

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B

Government of the District of Columbia

Minutes

Thursday, December 6, 2007, 7 PM, 1200 U Street NW

The regular monthly meeting of ANC1B was held on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the True Reformer Building, Commissioner Moss being present as chair, and Commissioner Nadeau present as secretary. Other Commissioners present, Mathews, Smith, Spalding, Conklin, and Akinmboni.

Commissioner Moss called meeting to order without a quorum at 7:12 p.m., and called for introductions and announcements.

Commissioner Conklin announced that the property at 2400 14th Street has been purchased from Level 2 by UDR. There will be a meeting in January to learn more about the plans for the property.

Commissioner Spalding announced that CSNA will hold its December meeting and Holiday Party on Thursday, December 13 at 7pm at Vinoteca located at 1940 11th Street.

Commissioner Nadeau made the following announcements:

- Verizon Community Affairs Representative sent a letter to the Commission providing contact information to the Commissioners. Commissioner Nadeau has it on file for any Commissioners who would like it.
- The National Capital Framework Plan will hold a public information meeting to get opinions from the public on December 11 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at 401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500, North Lobby.
- The Commission has received the 2006 Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: District Elements. Commissioner Nadeau will make it available to the public upon request.

- The Commission received notice of filing from the zoning commission related to amending the zoning map for the property at 715-727 T Street, NW. A notice of hearing will be announced in the public register.
- The Commission received notice of community hearings on Washington Gas Light Company rate increases. The hearings will be held Thursday, December 6, 10 am, 241 42nd Street NE; Saturday, December 8, 11 am 400 I Street, SW; Monday December 10 6pm, 1333 H Street, NW, Hearing Room 7th Floor.
- The Commission received a copy of the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for Fiscal Year 2007. It will be kept on file.
- The Commission received a copy of the 14th Street Transportation and Streetscape Study. It will be kept on file.

Commissioner Mathews announced the Pleasant Plains Holiday Party will be held Saturday, December 8 from 10-2 at the Banneker Recreation Center

Commissioner Moss announced that the DC Council Finance and Revenue Committee held a hearing to discuss funding for the Broadcast Partners development and that further hearings would be held to support this development. Additionally, the board will have a decision on the development of the WMATA parcels at the end of the month.

Commissioner Smith mentioned that there have been a number of community meetings held about the recent crime wave. They Mayor has authorized \$3 Million to assist with this, with \$1.8 designated to assist with police activity and shot spotters, and \$1.2 designated for community organizations for preventive work. More information can be found at <http://www.commissionersmith.com>

Mr. Tarek Bolder, Ward 1 Planner announced there will be a Neighborhood Investment Fund meeting seeking community input for projects. It will be held on Wednesday, December 12 from 6:30 – 8:30 at Harriet Tubman Elementary School.

Mr. Patrick Nelson from the 3D Police Department announced the Toys for Tots drive. They are trying to collect 25 gifts for girls and 25 gifts for boys ages 6-12. Gifts can be dropped off at the V Street police department through December 12.

At this point in the meeting a quorum was reached.

The minutes were approved unanimously. Commissioner Nadeau announced that she does not intend to seek an officer position in 2008.

Commissioner Conklin gave the following treasurer's report:

The Quarterly Allotment is being withheld due to missing grant receipts. Each commissioner will receive a detailed letter. The Commission will review it in January.

Commissioner Conklin moved that the Commission approve consulting expenses in the amount of \$200 for Nikki Akinyeye. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 6-0.

Commissioner Conklin moved that the Commission approve secretary expenses in the amount of \$102. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 6-0.

Commissioner Conklin moved that the Commission approve the August 2007 report. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 6-0.

Commissioner Conklin moved that the Commission approve the September 2007 report. Commissioner Nadeau seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 6-0.

Commissioner Conklin moved that the Commission approve the October 2007 report. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 6-0.

Commissioner Conklin moved that the Commission approve the 2007 4th Quarter report. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 6-0.

Commissioner Conklin announced that the Commission has given out \$11,000 in grants, 7 grants in total. She has received paperwork for only 2 of these, and Commissioner Moss provided paperwork for 1 grant at the meeting, with 1 outstanding.

Commissioner Conklin announced that she will not seek the office of treasurer in 2008.

Commissioner Moss announced that the Commission will continue its search for office space to hold all of our files and to serve as work space for our administrative assistant. The Commission will begin interviewing candidates shortly.

Commissioner Moss announced that there will be a Vacancy Election for seat 1B11 during the regularly scheduled January meeting. The election will take place from 7:15 – 8:15. Commissioner Moss drew names for the ballot order. Margot Hope Horner will be first on the ballot and Jomari Peterson will be second.

Commission Business

Commissioner Spalding provided an update on pending ABC license applications & renewals: Commissioner Moss has still not heard from Queen Makeda, Commissioner Spalding has sent them a sample voluntary agreement and security plan; The Commission has protested both Asmara and Nafka, Commissioner Spalding has prepared a standard voluntary agreement, both restaurants have submitted security plans. Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission approve the voluntary agreement. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.; The license of El Paraiso has been suspended for serving to minors; Commissioner Hunter just concluded a mediation with 11 Market, the results are unknown; Our letter regarding the International Grill entertainment endorsement did not indicate a protest, so Commissioners Spalding and Nadeau have followed up with clarification; The protest for Manchester Bar was completed, and the license was approved, despite the fact that it is a completely residential block; Republic Garden has been closed and there is no news on the license; Ulah Bistro should open this month; the protest on 7 days grocery is complete and we are awaiting the decision.

The Commission heard a presentation from Eric Colbert regarding “Utopia,” a development at the southwest corner of 14th and U, which is in Ward 2. There will be 250 units and 7000 square feet of retail, with 30 affordable units. They have made a presentation to ANC2B and are incorporating comments from them as well as the Dupont Conservancy. The Commission heard concerns from residents of Wallach Place as well.

Commissioner Spalding explained that there are different rules for Class A and Class B liquor store licenses, which prevent Class B establishments from holding wine tastings. Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission write a letter asking ABRA to amend title 23, chapter 711 to include Class B licenses, with the process including public notice and review of the restrictions. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Polly’s CT01 license and substantial change to operating hours. Commissioner Conklin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the application of Marvin’s substantial change to occupancy. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Marvin’s CT02 license. Commissioner Conklin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission support the renewal of Town’s CN04 license. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Bar Nun’s CN01 license. Commissioner Conklin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Black Cat’s CN04 license. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of DC9's CN01 license. Commissioner Conklin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Mahogany's CN03 license and CT02 license. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission write to the ABC board requesting notification when the Republic Gardens license reappears from safekeeping, ANC1B should be notified and given the opportunity to reconsider renewal.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Cue Bar's CT01 license. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Etete's CT01 license. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Solly's CT01 license. Commissioner Nadeau seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

The Commission heard from the owner of Tabaq and the residents of Wallach place. Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission protest the renewal of Tabaq's CT03 license as well as the entertainment endorsement on the basis of peace, order and quiet. Commissioner Conklin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Smith moved that the Commission support the renewal of Bar Nun's CN01 license on the basis of peace, order and quiet. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Mathews dissenting.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Jin's CT02 license. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission protest the renewal of Smarta/Broadway's CN01 license on the basis of peace, order and quiet. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Spalding moved that the Commission support the renewal of Velvet Lounge's CT02 license. Commissioner Conklin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0.

The Commissioner considered a grant application from Root, Inc. Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission support the grant in the amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Akinmboni seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 5-2 with Commissioners Conklin and Spalding dissenting.

The Commissioner considered a grant application from 3D CAC. Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission support the grant in the amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Akinmboni seconded the motion. The Motion was adopted 5-2 with Commissioners Conklin and Spalding dissenting.

Commissioner Moss introduced the African American Holiday Association grant application, and explained that the applicants had attempted to submit the grant in October to comply with the consideration schedule. Commissioner Conklin mentioned that this was one of the grants from 2006 that had paperwork lost in transition, etc. and that it was still being resolved. Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission suspend its rules to consider the application. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 4-2-1 with Commissioners Conklin and Spalding dissenting and Commissioner Nadeau abstaining. Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission support the grant in the amount of \$1,000. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 4-2-1 with Commissioners Conklin and Spalding dissenting and Commissioner Nadeau abstaining.

Commissioner Smith introduced the Mentoring Works 2, Inc. grant application. Commissioner Smith moved that the Commission suspend its rules to consider the application. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 5-1-1 with Commissioner Conklin dissenting and Commissioner Spalding Abstaining. Commissioner Smith moved that the Commission support the grant in the amount of \$1,500. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Commissioner Conklin reminded the Commission that Commissioner Smith's last two grant applications had also been adopted by suspension of the rules, and that we needed to follow the guidelines set out by the Commission. The motion was adopted 5-2 with Commissioners Conklin and Spalding dissenting.

Commissioner Moss reviewed the grant application from the Metropolitan Baptist Concert Series on behalf of Commissioner Hunter. Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission support the grant in the amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Commissioner Conklin noted that this is one of the grants that did not have the proper paperwork from 2006. She indicated that she believed the receipts are on the possession of Commissioner Hunter. Commissioner Spalding noted that the Commission's district allotment was being withheld due to the fact that the receipts had not been delivered to the treasurer as of yet. The motion was adopted 4-3 with Commissioners Conklin, Spalding and Nadeau dissenting.

The Commission heard a presentation from Jason Clark about a public art project. He is looking for space in the district for this permanent exhibit as part of a grant. The design is a tree made of recycled rebar and copper.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.