

ANC 1D Public Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2026 at Mount Pleasant Library and Zoom

Meeting Call to Order

At 7:01 pm, Omar Parbhoo called the meeting to order. The meeting was publicly noticed. 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

SMD1D06 -- Angela Allison, present

SMD1D07 -- Gary Decker, present

Consent Agenda

- February Minutes Review and Adoption
- Martha Dear Streatery Resolution

Approval of the Agenda along with consent agenda items

- **Proposed Changes:** Commissioner Patrick moved to remove the Living Room grant presentation and discussion from the agenda.
- **Motion:** Commissioner Nuñez moved to approve the agenda as amended.
- **Second:** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Decker.
- **Outcome:** The agenda, including the consent agenda, was approved by voice vote of 7-0-0.

Public Comment Period

- **Amigos Park Coalition:** Amigos Park Coalition presented renderings for a "full park" design for Amigos Park. They emphasized a community-managed, fence-free space with performance areas, game tables, and protected heritage trees.
- **Executive Updates:** Niccole Rivero (Office of Councilmember Nadeau) shared updates on new emergency transparency bills regarding MPD and federal agent collaboration, as well as legislation to modernize the Housing Production Trust Fund.
- **MPD Updates:**
 - **Captain Hawkins:** Reported that violent crime in Sector 3 increased from 5 to 9 incidents compared to the previous period. This increase was primarily driven by robberies and Assaults with a Dangerous Weapon (ADWs). Property Crime

reduced: theft from auto decreased from 17 incidents to 8, and motor vehicle theft dropped from 13 to 2. Responding to inquiries regarding the security cameras installed in the neighborhood, particularly at 17th & Park & Mt Pleasant, Captain Hawkins clarified that access to the center is strictly controlled. She noted that even as a captain, she cannot enter the center with her standard ID, indicating that federal officers would not have walk-in access to the camera feeds.

- **Captain Nelson:** Addressed community observations regarding increased enforcement of "quality of life" offenses, such as open containers. He explained that proactive teams are often deployed to specific areas in response to citizen complaints to identify more serious offenses, such as drug distribution or firearms. Additionally, he announced plans for future community walks to hear resident concerns directly and intended to invite representatives from other DC agencies to participate.

New Business

- **Amigos Park Resolution:** Commissioner Wyers provided context for a resolution directed at the DC Department of General Services (DGS) regarding community engagement for Amigos Park. Because DGS scheduled a community meeting for March 24, the Commission decided to table the resolution to review meeting outcomes first.

Administrative Tasks:

- **Grants Policy Update:**
 - Commissioner Nuñez presented a proposal to update the ANC 1D Community Funding Policy to clarify how the Commission manages its grant budget.
 - Quarterly Allocation: The proposed update suggests a target allocation of \$6,250 per quarter for community grants.
 - Rollover Provisions: A key feature of the update is that unused funds from one quarter will roll over to subsequent quarters, allowing the Commission to exceed the \$6,250 limit in a given quarter if it has accumulated a balance from previous periods.
 - Budget Flexibility: Commissioners discussed the "squishy" nature of these limits, noting that the amounts are suggested guidelines. The Commission retains the authority to adjust the budget during a vote if a particularly worthy set of grants exceeds the quarterly target.
 - The policy is intended to ensure that funds remain available for projects presented later in the year, rather than being exhausted by early applicants, while still allowing the Commission to respond to high-quality applications that may arrive simultaneously.

- Commissioner Allison motioned to approve the grant policy updated language and Commissioner Falk seconded the motion. A voice vote was held and the change passed 7-0-0.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Wyers offered an update on our monthly expenses and an additional expense that the Commission needed to approve. Commissioner Wyers explained that we had an additional expense for the AV for the Ward 1 Candidate Forum.
 - Budget line item increase: Commissioners discussed the increase of \$290.25 to the "Purchase of Service, Meeting Support Consultants" budget. Commissioner Decker moved to increase the budget, Commissioner Allison seconded. Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.
 - Additional expense: Commissioners discussed the additional expense to cover the AV expense for the Ward 1 candidate forum (\$2640.25). Commissioner Decker moved to pay for this expense, Commissioner Falk seconded. Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.
 - Expense Report: Commissioner Wyers discussed the expenses for the past month.
- **Secretary's Report:** Commissioner Patrick encouraged folks to join the ANC1D newsletter or send newsletter items to 1d02@anc.dc.gov.
- **Commissioner's Updates:**
 - Commissioner Decker thanked library staff, Mount Pleasant Village, and others for a great Ward 1 Forum. Commissioner Decker announced a letter that ANC Commissioners have sent to Council on Columbia Heights Neighborhood Management Authority.
 - Commissioner Patrick encouraged folks to attend an upcoming free clinic on April 2 by Office of the Tenant Advocate/Legal Counsel of Elderly.
 - Commissioner Allison encouraged neighbors to attend upcoming Mount Pleasant Village mulching day on April 26.

Grants Business:

- **Mount Pleasant Spring Fair (Bancroft Elementary PTO)**
 - **Project Overview:** The PTO requested funding for the annual Spring Fair, a long-standing community event featuring carnival games, field activities, food, and music.
 - **Budget Details:** The grant specifically covers costs for carnival rentals, portable toilets, and event signage. The PTO covers remaining costs through food sales, wristband sales, and local business raffles.
 - **Motion and Vote:** Commissioner Allison moved to approve the full budget amount, Commissioner Decker seconded it. Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote on this motion and it was approved 7-0-0.

- **Acorn Watershed Grant:**
 - **Project Overview:** This grant request is for the design and installation of educational signage at Acorn Park to teach residents and students about the local watershed.
 - **Funding Strategy:** Commissioners debated whether to fund only the design phase (\$2,100) or the full project. It was argued that providing the full funding contingent on DPR approval would give the applicants more leverage when seeking that permission.
 - **Motion and Vote:** Commissioner Allison moved to approve the full budget amount contingent Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) approval. Chair Parbhoo called a voice vote on this motion and it was approved 7-0-0.
 - The Commission requested that the ANC 1D logo be included on the final signage for this project.

Administrative Tasks Continued:

- **Committee of the Whole:** Commissioner Allison offered an update on the COW and explained the topics of the March administrative meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Decker motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Allison seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Mitra Moin

Minutes approved: April 21, 2026

Attested by: Susan Patrick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Patrick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Attested by: Susan Patrick".