

ANC 1D Public Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025 at Mount Pleasant Library and Zoom

Meeting Details

- **Start Time:** 7:00 PM
- **End Time:** 8:47 PM
- **Chair:** Vice Chair Omar Parbhoo (chairing in place of Chair Angela Allison)
- **Commissioners Present:** 7 commissioners (quorum established)
 - In person: 4 commissioners (Erika Nuñez, Melissa Weyers, Omar Parbhoo, Jay Falk)
 - Online: 3 commissioners (Angela Allison, Gary Decker, Susan Patrick)

Meeting Opening

Vice Chair Parbhoo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was recorded on Zoom with Spanish language interpretation available. All draft resolutions and the agenda were publicly noticed via social media, the ANC1D website, and neighborhood listservs.

Agenda Approval

Finalized consent agenda:

- October Minutes Review and Adoption
- Las Delicias ABCA Renewal
- La Doña ABCA Renewal
- Elle ABCA Renewal
- **Discussion:** Modifications were made to the meeting agenda. The Mount Pleasant Village/Housing Study will be rescheduled and should be removed. The HIPS presentation was added to the agenda.
- **Motion:** Motion from Commissioner Wyers to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Nuñez.
- **Vote:** Vice Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote and the amended agenda and consent agenda was approved unanimously (7-0)

Public Comment Period

Gustavo Vargas - Amigos Park Coalition

- Expressed concerns about DGS moving forward with developing only half of the Amigos Park parcel (public land only)

- Noted that landlord Blake Megdal has stated willingness to lease or transfer the private parcel
- Raised concerns about Campbell Burns (VP of Streets Market) and potential plans conflicting with community input
- Expressed concern about neighbors who convene at the park facing displacement after 30+ years
- Questioned narrative about high crime at the park, stating research found no evidence of criminal activity, especially since Streets Market moved in

Allison Wolverton

- Proposed grant application to screen documentary "La Manpleza" about Mount Pleasant's history at Lamont Plaza
- Requested \$300 to cover screening fee
- Commission confirmed check can be written directly to film company
- Commissioner Allison encouraged expanding the proposal beyond just the film screening

Estelle McKinney - Councilmember Nadeau's Office

Multiple updates from CM Nadeau's office:

- Fall leaf collection has begun
- Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit increases approved
- Roundtable held on human rights violations to discuss DC government coordination with federal agents. Testimony can still be submitted until November 28th
- Utility resource drop-in fair scheduled for December 8th, 12-3 PM at Mount Pleasant Library (partnering with PEPCO, DOEE, and OPC)

DC Government Announcements and Presentations

MPD 4th District - Captain Jessica Hawkins

Crime Statistics (Last 30 Days vs. Previous Year):

- Overall crime down from 138 to 73
- Violent crime down from 13 to 7
- Assault with dangerous weapon up from 1 to 4 (2 cases closed, 1 suspect known)
- Robberies down from 9 to 3
- Burglaries: 2 to 3
- Theft from autos down from 28 to 18
- Motor vehicle theft down from 24 to 5

Drug-Free Zones:

- Current zone in PSA 408 (14th Street to Ogden, Spring to Otis)
- Previous zone in PSA 404/407 (Petworth area)
- No arrests made for drug-free zone violations

Extended Discussion - Commissioner Decker: Multiple incidents addressed:

1. Potential homicide at Tivoli buildings (Ogden and 14th) - under investigation by Office of Chief Medical Examiner
2. Stabbing at 14th and Perry Place - arrest warrant pending for known suspect
3. Drug-free zone declaration for 1D07 neighborhood (effective November 20-24)
4. Arrest coordination with federal officials at Triangle Garden (Perry Place, Spring Place, Spring Road intersection)

Federal Coordination Issues:

- Captain Hawkins confirmed MPD Crime Suppression Team is mandated to work with DC Safe and Beautiful Task Force
- Federal agents rotate every couple weeks from various agencies
- MPD does not conduct immigration enforcement but cannot prevent federal agents from taking action during joint operations
- Traffic stop led to federal agents detaining individual for separate investigation

Community Member Siddhartha Chowdri:

- Expressed deep concern about three witnessed incidents of federal agents detaining community members
- Described witnessing coordinated MPD and federal operation on Sunday night
- Stated fear in community about calling police
- Noted families left without fathers due to deportations

MPD Response:

- Confirmed DC Safe and Beautiful Task Force ongoing
- MPD officers will not leave federal agents during arrests for safety reasons
- Acknowledged working as team with federal task force
- Emphasized MPD does not initiate immigration enforcement

MPD 3rd District - Captain Jeffrey Jones

Incident Updates:

- Food truck operator arrested at 3104 Mount Pleasant for assaulting parking enforcement officer; vehicle to be towed, stay-away order issued
- Armed carjacking at 16th and Lamont - vehicle recovered in Southwest, under investigation

- Shooting October 24th in 3100 block of 16th Street - no suspect identified, victim uncooperative

Holiday Safety Tips:

- Burglary prevention: Keep lights on, lock doors/windows, ensure cameras working
- Theft from auto: Use steering wheel covers, remove valuables, nothing visible from windows
- Robbery prevention: Walk in groups, well-lit areas, stay alert

Follow-up Items:

- Constituent reported difficulty obtaining police report for car struck by stray bullets at 14th and Oak shooting
- Constituent reported poor treatment when seeking police report for identity theft at station
- Captain Jones requested specific information be emailed to jeffrey.jones2@dc.gov

Amigos Park Crime:

- Cannot attest to outlandish crime concerns at Amigos Park
- Quality of life complaints but nothing requiring extreme intervention or increased enforcement presence
- Offered to conduct deeper analysis

Presentations

Johnny Bailey - HIPS Hotspot Program

- HIPS (now operating under community care model) provides harm reduction services
- Services include: drug user recovery, medication assisted treatment (MAT), needle exchange, sex worker support
- Hotspot program started 2.5 years ago at 7th and T in Shaw, now has drop-in center
- Services 50 people daily at 7th and T, 20-30 at Southwest location
- 15,000 unique contacts across the year district-wide
- Working with Community Bridges Navigators, sharing office space at 7th and T
- Provides assistance navigating systems, needle/biohazard cleanup, referrals
- Available for community to call for non-emergency situations
- Working with police commander in Shaw for nonviolent interventions

New Business

Resolution: Letter of Support for Rosemount Center Funding

Commissioner Nuñez presented letter supporting DMPED's intent to provide grant to Rosemount Center for building purchase.

Key Points:

- Protects and sustains early childhood education provider
- Prevents displacement and preserves cultural continuity
- Maintains multiple early childhood education options near elementary school
- Rare offering: affordable program with outdoor play space and proximity to Rock Creek Park
- Generations of families have relied on Rosemount Center

Vernon Kelly, Rosemount Center CEO:

- Thanked ANC1D and community for strong support
- Rosemount serves as feeder to Bancroft and other nearby schools
- Requested continued financial support to unlock \$1 million Council match

Motion: Chair Allison motioned to approve the letter of support with addition of standard template language that is included in all resolutions, and Commissioner Wyers seconded.

Vote: Vice Chair Parbhoo called for a voice vote and the resolution was approved unanimously (7-0).

Old Business

Amigos Park Update - Commissioner Wyers

- Procurement process moving forward on schedule
- Contractor site visits occurred October 30-31
- Proposals due November 15th (previous Friday)
- Final contractor selection expected end of November/early December
- Fence removal coordinated with Streets Market, expected January 2025
- Once contractor selected, they assume responsibility for site maintenance (trash, safety, rats)

Clarifications:

- City moving forward with park on city-owned land (approximately half of total space)
- Other half remains private property owned by Megdal
- Streets Market, as leasee, responsible for their portion of fence removal and property maintenance

- Commissioner Wyers emphasized she is messenger, not endorsing the approach
- Commission has been advocating for broader park if feasible

Grants Business

Grants Budget Update - Commissioner Wyers

- FY26 budget: \$25,000 available
- Next submission deadline: November 30th
- Selection in January
- Updated maximum grant per quarter from \$5,000 to \$6,250
- All FY25 grantee financial reports submitted

Updated Grant Policy

Changes:

- Maximum per quarter increased to \$6,250
- Removed event sponsorship references (covered through grant program)
- Added flexibility to use rollover funds at Commission's discretion

Vote: Vice Chair Parbhoo motioned for a voice vote to approve the updated grant policy. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole - Vice Chair Parbhoo

Previous meeting discussions:

- Zoom logistics for public meetings
- Administrative issues
- Annual report preparation
- Ordered more stickers ("Future ANC1D Commissioner")
- Newsletter management (sign up at ANC1D.org)
- Records organization
- Website updates including commissioner bios

Treasurer's Report - Commissioner Wyers

FY25 Q4 Report

- **Income:** \$2,452.50 (\$2,000 returned grant + \$452 credits)
- **Total Balance:** \$72,465.74
- **Expenses:** \$7,078.18
 - Three grants (approved June, paid July)
 - Regular Zoom, MailChimp, communications
 - Office supplies (checks)
 - Training
 - One penny for voided check (OANC requirement)
- **Ending Balance:** \$65,387.56

Motion: Commissioner Nuñez motioned to approve the FY25 Q4 quarterly report. Seconded by Commissioner Allison. **Vote:** Approved unanimously (7-0)

October 2024 Expenses

- **Starting Balance (October 22):** \$70,250.59 (includes partial FY26 allotment)
 - **Expenses:** \$1,696.88
 - Bystander training
 - Routine expenses
 - **Ending Balance:** \$68,553.71
- No vote required (informational only).

Secretary's Report - Commissioner Patrick

Website Updates

- Commissioner bios and photos now posted
- Reminder to remaining commissioners to submit bios
- Encouraged community suggestions for website improvements
- Contact: 1D02@anc.dc.gov

Annual Report FY25

Report organized by categories:

- Transportation and Pedestrian Safety
- Education
- Housing and Tenants' Rights
- Federal Overreach
- Voters' Rights
- Economic Development
- Libraries, Parks, and Recreation
- Environment and Cleanliness
- Public Safety
- Historic Preservation and Zoning
- ABCA Applications
- Grants awarded
- Financial summary

Motion: Commissioner Nuñez motioned to approve annual report and Commissioner Wyers seconded.

Vote: Vice Chair Parbhoo called for a voice vote and the annual report was approved unanimously (7-0).

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Patrick

- Expressed excitement about new traffic light and crosswalk at 16th and Spring Place
- Credited Commissioner Decker and team effort

- Constituent said it brought tears to her eyes
- Expected to improve pedestrian safety across 16th Street

Commissioner Decker

- Deflected credit for traffic light to team effort
- Proposed event when light becomes operational
- **Extended discussion on MPD-federal coordination:**
 - Not acceptable for community members to fear leaving their homes
 - Large immigrant community being terrorized
 - Requested Commission not lose this thread
 - Noted prioritization of officer protection over community protection
 - Emphasized only brown people being stopped
 - Called for accountability from MPD

Chair Allison

- **MPD-Federal Coordination Follow-up:**
 - Commission held public meeting 2 months ago
 - Mayor's office promised roadshow to take community questions
 - No follow-through yet
 - Need to ask for more accountability when promises made

Vice Chair Parbhoo

- Proposed discussing actions at next Committee of the Whole
- Will research DC Safe and Beautiful Task Force details
- Noted possible implicit prioritization of officer protection over community protection
- Wants clarity on what Commission can realistically offer community

Commissioner Nuñez

- First explicit acknowledgment from MPD about federal coordination
- Previous responses denied cooperation
- Public acknowledgment important even though constituents knew all along

Extended Discussion Points

- Question of whether issue is legal (law allows profiling) vs. executive decision-making
- Suggestion to invite lawyers to Committee of the Whole to explain legal framework
- Commissioner Allison suggested immediate actions: promote brake light clinics, Know Your Rights training, bystander intervention training, migrant solidarity networks

Commissioner Wyers

- Community fundraising efforts to support neighbors affected by federal overreach:
 - Mount Pleasant Village fund
 - Mount Pleasant Neighborhood Neighbor Relief Fund
 - One focused on legal assistance, other on rent/food
 - Details to be shared in newsletter

Estelle McKinney Response

- Offered to distribute community resources in Councilmember Nadeau's newsletter
- Commended Commission's intentionality and care for community
- Offered to collaborate on next steps following human rights violations roundtable
- Councilmember Nadeau will attend December meeting to provide readout

Commissioner Nuñez

- Mount Pleasant Cleanup Crew: Thursday, 4:30 PM at Lamont Plaza
- Collecting canned goods for little free pantry next to Unisex Salon
- DDOT Ward 1 Strategic Bikeways Plan outreach: December 2nd, 6-8 PM at St. Stephen's on Newton Street

Upcoming Meetings

- **Committee of the Whole:** December 1, 2024 (Zoom)
- **Next Public Meeting:** December 16, 2024, 7:00 PM (Mount Pleasant Library and Zoom)
- Agenda and materials posted 7 days prior on ANC1D.org

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Nuñez motioned to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Decker seconded.

Vote: Vice Chair Parbhoo called for a voice vote and the motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 by Vice Chair Parbhoo.

Minutes prepared by: Mitra Moin

Minutes approved: December 16, 2025

Attested by: Susan Patrick

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Patrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.