



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B
Government of the District of Columbia

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Minutes

**Thursday, April 7, 2011,
7:00 PM, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street N.W.**

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

Commissioners absent: Aaron Spencer, 1B02

Chairperson Lopez noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Community Events and Announcements

Commissioner Muhammad announced that his single-member district meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Christopher Price House, 1301 Belmont Street N.W. The guest speaker will be Chief Kenneth Ellerbe, DC Fire & EMS. This meeting is held in conjunction with MPD PSA 304.

Commissioner Thomas announced that there would be a neighborhood cleanup this coming Sunday beginning at 10 AM. People should meet at the corner of 14th Street NW and Florida Avenue.

Commissioner Moss announced that she was organizing a community meeting in consultation with DDOT to discuss pedestrian and parking issues in LeDroit Park, especially in reference to all of the new development going on. She said she would announce the date and time by e-mail to the community listserves.

Chairperson Lopez announced that the Columbia Heights Village Tenants Association would have a tree planting event on April 9th, beginning at 9 AM. The location is 2800-2806 14th Street NW.

Commissioner Smith announced that there will be a tournament of games at the 14th and Girard Park on Saturday, April 9th, from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Commissioner McKenzie noted that there had been an increase in graffiti in various neighborhoods and announced that the DC Government would remove it, but to get that done, property owners must sign a waiver form. The form can be downloaded from www.dc.gov. Search for "graffiti removal." Graffiti can be reported by calling 311, but the property owner must sign the waiver before it can be removed. The waiver is effective for one year.

Commissioner Anderson Holness announced that ANC 1B11 would hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 PM at the Kelly Miller LeDroit Senior Building at 2025 4th Street N.W. The guest speaker will be the Director of the DC Department of Housing. Howard University will also make a presentation about its campus plan.

Sylvia Robinson, representing the Emergence Community Arts Collective, announced that the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force is continuing its efforts to ensure community involvement in the redevelopment of the Georgia Avenue corridor. The task force meets on the second Monday and fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Sylvia Robinson at sylvia@ecacollective.org or call (202) 462-2285.

Mr. James McLaughlin announced the formation of a new organization, The Reentry Network for Returning Citizens. It is a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting citizens returning to society from incarceration.

Community Comments and Concerns

Ms. Jana Baldwin, representing the neighborhood watch in LeDroit Park, asked that the ANC and the community work together more closely and more systematically on public safety issues. She thought that it would be good for all four Ward 1 ANCs could coordinate and work together with the community. Efforts should be more cohesive.

Approval of March 3, 2011 minutes

Commissioner Moss submitted the minutes of the March 3, 2011 commission meeting for approval. There were no corrections or additions.

Commissioner Moss moved that the minutes be approved.

Commissioner Anderson Holness seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 10 yes, 0 no.

Liquor Licenses and ABC Committee Report

In the absence of Commissioner Spencer, Committee member William Lepsch presented the report of the ABC Committee:

**ANC 1B ABC COMMITTEE Report
March 2011**

Committee Chair: Commissioner Aaron Spencer

Present: William Lepsch, William Baude, Joe Kowalski, Dinora Orozco, Tensae Berhanu, Heather Ferris, Commissioner Lauren McKenzie, Cizuka Seki, Sheldon Scott

Establishment Name or Applicant	H2 LLC
Location	2047 9 th St. NW Washington DC 20009
Request and Additional Information	– Voluntary Agreement
Was a Voluntary Agreement Negotiated? (Y/N or NA (Not Applicable))	Yes,
Motion	Motion to Recommend Commission 1B Send Letter of Support
Committee Vote	5 yea 0 nay 1 abstention
Committee Recommendation:	Recommend Letter of Support
**Notes	<p>Specific Points Raised During Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An H2 LLC representative attended the meeting to answer questions • H2LLC hasn't applied for a liquor license. Consequently, the establishment hasn't been placarded. • Questions centered on the summer garden to close at 2 M-TH and 3 F and Saturday • Music will end half hour before closing <p>Committee voted to recommend letter of support for VA to full Commission. Vote was 5-0-1</p>

Establishment Name	Sankofa Café 2714 Georgia Ave
Location	1201 U Street Northwest, Washington D.C
Request and Additional Information	
Was a Voluntary Agreement Negotiated? (Y/N or Not Applicable)	No
Motion	To Recommend Letter of Support

Committee Vote	4 yea 0 nay Abstention 4
Committee Recommendation:	Committee recommends Commission 1B send letter of support
Notes	<p>Specific Points Raised During Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No concern regarding residence and noise-neighbors are businesses. Committee thoroughly reviewed maps and proximity to neighbor houses • Owner was on hand to answer questions • Commissioner Spencer raised concerns about training staff for crowd control • Commissioner McKenzie present to voice her support. She does not feel a VA is necessary • Committee recommended staff training

Commissioner Moss asked for a list of committee members. As of March 31, 2011, the members of the ABC Committee were:

ABC Committee List of Standing Members*			
1.	Aaron Spencer	spencito@me.com	415-676-8953 Active
2.	Charlie Meisch	cmeisch@hotmail.com	Active
3.	William Lepsch	wlepsz@verizon.net	Active
4.	Eric Blaylock	eric.blaylock@shcpartners.com	Active
5.	Joe Kowalski	Kowalski.joseph@gmail.com	Active
6.	Matt Bevens	mbevans@gmail.com	Active
7.	Eric Vermeiren	ericvermeiren@gmail.com	Active
8.	Marc Morgan	marcmorgan@morganfordc.com	Active
9.	William Riggins		Active
10.	Paul Carlson	paul@vinotecadc.com	Active (business)
11.	William Baude	william.baude@gmail.com	Active
12.	Kathryn Wildt	kathryn.wildt@gmail.com	Active
13.	Heather Ferris	hi_heather13@yahoo.com	Active
14.	Bryan Martin		Advisor

Firvida		
15. Dinora Orozco	mamachuydc@gmail.com	Active (business)
16. Cizuka Seki	Cizuka.seki@gmail.com	Active (business)
17. Jeanne Allen	Jeanne.allen@me.com	Active (business)

* As of March 31, 2011

H2LLC Voluntary Agreement

Mr. Lepsch reported that the ABC Committee had met with Sheldon Scott, representing H2LLC, and had discussed the proposed business and the voluntary agreement with him. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the agreement.

Commissioner Anderson Holness moved that ANC 1B approve the proposed voluntary agreement between the Commission and H2LLC.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Commissioner McKenzie abstained.

Sankofa Café, 2714 Georgia Avenue NW – application for new Retail Class C Tavern license

Mr. Lepsch reported that the ABC Committee voted to recommend that the Commission support Sankofa Café's application for a new Class CT license.

Commissioner McKenzie moved that ANC 1B support the application of Sankofa Café for a new Retail Class C Tavern license.

Commissioner Anderson Holness seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 10 yes, 0 no.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Streett presented the Treasurer's Report:

ANC 1B Treasurers Report – April, 2011

Overview

The March, 2011 Industrial Bank Statement is attached to this report. The account balance as of March 31, 2011 was \$54,740.83.

The following checks were approved at the March 3, 2011 meeting:

Name	Check #	Amount	Purpose
James H. Irwin	1808	\$1,292.80	Staff wages- January

James H. Irwin	1812	\$1,939.71	Purchase of audio equipment
Capital Services & Supplies	1813	174.66	Office supplies

The following checks were cashed last month:

Date Cashed	Name	Check #	Amount	Purpose	Meeting Approval Date
3/7/2011	James Irwin	1808	\$1,292.80	Staff wages	Budget approved 10/7/2010
3/10/2011	Capital Services & Supplies	1813	174.66	Office supplies	3/3/11
3/10/2011	Best Buy	1791	298.84	Technical support	10/7/2010
3/11/2011	Best Buy	1812	\$1,939.71	Audio equipment	3/3/2011

Expenses to be approved

Name	Amount	Purpose
James Irwin	\$1,292.80	Staff wages-net pay
UPS Store	463.00	Printing of business cards & meeting flyers
U.S. Treasury	\$1,017.60	Payroll and withholding taxes-1 st qtr 2011
U.S. Treasury	\$2,274.76	Payroll and withholding taxes – 3 rd & 4 th qtrs 2010

Commissioner Streett moved to approve the expenses specified in the report.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

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

Public Safety and Public Safety Committee Report

Commissioner Muhammad submitted the Public Safety Committee report:

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Sedrick Muhammad, Chairperson
Report, April 7, 2011**

Commissioners,

On March 11 DC FEMS reported a fire at 2120 2nd ST NW (rowhouse basement) A mattress was on fire 8 people were displaced (2 adults, 6 children)

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

PSA 304

Crime Type	3/7/2010 to 4/6/2010	03/7/2011 to 04/6/2011	% Change
Homicide	1	0 [view map]	↓ 100
Sex Abuse	1	1 [view map]	No Change
Robbery Excluding Gun	7	4 [view map]	↓ 43
Robbery With Gun	3	3 [view map]	No Change
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	2	4 [view map]	↑ 100
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	2	0 [view map]	↓ 100
Total Violent Crime	16	12 [view map]	↓ 25
Burglary	8	10 [view map]	↑ 25
Theft	9	8 [view map]	↓ 11
Theft F/Auto	9	25 [view map]	↑ 178
Stolen Auto	7	7 [view map]	No Change
Arson	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Total Property Crime	33	50 [view map]	↑ 52
Total Crime	49	62 [view map]	↑ 27

PSA 305

Crime Type	3/7/2010 to 4/6/2010	03/7/2011 to 04/6/2011	% Change
Homicide	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Sex Abuse	1	1 [view map]	No Change
Robbery Excluding Gun	3	13 [view map]	↑ 333
Robbery With Gun	1	4 [view map]	↑ 300
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	10	2 [view map]	↓ 80
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	1	1 [view map]	No Change
Total Violent Crime	16	21 [view map]	↑ 31
Burglary	3	3 [view map]	No Change
Theft	17	36 [view map]	↑ 112
Theft F/Auto	30	33 [view map]	↑ 10
Stolen Auto	2	5 [view map]	↑ 150

Arson	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Total Property Crime	52	77 [view map]	↑ 48
Total Crime	68	98 [view map]	↑ 44

Design Review Applications and Design Review Committee Report

Commissioner Norman presented the report of the Design Review Committee:

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tony Norman, Chairperson

Report and Recommendations

April 7, 2011

The Design Review Committee met at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street N.W., on Thursday, March 31, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tony Norman at 6:35 PM. Committee members present were: David Corson, Eric Fidler, John Fonville, Robert Hudson, Lee Jackson, Darren Jones, Patrick Nelson.

Others present were: Commissioner Sedrick Muhammad, ANC 1B03, Matt Sislen, Dantes Partners, Derrek Niel-Williams, Brailsford Dunlavey, Maybelle Taylor Bennett, Howard university Community Association, Michael Harris, Howard University, Paul Bradshaw, Grimm & Parker Architects, Lee Becker, Harman-Cox Architects, Mary Kay. Lanzillotta, Hartman-Cox Architects, Nancy Havendick, 21st Century School Fund, Mary Filard, 21st Century School Fund, Suzertte Goldstein, HOK.

SUMMARY

The Committee reviewed two projects:

1. The updated Howard University draft campus plan.
2. The conceptual design for the renovation and restoration of the Cardozo High School building exterior and interior.

Howard University Campus Plan

The committee heard an extensive and detailed presentation on the draft campus plan, still in progress. Further presentations will be made at future committee and Commission meetings. No action was requested or required at this time.

The key points of the draft campus plan, which is still in development, include;

- The plan is designed in three phases over a period of 11-15 years.
- Construction of new high-rise residential facilities and consolidation of all on-campus residences in the same general area.
- Close old and outdated residential buildings.
- Increase of residential capacity by 1,300 beds to total 5,600 beds.
- Locate student housing in proximity to academic facilities and wellness center.
- Consolidate physical facilities for various academic disciplines to enhance collaboration
- For all university facilities on Georgia Avenue, provide first-floor retail space.

RECOMMENDATION

Cardozo High School

Mr. Lee Jackson moved that the Committee support the design concept for the renovation of the exterior of Cardozo High School.

Mr. Patrick Nelson seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 8 yes, 0 no.

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATION

Cardozo High School

Mr. Lee Becker, Hartman-Cox Architects, gave a detailed presentation on the proposed complete renovation of the interior of Cardozo High School, located at 13th and Clifton Streets, N.W. He also stated that, for the purposes of this meeting of the committee, they were seeking support for the conceptual design of the exterior renovations of the building. They will need this support when they go before the DC Commission on Fine Arts, the Historic Preservation Review Board and the National Capital Planning Commission.

Mr. Becker made the following points about the conceptual design of the exterior renovation:

- Remove all window security grills
- Repair historic skylights
- Restore historic decorative wall tiles
- Rebuild site walls
- Make the building accessible to all
- Reconfigure the main entrance, adding exterior doorways to the portico in order to increase the interior entry space. This will accommodate students and others seeking entrance and waiting to pass through security checkpoints. Expansion of the interior entry lobby space is

necessary because all those entering the building must pass through one main entry point for security reasons.

Ms. Maybelle Taylor Bennett presented the current status of the draft Howard University Campus Plan to the Commission and answered questions from the commissioners and the audience.

Commissioner Norman noted that no action on the Howard University campus plan was required and that the University would be consulting further with both the Committee and the Commission.

Mr. Lee Becker, Hartman-Cox Architects, gave a presentation on the proposed renovation/restoration of the exterior of Cardozo High School, located at 13th and Clifton Streets, N.W. and answered questions from commissioners and the audience.

Commissioner Norman moved that ANC 1B support the design concept for the renovation/restoration of the exterior of Cardozo High School and convey that support to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 8 yes, 0 no.

Grant Applications and Grant Committee Report

Ms. Halima Roebuck, Chairperson, presented the committee report:

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT
April 7, 2011
Halima Roebuck, Chairperson

The Committee met at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in the Commission office, 2000 14th Street N.W., Suite 100B.

Those present included Chairperson Halima A. Roebuck, Commissioner Lauren McKenzie, Sylvia Robinson, Marc Morgan, Jessica Quaranto, Jim Irwin, Rosemary Akinmboni

Extension Requests

1. Georgia Avenue Community Task Force

Sylvia Robinson, of the GACTF, presented on the status of the project identifying how much of the \$2000 had been spent (\$1219.30) and reasons for being unable to spend the remaining (\$780.70) within the 60 days. Ms. Robinson explained that the 60 foot color panorama needed some updates to the original copy before going to print – those updates have caused the delay. Ms. Robinson is requesting an extension until April 30, 2011.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends approval, from Commission 1B, for the extension for the GACTF project to April 30, 2011.

2. Columbia Heights/ Shaw Family Support Collaborative

Program Development Manager, Jessica Quaranto, presented from the Columbia Heights/Shaw Collaborative regarding status of the \$5000 award to support two parenting groups at Cardozo High School and Garfield Terrace. As of February 2011, the Collaborative has spent \$4,338.17. Due to internal turnover and receipt of matching funds from CFSA, the Collaborative has a remaining balance of \$661.83 which they commit to spending by May 31, 2011. These funds will be used for the teen parenting classes to include stress management and other self-care focused classes.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends approval, from Commission 1B, for the extension for the Columbia Heights/Shaw Collaborative Project to May 31, 2011.

Grant Applications

1. Spring Games Tournament (Career Path DC- Fiscal Agent)

Representative Mack Thompson did not appear at the meeting. Before the meeting adjourned, Chairperson Roebuck called, and left messages on both the day time and evening phone numbers that were listed on the Grant Application.

Note: On 3/23/11, I received an e-mail from Mr. Thompson in which he explained that he was unable to attend the meeting due to a family medical emergency, but was ready to abide by any next steps that the Committee or Commission may propose.

Revisions to current online grant application.

Committee members reviewed, and made edits to, the existing grant application. The draft application will be sent to ANC 1B commissioners for review.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends approval of suggested changes to the online grant application in an effort to improve the appropriate completion of the grant application by community organizations.

Request for extension of grant: Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force

Commissioner McKenzie move that the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force grant be extended to April 30, 2011, and that the Task Force be required to submit a final statement of use of funds and supporting receipts for all expenditures within 30 days after April 30, 2011.

Commissioner Meisch seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously 7 yes, 0 no.

Request for extension of grant: Columbia Heights Family Support Collaborative

Commissioner McKenzie moved that the Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support collaborative grant be extended to May 31, 2011, that the amended grant budget be approved, and that the Collaborative be required to submit a final statement of use of funds and supporting receipts for all expenditures within 30 days after May 31, 2011.

Commissioner Muhammad seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously 7 yes, 0 no.

Grant application for \$500.00 from Career Path D.C.

Commissioner McKenzie moved that ANC 1B approve Career Path DC's application for a grant of \$500.00 to support the Spring Tournament of Games scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2011.

Commissioner Meisch seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 7 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Roebuck presented proposed revisions to the grant application form that were recommended by the Grants Committee. After extended discussion, Commissioner Smith moved that the proposed revised grant application be uploaded to the website for a month or until at least one grant application is received, and that the Grants Committee then return to the Commission with a recommendation as to whether to continue this revised form for the rest of the year.

Commissioner Meisch seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted 7 yes, 0 no.

New Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.