

ANC 1D Public Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2025 at Mount Pleasant Library and Zoom

Meeting Call to Order

At 7:00 pm, Omar Parbhoo, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order in the absence of Chair Angela Allison. Five of seven ANC1D commissioners joined the meeting at the outset, representing a quorum. Commissioner Decker joined shortly after. The meeting was publicly noticed through social media, the ANC1D website, and neighborhood listservs. The meeting was held in person at the Mount Pleasant Library and 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

SMD1D04 -- Melissa Wyers, present

SMD1D05 -- Omar Parbhoo, present (presiding)

SMD1D06 -- Angela Allison, absent

SMD1D07 -- Gary Decker, present

Agenda Approval

- Commissioner Wyers moved to add three streaterly permits to the consent agenda.
 - Purple Patch Streatery Permit
 - Joia Burger Streatery Permit
 - Martha Dear Streatery Permit
- Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve the agenda with amendments, Commissioner Patrick seconded. Vice Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote, and the agenda was approved with a 6-0-0 vote.

Public Comment

- **Thea Lee** presented information about the Mount Pleasant Neighborhood Relief Fund, which has raised \$180,000 to assist neighbors affected by immigration detention and deportation. The fund provides immediate financial support and legal assistance through partnership with Mario Sorio law firm.
- **Chris Jarvan** (Amigos Park Coalition) expressed concerns about DGS plans to build a half-park on public space only, stating the coalition opposes the plan and prefers preserving the possibility of a full park in the future. He noted that negotiators had reached agreement on the full park but the Mayor declined to proceed.
- **Rachel Schaefer** represented residents interested in bike safety improvements, particularly a safe route from Mount Pleasant to the 15th Street corridor.

DC Government Presentations:

- **Metropolitan Police Department:** Captain Jeff Jones from 3D reported minimal crime in the past 30 days: one residential burglary at 18th and Newton and zero robberies in Mount Pleasant. He addressed concerns about crime reporting in context of federal immigration enforcement, stating MPD does not enforce immigration and urged community members to report crimes.
- **Metropolitan Police Department:** Captain Jessica Hawkins from 4D reported overall crimes down 26 in Sector 3, with increases in robberies primarily on side streets off 14th Street corridor. A drug-free zone is scheduled for Wednesday morning in Petworth.
- **Councilmember Brianne Nadeau:** Provided updates on federal immigration enforcement roundtable findings, emergency streatory legislation, legislative priorities including the Bottle Bill and Neighborhood Management Authorities, Amigos Park RFP status, trash collection improvements, and school construction timelines. She confirmed this will be her last year on the Council.
- **Anthony Robertson** (Mayor's Office of Community Relations Services) reported DC schools' 74% graduation increase since 2010-11 and assured continued MOCRS support.

New Business:

- **Resolution in Support of Roundtable to Minimize Housing Voucher Processing Timeline:** Commissioner Wyers introduced resolution supporting efforts to reduce voucher processing times, which have decreased from 421 days (FY23) to 205 days (FY25) but remain burdensome. The resolution urges time-bound commitments and immediate administrative improvements.

Commissioner Patrick moved to approve, Commissioner Decker seconded. Vice Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote, and the resolution was approved with a 6-0-0 vote.

- **Resolution on Harvard Street Modifications in Columbia Heights Crosstown Bus Priority Project:** Commissioner Parbhoo introduced resolution regarding DDOT's proposed changes. Commissioner Falk proposed amendments based on community feedback. The amended resolution supports traffic calming measures at Harvard Street and Argonne Place intersection but opposes converting the eastbound Harvard Street segment to one-way.

Commissioner Falk moved to approve with amendments, Commissioner Patrick seconded. Vice Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote, and the resolution was approved with amendments 6-0-0 vote.

Grants Business:

- Commissioner Wyers reported \$25,000 allocated for FY26 grants with \$6,250 available quarterly.
- **La Manplea Documentary Grant:** Allison Wolverton requested \$2,500 to screen documentary about the Salvadoran diaspora in Lamont Plaza, including musicians and poets.

- **Native Plant Project Grant:** John Burnham requested \$3,000 to expand native plant installations in tree boxes throughout the neighborhood, building on 26 boxes completed in 2025.
- Commissioner Parbhoo moved to approve both grants at full amounts, Commissioner Patrick seconded. Vice Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote, and both grants were approved 6-0-0 vote.

Committee Reports:

- **Committee of the Whole (Commissioner Parbhoo):** The committee discussed meeting logistics, officer elections, and ongoing concerns about MPD interactions and federal immigration enforcement.

Treasurer's Report:

- Commissioner Wyers reported starting balance of \$68,553.71, income of \$2,350 (FY25 translation refund), and expenses of \$917.14. Ending balance: \$69,986.57.

Secretary's Report:

- Commissioner Patrick encouraged community members to sign up for the ANC newsletter at anc1d.org.

Commissioner Updates:

- **Commissioner Decker:** New traffic signal with flashing yellow lights now operational at 16th Street and Spring Place/Ogden Street; announced expecting first child this weekend.
- **Commissioner Nuñez:** DDOT's citywide strategic bikeways plan open for public comment until end of year.

Meeting Adjournment: Vice Chair Parbhoo moved to adjourn at 8:58 pm, Commissioner Patrick seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Attested by:

Susan Patrick, Secretary