



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B
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Minutes

**Thursday, May 5, 2011,
7:00 PM, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street N.W.**

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B occurred on Thursday, May 5, 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: Aaron Spencer, 1B02, 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: Deborah Thomas, 1B04, Mary Streett, 1B05

Chairperson Lopez noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Community Events and Announcements

Commissioner Muhammad announced that his single-member district meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 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 Meisch announced that he would be scheduling a community meeting for residents of ANC 1B06 in the near future. He invited all Commissioners, but especially the Commissioners representing adjoining single-member districts to participate and asked people to contact him with suggestions for the meeting agenda. He said he would be announcing a meeting date and time soon. Commissioner Meisch can be contacted at 202-640-5463 or 1b06@anc.dc.gov.

Commissioner Moss announced that a community meeting with the District Department of Transportation and Acting Director Terry Bellamy is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will take place in the second floor community meeting room at the Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street N.W. There are many transportation issues affecting LeDroit Park and the U Street corridor, and this will be an important opportunity for the community to express their concerns to DDOT.

Commissioner Moss also announced that HRH the Prince of Wales had visited the Common Good Farm in LeDroit Park, which practices sustainable agriculture and provides food for the homeless and the poor. Commissioner Moss had been involved

with Common Good Farm for the past three years and was very proud of its accomplishments and recognition it had received.

Commissioner Smith announced that it was currently Teacher Recognition Week and she encouraged everyone to recognize the important and hard work that teachers do.

Commission Anderson Holness announced that ANC 1B11 would hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 PM at the Kelly Miller LeDroit Senior Building at 2025 4th Street N.W. The guest speaker will be Councilmember Jim Graham.

Approval of April 3, 2011 minutes

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

Commissioner Moss moved that the minutes be approved.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 9 yes, 0 no.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Commissioner Streett, Commissioner Smith gave the Treasurer's Report.

ANC 1B Treasurers Report – May 5, 2011

Overview

The April, 2011 Industrial Bank Statement has not yet been received. According to the Industrial Bank website, the account balance as of April 25, 2011 was \$50,210.27.

The following checks were approved at the April 7, 2011 meeting:

Name	Check #	Amount	Purpose
U.S. Treasury	1814	\$1,017.60	1 st quarter Federal withholding and payroll taxes
UPS Store	1815	463.00	Printing: business cards & meeting flyers
James H. Irwin	1816	\$1,292.80	Staff wages-net pay
Career Path DC	1817	500.00	Grant #11-04

The following checks were cashed last month:

Date Cashed	Name	Check #	Amount	Purpose	Meeting Approval Date
4/11/11	Career Path DC	1817	500.00	Grant #11-04	4/7/11

4/11/11	James H. Irwin	1816	\$1,292.80	Staff wages	2011 Budget 10/7/10
4/18/11	U.S. Treasury	1810	2,274.76	Payroll taxes & withholding	2011 budget 10/7/10
4/25/11	UPS Store	1815	463.00	Printing costs	2011 budget 10/7/10

Expenses to be approved

Name	Amount	Purpose
James Irwin	\$1,292.80	Staff wages-net pay
James Irwin	\$35.97	Reimburse for website hosting fee

Commissioner Smith moved that the expenses be approved.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted 9 yes, 0 no.

Public Safety and Public Safety Committee Report

Before making his report, Commission Muhammad emphasized how important it was for people to support and participate in a unified solid public safety committee for ANC 1B. There is great concern about crime in the area, but people need to be actively involved as well. He noted that many people are very absorbed in texting, e-mail, or talking on their cell phones and are oblivious to their surroundings. They need to be alert and aware of what is going on around them. Active participation in the commission's public safety committee and the LeDroit Park public safety committee, providing support to the Metropolitan Police Department, DC Fire and EM:S, Department of Transportation and Department of Public Works are much needed.

Commissioner Muhammad submitted the Public Safety Committee report:

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Sedrick Muhammad, Chairperson
Report, May 5, 2011**

Commissioners,

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

PSA 304

Crime Type	4/4/2010 to	04/4/2011 to	% Change
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	5/4/2010	05/4/2011	
Homicide	1	0 [view map]	↓ 100
Sex Abuse	1	1 [view map]	No Change
Robbery Excluding Gun	4	1 [view map]	↓ 75
Robbery With Gun	2	1 [view map]	↓ 50
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	1 [view map]	N/A
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	1 [view map]	N/A
Total Violent Crime	8	5 [view map]	↓ 38
Burglary	6	11 [view map]	↑ 83
Theft	6	8 [view map]	↑ 33
Theft F/Auto	24	15 [view map]	↓ 38
Stolen Auto	7	7 [view map]	No Change
Arson	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Total Property Crime	43	41 [view map]	↓ 5
Total Crime	51	46 [view map]	↓ 10

PSA 305

Crime Type	4/4/2010 to 5/4/2010	04/4/2011 to 05/4/2011	% Change
Homicide	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Sex Abuse	2	0 [view map]	↓ 100
Robbery Excluding Gun	12	10 [view map]	↓ 17
Robbery With Gun	4	2 [view map]	↓ 50
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	1	8 [view map]	↑ 700
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	2 [view map]	N/A
Total Violent Crime	19	22 [view map]	↑ 16
Burglary	2	7 [view map]	↑ 250
Theft	17	20 [view map]	↑ 18
Theft F/Auto	34	46 [view map]	↑ 35
Stolen Auto	11	2 [view map]	↓ 82
Arson	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Total Property Crime	64	75 [view map]	↑ 17
Total Crime	83	97 [view map]	↑ 17

Liquor Licenses and ABC Committee Report

Commissioner Spencer presented the report of the ABC Committee:

ANC 1B ABC COMMITTEE Report May 2011

Establishment Name or Applicant	Dodge City
Location	917 U St Washington D.C., DC 20001-4019 (202) 588-9080
Request and Additional Information	Substantial Change in License--Patio
Was a Voluntary Agreement Negotiated? (Y/N or NA (Not Applicable))	No. The establishment currently doesn't have a VA.
Motion	Motion to Recommend Commission 1B Send Letter of Support
Committee Vote	6 yea 0 nea 3 abstention
Committee Recommendation:	Recommend Letter of Support
**Notes	<p>Specific Points Raised During Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner and legal presentation present to discuss application • Questions regarding patio, commercial neighbors so noise won't be as much of an issue • Current Plan is to stop serving alcohol 30 minutes prior to closing • Committee members Kowalski conducted site inspection • Privacy Fence will be installed • No live music on patio <p>Committee voted to recommend letter of support for application for substantial change to license . Vote was 6-0-3</p>

Establishment Name	Velvet Lounge
Location	915 U Street Northwest Washington D.C., DC 20001-4019
Request and Additional Information	Substantial Change in License-- Patio
Was a Voluntary Agreement Negotiated? (Y/N or Not Applicable)	No
Motion	Motion to Recommend Commission 1B Send Letter of Support
Committee Vote	6 ye a 0 nea Abstention 3
Committee Recommendation:	Committee recommends Commission 1B send letter of support
Notes	<p>Specific Points Raised During Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner and legal presentation present to discuss application • Questions regarding patio, commercial neighbors so noise won't be as much of an issue • Current Plan is to stop serving alcohol 30 minutes prior to closing • Committee members Wildt conducted site inspection • Privacy Fence will be installed • No live music on patio <p>Committee voted to recommend letter of support for application for substantial change to license . Vote was 6-0-3</p>

Commissioner Spencer moved that ANC 1B support the applications of Dodge City and Velvet Lounge for substantial changes in their licenses to operate summer gardens.

Commissioner Muhammad seconded the motion.

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

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 May 5, 2011

This report outlines recommendations from two committee meetings: the regular meeting on April 18, 2011 and a special committee meeting on May 2, 2011.

Regular monthly committee meeting, April 18, 2011

The Design Review Committee met at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street N.W., on Monday, April 18, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tony Norman at 6:37 PM. Committee members present were: David Corson, Eric Fidler, Lee Jackson, Patrick Nelson, Sylvia Robinson.

Also present: Mr. Roy Montgomery, Howard University

SUMMARY

The Committee reviewed proposed designs for light pole banners to be hung on Georgia Avenue N.W. representing Howard University.

RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Sylvia Robinson moved that the Committee recommend approval of the banner design change through June 30, **contingent on the committee receiving the full original permit application prior to the full Commission meeting on May 5.**

Mr. Patrick Nelson seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 6 yes, 0 no.

As of May 4, 2011, a copy of the full original permit application had not been received by the Committee. Therefore, the committee cannot make a recommendation without the application (which the applicant committed to send a copy to the committee).

We simply will give an update on the signs without a recommendation.

The committee's approval was contingent upon a copy of the application

being submitted to the committee

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Roy Montgomery, Howard University, explained that the University had obtained a public space permit for light pole banners on Georgia Avenue. They want to extend the permit to continue hanging the banners but need ANC support for their permit application. In addition, they propose to change the design of some of the banners. Mr. Montgomery presented the existing and new designs to the committee.

- The original permit term was apparently for one year. However, Mr. Montgomery did not have the actual date of the original permit and believed, but did not know for sure, that the term of the permit was for one year.
- Because they want to change two of the banner designs, they must obtain ANC support.
- The Committee did not find the designs objectionable.
- After extended discussion and questions, the Committee asked for a copy of the original permit to establish the original date and term of the permit.
- The Committee ultimately voted to support Howard's request for support for the changes in the banner designs, but only contingent on receiving a copy of the original permit application.
- Because there seemed to be confusion about the original date of the application, how long the permit term was to be, and whether or not the ANC had reviewed the original permit application, the Committee considered review of the original application to be essential.
- Mr. Montgomery committed to provide a copy of the application for distribution to the committee and to clarify other details such as the term of the application and how long the permit would continue.
- As of May 4, 2011, the requested copy of the original application had not been received.
- As of May 4, the Committee cannot make its original recommendation because it has not received the requested information.

Special committee meeting, May 2, 2011

The Design Review Committee met at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street N.W., on Monday, May 2, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tony Norman at 6:30 PM. Committee members present were: Brad Grant, Lee Jackson, Darren Jones, Patrick Nelson, Sylvia Robinson.

Also present: Commissioner E. Gail Anderson Holness, ANC 1B11, Don Beil, Gallaudet University, Staphanie Dejd, Gallaudet University, Sam Swiller, Gallaudet University, Fred Weiner, Gallaudet University, Jeff Fried, Gallaudet University, Omowale Sia, Funky Fleamarket, Rock Newman, representing Mr. Sia.

SUMMARY

The Committee reviewed the proposed relocation of the Funky Flea Market from Gallaudet University to two parking lots owned by Howard University on Sherman Avenue N.W., north of Barry Place N.W.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Brad Grant moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 1B support the relocation of the Funky Flea Market to the two parking lots owned by Howard University on Sherman Avenue N.W and express its support to Howard University.

Mr. Darren Jones seconded the motion

The motion was adopted unanimously, 6 yes, 0 no.

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Rock Newman, representing the owner of the Funky Flea Market, and Mr. Omowale Sia, owner, presented their proposal to the committee:

- The flea market has been located at Gallaudet University for several years and has been a good tenant; the relationship with the University is excellent.
- However, the lot which the flea market is using is designated for development, so they must relocate.
- There were several representatives of Gallaudet University present at the meeting to add their comments and support for the flea market's relocation. They testified to the fact that the flea market had been an excellent tenant and said they wanted to do everything they could to support and assist the market in finding another location.
- The market proposes to relocate to two parking lots owned by Howard University and located on Sherman Avenue N.W., north of the intersection with Barry Place N.W.
- These lots are large. One would be used for parking for patrons; the other is large enough to accommodate 250 vendor spaces, up from the present 150 spaces at Gallaudet.
- Howard University is considering their request, but asked them to get support from ANC 1B and other community groups first.
- Questions from the committee included concerns about traffic, construction, noise and parking. All were addressed by Mr. Newman and Mr. Sia.
- The Executive Committee of the Pleasant Plains Civic Association was present at the meeting and included the Chairperson and other members of the Design Review Committee. The Committee meeting was recessed

briefly. The Pleasant Plains Civic Association Executive Committee then voted unanimously to support the relocation of the flea market to the Howard University property.

- Commissioner E. Gail Anderson Holness, ANC 1B11, spoke in strong support of the relocation of the flea market.

Howard University public space application to hang light pole banners

Commissioner Norman noted that the committee's recommendation with regard to this application was contingent on receiving a copy of the original permit application. That copy had not been received. As a result, the committee had no recommendation for Commission action.

Funk Flea Market relocation to Howard University property

Commissioner Anderson Holness moved that ANC 1B support the relocation of the Funky Flea Market to two parking lots owned by Howard University on Sherman Avenue NW and send a support letter to Howard University.

Commissioner Meisch seconded the motion.

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

Grant Applications and Grant Committee Report

Ms. Halima Roebuck, Chairperson, was unavoidably absent due to illness. Commissioner Smith noted that there was no committee meeting in May and no committee report.

New Business

Presentation: Eagle Academy Public Charter School

Ms. Cassandra Pinckney presented the Eagle Academy's new partnership with Howard University and the proposed relocation of the school to the Howard University Hospital Center, occupying the old child development center, located at 5th and W Streets NW.

Commissioner Moss moved that ANC 1B support the relocation of Eagle Academy in Historic LeDroit Park at 5th and W Streets NW.

Commissioner Muhammad seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Commissioner Meisch abstained.

Special Committee on Transportation

Chairperson Lopez noted that there were numerous complex issues related to parking, streetscape, traffic control, Metrorail, Metrobus that should be addressed by the commission. Commissioners had informally discussed the need for a special committee to deal with these transportation issues.

Commissioner Norman noted that the Design Review Committee had transportation included in its description but had no time to adequately address such issues.

Commissioner McKenzie moved to create a special committee on transportation and appoint a chairperson at this meeting.

Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion.

After discussion regarding involvement and recruitment of residents of ANC 1B, Commissioner McKenzie withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Meisch moved that ANC 1B create a special committee on transportation and that the committee chairperson be appointed at the June 2 meeting.

Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.