



# **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B**

## **Government of the District of Columbia**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, January 6, 2011,  
7:00 PM, Reeves Center, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.**

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B occurred on Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Reeves Center, Commissioner E. Gail Anderson Holness, 1B11, Chairperson, presiding. Commissioner Myla Moss, 1B01, was present as Secretary. Other Commissioners present during the meeting: Aaron Spencer, 1B02, Sedrick Muhammad, 1B03, Mary Streett, 1B05, Juan Lopez, 1B07, Ahnna Smith, 1B08, Lauren McKenzie, 1B09, Tony Norman, 1B10. Commissioners absent: Deborah Thomas, 1B04, Charles Meisch, 1B06.

Chairperson Anderson Holness observed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Chairperson Anderson Holness then made the following announcement:

- ✓ We ask that you silence your cell phones. By “silence” I mean either put them on “silence” or turn them off if you are able. The vibration and rings interfere with our recording and we sometimes lose valuable information.
- ✓ Our meeting agenda is based on a strict time frame. We want to address all issues and assure participation by all interested parties, but we also want to make sure that our meeting ends at a reasonable hour. Therefore, we ask that all presentations be limited to five minutes. Mr. Jim Irwin, our staff director, will give each presenter a three-minute and one-minute warning, and then will announce the expiration of time. We request all those asking questions to be as brief and concise as possible. Community announcements at the end of the meeting are limited to two minutes each.
- ✓ This meeting is audio-recorded for the public record and the draft minutes of the meeting, which will be published on our website as soon as possible.
- ✓ We welcome and encourage public comment at appropriate points in the meeting. Normally, we will ask for public comment on issues before the Commission before any motion is offered for official action. Once a motion has been made and seconded, comment and discussion is confined to Commissioners.

- ✓ We ask that all those making presentations, asking questions, or making comments speak loudly and clearly for the benefit of our recording device. Please state your name, residence address, and what organization you represent. If you are representing yourself as a resident, rather than an organization, please say so.
- ✓ For the accuracy of our public records, we ask that all those making presentations, asking questions, or making comments complete the very brief speaker information form located on the sign in table at the back of the room. Please give the completed form to our Staff Director, Jim Irwin, either before or after you speak to the Commission. The purpose of this form is to assure correct spelling of your name in the minutes, accurate address and accurate statement of representation.

Thank you for your attendance, participation and cooperation.

Chairperson Anderson Holness announced that Commissioner Charles Meisch was unable to attend the meeting because he had been called out of town on business travel.

Chairperson Anderson Holness asked Commissioners to introduce themselves.

Chairperson Anderson Holness noted that Commissioner Thomas was absent, but was on her way to the meeting. She suggested that the election of officers and the appointment of committee chairs be deferred until Commissioner Thomas's arrival.

The Commission concurred with this suggestion.

### **2011 Commission meeting schedule**

Chairperson Anderson Holness announced the Commission meeting schedule for 2011 to be the first Thursday of every month beginning at 7:00 PM:

February 3	August 4
March 3	September 1
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1
July 7	

### **Participation in ANC Security Fund**

Chairperson Anderson Holness briefly reviewed the ANC Security Fund and said that the Commission's participation in the fund would be addressed later in the meeting after the election of the Treasurer.

## Officers Reports

### Secretary's Report – Approval of December 2, 2010 meeting minutes

Commissioner Moss submitted the draft minutes of the December, 2010 meeting for approval.

Commissioner Moss moved that the draft minutes of the December 2, 2010 meeting be approved.

Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes 0 no.

### Public Safety and Public Safety Committee Report

Commissioner Muhammad submitted the report of the Public Safety Committee:

#### ANC 1B January Public Safety Committee Report

Commissioners,

Below MPD's PSA 304 & 305 30 Day Crime Stat report, respectively.

## PSA 304

Crime Type	Number of Crimes that Occurred Between		% Change
	12/6/2009 to 1/5/2010	12/6/2010 to 01/5/2011	
Homicide	0	0 <a href="#">view map</a>	N/A
Sex Abuse	0	2 <a href="#">view map</a>	N/A
Robbery Excluding Gun	6	7 <a href="#">view map</a>	▲ 17
Robbery With Gun	9	4 <a href="#">view map</a>	▼ 56
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	2	1 <a href="#">view map</a>	▼ 50
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	2	0 <a href="#">view map</a>	▼ 100
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b> <a href="#">view map</a>	<b>▼ 26</b>
Burglary	2	9 <a href="#">view map</a>	▲ 350

Theft	13	14	<a href="#">view map</a>	↑ 8
Theft F/Auto	19	26	<a href="#">view map</a>	↑ 37
Stolen Auto	3	7	<a href="#">view map</a>	↑ 133
Arson	0	0	<a href="#">view map</a>	N/A
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>56</b>	<a href="#">view map</a>	<b>↑ 51</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<a href="#">view map</a>	<b>↑ 25</b>

## PSA 305

Crime Type	Number of Crimes that Occurred Between		% Change
	12/6/2009 to 1/5/2010	12/6/2010 to 01/5/2011	
Homicide	0	0	<a href="#">view map</a> N/A
Sex Abuse	0	0	<a href="#">view map</a> N/A
Robbery Excluding Gun	6	3	<a href="#">view map</a> ↓ 50
Robbery With Gun	1	0	<a href="#">view map</a> ↓ 100
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	2	2	<a href="#">view map</a> No Change
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	3	1	<a href="#">view map</a> ↓ 67
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<a href="#">view map</a> <b>↓ 50</b>
Burglary	4	4	<a href="#">view map</a> No Change
Theft	4	4	<a href="#">view map</a> No Change
Theft F/Auto	7	17	<a href="#">view map</a> ↑ 143
Stolen Auto	5	4	<a href="#">view map</a> ↓ 20
Arson	0	0	<a href="#">view map</a> N/A
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<a href="#">view map</a> <b>↑ 45</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<a href="#">view map</a> <b>↑ 9</b>

Commissioner Streett asked if crime was generally up or down compared to previous months or the last year.

Commissioner Muhammad said that crime is generally down. He acknowledged Commander Kishter, Lieutenant Holbrook, Lieutenant Christopher Adrian, and Lieutenant Deborah Pierce for the outstanding job they have been doing.

Commissioner Muhammad moved that the report of the Public Safety Committee be accepted and entered into the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Design Review Applications and Design Committee Report**

Commissioner Norman presented the report of the Design Review Committee:

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**Tony Norman, Chairperson**  
**Report and Recommendations**  
**January 6, 2011**

The Design Review Committee met at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12<sup>th</sup> Street N.W., on Tuesday, December 14, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tony Norman at 6:38 PM. Committee members present were: Eric Fidler, Lee Jackson

Others present were: Jonathan Rubin, purchaser, 1444 Fairmont Street N.W., Marty Sullivan, attorney, Ron Schmidt, Square 134 Architects, Mimi Tygier, Robert Rubin, Commissioner Juan Lopez, ANC 1B07

### **SUMMARY**

The Committee reviewed an application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA 18163) for variance relief for enlargements and additions to a non-conforming structure and from parking requirement for two parking spaces for renovation of a row house at 1444 Fairmont Street N.W. into a five-unit apartment house.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Lee Jackson moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 1B support Mr. Jonathan Rubin's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for variance relief for enlargements and additions to a non-conforming structure and from parking requirement for two parking spaces for 1444 Fairmont Street N.W.

Mr. Eric Fidler seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 3 yes, 0 no.

## **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATION**

The committee's discussion with Mr. Rubin, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Schmidt elicited the following points:

- The property is a row house that has been vacant for at least twelve years and is essentially a shell. The District has owned it since 1998 and it was vacant at that time.
- The property has a certificate of occupancy from 1986 for two units.
- This property stands vacant in the middle of a row of otherwise renovated and high-quality residences.
- Mr. Rubin is the contract purchaser of the property, having bought it at auction from the District Department of Housing and Community Development.
- For reasons of financial feasibility and to fit with the neighborhood, Mr. Rubin is proposing a five-unit configuration. The units will be sold as condominiums at market rate.
- Three of the units will be two-bedroom units. The two upper story units will be one-bedroom units.
- The gross floor area is being increased by about 280 square feet.
- Because they are proposing five units, they need a parking variance of one space.
- They are proposing to expand the existing court, which is non-conforming, so they are requesting a variance for that.
- The zoning is R-5-B.
- There is no alley access to the property.
- Commissioner Lopez stated that he has met with the purchaser, visited the site and reviewed their plan. The renovation of this property would be a great improvement and an asset to the block, and would substantially improve the neighborhood. He fully supports the application to the BZA.
- The purchaser has contacted the neighbors on the block, who fully support the project and the application.
- They estimate that renovation will be complete and the units on the market by the end of summer, 2011.
- Parking on the street is generally available.
- Mr. Rubin submitted letters of support for the BZA application from neighbors. These letters are attached to this report.

Commissioner Norman introduced Mr. Jonathan Rubin, Mimi Tygier, his mother and the project developer, Martin Sullivan, their attorney, and Ron Schneck, architect, who are

developing the property at 1444 Fairmont Street N.W. They made a brief presentation reiterating the details of their plans.

Questions from commissioners elicited the following points:

- The units will be sold at market rate. It is not financially feasible for the applicant to offer any units at less than market rate.
- There is no alley access to the back of the property, so the applicant is asking for variance relief from the parking requirement and is relying on street parking.

Commissioner Norman moved that ANC 1B support Mr. Jonathan Rubin's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for variance relief for enlargements and additions to a non-conforming structure and from parking requirement for two parking spaces for 1444 Fairmont Street N.W.

Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Liquor Licenses and ABC Committee Report**

Chairperson Anderson Holness noted that there were no liquor licenses pending for review and no ABC Committee report.

Commissioner Spencer moved that a letter be submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) authorizing all commissioners to represent the Commission before ABRA or the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regarding any matter affecting ANC 1B and that Staff Director Jim Irwin be authorized to represent the Commission regarding scheduling and other administrative matters.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Grant Applications and Grants Committee Report**

Chairperson Anderson Holness noted that the Grants Committee did not meet in December, that there was no committee report, and that no grant applications had been received.

Chairperson Anderson Holness asked Commissioner Moss to review the grant application process. Commissioner Moss described the application process and policies, which she also noted can be found on the ANC 1B website at <http://www.anc1b.org/library.html>

Commissioner Spencer moved that ANC 1B delay any decisions on grant applications until the March 3 meeting, or until the Grants Committee presents recommendations to the full Commission about how to proceed with grants for 2011.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Election of Officers**

Chairperson Anderson Holness announced that Commissioner Thomas had called to say she could not attend the meeting due to an emergency. She said it was therefore in order to consider election of officers.

Chairperson Anderson Holness called for nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner Street for Treasurer.

There were no other nominations.

.Commissioner Street was elected unanimously as Treasurer.

Chairperson Anderson Holness called for nominations for the office of Secretary.

Commissioner Lopez nominated Commissioner Moss for Secretary.

There were no other nominations.

Commissioner Moss was elected unanimously as Secretary.

Chairperson Anderson Holness called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Spencer nominated Commissioner Smith for Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Muhammad nominated Commissioner Norman for Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Norman declined the nomination.

Commissioner Moss nominated Commissioner Muhammad for Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Muhammad declined the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Commissioner Smith was elected unanimously as Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson Anderson Holness called for nominations for the office of Chairperson.

Commissioner Streett nominated Commissioner Lopez for Chairperson.

Commissioner Norman nominated Commissioner Anderson Holness for Chairperson.

Chairperson Anderson Holness relinquished the chair to Vice Chairperson Smith.

Vice Chairperson Smith called for other nominations.

There were no other nominations.

Vice Chairperson Smith asked each candidate to make a statement regarding their candidacy.

Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Anderson Holness made brief statements.

Vice Chairperson Smith called for a roll call vote.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Moss voted for Commissioner Anderson Holness.

Commissioner Spencer voted for Commissioner Lopez.

Commissioner Muhammad voted for Commissioner Anderson Holness.

Commissioner Thomas was absent.

Commissioner Streett voted for Commissioner Lopez.

Commissioner Lopez voted for Commissioner Lopez.

Commissioner Meisch was absent.

Commissioner Smith voted for Commissioner Lopez.

Commissioner McKenzie voted for Commissioner Lopez.

Commissioner Norman voted for Commissioner Anderson Holness.

Commissioner Anderson Holness voted for Commissioner Anderson Holness.

Commissioner Lopez was elected Chairperson with five votes to four votes for Commissioner Anderson Holness.

Commissioner Lopez assumed the Chair and thanked Commissioner Anderson Holness for her dedicated service.

Commissioner Anderson Holness congratulated Commissioner Lopez and thanked him for his service as a commissioner and as Treasurer.

## Treasurer's Report

### ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Streett said that all ANC officers are required by law to be bonded. Bonding can be very expensive. As an inexpensive alternative, the D.C. Auditor offers the opportunity to participate in the ANC Security Fund for a nominal annual fee of \$25.00.

Commissioner Streett moved that ANC 1B adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** that this Commission approves the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25.00 fee for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The Chairperson and Secretary are authorized to execute the required agreement, a copy of which is available to Commissioners in their meeting folders.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes, 0 no.

## Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Streett presented the Treasurer's report:

### **ANC 1B Treasurers Report – January, 2011**

#### **Overview**

The December, 2010 Industrial Bank Statement is attached to this report. The account balance as of December 31, 2010 was \$61,645.62

The following checks were approved at the December 2, 2010 meeting:

Name	Check #	Amount	Purpose
James H. Irwin	1799	\$1,292.80	Staff wages
James H. Irwin	1800	\$18.21	Reimbursement for postage
Inner Voices Inc.	1801	500.00	Grant #11-02

The following checks were cashed last month:

Date Cashed	Name	Check #	Amount	Purpose	Meeting Approval Date
12/6/10	James Irwin	1799	\$1,292.80	Staff wages	Budget approved 10/7/10
12/6/10	James Irwin	1800	\$18.21	Reimbursement for postage	12/2/10
12/7/10	Capital Services &	1797	\$401.57	Office supplies	11/4/10

	Supplies				
12/8/10	U.S. Treasury	1784	107.59	Fed. payroll taxes	Budget approved 10/7/10
12/8/10	U.S. Treasury	1786	725.97	Fed. payroll taxes	Budget approved 10/7/10
12/8/10	U.S. Treasury	1787	938.12	Fed. payroll taxes	Budget approved 10/7/10
12/8/10	U.S. Treasury	1788	1,158.59	Fed. payroll taxes	Budget approved 10/7/10
12/9/10	U.S. Treasury	1785	392.60	Fed. payroll taxes	Budget approved 10/7/10
12/9/10	U.S. Treasury	1789	1,249.74	Fed. payroll taxes	Budget approved 10/7/10
12/27/10	Inner Voices, Inc.	1801	500.00	Grant #11-02	12/2/10

### Expenses to be approved

Name	Amount	Purpose
James Irwin	\$1,292.80	Staff wages-net pay
Capital Services & Supplies	\$552.11	Office supplies

Commissioner Streett moved that expenses of \$1,292.80 for staff wages and \$552.11 for office supplies be approved.

Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes, 0 no.

Commissioner Streett moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved, subject to the ANC Security Fund payment being made and subject to a further review by the Treasurer of documentation.

Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

Commissioner Streett explained that the ANC Security Fund was insurance for all commissioners and she wanted to be sure that was in place. She said everything about the report appeared to be in good order, but she had just assumed the position of Treasurer and wanted to make sure that she better understood the documentation.

The motion was adopted unanimously 9 yes, 0 no.

## **Election of Committee Chairs**

Commissioner Spencer moved that the election of committee chairs be deferred to the February 3 meeting to provide opportunities for members of the community to apply to serve.

Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

After extended discussion, Commissioner Spencer withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Norman moved that current committee chairs continue to serve until permanent committee chairs are elected at the February 3 meeting.

Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion.

Following further discussion, the motion was adopted by roll call vote, 6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain. The roll call vote was:

### **YES**

Spencer  
Streett  
Lopez  
Smith  
McKenzie  
Norman

### **NO**

Moss  
Anderson Holness

### **ABSTAIN**

Muhammad

Commissioner Streett moved that Commissioner Spencer be appointed interim Chair of the ABC Committee until the February 3 meeting.

Commissioner Anderson Holness seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes, 0 no.

Commissioner Anderson Holness moved that Commissioner McKenzie be appointed interim Chair of the Grants Committee until the February 3 meeting.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes, 0 no.

## **2011 Commission meeting schedule**

Commissioner Streett moved that the 2011 Commission meeting schedule, announced earlier, be adopted.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Community Events and Announcements**

Commissioner Muhammad announced that his single-member district meeting has moved to the first Wednesday of the month. The first meeting of the year was held on Wednesday, January 5 at the Christopher Price House, 1301 Belmont Street N.W. The guest speaker was DCWASA General Manager George Hawkins. The guest speaker for next month's meeting will be Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chair of the Council's Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary. These meetings are held in conjunction with MPD PSA 304. Next month's meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at the Christopher Price House, 1301 Belmont Street N.W.

Commissioner Moss thanked John from Town for his contribution to families during the holiday season.

Commissioner Moss announced that construction has begun on the United Negro College Fund headquarters at 7<sup>th</sup> and S Streets N.W. She has asked that representatives of UNCF appear before the Design Review Committee and the Commission to give an overview of the project and that there be a liaison on the construction site to talk with residents and keep the community informed of issues related to the construction. Completion of construction is anticipated in the summer of 2012.

Commissioner Anderson Holness announced that ANC 1B11 would be holding its regular monthly single-member district meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 10, 2011, in the Kelly Miller LeDroit Senior Building. ANC 1B11 meets on the second Monday of every month.

Commissioner Smith encouraged everyone to look into the many community service opportunities available during the upcoming Martin Luther King holiday. DC Serve and Greater DC Cares organize thousands of people across the city. Both organizations have websites that provide more information.

Mr. Scott Pomeroy, U Street Neighborhood Association, announced that Greater DC Cares will be working with the Harrison Park Center during the day of service on Martin Luther King Day in ANC 1B as one of their service days. Anyone interesting in volunteering can contact the U Street Neighborhood Association (<http://www.ustreet-dc.org/joomla/content/view/30/49/>)

Mr. Jason Williamson from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations announced that he was available to provide assistance to residents with concerns, questions, or issues. He can be contacted at 202-340-7059 or [jason.williamson@dc.gov](mailto:jason.williamson@dc.gov).

Ms. Afreh Ali suggested to the Commission that members of the public be given a more clear opportunity to ask questions and make comments before the Commission votes on motions.

There being no further business, Commissioner Anderson Holness moved that the January 6, 2011 meeting of ANC 1B be adjourned.

Commissioner Streett seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.