

Minutes of the October 21, 2025 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

Meeting Call to Order

At 7:01 pm, Angela Allison, Chair, called the meeting to order. Seven of seven ANC1D commissioners joined the meeting at the outset of the meeting, representing a quorum. The meeting was publicly noticed through Facebook, Twitter, multiple widely subscribed community listservs, and a posting on www.anc1d.org. The meeting was held in person at the Mount Pleasant library and held virtually via Zoom, and it was recorded. Spanish interpretation was available during the meeting.

SMD1D01 – Jay Falk, present

SMD1D02 – Susan Patrick, present

SMD1D03 – Erika Núñez, present (via Zoom)

SMD1D04 – Melissa Wyers, present

SMD1D05 – Omar Parbhoo, present

SMD1D06 – Angela Allison, present

SMD1D07 – Gary Decker, present

Attendance: 8 in person and 14 on Zoom at the beginning of the meeting; 10 in-person maximum attendance and 16 Zoom maximum attendance

Finalized Consent Agenda

- September Minutes Review and Adoption
- 1755 Hobart Street BZA
- Joia Burger, ABCA Renewal
- The Raven, ABCA Renewal
- Haydee's, ABCA Renewal
- Suns Cinema, ABCA Renewal
- The Shepherd Bar, ABCA Renewal
- Il Supremo Italian, ABCA Renewal

Agenda Approval

- Commissioners removed the 1448 Spring Road BZA agenda item.
- Commissioners added a revised FY26 budget item.

- Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve the agenda with amendments, Commissioner Decker seconded. Chair Allison called a voice vote, and the agenda was approved with a 7-0-0 vote.

Public Comment

- Estelle McKinney from Councilmember Nadeau's office provided updates on Council activities, including the Rental Housing Act vote, federal government shutdown impacts, and DPW trash collection issues.
- Charity Beam, Faith Community Liaison for Wards 1-4 from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, introduced herself and her role.
- Community member inquired about ICE activity in Columbia Heights.
- Community member asked about the Mayor's roadshow follow-up.

DC Government Presentations:

- **Metropolitan Police Department:** Captain Jessica Hawkins from 4D (Sector 3) provided a public safety update. Overall crime is down 39% district-wide. Sector 3 is up 1 in violent crimes in the last 30 days compared to last year. Property crime is down from 99 to 59. Captain Hawkins answered questions about an assault with a dangerous weapon on Meridian Place (closed with arrest) and the ongoing homicide investigation on Ogden Street.
- **Metropolitan Police Department:** Captain Jeff Jones from 3D (Sector 1, covering Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant) provided a public safety update. Overall crime down 46% in the past 30 days. Two robberies in the 3100 block of 16th Street. Theft from autos down from 15 to 11. Captain Jones discussed MPD's posture regarding ICE operations and announced a haunted house event on October 31st and November 1st at 3D station.
- **Housing Access Panel:** Representatives from DC Department of Human Services (Jenna Savasco, Deputy Administrator for Permanent Housing), DC Housing Authority (Anton Shaw, Director of Housing Choice Vouchers Program), and District Bridges (Edward Wycliffe, Director of Strategic Partnerships) discussed the process for accessing housing in DC. Key points included:
 - 2025 point-in-time count showed 9% decrease in homelessness overall
 - Over 1,200 individuals and families were housed in FY25
 - Average time from match to lease-up is 205 days, with additional time before match
 - Challenges include documentation requirements, finding affordable units, and landlord participation
 - Edward Wycliffe noted 8 District Bridges clients have been deported, including 6 who were recently successfully housed

- Recommendations included fully funding the Interagency Council on Homelessness and increasing affordable housing stock

New Business:

- **BZA hearing for 3714 14th Street NW:** Ritesh Matta and Dagmawi Gebrekidan presented plans for a 9-unit condo building requiring parking relief. The property is located in Ward 4 (ANC 4C) but borders Ward 1. Commissioner Decker introduced a letter of support with conditions regarding construction impacts and affordability.
 - Commissioner Decker moved to approve the resolution, Commissioner Parbhoo seconded. Chair Allison called a voice vote, and the resolution was approved with a 7-0-0 vote.
- **Proposed Zoning Text Amendments by DC Office of Planning:** Commissioner Decker raised awareness about proposed zoning changes, including allowing deeper additions by right rather than requiring special exceptions. No action was taken; commissioners agreed to continue monitoring the issue.

Old Business:

- **DC Water Shutoff in Multi-unit Buildings:** Commissioner Patrick introduced a resolution opposing DC Water's new policy of cutting off water to multi-unit buildings for non-payment. The resolution supports temporary legislation requiring DC Water to report disconnection activities and urges Council to pass legislation prohibiting the practice.
 - Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve the resolution, Commissioner Wyers seconded. Chair Allison called a voice vote, and the resolution was approved with a 7-0-0 vote.

Grants Business:

- Commissioner Wyers reported that last fiscal year, ANC1D awarded \$9,000 in grants. The FY26 budget includes \$25,000 for grants.
- Commissioner Núñez announced the next grant application deadline is Sunday, November 23, 2025.

Committee Reports:

- **Committee of the Whole (Commissioner Parbhoo):** The committee discussed logistics to make meetings more accessible, including moving public comment to the beginning and providing snacks. The committee also discussed various agenda items for the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Amend FY26 Budget:** Commissioner Wyers proposed adding \$1,200 for direct meeting support (primarily snacks).
 - Commissioner Decker moved to approve, Commissioner Parbhoo seconded. Chair Allison called a voice vote, and the amendment was approved with a 7-0-0 vote.
- **Expense Report:** Commissioner Wyers reported receiving an allotment of \$4,753.43 from OANC, bringing the total bank balance to \$70,250.59. Monthly expenses included MailChimp, Zoom, interpreter services, and administrative assistant costs. The commission will transition to OANC's Zoom service to eliminate that expense in the future.

Secretary's Report:

- Commissioner Patrick reported working on newsletter cadence and encouraged community feedback on communication methods. The October newsletter will be sent at the end of the month.

Commissioner Updates:

- **Commissioner Allison:** Rock Creek litter cleanup Saturday, October 26 at 11am at Picnic Grove 29 in Piney Branch; Triangle Park community meeting Thursday at Mount Pleasant Library 6-7pm; Bystander intervention training Saturday at 10:30am (full capacity).
- **Commissioner Patrick:** Amigos Park update - DGS is seeking a contractor with contract expected by end of November, breaking ground tentatively in early January. Coordinating fence removal with Streets Market and DGS.
- **Commissioner Núñez:** Mount Pleasant Fitness Club Fall Fun Run Saturday at 10am at Rosemount Center, suggested donation \$15-20 with proceeds benefiting Rosemount Center; Mount Pleasant Cleanup crew costume cleanup and happy hour at Purple Patch on Thursday, October 31.

Meeting Adjournment: With no additional comments or questions, Chair Allison adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Approved November 18, 2025

Attested by:

