

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B

Government of the District of Columbia

Columbia Heights / LeDroit Park / Shaw / University Heights

6 May 2004, True Reformer Building, 1200 U Street NW

Attending: Commissioners Guyot, Spalding, Hammonds, Thomas, Skinner, Esters, Wright

Absent: Commissioners Houston, Butler, Wilson, Glover

Quorum was achieved at 7:20PM. In the Secretary's report Commissioner Spalding indicated that he had attended the screening of "U Street Blue" at the DC Film Festival which was partially funded by ANC1B. We will be working with the producers to get a screening locally as soon as the restrictions on presentation allow. BZA Case No. 17138 regarding the request for an increase to four units at 1325 Fairmont Street failed to get approval from the Board. We made our case for approval; however, the Board did not think that the property met their standard of uniqueness required for this type of variance. The voluntary agreement with Shop Express is continuing before ABRA, and the next scheduled hearing will be in June. We are in the process of building a web site for ANC1B, www.anc1b.org, in conjunction with the OANC. There are some initial technical glitches that we're working out, but the site is up and should be filled with information soon. Minutes for the April 2004 meeting were moved and seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0). With the absence of the Treasurer Commissioner Spalding gave the Treasurer's report. Our initial balance was \$100,837.61, check number 1533 was issued to reimburse secretarial expenses, a quarterly deposit of \$7,304.85 was made, and a \$1.00 charge was assessed for mail deposit bank charge, which leaves the current balance of \$108,007.35. Treasurer's report was moved and seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0). Currently monthly request for reimbursement of secretarial expenses was detailed as \$11.00 for paper, \$1.06 for postage, and \$29.97 for the first three months of remote hosting of the ANC1B website, which gives a total of \$42.03 and all receipts are included. Motion was made to reimburse the Secretary for \$42.03, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

In Community Events and Announcements Commissioner Guyot asked constituents to attend the Shaw Main Street's Community Visioning Meeting on Monday, May 24th, at 7PM. This Saturday, May 8th from noon to 3PM at the Capital Pavilion there will be an election of the Ward 1 Democrats. There will be a week (May 11th through the 15th) of activities celebrating 'Migrant Awareness Week' at the Seaton Elementary School.

Larry Holman and Desmond Holman gave a presentation of Metro Youth Entrepreneurs. There are two programs, the MetroVoice Information Network which provides networking support for local area businesses. Cooperative information and advertising will be provided on a web site. The second program is MetroVoice Business to Youth Mentoring Program. The youth program will encourage local youths to create a life marketing plan. There will also be a focus on curbing youth violence. The programs will both be meeting at Cada Vez, and the youth program will begin on June 22nd. Chairperson Thomas asked about the targeted age of participants in the youth program, and Mr. Holman responded that it was between ten and twenty-one. Commissioner Spalding requested that they contact and work with the Main Streets program and requested that the Holman's meet with Scott Pomeroy who was in attendance. Commissioner Wright offered to provide space for the computer training described in the MetroVoice package. Commissioner Guyot asked if they have an application for funding in place that ANC1B could write a letter in support of the application, and Mr. Holman stated that they have a request pending with the North Capitol Collaborative. Chairperson Thomas asked about the geographic scope of the program, and Mr. Holman responded that they are hoping to be city wide, but that they are starting in Ward 1. Scott Pomeroy suggested that ANC support for slots in the DC Youth Summer Employment Program, and also support could be gained through the Columbia Heights Shaw Family Support Collaborative which might help extend their reach into other portions of ANC1B's territory. Commissioner Guyot moved that ANC1B support the utilization of summer job employment by MetroVoice, and that we support their application to the North Capitol Collaborative, and an application to each of the local Main Streets programs, and the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Commissioner Guyot gave a progress report on the Howard Theatre and Radio One proposed development. Commissioner Guyot pointed out the affordable housing commitments between the developer and Manna CDC. The handout specified the targets of affordable condominium and rental units, and also addressed small business subsidies. Jonathan Taylor of Kumase Development Group spoke to the ongoing work with Manna CDC and UPO in developing targets and guidelines for the proposal. UPO will be leading the effort towards living wage jobs, and the target of fifty percent of these jobs being reserved for neighborhood residents. This will include both the construction jobs and the permanent jobs created by the proposed development. Commissioner Guyot asked for assurance that each currently existing business on 7th Street being approached about the development, and Mr. Taylor indicated that they had been going door to door and will continue to do so. Scott Pomeroy stated that Mr. Taylor has been working with the 14th and U Main Streets Initiative in working with business owners and business property owners, and has shown a concern for helping avoid displacement in that capacity. Mr. Jennings asked about the definitions involving affordability, and Mr. Taylor responded that in terms of the housing component they would be working with the AMI of the neighborhood and not the regional numbers. Commissioner Guyot moved that the language in the letters be included in any decision made by DHCD or NCRC regarding these two respective properties, and that ANC1B support the agreement and ask that it be inserted in any language of finality by either DHCD or NCRC regarding the Howard Theatre and Radio One at 7th and S. Commissioner

Esters asked if this was stressing the 30% affordable figure, and Commissioner Guyot responded that Derrick Woody of the Office of Planning has made it clear that if section eight monies cannot be used that then it would revert to a thirty thirty thirty situation. Motion was seconded and adopted on a vote of (5-1-0). Mr. Ellis of Radio One gave an overview of the meetings that Radio One has held with city officials on the unsolicited proposal. Jill Chodorov asked about the timeline for the development, and Mr. Ellis responded that they were hoping to reach an exclusive rights agreement by this summer. A constituent asked how they can assure the community that they can achieve the thirty percent affordable target as well as assuring the quality of construction sought by the community. Mr. Ellis responded that they will be seeking subsidies to help them achieve the stated targets, and they are hoping to work with Trammel Crow which should allay any fears about the quality of the construction. Mr. Howard asked where the subsidy would come from, and Mr. Ellis responded that it would come from the Housing Development Trust, which would be a HUD grant from the city. Mr. Pomeroy asked if there were also ways to write down the land costs with NCRC and others involved, and Mr. Ellis agreed that they were working with NCRC to formulate ways of encompassing an equity involvement.

Young America Works Charter School was not in attendance, and their presentation was tabled to a future meeting.

Commissioner Spalding introduced the application for a traffic control plant (TCP) for the matter of right development called the “Rhapsody” in the 2100 block of Vermont Avenue. This will be a condominium development with 162 units including a small number of ‘arts’ affordable units as specified in the zoning guidelines. Commissioner Spalding indicated that he had been speaking with Tamara Campbell the Ward 1 DDOT coordinator for TCP’s, and that DDOT had not expressed any serious concerns with this TCP. Mr. Rubenstein first showed a representation of the finished building, and then moved to the specifics of the TCP. One lane of W St. and one lane of Vermont/Florida Ave. will be used temporarily during the construction, and both sidewalks will not be available during the construction. Commissioner Guyot asked for a description of the affordable units, and Mr. Rubenstein responded that there were projected to be ten studio units priced at approximately \$128,000. Commissioner Spalding asked about truck queuing, and Mr. Rubenstein responded that the queuing would be along Florida Avenue and should not have an extensive impact on the existing residential community. Commissioner Guyot asked how we could get more affordable units, and Mr. Rubenstein responded that the units were included as determined by the zoning regulations, and Commissioner Guyot asked “How about fifteen?” Mr. Rubenstein responded that as a matter of right project they had included the full number of units required for the additional space allowed in the zoning. Commissioner Spalding asked about crosswalks and pedestrian traffic on Florida Avenue, and Mr. Rubenstein responded that there is no crosswalk at W., and that traffic would be routed to the existing crosswalk further north. Mr. Howard asked about the impact on new residents at the building being constructed at 10th and W, and Mr. Rubenstein responded that their project may not finish much before the Rhapsody, and that he did not see any large impact. Mr. Rubenstein

added that Clark would be doing the construction, and that they had extensive experience in building within the neighborhoods of the District. Mr. Howard asked about environmental remediation concerns with the former gas station, and Mr. Rubenstein responded that since they would be digging to three floors of underground parking and had filed all environmental remediation applications, the removal of the contaminants was being dealt with. Commissioner Spalding pointed out that the plan appeared to indicate the fencing on Florida running down past currently existing properties, and Mr. Rubenstein responded that this was a difficulty in the drafting of the plan, and that the blockage will not extend beyond their property line. Commissioner Spalding asked Mr. Rubenstein to develop a relationship with the Principal of Garnet Patterson School in order to keep them fully informed of the effects of the TCP, and Mr. Rubenstein agreed to do so. Commissioner Esters asked about the right turn from W St. onto Florida, and Mr. Rubenstein indicated that again this was overemphasized in the current plan, and that there should be no difficulty in making this turn. Commissioner Spalding moved support for the TCP for the Rhapsody as presented, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Public Space application for café tables and seating at Starbucks (corner of 13th and U) was introduced by Commissioner Spalding. The Starbucks recently opened and featured café tables running south on the 13th Street side of their business, and this application is to make this feature legal. Commissioner Spalding indicated that the week when the tables were in place they were enormously popular, provided great eyes on the street, and enlivened the corner of 13th and U. Commissioner Guyot asked if this was a Magic Johnson Starbucks, and Joe Spinelli responded that it was. Mr. Spinelli explained that the café seating would be comprised of six tables with umbrellas and chairs, and a portable railing to enclose the space. The equipment would be taken indoors at closing each day. Mr. Spinelli specified that there is twenty-six feet between the building and the curb, and that the café seating would use approximately ten feet of that distance leaving sixteen feet of sidewalk. Mr. Spinelli stated that it's Starbucks policy to assign a worker to make sure that the space is kept clean during operations, and that they also contract help in power washing the sidewalk space once a month. Commissioner Esters asked about the duration of the café seating, and Mr. Spinelli responded that they normally apply for the full twelve months and use the seating as much of the year as possible. Scott Pomeroy asked about space for local performers, and indicated that the 14th and U Main Streets Initiative has been trying to include street performances with a number of their promotions. Mr. Pomeroy asked that Starbucks build into their insurance coverage the use of the café seating area for this type of community based use. Mr. Spinelli stated that he was unable to give an answer for Starbucks, but would relay the request back to the owners. Commissioner Guyot moved support, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Commissioner Spalding introduced Public Space application No. 04-020 for café seating for Love Café at the corner of 15th and U. This would provide two café tables in the recess along U Street, and four café tables near the corner entrance on 15th Street. Bert Jackson stated that the owner, Warren Brown, had been called out of town unexpectedly. Mr. Jackson stated that the

seating was in response to their patrons who had regularly asked for outdoor café seating. Mr. Jackson stated that there is thirteen feet of space between the building and the curb at the recess on the U Street side of the building, which would allow for the tables and no interference with the sidewalk. Mr. Jackson said that there would be approximately ten feet of sidewalk on the 15th side from the tables to the curb. Support for the application was moved, seconded and unanimously approved (6-0-0).

Commissioner Spalding introduced the scheduled Board of Condemnation of Insanitary Buildings hearing on 1323 V Street. Neither the contractor (current owner) nor the prospective owners were present. Commissioner Spalding stated that the building was purchased by the contractor this past January, and that he is currently gutting the structure and rebuilding. Commissioner Esters asked about the state of the building, and Commissioner Spalding reported that the façade has been retained, but that the remainder of the building was being gutted and replaced, and that Steve Callcott from OHP had been made aware of the ongoing work. Motion was made to oppose the condemnation, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

Commissioner Guyot described the reappearance of Smarta/Broadway for a Temporary Stipulated license for a new nightclub (CN) located at 1919 9th Street. At our last meeting we approved a full license for the applicant, but they are currently applying for a temporary stipulated license, and ABRA asked that we vote specifically on the stipulated license. Commissioner Guyot moved support for the temporary stipulated license. A constituent asked who the applicant was, and Commissioner Guyot indicated that Mr. Smart was present. Mr. Smart was asked about parking for the club, and he stated that he had parking behind the building. Mr. Smart was asked if the parking was sufficient for the capacity of the club, and Mr. Smart indicated that the provided parking met ABRA standards. Commissioner Spalding indicated that he had received letters from the Westminster Neighborhood Association, and from Craig MacIvor with concerns about the new club. Commissioner Spalding made copies of the letters available to each of the Commissioners, and asked the applicant to meet with both the Westminster Neighborhood Association and the Cardozo Shaw Neighborhood Association to address their concerns. Commissioner Spalding requested that the applicant check to determine if their club would be within four hundred feet of a school, notably Maya Angelou Charter School and Cleveland Elementary, and if so to meet with the administrations of the schools and address any concerns that they may have with a new nightclub. Commissioner Guyot stated that he agreed that the applicant should meet with WNA and CSNA, but that he had a serious problem of imposing a new condition on an applicant that was here at our last meeting, and on whose application we've already voted in favor. Chairperson Thomas asked if the proximity to the schools was not a legitimate concern, and Commissioner Guyot responded that Chris Shaheen was in charge of changing the zoning on this block. Commissioner Guyot stated that Shaw Main Streets had met with Mr. Shaheen and objected to any zoning changes that would affect the businesses already operating on the block. This is another attempt to go around the existing businesses like the Georgia Avenue zoning changes. Warren Flint has proposed a façade program for the block, but I told him that he had to go and explain it to the businesses.

So, my concern is that if we apply the school situation without ABRA applying it, let's just close down everything on Main Street. If ABRA forces them to do it that's one thing, but we should not be in that position. Chairperson Thomas asked if Commissioner Spalding's requests were a friendly amendment, and Commissioner Spalding replied that though we voted on this issue at our last meeting the discussion very short, it was curtailed too quickly, and was not explored as thoroughly as it should have been explored. I think it's preferable that the applicant check with the schools now rather than later. Commissioner Spalding said that the suggestions need not be accepted as a friendly amendment. Commissioner Guyot stated that he has had thorough discussions with applicant and forcibly required that they comply with all ABRA laws. Commissioner Skinner stated that it is important that the applicant reach out to address the community members concerns. We have to be careful about the stress on black owned businesses, and if you think there are any subtle racist attempts to make you do things that aren't right I extend my phone number to you. Issues regarding policing, inadequate parking somehow become the responsibility of a business owner. These buildings have been here before your business, and you're not responsible for the design of the city. I think we've had a constant real subtle attempt at trying to intimidate immigrant and black owned businesses. We'll do a lot more than talk about it if that's true. I hope it's a lot of ignorance not racism, and if those people are ignorant than we should teach them. If there's anything out of the ordinary that's tied to skin tone please let me know. Chairperson Thomas responded that those may be Commissioner Skinner's opinions, but she felt that one because it insinuates something about her own character. Commissioner Guyot stated that this applicant has been commendable, everything that I've asked him to do he's done. Previous question was called by Commissioner Guyot, and it was approved on a vote of (6-1-0).

Discussion of ABRA Case No. 50106, Cada Vez for substantial changes, was introduced by Chairperson Thomas. Cada Vez is located in Ward 2, but it is on the boundary of ANC1B. Commissioner Guyot cited previous experience in boundary cases, and that we can be given great weight on this license. Commissioner Guyot stated that ANC2B would be opposing this application for substantial changes, and ANC1B has an opportunity to support the proposed changes. Mary Zhou introduced herself as the new owner of Cada Vez. Ms. Zhou stated that she has been operating a restaurant in Maryland for almost twenty years, and that she was excited about coming to the U Street community. Charles Zhou explained that their family has a long history of involvement in the restaurant community in DC. They took over Cada Vez and in the past six months have been making major changes. They have changed and updated the menu to reflect the diverse and vibrant U Street community. Cada Vez used to just have performances on weekends, but they have expanded this to nightly performances. They are already working with Mr. Holman's MetroVoices and Martha's Table, and hopes to become a regular participant in the greater community. Eugene Wimbush discussed the performances and security as part of the new management team. Mr. Wimbush stated that he has been working with the Zhou's in a number of their locations. Mr. Wimbush stated that they have had another business running in Ward 5 for a number of years, and that they have no trouble with the police. The lengthening of the hours is in response to the late crowd, and their conditioning to the standard late ABRA hours. The extension of the hours would be for an extra hour each night to go to the regular ABRA cut off hours. People are accustomed to the regular closing hours, and

the earlier closing hours currently allowed to Cada Vez lead to disgruntled patrons and difficulty in getting them out. Commissioner Guyot asked how much the applicant had spent on renovating the property, and Mr. Zhou responded that it's been like a money pit and they have spent over a half million dollars on renovations. Commissioner Guyot moved that ANC1B support the application for substantial changes, and it was seconded. Commissioners Spalding asked about the ownership changes, and Mr. Zhou explained that they own the business, however, the Cimo's still own the property, and that they have no current designs on purchasing the property. Commissioner Guyot asked applicant to go on the record as supporting all the ABRA laws and regulations, and Mr. Wimbush replied that ABRA uses their security guidelines as examples for other establishments. Question was called and adopted on a vote of (4-0-2).

Commissioner Spalding introduced ABRA application No. 60704, Sodere restaurant for a temporary stipulated license (CR) at 1930 9th Street. The ownership is familiar since they operate Dukem at the corner of 12th and U. The property is the small yellow building next to the parking lot on the western side of the 1900 block of 9th. Mekonen Zewdie, Merfin Zewdie, and Mike Pappas were present to answer questions about their application. Commissioner Spalding asked if they were planning an Ethiopian restaurant and what the capacity would be, and Mr. Zewdie responded that it would be an Ethiopian restaurant with a capacity of one hundred and twenty-two. Chairperson Thomas asked if they would be using both floors, and Mr. Zewdie said that they would be using both floors. Commissioner Guyot stated that 1928 and 1930 were actually one building, but Mr. Zewdie clarified that Expo restaurant was occupying both floors of 1928, and that Sodere would be occupying both floors of 1930. Commissioner Spalding indicated that the proximity of the residents who own homes behind these properties magnified the concern over noise and trash issues. There is not even room for a service alley between the residential buildings on 9 ½ Street and the businesses on 9th, and Bill Stevens stated that his home is just eight feet from the backs of the commercial buildings. Commissioner Spalding indicated that he had a letter from Craig MacIvor (another resident of 9 ½ Street) with general support for the license. Commissioner Spalding also asked applicant to determine their distance from the Maya Angelou School, and if inside four hundred feet to contact the administration of the school to discuss the new business and license. Commissioner Esters asked about the hours of operation, and Mr. Zewdie responded that they were the normal ABRA closing hours. Mr. Zewdie did indicate that they would have live entertainment, and Commissioner Spalding asked when they would be holding performances, and Mr. Zewdie indicated that they were planning on three days each week on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Commissioner Spalding noted that there had been recent difficulties with Dukem and late night noise, but that the owners had met with residents and hopefully solved the problem. Commissioner Spalding moved support for a temporary stipulated license for Sodere at 1930 9th St., and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

Grant application by AALEAD was brought up, but there were no representatives from the organization present. Commissioner Guyot asked if we could review the request, and

Commissioner Spalding responded that we were not in receipt of the application to this point. Commission agreed to consider the AALEAD grant application at the June meeting.

Grant application of the LeDroit Park Civic Association was introduced by Commissioner Guyot. Alice Aughtry from LPCA described their attempt to improve the Anna J. Cooper Circle with plantings. Commissioner Spalding asked the applicant to take the time to compare prices for the plants with businesses located in ANC1B. Garden District is located at the corner of 14th and S, and while their prices might not be comparable to Home Depot, if they are close or if you can talk the owner into matching the prices, it would be preferable to buy from a small businessman inside 1B's boundaries.

Commissioner Guyot moved support of the LeDroit Park Civic Association's grant application for \$1500.00 to purchase plants for beautification of the Anna J. Cooper Circle, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0). Clyde Howard suggested that if they put a water tap in the circle that they put a lock on the faucet so that vandals can't destroy the work that they're doing.

Grant application of DC Taekwondo was raised from the table. Gloria DuBissette indicated that she was following up on ANC1B's request for reporting on her previous year's grant expenditures. Ms. DuBissette indicated that she had filed documents with Treasurer Glover, and had a single copy available for the Commissioners to review if required. Commissioner Spalding, requesting the other Commissioners help him with his memory, indicated that there were two concerns with the DC Taekwondo request; first was the accounting for the previous year, and second was the concern over the specifics of the request for the current year, and whether they were allowable expenses. Commissioner Guyot refreshed the Commission that we had agreed on a figure of \$3,500 which replaced the original request for \$3,000. Ms. DuBissette asked for more clarity from the Commission in understanding the guidelines, and Commissioner Spalding gave the new expanded version of the ANC1B grant request form to Ms. DuBissette which includes the guidelines. Chairperson Thomas empathized with the confusion that Ms. DuBissette was feeling, but explained that the rules and regulations do change and that it is difficult to understand what is required. The new grant request with guidelines should help in making the process easier to understand. Chairperson Thomas asked if there was a time when her organization needed to have the funding, and Ms. DuBissette responded that their first event was scheduled for the first Saturday in June. Commissioner Guyot moved that ANC1B appropriate the requested \$3,500 with the understanding that there will be an acceptable request submitted that abides by our rules and regulations and is approved by the Treasurer, and motion was seconded. Commissioner Spalding indicated that he was reluctant to support the motion without having the grant request to review. Commissioner Guyot stated that the Commission could count on Brother Glover to be as stingy as possible. Commissioner Esters asked if we had not already approved the figure of \$3,500, and Commissioner Guyot indicated that we had approved the amount and subsequently tabled the request, and that we should remove the request from the table and he so moved, and it was seconded, and approved on a vote of (7-0-0).

Original motion to grant the DC Taekwondo Association \$3,500 was adopted on a vote of (6-1-0).

Deborah Johnson presented a grant request for \$6,200 to defray the cost of providing free on-site NYSP sports physicals to all age-eligible (10-16 year old coeds) ANC1B constituents attending the 2004 NYSP camp at Howard University. Ms. Johnson explained that the program is aimed as disadvantaged youth, and involved participation in a free, educational, sports driven activity program. The sports taught are tennis, swimming, basketball, track, flag football, soccer, and golf in addition to career building programs. Ms. Johnson indicated that her most difficult task was in getting kids around Howard University involved in the program. Applications have been delivered to the local schools, but the medical forms required are not completed and returned in time for admission to the program. The camp is held in June and early July and lasts five weeks, but the required medical exams have prevented a number of local youth from participating. Last year only eleven of the 273 applicant campers from zip code 20001, but calls came in after the start of the camp. The grant request is to provide the physicals on the Howard campus on a specific Saturday for the residents of ANC1B, which will assure broader local participation. Commissioner Guyot indicated that he spoke with people at Howard University who assured him that Howard used to provide these physicals free of charge. Commissioner Guyot gave his support to the application, however, he wanted to send a message to Howard that it's incongruent for them to be attempting to establish a new service oriented hospital on the grounds of a former hospital and not providing services for the needy in its immediate environment. Chairperson Thomas asked for clarity in the ownership of the program, and Ms. Johnson explained that Howard University writes a grant to NCAA, and Howard in kind donates the facilities and space. The grant is for \$60,000 to staff the program. Chairperson Thomas asked Ms. Johnson what happens if the grant is approved and she still doesn't get kids from ANC1B, and Ms. Johnson said that they'll still have the program. The grant would cover medical staff available to give the physicals on this specific time. Chairperson Thomas recommended that Ms. Johnson alert the ANC Commissioners to get the word out. Commissioner Esters asked about outreach, and also how the Commission could be assured that the expenditure would be on the children of ANC1B. Ms. Johnson responded that she would publicize through whatever channels were available and have the medical personnel ready to complete the physicals. Commissioner Esters suggested that perhaps an evening session might capture both kids and parents more effectively. Commissioner Esters asked if there was any possibility of using the pediatric residency program of the hospital to provide these physicals, and Ms. Johnson responded that the physicals have to be performed by doctors. Commissioner Esters stated that pediatric residents are doctors. Commissioner Guyot stated that he had heard of this request from the Commission's Secretary, and he lives one fence from Howard University. Commissioner Guyot stated that though he favored the request, he is adamant that the LeDroit Park Civic Association be involved, all of the local schools, the Pleasant Plains Civic Association be brought aboard. Commissioner Guyot stated that he's done more for Howard University than anyone else, and he wishes that Howard would better inform him of these issues. Commissioner Spalding stated that the size of the grant was too large for his support, and that it is very difficult for Commissioners to consider grant requests when they are not submitted in a timely fashion. Commissioner Skinner stated that looking at the amount and the type of outreach being attempted, and the budget that ANC1B has,

it's much cheaper than seeing those young people on the block getting locked up. We're talking about spending the people's money that has been here paying taxes for years often receive the least amount of services. I wish we could give even more of our hundred thousand dollars to help these kids. Commissioner Esters stated that \$6,200 is large for the grants that the Commission considers, however, he is supportive of this request, but you do need to approach the local civic associations and community leaders to help with the outreach. Chairperson Thomas stated that the outreach that the program has been doing for the past years has not worked, try something different. Tony Norman of the Pleasant Plains Civic Association added that there has never been any outreach for this program and this really needs to be addressed. Commissioner Skinner proposed that next year if the program submits a grant application to ANC1B that it also include monies to publicize the program. Commissioner Guyot requested that Ms. Johnson meet with the local associations in order to recruit the students. Commissioner Guyot moved that there be an active outreach, and that there be a meeting scheduled that includes the Pleasant Plains Civic Association, the LeDroit Park Civic Association, 1B01, 1B11, 1B10, Florida Avenue Baptist Church, and the civic association headed by Norman Woods. Commissioner Spalding asked if there was something in the motion that spoke to the grant request, and Commissioner Guyot responded that he supports the grant request. Commissioner Esters added a friendly amendment the contact be made with Howard University pediatric training program at the hospital in order to make more opportunities for these physicals to take place. Chairperson Thomas stated that she still had no guarantee that the children of 1B would be serviced by the grant monies provided, and Commissioner Guyot accepted this as a friendly amendment and that Ms. Johnson be required to provide names, addresses and social security numbers of applicants whether they are accepted by the program or not, so that we can make sure that 1B is adequately represented. Motion was seconded and adopted on a vote of (6-1-0).

Commissioner Esters introduced a grant request from the Pleasant Plains Civic Association for \$1,500 to provide rain storage barrels and drip irrigation devices for the Hobart Garden community garden. The Hobart community garden has received funding from the ANC, and this request is to deal with the lack of available water at the garden. A private homeowner next to the garden has agreed to allow PPCA to divert the gutter water from 520 Hobart Place, and that will collect in rain barrels which will feed a drip irrigation system. A list of garden users was also supplied, and Mr. Tony Norman of the PPCA stated that they have no problem with the request. Commissioner Spalding asked that Commissioner Esters provide a second name for "responsible representative" in the grant, and Commissioner Esters supplied the name of Dorothy Copps. Commissioner Guyot moved support of the grant application, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Commissioner Guyot presented a motion to support the application to Save America's Treasures for the Mary Church Terrell house. ANC1B has previously supported this application, and the grant was not awarded last year. Howard University and the LeDroit Park Civic Association are applying again for funding to restore and maintain the house, and are seeking our support again. Alice Aughtry stated that they were encouraged to reapply this year, and are seeking ANC1B's

support of the application. Commissioner Guyot moved support, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Commissioner Guyot requested that the Commission purchase and distribute fifty copies of the newly released “Putting the Movement Back Into Civil Rights Teaching” to ANC1B schools. The book is aimed at K-12 teachers and includes lesson plans. Commissioner Spalding asked, as a former bookseller, whether the Commission would be extended a discount on bulk purchase, and Commissioner Guyot agreed to explore getting the best price available for the Commission’s purchase. Ms. Menkart of the group Teaching for Change stated that the book covers many of the lesser known participants in the civil rights movement. There are lessons included, and flagged, that are appropriate for elementary, middle and high school levels. Commissioner Guyot noted that he had noticed the book advertised at \$19 in a catalog, and Ms. Menkart responded that they would honor that price. Commissioner Spalding asked how we would cover distribution to the schools once the Commission had its fifty copies, and Commissioner Guyot volunteered to distribute the copies. Commissioner Spalding asked if Commissioner Guyot would distribute to 1B located Charter Schools as well as the public schools, and Commissioner Guyot agreed to do so. Commissioner Guyot moved that ANC1B purchase fifty copies of “Putting the Movement Back Into Civil Rights Teaching” and distribute those copies to the schools located in ANC1B, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Commissioner Guyot introduced a resolution responding to WASA’s proposed resolution #04-28. This is WASA’s proposal on replacing lead pipes in the District. Copies of the resolution were provided in each Commissioner’s packet, and our response would be to support WASA’s proposed resolution #04-28. Support was moved, seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Meeting adjourned at 10:30PM