to QR code content and serve as interns. Commissioners expressed enthusiasm, emphasizing the trail's complementarity with ANC 1B's own U Street banner initiative and its potential as an educational and cultural asset. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to adopt the drafted letter of support for the George Washington Williams Historic Heritage Trail and transmit it to DDOT in support of the project's public space permit application. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

### B. ZPD: Letter of Support for Howard University Zoning Request to Extract Parcels from the Campus Plan

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay and Chair Brandt introduced a letter of support for Howard University's request to extract two parcels from its campus plan, a technical amendment required to proceed with the new Howard University Hospital project. He explained that Howard is moving the hospital to a parcel fronting Georgia Avenue, freeing two previously designated hospital parcels for redevelopment under the area's new zoning. The change allows those parcels to be developed for mixed-use purposes instead of being restricted to hospital use. The adjustment doesn't alter the overall hospital design or community commitments. Howard representatives Teresa Edmondson and Cynthia Giordano joined to confirm that the Zoning Commission hearing is scheduled for October 20, and that they are seeking ANC 1B's support before then. They noted that Howard has



conducted extensive engagement with LeDroit Park Civic Association, which unanimously supported the amendment after updating its development agreement to maintain ongoing community input. Commissioner Fay commended Howard for transparent outreach and requested a future presentation to the full ANC about the hospital's updated design and campus changes. Edmondson clarified that the new hospital would replace the existing front lawn area, while townhomes and mixed-use development are being considered for the parking area behind the hospital along 5th Street as a buffer to the neighborhood. The ANC 1B Transportation, Parks, and Public Space Committee had already unanimously recommended approval, and the full commission prepared to vote in favor of sending a letter of support to the Zoning Commission for the proposed campus plan extraction. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to support the letter of support for Howard University Zoning request to extract square 3075 lot 0007 and square 3074 lot 001 from their Campus Master Plan. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

### C. Exec: Resolution on ABCR Establishment Hours

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners discussed a surge of “late-late” (up to 6 a.m.) operating-hour requests from U Street corridor taverns and the need for more committee members to handle the workload. Commissioners reviewed a draft resolution to set clear, uniform standards on acceptable hours to ensure consistency, public safety, and peace, order, and quiet. Commissioners cited repeated input from MPD, DDOT, DPW, and ABCA investigators that the neighborhood lacks the staffing, traffic control, sanitation coverage, and enforcement capacity to support all-night service without harming peace, order, and quiet in a densely residential area. To avoid case-by-case inconsistency, a draft resolution was presented to set clear expectations: indoors, operating/service/entertainment would end by 2 a.m. Sunday–Thursday and 3 a.m. Friday–Saturday; outdoors (summer gardens, sidewalk cafés, streeteries) operating and service would end by 11 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends; outdoor entertainment would end by 10 p.m. nightly. The draft also acknowledged citywide extended-hours holidays and special events and said the ANC would generally not support applications exceeding these limits, while remaining open to narrowly tailored variances with mitigation plans. Process and scope drew debate. Several commissioners insisted the item should go through the Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Regulations (ABCR) Committee first, and that the final language must reflect the ANC's actual authority, protest licenses and negotiating settlement agreements, rather than “setting” hours. Members asked the committee to consider carve-outs for venue types like theaters or other special-use spaces; to weigh the single member district commissioner's input explicitly; and to re-examine the proposed midnight cap for outdoor areas, which could conflict with some existing licenses and may warrant block-by-block nuance. Others argued for swift adoption to guide imminent cases, pointing to resident complaints about overnight noise, documented after-hours violations, and MPD's limited coverage, especially without overtime. Practically, with 35 alcohol items on the October agenda, commissioners agreed they still must take up individual applications tonight, but they moved to refer the resolution to ABCR for refinement and a prompt return to the full ANC, aiming to balance neighborhood livability with a consistent, fair standard for operators. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to refer the draft resolution



to ABCR for refinement and a prompt return to the full ANC for consideration. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Some commissioners opposed referral, arguing that delays perpetuate inaction while residents continue to suffer from overnight noise and disorder; others stressed that referral ensures process integrity and allows time to refine key details. During debate, commissioners clarified that the resolution’s purpose was not to “claw back” hours from existing establishments but to create a consistent standard preventing future extensions past 3 a.m. Several noted that current problem spots—like Flash, Bunker, and Amsterdam—already hold late-hour licenses up for renewal but not expansion. The discussion reaffirmed that outdoor “summer garden” limits and unique venue types (such as roof decks) need further review before adoption. Community member Frank Chauvin voiced support for the ANC’s effort, citing illegal after-hours alcohol sales and residents leaving the area due to escalating disturbances. Commissioners agreed on the urgency of addressing 6 a.m. operations but concluded that the draft should first be vetted by ABCR for clearer language, scope, and implementation before returning for a full ANC 1B vote in November. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstentions)**.

**D. ABCR: Proposed Settlement Agreements:**

- i. Renewal: Appioo (ABRA-094795) — 1924 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Class “C” Restaurant, 1B02

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners discussed amendments to the settlement agreement with Appioo, a restaurant on 9th Street that has faced recurring sanitation and pest issues affecting nearby residents on 9½ Street. The updated agreement adds four new provisions focused on rat abatement, litter control, and proper trash management. These include requiring rat treatment at least every two weeks per DC Health guidelines, maintaining locked trash bins to prevent illegal dumping, and ensuring garbage containers do not overflow. The amendments were developed collaboratively by the ANC, Appioo’s owner, and committee members after walkthroughs with affected neighbors. Commissioners noted that while the changes may not eliminate all problems, they represent progress in addressing chronic concerns about trash overflow and rodent activity behind the establishment. They also acknowledged that nearby venues, such as Posh and Mirror Lounge, have contributed to the issue by dumping trash into Appioo’s bins. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to support the amendments to the settlement agreement. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

- ii. New license: Frank’s Wild Years (ABRA-133403) — 1345 S Street NW, Class “C” Tavern, 1B08

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners reviewed a new settlement agreement for *Frank’s Wild Years*, a forthcoming neighborhood bar on S Street near Garden District. The establishment’s owner, who also operates Snappies on Georgia Avenue, has been in close contact with the ANC and expressed a desire to be an active community partner, including working with a nearby school. The agreement establishes an 11 p.m. closing time for the bar’s small sidewalk café, which seats about 15 people

and does not feature outdoor entertainment. To balance residential concerns with business flexibility, the settlement includes a six-month review clause: if the establishment operates without noise complaints or violations during that period, ANC 1B will consider extending the sidewalk café hours to midnight. Commissioners noted that similar nearby venues, such as Garden District, already operate until midnight without issues, but the earlier closing time was set out of caution given the café's proximity to homes. Commissioner Hanrahan confirmed that the ABCR Committee had reviewed the agreement and raised no objections, and Commissioner Harris, who represents the Single-Member District, voiced strong support, citing the owner's good reputation and proactive collaboration. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to support the settlement agreement with Franks Wild Years. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

- iii. New license: Buffalo Billiards (ABRA-133752) — 1835 14th Street NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B08

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners debated a settlement agreement for Buffalo Billiards new location in the former Source theater on 14th St. Key terms: confirm compliance with the arts overlay (per the zoning administrator), update the delivery plan to prioritize the rear alley and, if needed, request a DDOT commercial loading zone to avoid blocking the bike lane, and cap the sidewalk café's alcohol service at midnight (weeknights) and 1 a.m. (weekends) while allowing the café space to remain open later only for queuing/egress (to 2/3 a.m.). Supporters noted the hours align with nearby venues and help activate a high-profile vacant space. Concerns centered on process (committee review vs. full ANC), possible over-concentration, and whether the arts-overlay 50% first-floor frontage cap is truly met; a community member urged written confirmation from the zoning administrator, while commissioners stressed that zoning compliance is a separate DOB/Zoning matter subject to appeal. **MOTION:** Commissioner Handrahan moved to support the settlement agreement with Buffalo Billiards new location. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** The agreement had already been reviewed informally within the ABCR Committee and through direct outreach to neighbors, who expressed general support but some hesitation about late-night activity. Under the proposed terms, alcohol service on the sidewalk café would end at midnight on weekdays and 1 a.m. on weekends, though the café itself could remain open until 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. only for queuing and exit purposes, without additional service. Commissioner Sabel Harris supported the agreement, noting the block's commercial character, limited residential impact, and the owner's strong reputation. Community member Frank Chauvin raised zoning concerns about the Arts Overlay 50% first-floor limit, but commissioners clarified that such compliance falls under the Department of Buildings and is separate from ABCA review. Committee member Aileen Johnson objected to the ANC considering the matter before a formal ABCR review, citing procedural issues and community interest. Applicant representative Matt Minora spoke briefly, confirming that the proposed hours were aligned with those of nearby businesses, that only 34 feet of the linear frontage would be used, well below the Arts Overlay limit and that he believed the process was ready for ANC approval. With the protest deadline on Oct 27 and roll-call Nov 17, several commissioners favored protesting now to preserve leverage and referring the agreement to the ABCR committee for a quick review. Commissioner Hanrahan withdrew previous motion and

introduced new motion. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to refer settlement agreement to ABCR for review. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest Buffalo Billiard's application on the peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harris, who represents the area where the establishment is located, stated that she does not support filing a protest to the Buffalo Billiards application. The motion **PASSED (4 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstentions).**

**E. ABCR: Disposition of license applications**

- i. Renewal: The Royal (ABRA-094018) — 501 Florida Avenue NW, Class "C" Restaurant, 1B01

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to not protest. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fay emailed the neighbors and there were no complaints so he supports the no protest. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

- ii. Renewal: Bunker (ABRA-122706) — 2001 14th Street NW, Class "C" Nightclub, 1B08

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners briefly discussed the renewal for Bunker, a basement nightclub located beneath a Subway on 14th Street. While some initially raised questions about the venue's late-night hours listed on the placard, operating until 9 a.m., Commissioner Harris clarified that Bunker typically closes at 3 a.m. and only uses extended hours for special after-hours events, such as Pride and Mid-Atlantic Leather, which have supported local nonprofits. She emphasized that the establishment had already received a substantial change to its license in 2024 with ANC support and that there have been no noise complaints or violations since. Given its underground location and lack of residential impact, Harris stated she does not support a protest. Other commissioners agreed, noting that the basement setting minimizes sound concerns and that the business has operated responsibly. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to not protest. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioners discussed whether to protest Bunker's license renewal, focusing on the broader question of consistency in how the ANC handles nightlife hours. One commissioner noted that renewals should be treated differently from new or substantially changed licenses, arguing that the Commission needs a clear and consistent policy on whether to reduce late-night hours. Others acknowledged that Bunker's 9 a.m. closing time is unusual and that some concerns had been raised by MPD, suggesting a protest might help clarify standards. However, Commissioner Harris, who represents the area and lives nearby, strongly opposed a protest, emphasizing that Bunker has not caused noise or neighborhood issues, that its hours were previously approved, and that local commissioner input should carry significant weight. The motion **DOES NOT CARRY (4 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to protest the renewal license on the grounds of peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioners noted that Bunker does not currently have a settlement agreement with ANC 1B. One commissioner explained that the intent behind potentially protesting the license renewal would be to establish such an agreement, aligning Bunker with other establishments that have gone through the same process. They emphasized that doing so would promote fairness and consistency across the commission's handling of alcohol-licensed businesses and briefly mentioned that ANC 1B now has a public website where settlement agreements are posted for transparency. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

- iii. Renewal: St. James (ABRA-118219) — 2017 14th Street NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B08

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to not protest. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

- iv. Renewal: Flair Restaurant & Lounge (ABRA-120179) — 2210 14th Street NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B05

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners discussed the renewal for Flair Lounge, located near other nightlife establishments that have generated complaints. One commissioner initially raised concerns about fairness and consistency, noting that other venues nearby had faced protests and suggesting that ANC 1B should apply similar scrutiny. However, it was clarified that Flair operates entirely indoors, maintains a strong settlement agreement, and has not received any complaints in recent years. The establishment's owner attended the meeting, thanking commissioners for their work and emphasizing his commitment to noise mitigation, community involvement, and supporting local employment amid a difficult economic climate for restaurants and lounges. Commissioners praised his cooperation and improvements, contrasting Flair's record with neighboring venues that have caused ongoing disturbances. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to not protest. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

- v. Renewal: Flash (ABRA-090823) — 645 Florida Ave NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B02

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest Flash on grounds of peace order and quiet. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioners discussed the license renewal for Flash, an establishment whose property backs up to 1B01 and has generated complaints from nearby residents. Although a settlement agreement already exists, commissioners noted that Flash is currently out of compliance and that the agreement allows for 24-hour operation every day of the week, a situation described as very strange and inconsistent with typical terms. The discussion emphasized the need to revise and tighten the language of the agreement to better address ongoing

concerns about peace, order, and quiet. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

vi. Renewal: Capo (ABRA-103693) — 715 Florida Ave NW, Class “C” Tavern, 1B02

vii. Renewal: Los Cinco Tacos (ABRA-121509) — 711 Florida Ave NW, Class “C” Tavern, 1B02

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to not protest Capo and Los Cinco Tacos renewal application. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioners discussed the renewal for Capo, a speakeasy-style club known for its sandwiches and late-night operations. It was confirmed that ANC 1B does not currently have a settlement agreement with the establishment. While some commissioners questioned the consistency of supporting Capo’s renewal but protesting Bunker’s, given that both lack agreements, the distinction was raised that protests can only be filed on recognized grounds such as peace, order, and quiet, not simply to obtain a settlement agreement. Commissioner Harris noted that if the intent were to establish one, the motion would need to specify that the protest would be withdrawn upon reaching an agreement. The motion **PASSED (5 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions)**.

viii. Renewal: Amsterdam Café Lounge and Restaurant (ABRA-115293) — 1208 U Street NW, Class “C” Tavern, 1B08

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners reviewed the case of Amsterdam Café and Lounge, noting that the establishment is currently under inquiry by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) related to its operations. It was also mentioned that Amsterdam’s existing settlement agreement is outdated and does not reflect its current or expanded hours of operation. Given these compliance and oversight concerns, commissioners agreed that a protest was warranted to ensure proper review and potential revision of the settlement terms. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest the renewal on the grounds of peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harris, whose single-member district includes Amsterdam Café and Lounge, expressed support for filing a protest. She noted that the goal would be to amend the outdated settlement agreement and address ongoing community concerns, particularly persistent trash and cleanliness issues associated with the establishment. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

ix. Renewal: Chi Cha Lounge (ABRA-125907) — 1214 U Street NW, Class “C” Tavern, 1B08

**SUMMARY:** Commissioners discussed Chi Cha Lounge, noting that the establishment does not currently have a settlement agreement. It had previously filed for a substantial change to expand its hours, which the ANC had dismissed. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest on the grounds of peace, order and quiet and all applicable grounds. The motion was seconded.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioners added that Chi Cha Lounge is currently under investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), further reinforcing the need for oversight. Commissioner Harris, in whose single-member district the establishment is located, confirmed that there have been multiple noise complaints from nearby residents. Given the lack of a settlement agreement, the ongoing OAG investigation, and continued neighborhood concerns there support to protest. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

- x. Renewal: Salazar (ABRA-118970) — 1819 14th Street NW, Class “C” Tavern, 1B08
- xi. Renewal: Voo-Doo/The Craft (ABRA-126026) — 1334 U Street NW, Class “C” Tavern, 1B08

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to support no protest for Salaza and Voo-Doo/The Craft. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harris confirmed there have been no complaints from neighbors and that she personally negotiated Salazar’s agreement, which remains solid and effective. All three establishments are located along the 14th Street corridor, where operations have been consistent with community expectations. Commissioners discussed Salazar’s operations in more detail, noting that its settlement agreement permits Summer Garden hours until 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. The establishment sits on the same busy block as Buffalo Billiards, which was cited as a relevant comparison given their similar setups. Commissioner Harris confirmed that this section of 14th Street is among the most active nightlife areas in the neighborhood and emphasized that Salazar’s review was a renewal, not a new application. The conversation underscored the importance of consistency in applying standards across similar establishments. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions).**

**F. TPPS: Resolution Requesting the Removal of Noncompliant and Abandoned Streeteries (Cmsr. Holden)**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden discussed a resolution addressing the city’s handling of abandoned streeteries following the sunset of the temporary streeterery program. Since restaurant and bar owners must now apply for new permits or remove existing structures, the ANC emphasized the need for the District to prevent these spaces from deteriorating into safety or accessibility hazards. The resolution calls on DDOT to work with partner agencies such as DPW and MPD to identify and remove abandoned streeteries, particularly along the U Street corridor, and to conduct a comprehensive assessment of all remaining ones in ANC 1B. It also urges DDOT to prioritize removing any that pose fire, ADA, or public-safety risks; to establish clear criteria for determining when a streeterery is considered abandoned; and to coordinate interagency efforts efficiently. Finally, the resolution requests that all removals be completed by the end of the calendar year and that the District seek cost recovery from property owners rather than leaving the financial burden to taxpayers. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to support a resolution in support of removal of abandoned, vacant and unused temporary streeteries in ANC 1B. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** The Transportation, Parks, and Public Space (TPPS) Committee



unanimously supported the resolution on abandoned streeteries. During discussion, commissioners noted that community input largely came from residents concerned about safety, accessibility, and aesthetic issues rather than from the business community. Outreach to local businesses found no objections or red flags about the city's plan to remove unpermitted or abandoned streeteries. Commissioners observed that ANC 1B has fewer and less concentrated streeteries than neighboring areas such as Adams Morgan or Dupont Circle. During public comment, community member Jean Homza added that businesses still using streeteries generally maintain them responsibly, while those that are abandoned have become MPD concerns, affirming support for their removal. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions)**.

**G. TPPS:** Resolution regarding the revised 11<sup>th</sup> Street Protected and Vermont Avenue Bike Lane Project proposal (Cmsr. Holden)

**MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to support the revised 11<sup>th</sup> Street protected and Vermont bike lane project proposal as written in the packet. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Holden revisited the long-standing 11th Street Protected Bike Lane project, which has been in planning for several years and endorsed by the ANC in 2024 for a continuous, protected lane from L Street downtown to Monroe Street NW. Since DDOT has not yet issued a Notice of Intent, the resolution aimed to restate ANC 1B's support and provide updated feedback on the newest design revisions presented over the summer. The updated plan proposes a fully protected two-way lane from L to S Street, with a revised configuration between S Street and Florida Avenue: one-way southbound traffic for cars, a conventional painted bike lane in the same direction, and a northbound contraflow lane for cyclists. DDOT designed this compromise to preserve parking while addressing safety concerns. Similarly, the Vermont Avenue section would feature buffered but unprotected bike lanes, reducing travel lanes to one in each direction while maintaining most parking. The resolution requests DDOT to incorporate ADA parking, loading zones, and bus pull-outs where appropriate, and to consider removing the old, embedded trolley tracks that accelerate pavement deterioration. Commissioners stressed the need for DDOT to complete the project, expressing frustration with years of delays. Commissioner Sycamore voiced concerns about traffic flow and potential neighborhood impacts from making 11th Street one-way. It was clarified that this is an interim design subject to further study, and ANC 1B will have more opportunities to review future iterations once DDOT completes traffic analysis. The resolution ultimately urged DDOT to expedite construction while ensuring community safety and accessibility. The motion **PASSED (5 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

**H. TPPS:** Resolution Supporting the Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Amendment Act (Cmsr. Trindade Deramo)

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden introduced a resolution endorsing the DC Bottle Deposit Amendment Act, which aims to reduce litter and promote recycling through a bottle and can refund system. The Commission urged the DC Council's Business, Economic Development, Transportation, and Environment committees to advance the bill without delay, commending its incentive-based



approach to increase redemption rates over time. Additional clauses added by the committee emphasized ensuring sanitary and efficient bottle collection to prevent rodent and cleanliness issues, and called for collaboration with bars, restaurants, and small retailers to minimize operational burdens. The resolution also urged DC agencies to prepare for potential cross-border returns from Maryland and Virginia and to coordinate regionally on deposit programs. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to support the recycling, refund and litter reduction amendment act. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioners discussed the proposed DC Bottle Deposit Amendment Act, focusing on its implications for small businesses and implementation challenges. While most agreed on the environmental benefits of reducing litter and improving recycling, several commissioners expressed hesitation about fully endorsing the bill without addressing unresolved concerns. They emphasized that ANC 1B's priority should be ensuring the Council studies logistical and financial impacts, especially for small bars and restaurants, before passage. **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moves to support the amendment made to soften the language from "supports" to "looks favorably on" and markup the legislation without delay considering the issues raised below. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Community member Jean Homza shared concerns about the practical impact of the proposed Bottle Deposit Amendment Act on restaurants and bars. She clarified that all establishments would be required to pay a ten-cent deposit per bottle or can, though they would not serve as redemption sites like grocery stores. Homza noted that storage space and cost increases, estimated at about 3 percent or higher by the Restaurant Association, could burden smaller businesses. She emphasized that the bill's main challenges lie in implementation logistics, questioning why responsibility is shifting to operators when recycling systems already exist. While expressing strong personal support for recycling, she urged the Commission to fully understand the bill's complexity before endorsing it. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)**. **MOTION:** Chair Trindade Deramo moved to refer this resolution to the Committee on Economic Development for further review. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** No discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

**I. SMD 1B07: Community Sponsorship: Seaton Street Block Party**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Holden discussed a community grant request to support a proposed block party on Seaton Street. The organizer, who had attended earlier in the meeting, requested \$606.80 in funding, with the event permit still pending DDOT approval. Commissioners noted that the LeDroit Park Civic Association planned to loan equipment and supplies, reducing the total cost to \$500. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to support Seaton Street block party with \$500. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50pm.

*The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, November 6, 2025.*

**Prepared by:** Karen Lee, ANC1B Admin Consultant

**Approved on:** November 6, 2025

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

  
box SIGN 1J5ZKQ2R-15R9Y22L