

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B

Government of the District of Columbia

Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2009, 7 PM, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW

The regular monthly meeting of ANC1B was held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the Reeves Center. Commissioner Nadeau being present as Chair and Commissioner Anderson Holness present as Secretary. Other Commissioners present: Akinmboni, Moss, Conklin, Raia, Muhammad, Thomas, Ferrer, Lopez, and Smith.

Chairman Nadeau called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm and asked for introductions.

Officer's Reports

Secretary

Commissioner Anderson Holness asked for a moment of silence for Cynthia Akimboni, an Executive Assistant for Councilmember Alexander.

Commissioner Anderson Holness submitted the March meeting minutes for any corrections. There were no corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Anderson Holness moved that ANC1B accept the minutes for the March meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

She then asked the Chair for permission to give a presentation on the 1B11 Empowerment Project because she would be leaving the meeting early. Chairman Nadeau agreed. Commissioner Anderson Holness stated that the project was started several months ago and has been a success. The Empowerment Project includes a story hour for children, a computer literacy program for seniors, and an educational literacy program for children. The second story hour was held and it was an overwhelming success. There is an ongoing book drive as a part of the story hour. The drop off points for books are the 9:30 Club, LeDroit Park, and the Banneker Recreation Center. The newest location is at the Starbucks on Georgia Avenue, NW.

Chairman

Chairman Nadeau stated that she gave testimony to the Council Committee on Aging and Community Affairs last night. She told the committee about all the work the Commission is doing. The Committee views the Commission as a model on their work, especially with the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC). The Commission may be called on in the future to discuss its work with ABC.

Events and Announcements

Community

- A representative from the Common Good Farm announced an information session to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. There will be information on the Green Tomorrow program for low income individuals and families in the community. Families can put in two hours of work a week and get a bag of food in return.
- A representative from the Children's Hospital Clinic at 16th Street and Euclid Street, NW announced free nutrition classes for Latino families with children between the ages of 1-6.
- Luella Johnson from CSOSA announced that the organization has volunteer services available for the community. The volunteers can help with community service events, clean-ups, or other events where volunteers are needed.
- Torian Bryant a parent from 14th and W Streets announced her mentoring group Phenom. The organization has been active for a few years. Outreach services are provided to children in the community. Phenom educates children about their problems, encourages them to talk about violence and other issues, and gives them an outlet to try other activities instead of violence or other questionable activities. There will be a meeting in 2 weeks.
- A representative from Café Collage announced that the hours of business are 7am-9pm Monday – Friday and weekends 8am-8pm. Coffee and sandwiches are served. There is also a community bulletin board for any community announcements. Also, they are not using their liquor license.

Commission

Commissioner Moss commended the Common Good Farm and is delighted for the work they do. She stated that she was working with the Mayor and Councilmember Graham on usages of the now closed Gage Eckington School. The usage plan for the school included the Common Good Farm, Senior Wellness Center, and the Department of the Environment. Due to budget issues, the cost of the building renovations is too much. The community has agreed to demolish the building and replace it with a park to be used by residents in LeDroit Park, Bloomingdale, and in both Commissioners Anderson Holness and Ferrer's single member districts. They are meeting weekly with the Mayor and his design team to create plans for the park.

She also announced the following:

- In collaboration with Howard University's 16th President Syndey Ribeau there will be a day of service on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 8am-3pm. They will be cleaning the streets of LeDroit Park. The University will also have HIV/AIDS and diabetes testing. The dental school will also be there for teeth screenings. Food will also be served.
- There will be a service honoring Teresa Brown, a very important member of the LeDroit Park community, on Saturday, April 4, 2009 for the work she did in her community at 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW (HPRB Office). She was instrumental in LeDroit Park getting its name. She also was the first Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the area. Commissioner Moss also stated that she would plan a ceremony in the coming months to honor her.

Commissioner Akinmboni announced the first 2009 Youth Only Leadership March. The march will be held on August 22, 2009. They are looking for sponsors for the march. The march is for all youth in DC in order to note the positive things they are doing in the neighborhood. For more information call 202-351-2465.

Commissioner Muhammad announced that on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 the South Columbia Heights Neighborhood Association will have its monthly meeting. Metropolitan Police Department PSA 304 will be at the meeting. The guest speaker of the month is the new DDot Director Gabe Klein. He stated that he has been working with the construction academy at Cardozo High School since November on finding internships for the students. He announced that the Construction Academy will have internships with the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) to redevelop the park at the intersection of Girard and 14th Streets. The DC Housing Authority is responsible for the construction of all future Department of Parks and recreation projects. They have a commitment from DCHA to use students and allow certain students over the age of eighteen to possibly participate in the conversations for the park, but also future parks in DC.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Commissioner Lopez stated the bank balance as of March 31, 2009 is \$91,101.83. He also passed out a draft of the second quarter report.

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Conklin stated that the Commission has had a number of discussions on about the hiring of a new employee at previous meetings and via e-mail. She moved that ANC1B hire a staff director. Chairman Nadeau seconded that motion. Chairman Nadeau asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Muhammad stated that at the last meeting other Commissioners were not there, but he was firm in stating that he was against hiring an Executive Director. However, he is not against the ANC having staff. After receiving clarification from Chairman Nadeau that Ms. Body the current administrative assistant would no longer be with the Commission, he was in support. He was against hiring an Executive Director because he did not see the purpose in having two staff members for ANC1B. Commissioner Muhammad stated that he had not heard from Ms. Body and does not want to make it seem that she is being forced out by the Commission. He also wants to know if and when her resignation will come. He also wanted the record to show that now he believes that we are not going to have more than one staff member, he is comfortable with the interest of 1B in having a staff member.

Commissioner Thomas asked if the title of the position had been changed. Chairman Nadeau stated yes. Commissioner Akinmboni asked if the administrative assistant had resigned, and why she was not at the meeting. Chairman Nadeau stated that the administrative assistant is ill tonight, so that is why she was not at the meeting. She also stated that in discussions with her, we have come to the conclusion that both her schedule and the ANC schedule are not matching. She's agreed to stay on until a replacement is found. Nadeau stated that as Chair she felt that going through a formal process to recognize that we would change staff would be an appropriate way to do so rather than just letting her go and rehiring.

Chairman Nadeau called to question the hiring of a staff director. The motion to hire a staff director was adopted 10-0-1. Commissioner Smith abstained from the vote. Chairman Nadeau asked for Commissioners to serve on the vetting committee to review all applicants and get word out about the position opening. Commissioners Raia, Muhammad, Conklin, and Nadeau stated they wanted to be on the committee. Chairman Nadeau stated she would e-mail the Commissioners about the committee as well.

Public Safety and Public Safety Committee Report

Chairman Nadeau asked if anything had been resolved about the location or agenda of the meeting since last month's ANC meeting. Commissioner Moss stated that there was no report for the month because the meeting of the Public Safety Committee is the first Tuesday of each month and has not occurred yet. Commissioner Muhammad reported there was a shooting at 1351 Belmont Street, NW on Sunday evening, March 18. At the last ANC meeting, ANC1B voted to move the meeting to different locales. She stated that she is working with Commissioner Muhammad to find potential sites. They have not met since last meeting and a site has not been found yet. As of tonight's meeting, the meeting will be held at the Housing Finance Agency at 7pm. Chairman Nadeau asked for suggestions from Commissioners for potential locations for meetings in their single member districts. The following locations were given: Commissioner Akinmboni: NCBA at 2801 14th Street, NW and 1350 Clifton Street, NW and Commissioner Lopez: Community Center on corner of Girard Street and 15th Streets.

Commissioner Thomas asked if the meeting for her SMD could be held in conjunction with another SMD. Chairman Nadeau stated that if they are trying to look at what ANC1Bs Public Safety Committee does, it might be good to have separate meetings. Commissioner Moss stated that the public safety meeting will always be the first Tuesday of every month, so as not to add another meeting to the schedule. The Public Safety Committee meeting being held with PSA 305 started because the police presence was not seen in the neighborhood. In order to have 3rd District Police attend the meetings, the meeting was combined with the PSA meeting. Commissioner Smith stated that he knows of a couple locations, but there is no specific plan for how the meetings will be structured. He supports changing the locations, but the meeting structure should be planned first. Chairman Nadeau respects his thoughts, but stated that the ANC voted to move the meetings before having a discussion about the structure of the meetings. She encouraged the Commissioners to continue to speak with Commissioner Moss about the structure, but a location must be found because a vote was taken to change the location. Commissioner Moss asked that Commissioners email her the contact information and parking and metro information for the locations.

Chairman Nadeau discussed the Public Safety Summit. She is still trying to get in contact with Commander Kucik to find a time that works for the Metropolitan Police Department. She still wants to have the summit in May if Commissioners are interested. She wanted to make sure that all Commissioners can find five people in their SMDs that are interested in having a comprehensive conversation about policing and public safety. Nadeau also wants to ensure that the summit does not conflict with any neighborhood association meetings. Commissioner Muhammad stated that it would be more important to focus on moving Public Safety Committee meetings around in order to build momentum for the summit. The purpose should not be to duplicate meetings, but to build new partnerships with community members and organizations.

Consent Agenda

There was no consent agenda.

Presentations

Historic Preservation Office

A representative from the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) discussed the role of the office. Most of the work they do is in historic districts. If community residents have questions, they should call the office. The website has information about the proactive things they are doing for the year. The office has 3 goals: increase the _____ and recognition of historic properties, continue to protect historic resources, and capitalize on _____. They encourage applicants to get on the ANC calendar and seek ANC support because the ANC support has great weight.

Commissioner Smith asked if HPO was doing anything to try to find ways to mitigate the cost of restorations because the cost is so high. Also, if there was any way to subsidize funds for work from individuals that specialize in restoration work. The HPO representative stated that there are grant and tax credit programs available to applicants. Smith also stated there should be a way to have high school students involved in the local construction. Commissioner Raia pointed out the HPO is now located in the Reeves Center. The representative confirmed and stated that residents can call or stop by the office.

14th Street & U Street Farmer's Market

Robyn Schuster from the 14th Street and U Street Farmer's Market was present to discuss the renewal of the Market's permit. She stated she was asking the Commission for a letter of support. This year they are trying to increase access of the market to everyone in the community. The market is entering its 3rd year and has increased its producers from ten to twelve or thirteen. There are two USDA programs at the market that give free money to women who are pregnant or have children under the age of five to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. The market attracted three to four hundred people last year. Food stamps will also be at the market this year, and this will open the market up to other people that want produce, milk, bread and eggs. The market opens May 2, 2009, and there will be an EFT machine for customers to use. The market will also continue to work with Martha's Table. Commissioner Thomas wished the market continued success in her single member district. She then moved that ANC1B support the 14th and U Street public space permit for the Farmer's Market. Commissioner Conklin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 10-0.

Friends of Harrison Recreation Center

Brian Martin the President of the Cardozo Shaw Neighborhood Association (CSNA) was present to speak about the Friends of Harrison Recreation Center. In August 2006, CSNA voted to support the Harrison Recreation Center at 13th and V Streets, NW. A partnership was started between CSNA and the Harrison Recreation Center. In February 2009, CSNA voted to support the recreation center again. As a part of the new Department of Parks and Recreation partnership process CSNA is seeking to become a friend of the Harrison Recreation Center. They are seeking a formal letter of support from the Commission.

Commissioners raised questions about the location of the center, type of letter that was being requested, and the involvement of CSNA in the use of the center. Brian Martin stated the recreation center is on the south side of V Street between 13th and 14th Streets. He also stated the letter of support will state that the Commission supports CSNA's application to become a friend of the Harrison Recreation Center. Also, CSNA is seeking to become a friend of the organization to support the existing programs at the center and to create a formal partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Smith stated that he was in support of the letter. He also stated that partnerships will benefit the center and used the Banneker Recreation Center as an example. The tennis courts and were completely renovated ahead of schedule with the help of partnerships with community groups. Commissioner Raia then moved that ANC1B support the Cardozo Shaw Neighborhood Association's application to be an official community representative of the Harrison Recreation Center. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 10-0.

Design Review Applications and Design Committee Report

Commissioner Moss introduced Eric Colbert and Associates. She stated that they have done a lot of work in ANC1B. They plan to restore a historic building at 1859 3rd Street and build two other units adjacent to the property. The application was mailed late last month, and she was apologetic because it was not given to the Design Committee. Mr. Colbert was present to discuss the plans for the property. He stated this is a conceptual design review going before Historic Preservation. It is a sad looking building. The client wants to renovate the property and make it an economically viable to complete the project. There is quite a bit of property available behind the building. They will subdivide the property as permitted by R4 zoning and create three lots. They have been working closely with HPO to develop a plan for the land. The zoning only permits either a single family dwelling or a flat English basement concept.

Commissioner Smith asked if there were any more perspective views of the property to see the massing from other angles. Mr. Colbert replied no. Commissioner Smith also stated that if more information is being provided that he would like to see a crude elevation looking into the opening between the buildings to see a glimpse of the carriage house. He also asked about the space between the church and the carriage house. Colbert replied that parking will be provided between the church and the carriage house. It is not required for a historic structure, but the plan involves having six parking places for the buildings. Commissioner Moss encouraged outreach to the residents in the area and the local neighborhood association.

The discussion was then opened for community questions. Phil Spalding asked if the subdivision requires any zoning review or renewal. Colbert replied no, but Historic has to sign off on the

application, and then it will be sent to the Zoning Administrator. Commissioner Moss asked about the client's flexibility if the community did not approve of the design. Colbert stated that they have been trying to develop the property for two years, but the economy has affected the development and drastic reductions have already been made in the meetings with the HPO staff. They could make the buildings bigger, but they still want the project to be economically viable. They also want to take in all views and ideas on the design. He pointed out that they were going before HPO at the end of the month.

Chairman Nadeau asked for a motion, but Commissioner Moss stated she was not ready to take a vote because she would like the Design Committee Chair and the residents to review the design and give their feedback. Nadeau stated that she would leave it up to Commissioner Moss to put it back on the agenda for next month. Colbert asked if it would be a problem that they were going before HPO at the end of the month. Commissioner Moss said not, but she encouraged him to contact the residents in the community. Commissioner Smith stated that he was worried about the design, but about Colbert going before Historic without the ANC voting on it. He asked if Colbert could postpone going before HPO for a month in order to give the community an opportunity to give feedback about the design and if necessary, to meet with the Design Committee. Chairman Nadeau asked what the concerns would be. Commissioner Moss stated that she did not know specifically, but there was no negative reaction to the restoration. Nadeau asked why they did not get community input before they came before the Commission. Colbert said it did not come up before, and there is no database that tells what different groups to go through before presenting to the ANC. She also asked if the Commission did not want to go on record before Colbert went before Historic. Commissioner Moss asked if they could postpone until May. Colbert stated they would like to get things going as quickly as possible, but if there's a meeting or they could call one before, they would be happy to present. They have been talking to Historic to see what they would accept and have been cognizant of maintaining the historic nature of the neighborhood. No one in the preliminary meetings with Historic or Zoning mentioned going before the community. Chairman Nadeau suggested doing a letter to go on record stating no specific opposition, but recommended that Colbert meet with the community and the Design Committee before the hearing and consider any of the recommendations they are given.

Commissioner Thomas pointed out that after hearing any suggestions of the community, they might consider postponing their presentation to Historic. Commissioner Smith stated that if they are going on record, the motion should be to mandate that they go before the community associations and get approval. Chairman Nadeau stated that the Commission cannot mandate another community organization to put someone on their agenda (she was not comfortable with that the last time it occurred.) because everyone's hands are tied if it does not happen. Commissioner Moss stated there would not be a problem getting them on the agenda for the LeDroit Park meeting. She then moved that ANC1B support the conceptual design review with the stipulation that Colbert meet with not only the Civic Association, but also with residents on the corridor of 3rd Street and be amenable to change should recommendations come from the community. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 10-0.

Liquor Licenses and ABC Committee Report

Commissioner Raia stated there was no quarter report, but he did have announcements on new businesses for liquor licenses.

- Vinoteca will be requesting longer patio hours next month.
- Mocha Hut is being replaced by the U Street Café and will be looking for a beer and wine license.
- Maggie Moos is changing to a _____ store that will have some type of liquor inside.

Commissioner Smith added that a type A liquor store opened on the corner of Fairmont Street, NW and Sherman Ave, NW called Fairmont Liquor and Grocery. The license came out of safe keeping. He has met with the owner, and the owner met with the community as well. The store sells liquor as well as produce. Also, GII will be opening on the corner of Fairmont Street, NW and Georgia Avenue, NW. It will be a lounge/restaurant.

Bar Pilar and Café Saint Ex

Commissioner Raia stated that both establishments have submitted applications to change from a CR to CT licenses. There are some concerns about the hours and noise control that need to be worked out. Neither establishment has a voluntary agreement. He has spoken to Andrew Klein the lawyer for the owner who is also there to present. They need to create a voluntary to work out the issues. Andrew Klein stated that there is a requirement in the ABC statute that ABC licenses with kitchens keep kitchens open until at least two hours before closing. Both establishments were unaware of that until recently when an ABC investigation came in and issued a citation and a fine. After that situation, they have been following the rules, but there is really no food business at that time of night. Chairman Nadeau asked if that it was compliance issue. Mr. Klein said yes, and there is absolutely no change in the nature of either establishment that will occur. Nadeau stated that this gives Commission the ability to negotiate new terms.

Commissioner Raia discussed concerns with the license. Some feel that if the kitchen is not open late, the establishments can close earlier. The Commission then has to get involved and ask ABRA if they can switch to a CRCT, but they are not trying to be a bar. They could put a food percentage in the voluntary to protect the community from them becoming a bar. Nadeau asked what the real community concerns are, because adding food percentage will not help things like noise. Commissioner Raia said the food percentage will ensure the community that the establishments can remain a restaurant versus turning into a tavern. If the license gets sold, then we won't have a tavern and things that are associated with taverns versus restaurants. The specific concerns he has heard would be addressed through peace, order and quiet in a motion tonight. Chairman Nadeau asked Klein if noise was an issue he has heard about. Mr. Klein stated that he never had any community members come to him specifically about noise in six years at

Café Saint Ex or in four years at Bar Pilar. Chairman Nadeau asked for comments from the community.

Phil Spalding, Chairman of the CSNA ABC Committee, stated that CSNA considered both requests and are in support of both. They asked both establishments to provide a safety and security plan. A resident of the 1400 block of T Street stated that the conditions at Café Saint Ex have interrupted his weekend sleep. He said residents have not complained because they feel helpless. He is opposed to granting a substantial change to a tavern on the sole premise that Café Saint Ex has not complied with a single DC ABRA regulation. There are a lot of issues that the community needs to address with the license, and they are willing to work with the business. A resident on the corner of 14th Street and T Street stated that a lot of people in his building are concerned, but he had not heard any specific complaints. Due to the opening of a new club right across the street from Bar Pilar and Café Saint Ex, many residents are worried. They are presenting a protest letter with twenty signatures to ABC. Commissioner Estrada from corner of 14th and U Street was there to represent constituents and others in a condominium located at 1406 T Street. A petition is going around because people are unhappy with the late night destination the establishment has become. The concerns are the amount of drinking occurring, the line outside the door (15-20 people), and people urinating in the yard of the condominium. They supported the businesses as restaurants, but turning into a tavern is something they are not interested in supporting. Estrada pointed out that as a commissioner he is concerned that ANC1B is setting precedence where CRs can change to CTs just because they could not keep the kitchen open. The neighboring commission has three other CRs on U Street that want to be CTs on their agenda. Chairman Nadeau asked if 2B intends to protest because of proximity jurisdiction. Commissioner Estrada said yes.

A Wallach Place resident stated that she has not heard any problems from other residents. She stated that this is serious restaurant and they buy from the Farmer's Market. She also does not believe that they would change if they had a conversion and hopes they can come with a voluntary with the ANC. Scott Pomeroy stated he was there to speak on behalf of the two establishments. He has worked with the owner of the business in the past when he was the president of CSNA. He pointed out that the owner attended national conferences on hospitality in order to ensure he was running his businesses effectively. The owner also reaches out to the community for feedback and attends ANC meetings to stay aware of any issues. He also did not feel that a precedence setting was here because the ANC weighs every license and will hear conditions on why licenses are switching. The owner has always met his obligations as a restaurant. This is a piece in ABC code that needs to be readdressed, but for them it is creating a hardship.

Commissioner Smith agreed with Commissioner Raia adding peace, order, and quiet, but also keeping a requirement to continue to have the restaurant component measured with that. Even if the business is sold, this will keep them functioning as a restaurant. Commissioner Raia stated that folks should look at the voluntary as punishment, but as part of being a responsible business.

He also pointed out that parts of the statements heard tonight were not submitted to ABRA, so there is some concern. He then moved that ANC1B protest the Café Saint Ex and Bar Pilar application on the basis of peace, order, and quiet with the intent to have the community's voice heard and to allow time to have the voluntary signed. When the voluntary is complete and signed by both parties before roll call, this Commission will submit to ABRA a withdrawal of the protest. Also, he will include in the letter of the Commission the concerns of the community on the conversions of CR and CT licenses and how they affect the community. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 9-0 for both establishments.

Mesa 14

Andrew Klein was present to discuss this license. The restaurant will have two famous chefs as consultants on the menu. The restaurant will have Mediterranean fusion cuisine with a focus on Latin American and Asian tapas. There will be a dance floor for dancing and a DJ. Commissioner Raia stated that he encouraged the owners to sign a voluntary agreement on the issues of peace, order, and quiet. He also encouraged the owner to speak to other businesses in the area about trash compacting services. Commissioner Smith had a question about the capacity of the space. Mr. Klein said they applied for one hundred eighty person capacity, but the actual number of seats is one hundred thirty five. Chairman Nadeau asked about the hours. The hours will be 2am to 3am replied Klein.

Community members then asked questions. Phil Spalding stated that the application included using sidewalk space. He asked if sidewalk space would be a part of this presentation and what the size and hours are for the sidewalk space. Klein stated that the sidewalk space will seat twenty-four and the hours will be from (2am to 3a), and they will be before the ANC again for the space. John from Café Saint Ex and Bar Pilar said he will help the owner with trash compactor services. Commissioner Estrada said he just heard about the sidewalk space, and he believes there is an agreement with the community for the corner of Café Saint Ex that closes the outdoor space at 11pm. Estrada said he would be happy to work with the owner on the hours of the sidewalk café. John from Café Saint Ex and Bar Pilar stated they do not have a voluntary for the patio, and he chose to close the patio out of concern for the neighborhood.

Commissioner Raia moved that ANC1B protest the application for Mesa14 on the basis of peace, order, and quiet with the intent to have the community's voice heard and to allow time to have the voluntary signed. When the voluntary is complete and signed by both parties before roll call, this Commission will submit to ABRA a withdrawal of the protest. Commissioner Nadeau seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 9-0.

Twin Jazz

Commissioner Raia stated that the establishment was switching from a CT to a CR. The owners were invited, but no representative was present to discuss the license. Commissioner Raia moved that ANC1B on the basis of peace, order, and quiet with the intent to have the community's voice heard and to allow time to have the voluntary signed. When the voluntary is complete and signed by both parties before roll call, this Commission will submit to ABRA a withdrawal of the protest. Also, he will include in the letter of the Commission the concerns of the community on the conversions of CR and CT licenses and how they affect the community. Phil Spalding stated that this was a food percentage problem. This was never a restaurant, but missed food quota numbers and in order to continue their business they must switch to a CR. Commissioner Ferrer seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 9-0.

Grant Applications

Commissioner Moss introduced the grant application for the Friends at the LeDroit Park Gate. A resident in LeDroit Park designed an iron gate for the area with the date it was established. Funding for the maintenance of the area has run out. Donations have been made, but more funds are still needed. Andrea _____ was present to discuss the specific use of the grant. She indicated that community volunteers are used to maintain the space. DDot provided the planting beds and the gate. The grant request is for shrub fill-in, flowers, and mulching of the area. Chairman Nadeau asked for information on the rest of the budget. Andrea stated that \$500 was given to them by Washington Parks and People, and Casey Trees donated two cherry trees. Commissioner Moss then moved that ANC1B accept the \$300 grant application for Friends at the LeDroit Park Gate. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 9-0.

Commissioner Smith indicated that the Mentoring Works2 grant would not be heard because the event occurred in March.

Commissioner Smith introduced the annual grant application for the DC Caribbean Carnival. The event is held on the last Saturday in June. It is a cultural explosion that exposes DC to Caribbean culture. Laughton Sargeant was present to discuss the grant and answer any questions. He indicated that this is the 17th year of the carnival, and thanked the Commission for its support over the years. The DC Carnival is an annual Caribbean style mardi gras. There are two components to the Carnival: the first is a parade that begins at Georgia Avenue and Missouri Avenue, NW and culminates at Barry Place at the Banneker Park, and the second is a two day festival that has vendors, arts and crafts, and sponsors showcasing their products. There is also international entertainment for the community to enjoy. The grant will be used to offset the costs of the clean-up on Georgia Avenue and in Banneker Park after the Carnival. Chairman Nadeau stated that the check would be issued in June and receipts would be due July 28, 2009. She also asked if this organization had been compliant in previous years with receipts. Commissioner Smith stated yes they have been compliant. Commissioner Moss added that the Carnival is a great community activity. Chairman Nadeau asked for community questions. Phil Spalding stated that this grant application has been before this Commission a number of times and other Commissions. He asked if other commissions would be receiving a similar grant request. Mr. Sargeant said grant applications have been submitted to three ANCs in the past, and he plans to do the same thing this

year. Commissioner Smith then moved that ANC1B support the grant application for DC Caribbean Carnival Incorporated for \$2000. Commissioner Ferrer seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 9-0.

Commissioner Raia asked the Chair if he could make a motion for reimbursement before new business was discussed. Chairman Nadeau agreed. Commissioner Raia moved that ANC1B reimburse him for office supplies and business cards totaling \$247.96. Chairman Nadeau seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 9-0.

New Business

Chairman Nadeau discussed the need to purchase AV equipment for the meetings. She moved that ANC1B purchase AV equipment once office space is complete. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 7-0-2. There were two abstentions. She also stated that the Commission should speak with Luella Johnson of CSOSA about having volunteers distribute flyers for the meetings. She also asked Commissioners to consider placing an ad in local newspapers to publicize the monthly meetings. Chairman Nadeau then asked the Commissioners for newspaper suggestions. Commissioner Muhammed reminded the executive committee that he had previously offered the following suggestions: Washington City Paper, Blade, The Hilltop (Howard University Newspaper), DC North, Northwest Current and In towner. Commissioner Smith recommended that the Commission ask if the meeting announcement could be a public service announcement. Gene _____ indicated that the Green Team can help with flyer distribution as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.