

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B

Government of the District of Columbia

Columbia Heights / LeDroit Park / Shaw / University Heights

2 September 2004, True Reformer Building, 1200 U Street NW

Attending: Commissioners Guyot, Spalding, Thomas, Houston, Butler, Skinner, Esters

Absent: Commissioners Hammonds, Wilson, Wright

Quorum was achieved at 7:15PM. In the Secretary's report Commissioner Spalding stated that the grant application form had been modified to include language suggested by Commissioner Skinner at the August meeting. ANC1B now has a voluntary agreement in place with Sonya's Market. The Zoning Advisory Committee wants input on any difficulties with DCMR11, and we will submit a copy of our language passed earlier in the year dealing with withdrawals allowed under section 3113.10. The U Street/Shaw/Howard University Transportation and Parking Study is now underway, and public meetings will be held through the fall. Commissioner Guyot indicated that he would make a motion to designate two people to serve on the committee. Election for ANC Commissioners will be held on the November 2nd ballot, and a map showing the single member districts was available. No one has yet pulled papers for 1B07, and the deadline is Sept. 3rd. A list of people who have registered was also made available. Further information is available on the DC BOEE website. Minutes of the August meeting were moved, seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0). In the Treasurer's Report Commissioner Esters reported that as of 8/31/04 we had a balance of \$76,348.39, which represents the working balance since we have two outstanding checks in the amount of \$8,000. Clearing this past month were checks for Guild Printing for \$550.00, secretarial reimbursement checks for \$28.01 and \$242.11, and the grant check to the Lower Georgia Ave. Business Development Corp. for \$7,355.57. Treasurer's report was moved, seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0). Treasurer also moved secretarial expenses for August in the amount of \$56.72, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (6-0-0).

Candidates were given time to speak to the Commission. Hope Tucker Stewart candidate for DC Democratic State Committee At Large addressed the Commission. June E. Johnson candidate for DC Democratic State Committee At Large addressed the Commission.

In Community Events and Announcements Commissioner Butler stated that on September 18th there will be a rally to protest the proposed plan to close the 14th St. Boys & Girls Club and develop the site with condominiums. Commissioner Guyot stated that on September 9th at Israel Baptist Church the NAACP will be sponsoring an at large candidate's forum. Scott Pomeroy stated that the True Colors Theatre Company would be staging Langston Hughes' "Tambourines to Glory" at the Lincoln Theatre from September 11th through the 26th. This will hopefully be the beginning of major theatre staged at the Lincoln, and the performance on the 11th will benefit Whitman Walker Aids Clinic and the 14th and U Main Streets Initiative. A portion of the seats will be available for those who would not normally be able to afford the performances. Chairperson Thomas stated that on September 8th at 1:30PM there will be a celebration ground breaking on the 1400 block of W Street. This will celebrate the purchase of three buildings totaling 102 units of affordable housing by the tenants. Commissioner Guyot moved that ANC1B cosponsor the event regarding the Boys & Girls Club on September 18th, and it was seconded. Commissioner Spalding asked Commissioner Butler for an explanation of the nature of the event, which he had described as a protest rally. Commissioner Butler explained that the Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club took over the Metropolitan Boys and Girls Club. The site of the Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club on 14th Street has been sold to a developer who wants to put in condominiums. This will incorporate a new space in the building for the Club. The new space will be much larger, but the way that the negotiations have been done lacked any community involvement. Commissioner Guyot stated that representatives of the Boys and Girls Club had appeared before ANC1B, and had been asked about their plans and had stated that they had no plans on moving and would be there in perpetuity. When the community is not given information about development that is a reason to rally. We had a situation very similar to this recently when a developer moved into LeDroit Park and started putting up some condominiums, and didn't announce anything to the civic association or this Commission. Commissioner Butler added that in released documents the Boys and Girls Club was offered thirteen million dollars for the right to build on the site, but as a result of protests by the community the developer has brought down the offer to nine million dollars. The President of the Boys and Girls Club has been on WPFW and used language that was not well received by the local community. She said that in five or six years there will be no kids in the neighborhood and that they would sell their rights to the condominium. Motion was moved and passed on a vote of (5-0-1).

Developer for the property at 11th and T was not present. Commissioner Spalding stated that the developer had appeared at our previous meeting and asked to be on the agenda. This is a small development project in the historic zone that has run into complications. It is the site of an old gas station, and in removing the tanks to make the site build able the developer has run into a number of problems and wanted to share their ideas about the site with the Commission. Commissioner Spalding stated that he would talk with the Office of Historic Preservation and see if this can be presented at our October meeting.

HPRB review of plans for development at 10th and V Streets was introduced by Commissioner Spalding. This is our second review of conceptual designs for the development of the First African New Church that ANC1B had a part in securing landmark status. There is a letter from Tim Arnold the historic preservation officer of the CSNA, and their committee has reviewed the new designs and have recommended that ANC1B approve the conceptual design. Mr. Arnold also noted that one of the concerns expressed by ANC1B in our previous meetings was giving public notice to the history of the church, and that the developer had taken that suggestion to heart and had included a number of ways to help illustrate the position of the building in the community's history. Developer Tom Yockey said that they have held extensive talks with community members, and that the redrawn designs incorporate the input from the community. Architect Bill Bonstra reviewed the changes that have been made to the design. The entry to the building has been moved from 10th St. over to V St., and the church is being treated as an infill façade on a residential street. In working with Steve Callcott the aesthetic direction of building an abutting building was made, and the entrance moved to V St. The original church building was on the corner lot, and when the new church was erected it was abutting the original corner building. The common brick façade facing south on the church indicates that its history is as a party wall. The new designs also show true indications on the actual height of the existing church and the neighboring development by Robertson Development. The façade on 10th next to the church building has been redrawn to be more sympathetic to the lines of the church building with vertical bays and fenestration that echoes the church's fenestration. The penthouse levels of the new building have been pulled further back, but are contingent on BZA relief. The development team has met with the adjoining neighbors to the east on V St., and have addressed the safety of the construction on the existing neighbor's building. Commissioner Spalding asked about the fenestration on the east face of the new building, and Mr. Bonstra indicated that by code the fenestration could not begin until twelve feet above the roof line of the adjoining building, and that they would be at risk windows. There may be glass block fenestration at lower levels, and fuller windows at the higher locations on the east face. The difficulty is in not presenting the east façade as a blank wall, and this portion of the façade will be very visible from the street. The condominium sale documents will necessarily indicate that the windows on this façade are 'at risk', and the design of these units will have to assure that the interior design allows for the possible loss of these windows. Chairperson Thomas asked for the plans to retain the historic sense of the church building, and developer indicated that they would be placing a plaque on the church building itself giving the history of the church building, an inclusion of art in the public space in the new building illustrating the history of the church and the site, and possible signage in cooperation with community historic signage. Chairperson Thomas indicated that she had grown up on this block and had been a member of the church for fifteen years. Commissioner Spalding asked about the schedule of their presentation before the HPRB, and Mr. Yockey indicated that they would be on the September calendar, and the BZA application will be filed once HPRB conceptual approval is granted. Commissioner Skinner stated that the new design is still to massive next to the church building. It just looks like all the developers are just trying

to see how many people you can stick in a building. Mr. Yockey responded that they are following the Mayor's directive asking for increased high density development in transit oriented development sites. Mr. Bonstra indicated that the height of the penthouse structure is dependent on BZA agreement and the variance on residential recreation space, and could possibly force a taller penthouse if elevator access to the roof deck is required. They are attempting to limit the influence of the penthouse structures, which will minimize the visible impact on comparison with the church façade. Mr. Bonstra also indicated that they have not designed any balcony spaces on the façade of the new building next to the church façade to limit visual impact. An historian with the development team reminded the Commission that the most important thing in the community's interest should be saving the church, and that this proposal will save the building. The building is suffering from dangerous neglect, and restoration is desperately needed at this point. The rhythm of the revised design fits the historic context of the community, and is harmonious with the mix of buildings in the neighborhood's context. Commissioner Butler asked about the arrangements for parking, and Mr. Bonstra stated that they have parking access from the alley which they prefer to curb cuts along the streetscape. Currently there are eleven below grade spaces and three at grade spaces. Due to the frailty of the church structure they are not contemplating any excavation under the church building itself, which in turn limits the space available for development of parking spaces. Commissioner Butler asked about the possibility of more parking, and developer responded that they are researching a car elevator; however, the supplied parking meets the zoning requirements. Commissioner Skinner stated that he doesn't want us to become like Georgetown, and that it's irresponsible to not provide enough parking spots for the number of units. It's just how many people can we fit in this building. Commissioner Guyot stated that he was pleased with the presentation, and Callcott is going to make them work with him. I like what I see, and the changes are clear with an emphasis on the church, and I'm prepared to vote for this. Commissioner Spalding spoke to the parking, and stated that the zoning requirements for parking in this development are one for three units. Commissioners Skinner responded that he's sure that it meets the zoning requirements, but it doesn't pass the common sense test. The zoning didn't know what we're doing on U Street, let's do something different. Commissioner Spalding indicated that the developers were limited by the community's choice to landmark the church building, which in turn has restricted the normal development options for the design team. Commissioner Skinner responded that this does not excuse the developers from designing a building without enough parking in this densely inhabited area. Commissioner Spalding moved support of the current design before the September meeting of the HPRB, and the motion was seconded. Commissioner Guyot asked to dissociate himself from the apology for us having this declared an historic church. I want to completely dissociate myself from that. Commissioner Spalding explained that this owner was planning on developing the entire site, which would have entailed losing the historic building. The community moved successfully to save the façade, and now the developer is working with the new constrained situation to both develop the site and preserve the historic façade. We have limited the use of the site, and now are asking the developer to both restore the historic building façade and to work with the limitations that preservation puts on the development. Scott Pomeroy commented on the parking for a building that will be only

one block away from the metro station, and the trade off is in the affordability component. To provide the additional parking will be extremely expensive, and would probably be at the expense of some of the units. I would rather see a greater diversity in the housing stock, and we should not be building around the suburban model based on everyone's ownership of cars. I live just a block away and I have a parking space, but I don't have a car and rely on public transit and the now available flex car rental system. Commissioner Skinner stated that he had had trouble finding parking for tonight's meeting, and with all the building that's happening parking is already a problem. In the future it's going to be even more difficult, so what I'm saying is that approving a design that inherently says we're not going to be able to accommodate thirty units, and we should demand affordable units regardless. I don't know how much money they're going to make on this project, but I'm sure they'll make a handsome amount, and that's not my business, but my business is the impact on this community. A neighboring constituent asked how they are going to access the parking with just the ten foot alley available, and developer responded that below Florida Avenue in the historic district ten foot alleys are the normal access. Thomas K. D. Smith asked if the cornice line could be addressed by changing the color of the materials above the cornice line of the church building, and developer indicated that the historic guidelines suggest that the massing be no more than a storey or so different from the affected building. In this design the cornice line responds quite well to the existing lines of the church. Clyde Howard stated that this area below Florida Avenue is full of ten foot access alleys, and often there is no parking available with historic residential buildings. I'm tired of people who don't live here proposing projects that will severely impact the already difficult parking situation in our community. Statistics show that one in three families have two cars, and consequently your suggestion of fourteen spaces is just not adequate. Right now there's a robotic parking system located in Georgetown that has allowed further density in parking. I think you should go back to the drawing board and determine how you can add more parking. Commissioner Guyot withdrew his second of Commissioner Spalding's motion supporting the design, and Commissioner Esters seconded the motion. Motion to support was defeated on a vote of (2-3-1).

Consideration of BZA application No. 17218 was tabled to the October meeting due to non attendance by the applicants. Commissioner Spalding described the issues involved for the Commission. The applicant had received DCRA building permits to turn a row house in the historic district into two flats. In the process of the renovations the applicant had exceeded both the height and lot occupancy limitations, and now were seeking variances for the excesses in the construction. It should be noted that the Westminster Neighborhood Association is opposed to the variances, and is seeking party status in the BZA hearing.

ABRA application No. 60766 for a new full Class A license for Arena Liquor to be located at 2904 Georgia Avenue was introduced by its owner Fasil Asnake. At the July

meeting ANC1B voted support for a stipulated license, and now he is back before the Commission asking for approval of the full license. Commissioner Skinner stated that since the approval of the stipulated license he has been meeting with nearby business owners and that they had expressed concern with possible loitering in the vicinity of the new establishment. The positive sentiment was that the building was currently vacant, and that occupancy of the building would help the community. Commissioner Skinner suggested that in response to community concerns ANC1B consider a voluntary agreement addressing loitering, public nuisances and other concerns voiced by local constituents. In researching the owner's previous location there are no known problems and it's hoped that this location would be operated in the same manner. Commissioner Spalding asked if the Commission needed to protest the application in order to get to the negotiations involved in a voluntary agreement, and Commissioner Guyot stated that we need either a protest or a history of violations by the applicant. We don't have either, and a voluntary agreement that does not include these will not get my vote. The voluntary agreement has replaced the 14e petition, and it's being used in ways that do not go to the ABRA guidelines. Why would we even consider a voluntary agreement, and Commissioner Spalding responded that it's Commissioner Skinner's SMD, and he's responding to the concerns of his constituents. Commissioner Skinner stated that he's sure the business owner has no interest in having people loitering outside his store, but there are concerns about what direction we want our neighborhood to be going and how we want new businesses to operate in our community. I do not want to imply that this applicant has any violations, and speaking to the people downtown they said that he ran a great business. Commissioner Esters asked why the Commission would have to wait until there are incidents to draft a voluntary agreement, and why not address the concerns of the neighbors now. My SMD is adjacent to this location and I've done some polling of people in the neighborhood and many of them are very concerned about the location of a Class A license in this location. Some of the business owners on my side of the street don't want it located there. Commissioner Guyot stated that what we should not do is succumb to what is syllogistically simple but logistically deadening. We had an argument on a place very near here, someone came in here when Glen Melcher was sitting in your chair and said 'we don't have a problem with this place, but we have a problem with the place down the street being developed, and we see this as the camel getting its nose under the tent'. In our responsibility in dealing with each case on its merits that we don't make the mistake of setting an example with this gentleman. If there's discontent anyone has the right to protest. Commissioner Spalding said that the voluntary agreement that Commissioner Skinner had drafted with the owner of Sonya's Market represents a document that is not difficult to do business under, the terms address specific constituent concerns but do not appear to be burdensome to the business owner. I think an agreement of this type shows concern for both the residents and the business owner and provides the Commission with documentation of our concern. Commissioner Guyot responded that the voluntary with Sonya's grew out of complaints, and Commissioner Skinner stated that it had grown out of constituent complaints and concerns. With the history of liquor stores on Georgia Avenue there is a concern held by members of the community, and for the benefit of the community we need to address those concerns and saying that the Commission is taking active steps to assure that those problems will not return. Commissioner Esters stated that we have an opportunity to

address the concerns of our constituents, and they are very concerned with a liquor store coming into the neighborhood. A voluntary agreement would help us address those concerns, why should we wait until something happens and then try to address it? Let's try to address it now, let's make this part of the agreement—loitering, trash, noise, non alcoholic items that are sold, single items. Let's do that now, and we can go to our constituents and say 'yes, we now have a liquor store here, but that liquor store is to operate under these agreed terms'. Scott Pomeroy stated that additionally the Commission's secretary takes amazing notes at all of these meetings, and some of the commitments that are made in this context can be part of the process. The voluntary agreement is unenforceable when dealing with loitering, but significant issues like adequate lighting and adequately maintained trash receptacles. Make sure that the issues addressed in the voluntary agreement are those that the business owner has control of and is in agreement with. A resident of Harvard Street who owns a property just behind the liquor store, and since we learned of the business we are opposed to it. There is and will be a protest. There are already problems associated with the location proposed for this store which immediately impact a number of residences behind the store. There is currently a terrible trash problem in the alley behind the store, and there is an ongoing problem with drug use, sales and loitering. We are trying to control these problems, but we just think that adding a liquor store will aggravate the situation. We also want to let you know that when the Commission approved the stipulated license two months ago no one knew of the plans for a liquor store in this location. There was no placarding and no notification to abutting owners. Jeff Jennings indicated that there is a great deal of community opposition to the location of the liquor store, and that the community sentiment is that the surrounding community is already saturated with similar establishments, and I'm wondering why you are considering this location and whether the applicant had considered any other type of retail establishment in this location. Chairperson Thomas asked for clarity in regard to our previous approval of this license, and Commissioner Spalding responded that we had voted to support a stipulated license for this applicant at this location, and that tonight we were considering the merits of a full Class A license. Under the ABRA guidelines if an ANC approves a stipulated license the establishment is granted a trial period that can be withdrawn if there is a protest of the licensing, and tonight we are considering the transfer of this license to the location on Georgia Ave. Commissioner Guyot stated that he cannot vote for a voluntary agreement, but I think there's a majority on this Commission to do it. Ethically I can't do it. I will watch the Commission draft this voluntary agreement, and I will support the agreement, and I will oppose any challenges brought against this gentleman. Commissioner Esters stated that when we considered this license two months ago there was no placard on the building, and the resident's concern that they did not know that a liquor store was going to be considered for this location is correct. Also, at our meeting two months ago I asked if you found that there was significant community opposition, would you be willing to work with the neighboring businesses and residents. In my travels through the neighborhood I haven't found anyone who was aware that there were plans for a liquor store, and also no one who would admit that they had talked with you or knew your intentions. Commissioner Skinner responded that he had taken the owner to meet other local businessmen. We also need to do a better job of getting the community involved in the agreement. There is a difference between concern over a liquor license and how our

community is policed. A well run liquor store will not necessarily add to the public safety concerns, but an empty building probably will. My business is located in a spot that was once a crack house, and now that it's occupied by a business is adding to the community. We're not going to improve Georgia Avenue policing by refusing to allow this man to have a liquor store. Having vibrant businesses along the corridor will do more to address the issues of crime, and his store can be part of that as long as he abides by the rules established by the community. Commissioner Skinner moved that ANC1B support the application of Arena Liquor for a Class A license, conditioned on a voluntary agreement being reached addressing unlawful activities taking place surrounding the business and inside. Commissioner Spalding asked the Commission if when we support a license and simultaneously ask for negotiations towards a voluntary agreement what will ABRA's response be. The normal procedure is to protest and then go into a period of negotiations, and Commissioner Guyot clarified that we would be presenting to ABRA a letter that a voluntary agreement is being negotiated, and that we are supporting both the application and the content of the voluntary agreement. Chairperson Thomas asked if Commissioner Skinner would be working with the community protesters, and Commissioner Skinner agreed that he would work with protesters in both his SMD and Commissioner Esters SMD. Motion was seconded and adopted in a unanimous (7-0-0) vote.

ABRA application No. 60810 of the Saloon located at 1205-7 U Street for renewal of a CR license was introduced by Commissioner Spalding. This is a business that has been in the community for a long time, and has been an active participant in community affairs, and there are no known ABRA violations. Owner was present and explained that the business was originally located in Georgetown, and had moved to U Street in the 90's. Commissioner Spalding moved support for renewal of the CR license for the Saloon, and it was seconded and unanimously supported (7-0-0).

ABRA application No. 32018 of Twins Jazz located at 1344 U Street for renewal of their CR license was introduced by Commissioner Spalding. This is a relatively new business for U Street that has provided jazz on the upper storey of a building on the west end of the 1300 block of U Street, and they appear to have been a happy addition to the mix of businesses on U Street. There are no known ABRA violations or complaints from constituents. Owner was present and indicated that they were happy with how the business was doing, but were currently having some difficulty with parking with the loss of the space now occupied by the Ellington. Commissioner Spalding suggested that the owner work with the 14th and U Main Streets Initiative in addressing ongoing commercial concerns like parking, and introduced the owner to Scott Pomeroy. Commissioner Spalding moved approval of renewal of the CR license for Twins Jazz, and it was seconded and adopted unanimously (7-0-0).

ABRA application No. 60828 for the White Rabbit Café for a new CR license and a stipulated license to be located at 2045 14th Street in the new Metropolis Langston Lofts building was introduced by Commissioner Spalding. The owner was present and stated that they would be occupying a large space and would be a combination of restaurant and bookstore, to which Commissioner Guyot replied ‘that’s enough I’m ready to vote for you.’ The bookstore will concentrate on politics similar to Politics and Prose combined with a café and restaurant. The restaurant is designed to be affordable and conducive to regular patronage by residents of the neighborhood. There will be community space in the design. Commissioner Spalding asked about the applicant’s other businesses, and applicant responded that he also owns Mimi’s American Bistro and the Luna Grill in the Dupont Circle area. Applicant stated ‘I thought the Dupont Circle Association was tough but you guys are something’. Barbara Menkart will be helping design and run the bookstore, and Commissioner Guyot responded ‘you’re just too well wired.’

Applicant stated that they are a progressive business operation that returns hundreds of thousands of dollars to charitable organizations, and I want to be part of the U Street community. Commissioner Spalding stated that we have an open Commission spot in 1B, so where do you live? Chairperson Thomas asked about the employment opportunities for local citizens, and applicant said that he will be bringing one or two experienced managers from his other venues, but that he would be hiring thirty to forty people and he will advise the Commission when those jobs are opening up. Applicant stated that they would be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Applicant was asked if they were open late, and applicant responded that in one of their other restaurants they do have an active late night crowd, but that he’s not a bar person but rather a restaurant person. Commissioner Spalding asked about live entertainment, and applicant stated that he only envisions poetry readings at this point. I’m also going to be restricted since I’m in a condominium building, and I’m sure that they’ll be even tougher than you guys. Commissioner Esters asked about the timing of the opening, and applicant responded that he is projecting an opening in the Spring of 2005. Commissioner Spalding asked if he was really going to call it the White Rabbit Café and applicant responded that he was currently planning on calling it Busboys & Poets in homage to Langston Hughes. Commissioner Spalding moved support of both a stipulated and a full CR license for application 60828, and it was seconded and adopted enthusiastically and unanimously (7-0-0).

Grant application from the Faircliff Plaza Tenant Association was introduced by Shiela Abney-Minor. This grant of \$2,000 would go towards purchasing school supplies for fifty elementary and junior high school students whose parents have been identified as not having the financial ability to provide the needed supplies. Treasurer Esters requested that an itemized budget be developed for the grant request. Last month we gave over \$7,000 to the Georgia Ave. Association for school supplies for students in 1B, and request that Commissioner Skinner be addressed to see if this can be covered under the same grant. Commissioner Spalding stated that it’s hard to be against funding school supplies, but here we have a targeted population in one location, and we just had

Commissioner Skinner's grant doing a similar activity in another location, but what happens in other areas that may have similar needs? If this is the pattern we are going to follow, then wouldn't it be more logical to work with the school system in identifying those in need and hopefully serve all of those needing help in 1B's area? I also worry about a parade of these requests, and if we're giving out forty dollars to each student what are the limits of our capacity to serve our constituents in an equitable fashion. Chairperson Thomas responded that Commissioners Esters and Spalding were on the right path, and that there will still be even needier students in 1B who won't have school supplies. Chairperson Thomas asked Commissioner Skinner if there was a way to incorporate the list of students from Faircliff in the Georgia Avenue grant. Commissioner Skinner responded that the school systems don't work, so I'm not going to go anywhere near letting them get involved. Second, we have a responsibility to our constituents that will not be met with the \$3,000 for Georgia Avenue Days. I think if we could ever put together the money to serve all of the students in our area that would be a better goal. I think anything we can do for the kids is an ounce of prevention, so this is not our monies it's the people's monies and they're saying we should use this money for something that can really benefit everybody and that's little jo jo and ray ray being able to read and write. Commissioner Butler stated that in this request the children have been identified as being in need. Commissioner Guyot stated that he works in the schools, and he sees the children come to school, and he wants to see this Commission do anything possible for the schools. We only deal with people who come, they have come and followed the rules and are prepared to give us a good budget, and they've got my vote. Commissioner Spalding reasserted his concern with giving help to specific groups of students at the possible expense of others in need, and the unbound parameters of continuing to purchase school supplies beyond the capacity of our budget to provide for serving all such needs in 1B. Chairperson Thomas stated that no one from her single member district has approached ANC1B for funds in the past six to seven years, so why not coordinate with the schools and the social service agencies to identify the needs and then have the Commission fund supplies that reach all of the areas of 1B. Scott Pomeroy mentioned that there are now two tax free periods for the schools, I'd love for this Commission to provide seed funding that would allow us to then get other monies to fund needs in this community. Why not use these periods and state that during these periods we'll be doing a fund drive for ANC1B for school supplies so that we can leverage as many dollars as we can out of this community for our kids where it's really needed. Commissioner Guyot responded that that is a grand plan, but the issue before us now is these fifty students who have made a claim, and we're elected to do what's best for this city, and if we facilitate the advancement intellectually and emotionally of fifty kids, may the Lord bless us and may all our enemies die. Commissioner Guyot moved that we appropriate the \$2,000 contingent on a budget that spells out how each scintilla of this amount will be spent, and it was seconded and approved on a vote of (6-1-0).

Commissioner Butler introduced a grant application for \$3,500 for football helmets for the Parents Association aligned with the Boys and Girls Club. This will be used to equip

75 kids participating in a youth football program. Chairperson Thomas asked if this is the same group asking us for money who we're protesting for not supplying the details of their development plans, and Commissioner Butler responded that this is not the Boys and Girls Club but the parents association that tries to provide for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club. Commissioner Spalding asked for a clarification from the Treasurer regarding the purchase of athletic equipment, and whether we have to keep control of the equipment. Treasurer Esters indicated that he did not see anything in the grant guidelines. Commissioner Skinner added that it's a grant application and all that has to be promised is that the equipment will be reused. Commissioner Spalding asked about the problems ANC1B had with the grant to DC Taekwondo and their request for equipment, and Commissioner Skinner replied that in that case the uniforms were not reusable. Commissioner Guyot stated that if we want to approve this we have to make sure that we know who is in charge of the equipment, and who maintains control of the equipment. Commissioner Guyot moved that we support the application, and that we designate the constructive owner as Commissioner Butler. Commissioner Spalding added that he had spoken with representatives of the Howard University National Youth Sports Program to which we had given a large grant earlier this year, and that they had indicated that they have a lot of equipment that is available for youth programs. Treasurer asked that an itemized budget be amended to this application and be a part of the motion, and it was accepted as a friendly amendment. Motion was passed (5-1-1).

Commissioner Guyot offered a resolution supporting the Mississippi Democratic Party Anniversary. Congressman Thompson from Mississippi has introduced a concurrent resolution in the House commemorating the Mississippi Democratic party's desegregation of the democratic party, moving it from a segregationist party, and it names the participants. I ask that the Commission support the resolution and communicate our support to the City Council and urge them to support its passage in the House, and communicate directly to the House and to the author our support for this resolution. The actual language was passed out at our last meeting, and I think I've adequately summarized it for the Commission. Motion to support was moved, seconded and adopted in a unanimous (7-0-0) vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33