



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B
Government of the District of Columbia

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Minutes

**Thursday, June 2, 2011,
7:00 PM, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street N.W.**

The regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B occurred on Thursday, June 2, 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, Ahnna Smith, Vice Chairperson, 1B08,, Tony Norman, 1B10. Commissioners absent: Charles Meisch, 1B06, Lauren McKenzie, 1B09, E. Gail Anderson Holness, 1B11.

Chairperson Lopez was unavoidably delayed. Vice Chairperson Smith noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Community Events and Announcements

Commissioner Spencer announced that Capital Pride was occurring on the weekend of June 4-5.

Commissioner Muhammad announced that his single-member district meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Christopher Price House, 1301 Belmont Street N.W. The guest speaker will be Nicolas Majette, Director of the Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs. This meeting is held in conjunction with MPD PSA 304.

Commissioner Moss announced that Progression Place, the developers building the United Negro College Fund headquarters at 7th and S Streets NW will be holding a job fair on June 16 between 10 and 2 PM at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church at 6th and U Streets NW.

Commissioner Smith announced that the Carlos Rosario Public Charter School student government association at 11th and Harvard Streets NW will be holding a community cleanup from 9:30 am to 12 noon on Saturday, June 4.

Commissioner Moss announced that the community park at 3rd and Elm Streets NW in LeDroit Park is now open and available for use.

Commissioner Norman announced that the Pleasant Plains Civic Association would be discussing the proposed taxicab medallion legislation, which would severely restrict the

number of taxi drivers in the district. There is great concern among his constituents about this legislation.

Approval of May 5, 2011 minutes

Commissioner Moss submitted the minutes of the May 5, 2011 commission meeting for approval. There were no corrections or additions.

Commissioner Moss moved that the minutes be approved.

Commissioner Muhammad seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 8 yes, 0 no.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Streett presented the Treasurer's Report:

ANC 1B Treasurers Report – June 2, 2011

Overview

The May, 2011 Industrial Bank Statement has not yet been received. According to the Industrial Bank website, the account balance as of May 31, 2011 was \$35,353.95.

The following checks were approved at the May 5, 2011 meeting:

Name	Check #	Amount	Purpose
D.C. Treasurer	1818	\$12,509.95	Return overpayment of DC allotment
James H. Irwin	1819	\$1,292.80	Staff wages-net pay
James H. Irwin	1820	35.97	Reimburse web hosting fee

The following checks were cashed last month: ***Due to technical difficulties with the Industrial Bank website, this information was not available at the time of the meeting.***

Expenses to be approved

Name	Amount	Purpose
James Irwin	\$1,292.80	Staff wages-net pay
James Irwin	\$8.80	Reimburse for website hosting fee
UPS Store	\$60.00	Printing meeting flyer

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

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

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

At this point in the meeting Chairperson Lopez arrived and assumed the Chair.

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, June 2, 2011

Commissioners,

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

PSA 304

	5/2/2010 to 6/1/2010	05/2/2011 to 06/1/2011	% Change
Homicide	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Sex Abuse	1	3 [view map]	200
Robbery Excluding Gun	5	4 [view map]	20
Robbery With Gun	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	3	3 [view map]	No Change
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	1	2 [view map]	100
Total Violent Crime	10	12 [view map]	20
Burglary	6	8 [view map]	33
Theft	7	16 [view map]	129
Theft F/Auto	30	14 [view map]	53
Stolen Auto	6	7 [view map]	17
Arson	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Total Property Crime	49	45 [view map]	8
Total Crime	59	57 [view map]	3

PSA 305

Crime Type	5/2/2010 to 6/1/2010	05/2/2011 to 06/1/2011	% Change
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Homicide	1	0 [view map]	100
Sex Abuse	1	0 [view map]	100
Robbery Excluding Gun	14	14 [view map]	No Change
Robbery With Gun	3	2 [view map]	33
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	3	9 [view map]	200
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	1 [view map]	N/A
Total Violent Crime	22	26 [view map]	18
Burglary	12	6 [view map]	50
Theft	27	20 [view map]	26
Theft F/Auto	37	37 [view map]	No Change
Stolen Auto	9	2 [view map]	78
Arson	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Total Property Crime	85	65 [view map]	24
Total Crime	107	91 [view map]	15

Liquor Licenses and ABC Committee Report

Commissioner Spencer asked that the application for a liquor license of the Post Office, a restaurant on the border of ANC 1B and 2B, be added to the agenda. He explained that notice of the hearing on this application had not been received by ANC 1B, and the petition deadline is Monday, June 6th. If the Commission wanted to have standing to negotiate on this license and support ANC 2B, it would have to file a protest by that date.

Commissioner Spencer moved that the Post Office liquor license application be added to the agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Spencer presented the report of the ABC Committee:

ANC 1B ABC COMMITTEE Report May 2011

Establishment Name or Applicant	Mama Chuy
Location	2620 Georgia Ave. Washington D.C.
Request and Additional Information	Application for a Retail Class C Restaurant License

Was a Voluntary Agreement Negotiated? (Y/N or NA (Not Applicable))	No.
Motion	Motion to Recommend Commission 1B Send Letter of Support
Committee Vote	6 yea 0 nay 1 abstention
Committee Recommendation:	Recommend Letter of Support
**Notes	<p>Mostly surrounded by commercial entities</p> <p>Business was Placarded in early May</p> <p>Trash will be picked up 3 times per week after 9AM</p> <p>Summer garden in front seats 16</p> <p>Will have camera surveillance interior and exterior</p> <p>Expect local foot traffic to patronize the establishment.</p> <p>Will work with neighbors including Howard for parking alternatives should this become necessary</p>

Establishment Name	Happy Hour
Location	1201 U Street NW Washington D.C.
Request and Additional Information	Application for Retail Class C Tavern License
Was a Voluntary Agreement Negotiated? (Y/N or Not Applicable)	No
Motion	Motion to Recommend Commission 1B Send Letter of Support
Committee Vote	4 yea 0 nay Abstention 2
Committee Recommendation:	Committee recommends Commission 1B send letter of support
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner was requested to have placards up by Friday, May 17

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building owned by operator (owner also owns building with 711 across the street)• Bar on floors 2-3 above the Islander• No live entertainment• Entrance on U Street• Someone at the front door Friday and Sat nights• Serve small plates
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Mama Chuy DC, 2620 Georgia Avenue N.W. – application for a Retail Class C Restaurant License

Ms. Dinora Orozco, owner of Mama Chuy, presented a brief description of the restaurant and their plans for its operation.

Commissioner Spencer noted that this applicant is located in Commissioner McKenzie’s single-member district, and in her absence, advised that she did not recommend a voluntary agreement.

Commissioner Spencer moved that ANC 1B support the application of Mama Chuy for a liquor license. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

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

Happy Hour, 1201 U Street NW – application for a Retail Class C Tavern License

The owner presented his plans for the operation of the business. Several residents expressed concerns regarding the noise caused by the rooftop air conditioning unit, noise from patrons entering and leaving the restaurant, trash disposal, and live music.

Commissioner Spencer noted that there were resident concerns about the operation of the business. He moved that consideration of this application be tabled to the July Commission meeting so that the concerns could be addressed.

Commissioner Streett seconded the motion.

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

The Post Office, 1407 T Street N.W. – application for a Retail Class C Restaurant License

Commissioner Spencer noted that both he and the Commission office should have received notice of this application, as the business is located within 600 feet of the boundary between ANC 1B and ANC 2B. However, no notice had been received, and he became aware of the application from Commissioner Ramon Estrada, ANC 2B09, only five minutes before the meeting.

Commissioner Spencer moved that ANC 1B protest this application on the basis of peace, order, quiet and parking, and that he be authorized to represent the commission at hearings on this application.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

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

Design Review Applications and Design Review Committee Report

Commissioner Norman presented the report of the Design Review Committee:

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
Tony Norman, Chairperson
Report and Recommendations
June 2, 2011**

The Design Review Committee met at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street N.W., on Monday, May 16, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tony Norman at 6:36 PM. Committee members present were: John Fonville, Joel Heisey, Robert Hudson, Lee Jackson.

Also present: Rev. Sandra Butler Truesdale, Andrea Doughty, Jon Kardon, David Franco, Eric Colbert, J.B. Lallement, Michael Harris, Diane Branch, Dinora Orozco Camillo

SUMMARY

The Committee reviewed three projects:

- DC Arts District application for public space permit to continue hanging light pole banners in ANC 1B
- Review of proposed new apartment building at 1905-1917 14th Street NW

- Presentation from Howard University regarding proposed new dormitories as part of updated campus plan; this was an update on the status of the design plans. No action from the committee was requested.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Mr. Joel Heisey moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 1B support the request of the DC Arts District to continue hanging their light pole banners for an additional 180 days. Mr. John Fonville seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously, 5 yes, 0 no.
2. Mr. Joel Heisey moved that the committee recommend that ANC 1B support Level 2's concept and massing for its design of its project at 1905-1917 14th Street NW at the Historic Preservation Review Board, with the provision that the Commission hear comments from community organizations and residents before voting. Mr. Lee Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously, 5 yes, 0 no.

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATION

D.C. Arts District public space permit application for light pole banners

Rev. Sandra Butler Truesdale and Ms. Andrea Doughty presented the DC Arts District request that the public space permit to hang light pole banners within the boundaries of ANC 1B be extended for an additional 180 days.

- All necessary repairs have been made to the banners, as requested by the Commission.
- No other organization has expressed interest in hanging banners in the ANC 1B area
- The DDOT permit expires on December 22, 2011, so the request is for an additional 177 days.
- DC Arts District has not had any communication with the MidCity Business Association since the March 2011 ANC 1B meeting.

Proposed new apartment building at 1905-1917 14th Street NW

Mr. Jon Kardon, Level 2 Development, described the proposed project:

- They are asking the Commission for support for their design concept for the Historic Preservation Review Board. Their proposal will be reviewed by HPRB at a hearing at the end of June.
- They are also seeking support for their application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for relief from parking requirement, requirement of a 55-foot truck bay, a special exception to allow access to the penthouse by an elevator shaft that will exceed the height limit by nine feet.

- The lot size is 15,000 square feet; the proposed building will be seven stories, approximately gross 80,000 square feet.
- The units will be primarily studios and one-bedrooms. There will be between 120 and 165 units. These will be rental units.
- There will be 6,000 square feet of retail on the ground floor.
- Underground parking, including bicycle storage, will be provided.
- They are requesting parking relief so that they provide one parking space for four units, rather than one space for two units.
- Most of the building, including the penthouse, will be under the height limit. However, in order to provide access to the penthouse, an elevator structure will have to be constructed that will exceed the height limit by nine feet. They are requesting relief from the height limit for this very minor feature.
- The HPRB will review their proposal on June 23. They do not anticipate BZA review until sometime after August.
- About 12 units will be affordable housing, with a mix of studio and one-bedroom units.
- The mix of units is about 20% one-bedroom to 80% studio units.

Howard University proposed new dormitories as part of updated campus plan

Ms. Diane Branch and Mr. Michael Harris presented the proposal for new student housing as part of the update Howard University campus plan.

- The dormitories will house freshman and sophomore students.
- There will be two dormitories.
- The goal is to consolidate all underclass residents on the Howard campus.
- One dormitory will be built on the site of Tubman Hall (which will be demolished) and the field annex. The second dormitory will be built on the parking lot located at the corner of 4th and W Streets.
- The total housing capacity for new and existing dormitories will be 300 beds. There will be no net increase in housing, but the quality of the buildings will be improved.
- The parking lot by the construction on the parking lot will be replaced by underground parking under a new recreation center proposed for Georgia Avenue. There will be no net loss of parking.

DC Arts District application for public space permit to continue hanging light pole banners in ANC 1B

Commissioner Norman moved that ANC 1B support the extension of the DC Arts District public space permit to December 22, 2011 to continue hanging light pole banners in ANC 1B.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

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

Review of proposed new apartment building at 1905-1919 14th Street NW

Commissioner Norman moved that ANC 1B support the design concept for the proposed new apartment building at 1905-1919 14th Street NW.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

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

Presentation from Howard University re proposed new dormitories as part of updated campus plan

Ms. Maybelle Bennett and other representatives presented their plans for new residential dormitories as part of the Howard University campus plan.

Grant Applications and Grant Committee Report

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

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT
May 24, 2011
Halima Roebuck, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Halima A. Roebuck on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:05PM in the Commission office, 2000 14th Street N.W., Suite 100B. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Those present included Chairperson Halima A. Roebuck, Commissioner Lauren McKenzie, Commissioner Charles Meisch, Brianne Nadeau, Nicole Hewitt, and Ayize Sabater.

Grant Applications

1. U Street Movie Series (Representative: Brianne Nadeau)

The family friendly outdoor movie series will be held at Harrison Field and will run from 5/24/11 through October—a total of 5 movies highlighting DC. The money being requested from ANC 1B would be used to cover marketing expenses. Both U Street and Meridian Hill Neighborhood Associations have given funds to this project. Last year 1000 attended the screenings.

Recommendation: Committee recommends approval of this grant

2. Afro-Brazilian Cultural Heritage Festival (Representative: Nicole Hewitt)

CapoeiraDC is a volunteer run organization that has been around for the past 10 years. This June they plan to host their first festival which will occur over the course of 7 days beginning on June 6, 2011. It is the first time that CapoeiraDC is hosting a festival. This festival will be made up of a series of events ranging from panel discussions and capoeira workshops to drumming

performances and culinary tastings in venues across the city to include the Josephine Butler Parks Center.

Recommendation: Committee recommends approval of this grant.

**3. Mentors of Minorities of Education, Inc (MOMIE's TLC)
(Representative Ayize Sabater)**

MOMIE's TLC is a nonprofit child and youth development organization that was established 10 years ago. Their mission is to nurture the genius of children and recently received the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from First Lady Michelle Obama. They are seeking funds to assist in funding a 6 week environmentally focused entrepreneurship program for children ages 12 and older. The program would be based on the creation of rain water barrels by the participants which would later be sold to community residents in hopes of improving use of environmentally friendly techniques and also foster relationships between the youth and residents.

Recommendation: Committee recommends that applicant revise application to include total budget and then resubmit for review.

Grant Application Feedback

Nicole Hewitt shared her feedback as she had completed both the original and revised grant application and she commented that the new application was "much better." Mr. Sabater shared that the application was clear overall, but thought that item #11 could be more clear so that applicants would know to include both the total project budget along with the budget that reflects funds being requested from ANC 1B.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends approval of the revised grant application.

Grant application: U Street Movie Series

Commissioner Smith moved that ANC 1B approve the U Street Movie Series grant application for \$500.00.

Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 5 yes, 2 no.

Grant application: Afro-Brazilian Cultural Heritage Festival

Commissioner Smith moved that ANC 1B approve the Afro-Brazilian Cultural Heritage Festival grant application for \$500.00.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 5 yes, 2 no.

Grant application: MOMIE's TLC

Commissioner Smith moved that ANC 1B approve the grant application of MOMIE's TLC for \$500.00.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted 4 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain. Commissioner Smith abstained.

Revised grant application form

Ms. Roebuck reported that the committee had reviewed the revised grant application form and had received favorable feedback on it. She said the committee recommended that the form be approved.

Commissioner Smith moved that ANC 1B approve the revised grant application form as presented by the Grants Committee.

Commissioner Streett seconded the motion.

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

New Business

Special Committee on Transportation

Commissioner Smith reviewed the need for a special committee on transportation. She nominated Mr. Eric Fidler to be appointed Chairperson of the Committee.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Fidler made a brief statement regarding his qualifications and his vision for the committee.

Mr. Fidler was unanimously appointed Chairperson of the Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Smith invited comments and suggestions regarding the mission and tasks of the committee. She said that Mr. Fidler and Mr. Irwin would take these comments and suggestions and prepare a draft mission statement or charge for the committee to review at its first meeting.

The Commission heard presentations from Zahn Architects and Casey Trees regarding the "Green Campaign" for D.C. and from PEPCO regarding the installation of Smart Meters and its Reliability Enhancement Plan

Commissioner Spencer provided a brief update on the status of redistricting in the District of Columbia and referred to the testimony presented by former Commissioner Nadeau and himself.

Commissioner Spencer moved that ANC 1B endorses the recommendations presented in the letter and testimony provided to the City Council redistricting subcommittee.

Commissioner Norman seconded the motion,

The motion was adopted 5 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain. Commissioners Moss and Smith abstained.

Chairperson Lopez gave a brief update on the effect of redistricting on ANC 1B. He said that it appeared ANC 1B might receive one or two additional commission seats.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.