



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B

Government of the District of Columbia

Minutes

Thursday, January 2nd, 2014

7:00 PM, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street N.W.

The regular monthly meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B occurred on Thursday, January 2nd, 2014, at 7:00 pm in the Reeves Center.

Commissioners present:

Marc Morgan (1B01)
Jeremy Leffler (1B02)
Sedrick Muhammad (1B03)
Ricardo Reinoso (1B05)
Dyana Forester (1B06)
Juan Lopez (1B07)
James Turner (1B09)
Tony Norman (1B10)
Zahra Jilani (1B12)

Commissioners absent:

Deborah Thomas (1B04)
Gail Anderson Holness (1B11)
Emily Washington (1B08)

Chairperson Norman did not observe the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order informally at 7:00 PM.

Presentations

Department of General Services

Chairman Norman asked that quorum be noted. Commissioners Jeremy Leffler, Sedrick Muhammad and Zahra Jilani are present.

Action: Commissioner Turner moved to hold a briefing with the Department of General Services and the Office of Planning and any other agency that may be appropriate before the next ANC1B meeting (seconded by Morgan).

Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Announcements

Chairman Norman opened up community announcements.

Election of Officers

Gottlieb Simon officiated the election of officers.

Action: Juan Lopez moved to allow candidates to speak for two minutes (Seconded by Turner)
Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman

James Turner (nominated by Leffler). Turner accepts.
Tony Norman (nominated by Muhammad). Norman accepts.

Roll call vote:

- Morgan votes for Norman
- Leffler votes for Turner
- Muhammad votes for Norman
- Reinoso votes for Turner
- Forester votes for Turner
- Lopez votes for Turner
- Turner votes for Turner
- Norman votes for Norman
- Jilani votes for Norman

James Turner is elected chair with a vote of 5 to 4.

Election of Vice Chair

Juan Lopez (nominated by Jilani). Lopez declines.
Marc Morgan (nominated by Turner). Morgan accepts.
Jeremy Leffler (nominated by Muhammad). Leffler accepts.

Roll call vote:

- Morgan votes for Morgan
- Leffler votes for Leffler
- Muhammad votes for Leffler
- Reinoso votes for Morgan
- Forester votes for Morgan
- Lopez votes for Leffler
- Turner votes for Morgan
- Norman votes for Morgan
- Jilani votes for Leffler

Morgan is elected vice-chair with a vote of 5 to 4.

Election of Secretary

Ricardo Reinoso (nominated by Morgan). Reinoso accepts.
Zahra Jilani (nominated by Forester). Jilani declines.

Reinoso is elected secretary by acclamation.

Election of Treasurer

Dyana Forester (nominated by Lopez). Forester accepts.
Jeremy Leffler (nominated by Morgan). Leffler declines.

Forester is elected treasurer by acclamation.

Officer's Report and Approval of Minutes

Action: Marc Morgan moved to approve the November minutes (seconded by Lopez)
Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Action: Marc Morgan moves to approve the December minutes (seconded by Turner)
Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Forester excused herself from the meeting.

Action: Marc Morgan moves to table the executive committee minutes (seconded by Norman).
Vote: 6 nays, 2 abstentions. Motion fails.

Action: Muhammad motions to look into whether the executive meeting on the 12th was a legal meeting (seconded by Morgan).
Vote: 6 ayes, 2 abstentions. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the treasurer's report were not available and the approval of the treasurer's report is held to the next meeting.

Action: Turner moves to participate in the ANC security fund and authorize the officers to conduct financials for the organization (seconded by Muhammad).
Vote: 7 ayes, 1 nay. Motion passes.

Funk Parade

Action: Jilani moves to support the funk parade but with the addition of closing of U Street for that day (seconded by Reinoso).
Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Design Committee Report

1837 12th Street

This is a basement renovation; the design committee recommended approval.

Action: Norman moves that ANC1B support the renovation at 1837 12th St NW (seconded by Muhammad).

Motion passes by unanimous approval.

City Dog Club

The applicant is for a dog day care, seeking a permit for special use for animal boarding. Design Review committee voted to approve.

Action: Jeremy Leffler motions to table until the ANC gets further clarification on zoning exceptions (seconded by Lopez). Lopez makes a friendly amendment to send the issue back to the design committee so they review the special exception requirements (seconded by Leffler). Leffler calls to question. Motion fails.

Action: Norman moves to support the application for special exception for City Dog Club (seconded by Muhammad).

Roll call vote:

- Morgan votes no
- Leffler votes no
- Muhammad votes yes
- Reinoso votes yes
- Lopez votes no
- Turner votes yes
- Norman votes yes
- Jilani votes no

4 ayes, 4 nays, motion fails.

“Big Box” Store Resolution for Zoning Rewrite

Michael Kroopnick presents to the committee. The resolution is to recommend that in the zoning rewrite a special exception request be required for “big box” stores. Norman reported the committee recommended approval.

Action: Norman moves for approval of the recommendation for the zoning rewrite (seconded by Leffler).

Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Public Safety Committee

Sedrick Muhammad presented the crime data report for December.

ABC Committee

Newtown Kitchen & Lounge

Action: Leffler motions to protest Cham until a voluntary agreement is signed (seconded by Jilani). Reinoso makes a friendly amendment to protest on peace, order and quiet (seconded by Jilani).

Vote: 7 ayes, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

All Souls

Leffler reported that the ABC committee took no action on All Souls.

No action taken.

New Business

ANC1B Calendar

Action: Muhammad motioned to meet on the first Thursday of each month with the exception of July 2014—which will be on July 10th, and January 2015—which will be on January 8th (seconded by Leffler).

Motion passes by unanimous approval.