



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B
Government of the District of Columbia

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Minutes

Thursday, September 1, 2011. 7:00 PM,
Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street N.W.

The regular monthly meeting of ANC1B occurred on Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Reeves Center, Commissioner Juan Lopez present as Chair and Commissioner Myla Moss as Secretary. Other Commissioners present during the meeting: Sedrick Muhammad, Deborah Thomas, Mary Streett, Ahnna Smith, Charlie Meisch, Lauren McKenzie, Tony Norman, E. Gail Anderson Holness.

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

Approval of August 4, 2011 minutes

Commissioner Moss submitted the minutes of the July August 4, 2011 commission meeting for approval.

Commissioner Moss moved that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Commissioner Muhammad seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 9 yes, 0 no.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Streett presented the Treasurer's report.

ANC 1B Treasurers Report – September 1, 2011

Overview

The August, 2011 Industrial Bank Statement is attached. The account balance as of July 29, 2011 was \$31,273.84.

The following expenses were paid in August:

Name	Check #	Amount	Purpose
James H. Irwin	1827	\$1,292.80	Printing meeting flyers
James H. Irwin	1828	35.97	Reimburse web hosting fees

James H. Irwin	1829	16.94	Reimburse office supplies-printer paper
Dept. of Real Estate Services	1830	11,458.26	Office rent – October 2010-August 2011

The following checks were cashed last month

Date cashed	Payee	Check #	Amount
8/8/11	James H. Irwin	1827	. \$1,292.80
8/8/11	James H. Irwin	1828	35.97
8/8/11	James H. Irwin	1829	16.94

Budgeted expenses to be paid:

Name	Amount	Purpose
James Irwin	\$1,292.80	Staff wages-net pay
Dept of Real Estate Services	\$1,041.66	Office rent-September

Commissioner Streett moved that the Treasurer's report be approved.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Streett presented the FY 2011 Third Quarter Report. She moved that the report be approved.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Streett presented the draft 2012 budget to the Commission and briefly reviewed the major expenses. She asked commissioners to review the proposed budget and be prepared to consider and vote on it at the October 6 meeting.

Public Safety and Public Safety Committee Report

Commissioner Muhammad presented the Public Safety Committee report.

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

Commissioners,

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

PSA 304

Crime Type	8/1/2010 to 8/31/2010	08/1/2011 to 08/31/2011	% Change
Homicide	0	1 [view map]	N/A
Sex Abuse	0	1 [view map]	N/A
Robbery Excluding Gun	3	9 [view map]	200
Robbery With Gun	0	1 [view map]	N/A
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	3	1 [view map]	67
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	1 [view map]	N/A
Total Violent Crime	6	14 [view map]	133
Burglary	10	7 [view map]	30
Theft	14	17 [view map]	21
Theft F/Auto	16	12 [view map]	25
Stolen Auto	3	5 [view map]	67
Arson	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Total Property Crime	43	41 [view map]	5
Total Crime	49	55 [view map]	12

PSA 305

Crime Type	8/1/2010 to 8/31/2010	08/1/2011 to 08/31/2011	% Change
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Homicide	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Sex Abuse	2	1 [view map]	50
Robbery Excluding Gun	12	17 [view map]	42
Robbery With Gun	5	3 [view map]	40
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	4	4 [view map]	No Change
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	1	0 [view map]	100
Total Violent Crime	24	25 [view map]	4
Burglary	15	4 [view map]	73
Theft	22	28 [view map]	27
Theft F/Auto	29	20 [view map]	31
Stolen Auto	7	6 [view map]	14
Arson	0	0 [view map]	N/A
Total Property Crime	73	58 [view map]	21
Total Crime	97	83 [view map]	14

Liquor Licenses and ABC Committee Report

Commissioner Meisch presented the report of the ABC Committee:

ABC COMMITTEE
Charlie Meisch, Interim Chairperson
Report and Recommendations
September 1, 2011

The ABC Committee met at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street N.W., on August 16, 2011, at 7pm. Committee members present were: Matt Bevans, Heather Ferris, Joe Kowalski.

SUMMARY

The Committee reviewed four projects. Two projects require Commission action in September:

- Naty Hookah, applying for a Class C Tavern license.
- Piola, applying for a Class CR Restaurant license.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Bevens moved that the Committee recommend that the Commission send a letter of support to ABRA for Naty Hookah's application. Mr. Meisch seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

Mr. Bevens moved that the Committee recommend that the Commission send a letter of support to ABRA for Piola's application. Mr. Kowalski seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Naty Hookah

Naty Hookah is a new tavern planning to offer light food and live entertainment, such as a jazz band or DJ. The establishment reserves the right to charge a cover for special events but will not do so as a standard practice. Occupancy load is 53 and applicants have asked for a summer garden in the front of the building that would seat 9 people.

Commissioner Tony Norman (1B10) appeared to represent the community. Mr. Norman noted that the surrounding area on Georgia Ave. is almost exclusively commercial, that the proposed summer garden is elevated off of the street and that area residents are enthused about the prospect of a new tavern with entertainment. Trash will be removed three times a week.

Ms. Ferris noted that neighbors living behind the establishment might be disturbed by the noise of bottle disposal in the alley behind the establishment. Applicants agreed to wait until the next day to take bottles outside to the dumpsters. Mr. Norman noted that he lives close to the establishment and would be the first to communicate any issues with noise or other violations.

Piola

Piola is an international food chain serving genuine Italian food. Occupancy load is 150; applicant plans a summer garden on the roof deck with 40 seats. No entertainment is planned but ambient music will be played throughout the establishment at a reasonable volume.

Commissioner Debra Thomas (1B04) noted that she was unable to bring Mr. Piola before the Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association, as the Association did not meet in August. She noted that she is very familiar with the location, that there is no residential property near enough to cause concern and that no voluntary agreement was necessary. The establishment closes at midnight Sunday through Thursday and at 2am Friday and Saturday.

MBB LLC Voluntary Agreement

Commissioner Meisch presented a proposed voluntary agreement between MBB LLC and the Commission. He moved that the voluntary agreement be approved.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Revised Voluntary Agreements:

Zee's Restaurant

Martin's

Independent

Shashamene

Commissioner Meisch noted that ABRA had not approved these voluntary agreements because they appeared to be between an individual commissioner and the licensee. ABRA requires that all voluntary agreements be made between the full Commission and the licensee.

Commissioner Meisch moved that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B amends the following Voluntary Agreements:

With Shashamene, 1909 9th Street N.W., April 30, 2009

With The Independent, 715 Florida Avenue N.W., May 20, 2010

With Zee's Restaurant, 600 Florida Avenue N.W., November 23, 2010

With Martin's. 1919 9th Street N.W., December 2, 2010

so that the introductory paragraph on page one of each agreement reads as follows:

THIS VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made on this ___ day of ___, 20__ by and between [LICENSEE/APPLICANT] (hereinafter "Applicant") and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B (hereinafter "Protellant").

and the final signature page of each agreement reads as follows:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

FOR THE APPLICANT:

By: _____

FOR ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B:

By: _____
Commissioner Juan Lopez, Chairperson

By: _____
Commissioner Myla Moss, ANC 1B01

Commissioner Muhammad seconded the motion.

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

Naty Hokah Bar, 2839 Georgia Avenue N.W. – application for a Retail Class C Tavern License

Commissioner Meisch noted that the ABC Committee recommended that this application be supported by the Commission.

Commissioner Meisch moved that ANC 1B support the application of Natty Hokah Bar, 2839 Georgia Avenue N.W. for a Retail Class C Tavern License.

Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

Piola, 2208 14th Street N.W. – application for a Retail Class CR Restaurant license

Commissioner Meisch noted that the ABC Committee recommended that this application be supported by the Commission.

Commissioner Meisch moved that ANC 1B support the application of Piola, 2208 14th Street NW for a Retail Class CR Restaurant License.

Commissioner Muhammad seconded the motion.

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

Jin, 2017 14th Street N.W. – application for a substantial change in a Retail Class C Tavern License

Commissioner Meisch noted that neither former Commissioner Spencer nor the ANC office had received notice of this application. It had not, therefore, been reviewed by the ABC Committee and the deadline for comment was now imminent. He therefore felt that it would be necessary to protest the license in order to maintain standing to comment on the application.

Mr. Chris Willoughby, owner, and Mr. Andrew Kline, representing the owner, presented their need for a substantial change in license. Following an extensive discussion, during which the excellent record of the applicant was noted, Commissioner Moss moved that ANC 1B support Jin's application for a substantial change in its license.

Commissioner Anderson Holness seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted by roll call vote, 4 yes, 3 no, 3 abstain.

The roll call vote was:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Moss	Streett	Lopez
Muhammad	Meisch	Smith
Thomas	McKenzie	Norman
Anderson Holness		

Design Review Applications and Design Review Committee Report

Commissioner Norman presented the Design Review Committee report:

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE Tony Norman, Chairperson Report and Recommendations September 1, 2011

The Design Review Committee met at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street N.W., on Monday, August 15, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tony Norman at 6:30 PM. Committee members present were: Eric Fidler, John Fonville, Brad Grant, Joel Heisey, Lee Jackson, Patrick Nelson, Sylvia Robinson.

Also present: Dario Davies, Form Design, Jon Kardon, Level 2 Development, Rico Washington, R2L Architects, Faraji Whalen, Domus Property Group, Alex Lewin, Resident, Sheryl Wolfe, Resident

SUMMARY

The Committee reviewed three projects:

- Review of revised design for 1905-1917 14th Street N.W. - Level 2 Development
- Review of design for Wonder Bread building, Georgia Avenue NW - Douglas Development
- Review of application to Board of Zoning Adjustment for The Independent, 715 Florida Avenue N.W.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mr. Brad Grant moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 1B support the revised conceptual design for the proposed apartment building at 1905-1917 14th Street N.W. Mr. Lee Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was adopted, 6 yes, 1 no. Mr. Patrick Nelson voted no.
- Mr. Lee Jackson moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 1B support the application of The Independent, 715 Florida Avenue N.W., to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a zoning variance to add to the rear wall of a non-conforming structure, contingent on the applicant satisfactorily addressing the question of trash storage and collection in a voluntary agreement associated with their liquor license. Mr. Joel Heisey seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously, 8 yes, 0 no.
- Mr. John Fonville moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 1B support the design concept for the Wonder Bread building, Georgia Avenue N.W. Mr. Brad Grant seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously, 7 yes, 0 no.

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Review of revised design for 1905-1917 14th Street N.W. - Level 2 Development

- The Historic Preservation Review Board asked the developer and architect to revise the design of the building to make it more compatible with the environment.
- The revision of the design responded to concerns of neighboring residents.
- The revised design evokes a softer, less “boxy” appearance which strives to be more consistent with historical architecture in the area.
- The size of the building has been reduced by 4,000 square feet.
- Mr. Patrick Nelson expressed concerns regarding the design and the apparently unbalanced appearance of the design.
- Mr. Joel Heisey said the design was much improved, but he expressed concern about the static appearance of the design.
- Residents present expressed support for the design and said they appreciated the efforts of the developer and architect to consult them and incorporate their concerns and suggestions into the revised design.
- It was noted by residents that the revised design had been presented to the U Street Neighborhood Association, which voted to support it.
- The developer will be coming back to the Committee and the Commission for zoning variances.
- Mr. Heisey noted that Georgetown red brick is out of place on 14th Street, which does not have red brick. He urged the architect and developer to consider something more in keeping with the limestone and beige appearance of most of 14th Street’s structures.

Review of application to Board of Zoning Adjustment for The Independent, 715 Florida Avenue N.W.

- This project is in Commissioner Myla Moss's single-member district. She has conveyed her support for the application in an e-mail to Chairperson Norman.
- The architect, Mr. Dario Davies, needs to add a second means of egress from the building in the rear into the alley.
- This requires the construction of an exit and stairway in the rear of the building, meaning that the rear wall must be extended upwards. A zoning variance is required to do this because the structure is nonconforming.
- The design and plan for this restaurant was originally presented to ANC 1B in 2010.
- Committee members expressed concern about placement of trash receptacles and trash collection. The current location is on property owned by Howard University.

Review of design for Wonder Bread building, 641 S Street NW - Douglas Development

- The developer originally designed this project as a large commercial building, but economic problems delayed development. They now propose to develop the building as ground-floor retail with office space on the upper floors.
- The developer supports designation of the building as an historic landmark and is designing the renovation to comply with historic preservation guidelines.
- The exterior front façade of the building will be restored to its original historically accurate appearance.
- The third floor of the building will be extended further to the rear. This extension will not be visible from the street, and will be compatible with historic preservation.
- Parking will be very limited. The project is close to the Metro, and the developer does not want to encourage additional auto traffic. There is no parking requirement because of the historic designation of the building.
- They are currently seeking support for the general design concept of the building.
- The committee expressed concern about managing truck traffic and deliveries. The architect said that the alley can be widened to 20 feet to accommodate trucks and keep traffic off Georgia Avenue and Wiltberger Street.

Review of revised design for 1905-1917 14th Street N.W. - Level 2 Development

Commissioner Norman noted that this project had been previously supported by the Commission, but that the Historic Preservation Review Board had asked the developer to make some changes in the design.

The developer and architect briefly presented the changes in the project to the Commission.

Commissioner Norman noted that the developer had extensively consulted with neighboring residents, made adjustments in response to their concerns, and that residents now supported the revised design concept.

Commissioner Norman moved that ANC 1B support the revised conceptual design for 1905-1917 14th Street N.W.

Commissioner Anderson Holness seconded the motion.

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

Review of design for Wonder Bread building, 641 S Street NW - Douglas Development

Commissioner Moss introduced Paul Milstein, the developer of the building, who made a brief presentation regarding the project.

Commissioner Norman noted that the Design Review Committee recommended support for this project.

Commissioner Norman moved that ANC 1B support the design concept for 641 S Street N.W.

Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted 9 yes, 0 no.

Review of application to Board of Zoning Adjustment for The Independent, 715 Florida Avenue N.W

Commissioner Moss introduced Mr. Sheldon Scott, who described the need for a zoning variance to allow construction of a rear stairway from the second floor of the building, currently under renovation and planned to become a restaurant.

Commissioner Norman noted that the Design Review Committee recommended support for this application.

Commissioner Norman moved that ANC 1B support The Independent's application for a zoning variance.

Commissioner Meisch seconded the motion.

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

Grant Applications and Grant Committee Report

Ms. Halima Roebuck presented the report of the Grants Committee:

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT
August 30, 2011
Halima A. Roebuck, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Halima A. Roebuck on August 30th at 7:05 PM in the Commission office, 2000 14th Street NW, Suite 100B. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Those present included Chairperson Halima A. Roebuck, Member Rosemary Akinmboni, Sarah Fairbrother, and Shirikiana Aina.

Grant Applications

1. Cultural Tourism DC (Representative: Sarah Fairbrother)

The Georgia Avenue/Pleasant Plains Heritage Trail (GAPPHT) unveiling event will be held on October 15, 2011, at the front lawn on the campus of Howard University. The event will include the unveiling of the 19 signs along the lower Georgia Avenue corridor and mini tours provided by community partners and local volunteers who have demonstrated interest in participation. They expect approximately 200 people to attend. The GAPPHT is a continuation of other trails that have been developed across the city to include two others—Columbia Heights and Tenley Town. Howard University has committed \$5k in support of the unveiling.

Recommendation: Committee recommends that the ANC purchase a quarter page add at \$95.00 to be featured in the “keepsake event program.”

2. Magical Mirrors Children’s Book Fair (Representative: Shirikiana Aina)

Magical Mirrors Children’s Book Fair (MMCBF) will host a 10 day event beginning December 3, 2011, at the Sankofa Book Store and Café, which will feature “first voice” books, storytelling, and film screenings of age appropriate films showcasing diverse cultures. MMCBF plans to partner with community organizations, such as MOMIE, Inc. to both promote and bring patrons to their book fair. Last year they had 700 patrons and expect more this year as they will have 1000 books. Last year, MMCBF partnered with Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School and the school gave parents vouchers so that their children could purchase books at the fair.

Recommendation: Committee recommends approval of this grant for the requested \$500. However, due to the fact that the event date has changed to begin December 3rd, we recommend that the check be held until December 1, 2011 which is the date of the December ANC Commission meeting.

Ms. Roebuck briefly summarized the Committee’s recommendation to purchase an ad in the program for the Georgia Avenue/Pleasant Plains Heritage Trail (GAPPHT) unveiling event.

Commissioner Lopez moved that ANC 1B purchase a quarter-page ad for \$95.00 in the program for the Georgia Avenue/Pleasant Plains Heritage Trail dedication.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 9 yes, 0 no.

Transportation Committee

Mr. Eric Fidler, Transportation Committee Chairperson, presented the committee report:

**ANC 1B Transportation Committee
Report for the committee meeting, Monday,
August 22, 2011
Submitted to ANC 1B on September 1, 2011, by Eric Fidler,
committee chair**

Agenda

- Presentation by DDOT on the redesign of a section of Florida Avenue NW

Attendees: Eric Fidler, Greg Billing, Jerry Johnson, Aaron Lemon-Strauss, Jason Roman, Andrew Bossi, Rick Bowman, Eugenia Hurtado, Steven Glazerman

Venue: Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th St NW, Washington, DC

Recommendation for Option 3 for the redesign of Florida Avenue NW

(9th Street from U St to V St & Florida Ave; Florida Ave from 9th St & V Street to just west of Sherman Ave; and Sherman Ave from Florida Ave to Barry Pl)

Presenter: Ms. Gabriela Vega
District Department of Transportation
gabriela.vega@dc.gov

Ms. Vega introduced the project by explaining that the city had originally planned to redesign the section of road 10 years ago, but that the project had been continually delayed. However, since the road is eligible for federal funding, DDOT wishes to select a design and then request federal funding to build the project for good.

Ms. Vega presented three designs (available online <http://bit.ly/pKemgW>). **The committee unanimously endorsed Option 3.** Furthermore, during the discussion with Ms. Vega, meeting attendees requested several modifications to improve Option 3:

- Addition of a striped crosswalk across Florida Avenue at 9th & V Streets (north side).
- Addition of a striped crosswalk across Florida Avenue at Vermont Avenue (north side).
- Widening of the sidewalks along Florida Avenue from Vermont Avenue to Sherman Avenue and the addition of street trees.
- Creation of a median with trees on Florida Avenue from Vermont Avenue to Sherman Avenue.

- Addition of striped crosswalks across Florida Avenue at W Street (north side & south side).
- Addition of striped crosswalks across Florida Avenue at Sherman Avenue (north side & south side)
- Striping of a bike lane on Vermont Avenue from Florida Avenue to V Street. This one-block lane would connect the bike lanes on Florida Avenue to the bike lanes on V Street.
- Creation of a bike box at the northbound stopline on Florida Avenue at Vermont Avenue.
- Extension of the proposed bike lanes on Florida Avenue from Sherman Avenue to 10th Street.

Option commonalities

All three options propose to resolve the most common complaint of this section of roadway: widening the narrow sidewalk on the east side of 9th Street from U Street to V Street. The current sidewalk, which abuts the western façade of the DC Housing Finance Agency is far too narrow and is likely too narrow for wheelchairs to pass through. Each design will widen that stretch to sidewalk to comply with ADA standards.

Furthermore, all three options propose bulbouts at the intersection of Florida Avenue, 9th Street, and V Street. The 9:30 Club, which sits at this intersection, generates a good amount of pedestrian traffic, yet the streets do no accommodate pedestrians well. All three options would extend the sidewalk space into the roadway to reduce the distance of street that pedestrians must cross.



Option 3 proposal for 9th Street, Florida Avenue, and V Street. All three option present similar designs at this intersection.

Also, all three designs propose curb extensions and sidewalk expansions at the driveway of the Rhapsody condo building (2120 Vermont Avenue). The narrowness of the sidewalk in front of the building along with the building's zero-setback can create startling encounters between pedestrians and cars exiting the building's garage. All three designs would widen the sidewalk at this point and hopefully reduce potential conflicts.

Among other things, all three options, in their proposals for the terminal block of Sherman Avenue (between Florida Avenue and Barry Place), envision an extension of the street lane configuration currently being constructed along the rest of Sherman Avenue.

You may download a full color-coded version of the diagrams at <http://bit.ly/pKemgW>

Option 3 committee endorsement

Option 3 stands out as the best option. Its most notable feature is to reconfigure the intersections with Vermont Avenue and Sherman Avenue to traditional right angles. Currently, the intersections are designed like highway ramps to aid drivers in speedy turns between the avenues. As expected, when you engineer a road for fast driving, people will drive fast regardless of the



speed limit signs.

Vermont Ave & Florida Ave. Left: Now. Right: Option 3 proposal.

To discourage speeding, option 3 curves both of these avenues to intersect Florida Avenue a right angles. This will require sharper turns that will calm traffic and reduce the distances pedestrians must traverse to cross the avenues.

The elimination of the high-speed turn lanes creates the opportunity for two small plazas at these intersections.

Option 3 also reduces the amount of impervious surface (orange) and allows for a planting strip with trees on the east side of Florida Avenue just south of Vermont Avenue. Furthermore, it includes curb extensions that reduce the distance pedestrians must spend in the path of traffic when crossing the streets.

Bike lanes will extend from Sherman Avenue to 9th Street and will connect the bike lanes on V Street, W Street, and Sherman Avenue.

These changes are very welcome, but there are several regrettable omissions. The intersection at V Street lacks a crosswalk on the north side, as does the north side of the intersection of Vermont Avenue. The intersection with W Street lacks any crosswalks for crossing Florida Avenue at all.

To cross Florida at W, a pedestrian will have to detour nearly 900 feet to and from the nearest crosswalk, or cross without a marked crosswalk. Under DC law, any edge of an intersection is still a legal crosswalk, but by avoiding striping one, DDOT is sending a signal that it isn't designing the intersection to be safe to cross.



W St & Florida Ave. Left: Option 3. Right: Chairman's proposed improvement.

As Howard University increases the number of students living on campus while encouraging walking and biking, the city must build the infrastructure that makes walking safer, easier, and more comfortable.

Curb extensions and crosswalks at W Street would provide an excellent pedestrian accommodation, yet options 1 and 2 show one isolated curb extension at W Street and option 3 shows none.

In 2009, DDOT agreed to add a crosswalk to a Fort Totten intersection which had a missing leg. Including safe crossings at all intersections in street designs should be one of the ways DDOT follows through on its "complete streets" policy.

Another disappointment is that DDOT's 3 design proposals ignore the roundabout envisioned in the Office of Planning's Duke Plan.



Left: Intersection of Florida and Sherman today. Right: Older plan for the intersection with extended Bryant Street.

A roundabout would lie at the intersection of Florida Avenue, Sherman Avenue, and a newly created Bryant Street, which would be constructed on a DC-owned parking lot that lies east of the intersection.

Ms. Vega stated that DDOT omitted the circle due to uncertainty as to whether the Bryant Street extension will ever be built.

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We commend Ms. Vega for seeking community input on this important street project and we kindly ask DDOT to incorporate the modifications specified in the bullet list above.

Mr. Fidler noted that the Committee endorsed and recommended that ANC 1 B support Option Three in the report with the addition of the bullet points listed in the report.

Commissioner Smith moved that ANC 1B support Option Three with the listed additional points and send a letter to the District Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Meisch seconded the motion.

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

New Business

Presentation: Georgia Avenue Window Walk – Mr. Kari Cohen

Mr. Kari Cohen described the Georgia Avenue Window Walk, a community program that proposes to place art installations in vacant store fronts on Georgia Avenue, between New Hampshire Avenue and Florida Avenue.

Commissioner McKenzie moved that ANC 1B support the Georgia Avenue Window Walk and send a letter to the D.C. Commission on Arts and Humanities.

Commissioner Muhammad seconded the motion.

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

Resolution: Protesting Lower Georgia Avenue Great Streets Project funding cuts

Commissioner McKenzie presented the following resolution for adoption by the Commission:

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
1B
A RESOLUTION PROTESTING
LOWER GEORGIA AVENUE GREAT STREETS FUNDING
CUT**

WHEREAS residents and small business owners have a vision to make the Lower Georgia Avenue community a vibrant arts and cultural center with themes of educational excellence and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS the Lower Georgia Avenue Great Streets Project was planned in 2006 as a key component in integrating the major development coming to Georgia Avenue; and

WHEREAS the Lower Georgia Avenue Great Streets Project will facilitate engagement of Howard University students with new and old residents, attract patrons of new retail and attract visitors to the new Georgia Avenue/Pleasant Plains Heritage Trail with better lighting, walkways, trees, and traffic control; and

WHEREAS the Lower Georgia Avenue Corridor is an integral part of the community represented by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B and the realization of the Lower Georgia Avenue Great Streets Project is vital to the continued development and improvement of the quality of life of the entire ANC 1B community; and

WHEREAS the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force adopted a recommendation on November 1, 2010 to work to fully restore and expand funding for the Great Streets Program; and

WHEREAS correspondence from then Chairman Vincent Gray in response to Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force questions on September 9, 2010 stated "Therefore, I am committed to ensuring that Georgia Avenue has equal access to the city's development dollars, including funding from the Great Streets and Main Street programs."; and

WHEREAS the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force has outlined a proposal for productive use of the Georgia Avenue Great

Streets funding on critical sections of Georgia Avenue not impacted by current development or the Howard University Campus Plan; and

WHEREAS funds for the Georgia Avenue Great Streets project have been reduced since plans were completed in 2006 leading to the continued deterioration of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS Mayor Gray is proposing to remove \$1.44 million from the Georgia Avenue Great Streets Project as reported August 10, 2011 by the Washington Business Journal:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B formally and strongly protests Mayor Gray's proposal to remove \$1.44 million from the Georgia Avenue Great Streets project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that members of the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 1A and 1B meet with representatives from the Mayor's Office, the DC Department of Transportation, and Councilmember Jim Graham to outline a plan for productive use of the funds on Lower Georgia Avenue.

Following discussion, Commissioner Streett moved that the resolution protesting the withdrawal of funding for the Georgia Great Streets Program be adopted and sent to the City Council with a letter requesting that the Council disapprove the withdrawal of funds..

Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, 6 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain. Commissioners Muhammad, Meisch and Smith abstained.

Redistricting ANCs

Chairperson Lopez reported on the work of the Ward One Redistricting Task Force. The commission discussed at length the various plans under consideration and strategies for supporting and maintaining the present boundaries of ANC 1B.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.