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Draft Minutes of July 12, 2004 Public Meeting

A scheduled agenda and forum meeting of the Mount Pleasant Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D took place on July 12, 2004 at the La Casa Community Center.

The special election for ANC Single Member District 1D04 was held in the back of the meeting room and ballots were allowed to be cast starting at 7:40pm. Matthew Silverman and Gregg Edwards were on the ballot. Residents of SMD1D04 were allowed to vote throughout the meeting.

A quorum being present, Chair Grant called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM.

In attendance were Commissioners Bitondo, Grant, McKay, Muller, and Sale. ANC Staff Person Ambria Archibald and approximately 30 members of the public were also present.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Grant asked commissioners if there were any comments on or changes to the June meeting minutes.

Commissioner McKay asked for an edit to be made to page ten of the minutes.

The change was noted.

Commissioner Grant moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded.

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The motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Muller presented the quarterly report for the third quarter of FY2004. He summarized the report stating that:

The ANC started the quarter with \$9,461,90

The ANC received \$6,522.20 from the District

The ANC expended \$2,760.17

The ANC ended the quarter with \$23,223.93

Commissioner Muller also stated that there was approximately \$3,000 in un-cleared checks not included in the balance. He stated that there was a grant awarded to Bancroft Garden Project that had not yet been cashed. Former Commissioner and former Treasurer Jenny Babcock was looking into this.

Commissioner Bitondo moved to approve the Treasurer's Third Quarter Report. The motion was seconded.

The motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

Community Forum

Robert Frazier introduced himself as an authorized representative of Keenan Keller, a resident of Monroe Street who is running for District One City School Board. Frazier stated that he was gathering signatures for Keller to get on the ballot. He asked registered voters at the meeting to sign the petition and clarified that it was not a show of support, just a means to get Keller's name on the ballot.

Jose Sueiro of Adams Morgan introduced himself as a visitor.

Elinor Hart introduced herself and announced that the unveiling of the first of the Mount Pleasant Call Box Art Projects would take place on Hobart Street on Saturday, July 24th at 11am. She stated that there would be eight other decorated call boxes throughout the neighborhood and following the unveiling, visitors would be able to take a walking tour to see the others.

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Commissioner Grant commented that he had seen the one in progress and it looked very nice.

Gregg Edwards spoke about the improvement of police patrols around the larger apartment buildings in the neighborhood. The volunteer organization All-Ways Mount Pleasant, with the help of Ward One Councilmember Jim Graham, held meetings with representatives of building owners and three police forces (the Metropolitan Police Department of the DC Government, the US Park Police from the US Department of the Interior and the Metro Police from the Washington Area Mass Transit Authority) to improve the safety and security around these buildings. He stated that he was pleased to announce the police forces had agreed to work together to patrol the area. The group compiled and prioritized a list of the 13 highest risk buildings and it was decided that a beat officer of the MPD would visit the top four at-risk buildings every day. The other nine would be targeted for "Blue Hat Patrols", meaning periodic walk-throughs by representatives of MPD, management, and the tenant association with the aim to agree on a Risk Assessment and a schedule for abatement. Edwards commented that this has been a remarkable collaboration of building management, tenant associations and the police in risk assessment and management.

Rachel Waggs of Lamont Street introduced herself and stated that this was her first meeting.

Pat Rager introduced herself and stated that she had been communicating with Commissioner McKay regarding parking permits.

Brett McBride introduced himself and stated that he lives on 16th street and that this was his first meeting.

Committee Reports

Crime and City Services Committee

Committee Chair Will Grant reported that Inspector Hoey, who has been very helpful in addressing the concerns of the community while at the 750 Park Road Substation, has been promoted to Commander of the 6th District and will no longer be working with the Crime and City Services Committee. Captain Groomes has been promoted to Inspector and will be taking over for Commander Hoey. Commissioner Grant stated that he would try to invite her to the next Police Service Area for PSA301 meeting Tuesday, July 13 at 7pm in the

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Mount Pleasant Library basement. He encouraged community members to join in the meeting to share their concerns with the police.

Commissioner Grant reported that the US Attorney's office was working with the committee to address the height of the bushes at Marconi Park, which have grown tall enough to create a safety concern because of reported drug activity. The US Attorney's office was helping the ANC work with Park Service to get them cut

Gregg Edwards reported that All-Ways Mt Pleasant (AMP) has received a letter from the local superintendent of the US Parks Service that stated they would cut the bushes to help prevent assaults and robberies. He stated that this result was hard won after three years of meeting and letters with many levels and components of the agency. AMP has been pushing that the agency reduce the height by a great deal -- down so that a Latina woman could see over them with ease. Further informal conversations with the service revealed their intent to cut the bushes down in a series of stages over a year, because the cut requested might kill the plants. He stated that AMP would welcome pressure from other groups to assure that the schedule is kept, and thereafter the height maintained.

Commissioner Grant noted that a Drug Free Zone had been posted for Triangle Park. He asked Denise Wiktor if she had noticed if they had made any arrests. Wiktor commented that she had been out of town and had not seen anyone using it.

Commissioner Grant opened discussion of the consideration of a resolution for a Poster Ordinance to be distributed to the neighborhood. He explained that two versions of a letter were drafted to address the problem of unauthorized posters throughout the community. Version 1 listed all of the relevant regulations and Version 2 was a more informal, neighborly approach to encouraging change.

Commissioner Grant commented that he thought the second version would catch more people's attention.

Commissioner Grant read Version 2 aloud:

Dear neighbors,

We on the ANC have received numerous complaints about posters on streetlight posts and other surfaces, all too often left in place for months,

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deteriorating to rain-damaged tatters, giving our neighborhood a sloppy, neglected appearance. We'd like to remind everyone about the rules for putting up such posters:

- Posters must not be put up with adhesives that leave a residue, or that cannot be completely removed without damage to the surface. For this reason, posters may not be put up with adhesive tape.
- Posters must indicate the date on which they were put up, and must be removed within 60 days of posting.
- Posters may not "relate to the sale of goods or services".

If we will all abide by these rules, we'll have a cleaner, neater neighborhood.

-- Your Mount Pleasant Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

Denise Wiktor commented that most of the posters she saw around the neighborhood were advertising something and that given the regulations the bottom line was that most notices posted throughout the neighborhood are illegal.

Commissioner McKay stated that he interprets the rules to mean that posters advertising goods and services are illegal but not others. He stated that he would like the message to advise the community of the rules and bring about voluntary compliance and therefore supports the second version of the letter and not a resolution. He stated that he thinks that if people know the rules they will be more likely to comply and the style does not need to be overly bureaucratic.

Commissioner Sale requested Version 1 be read aloud.

Commissioner Grant read Version 1 aloud:

Dear Mount Pleasant community:

In an effort to keep Mount Pleasant streets clean and sightly, the Mount Pleasant ANC would like to remind the community about the existing regulations that govern posting notices on public surfaces, such as lampposts.

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These regulations require notices to be dated and removed after 60 days, prohibit the use of tape or other adhesives that blemish the public fixtures, and bar the posting of commercial notices advertising goods and services. We request that all those who post notices in Mount Pleasant follow these regulations.

The regulations include:

- 108.2 The placing of any advertisement on any tree in the public space with nails is prohibited.
- 108.3 No poster or placard shall be publicly displayed or exhibited if it is lewd, indecent, or vulgar, or if it pictorially represents the commission of or the attempt to commit any crime.
- 108.4 Any sign, advertisement, or poster that does not relate to the sale of goods or services may be affixed on public lampposts or appurtenances of a lamppost, subject to the restrictions set forth in this section.
- 108.5 A sign, advertisement, or poster shall not be affixed for more than sixty (60) days, except the following:
 1. Posters of individuals seeking political office in the District can be displayed in the public space only after candidates have met the requirements of S210 of the DC Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act (DC Code, S I - 1101.01).
 2. Signs designed to aid in neighborhood protection from crime shall be exempt from the sixty (60) day period.
 - 108.6 Political campaign literature materials shall be removed no later than 30 days following the general election.
 - 108.7 Each sign, advertisement, or poster shall contain the date upon which it was initially affixed to a streetlight or traffic signal.

- 108.8 Each sign, advertisement, or poster shall be affixed securely to avoid being torn or disengaged by normal weather conditions.
- 108.9 Signs and posters shall not be affixed by adhesives that prevent their complete removal from the fixture, or that do damage to the fixture.
- 108.10 No more than three versions or copies of each sign, advertisement, or poster shall be affixed on one side of a street within one block.
- 108.11 Within twenty-four (24) hours of posting each sign, advertisement, or poster, two (2) copies of the material shall be filed with an agent of the District of Columbia so designated by the Mayor . . .

Thank you,
The Mount Pleasant ANC

Commissioner Sale moved to submit Version 1 as resolution of record.

Commissioner Muller seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

Commissioner Muller asked what the ultimate use of document would be.

Commissioner Grant responded that it would be posted and sent electronically to advise the community about the rules.

Commissioner Sale stated that he supported Version 1 because it was straightforward and clear as to what the laws are and therefore was an unbiased version with no room for interpretation.

Commissioner Grant raised the question of distribution and if it would be just posted electronically or distributed as a flyer and if so to make sure it was done within the rules and regulations.

Commissioner McKay stated that he felt the approach should be to identify those who are in violation and inform them of the rules. He gave the example of Adam Express, which had put flyers up all over the neighborhood but once informed of the regulations was very apologetic and cleaned up their illegal postings. He stated that he thought it was a choice between being neighborly

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and being an agent of the law and he preferred the neighborly approach.

Commissioner Sale stated that most posters don't have any name, number or address on them so there is no way of tracking them down and asking the offenders to stop. He stated he preferred to spread the word that this is the law and that hopefully the city would start enforcing the law. He stated that he thought the situation was out of hand since many of the posters fall on the ground causing an ecological hazard and are blight on the community. He stated that the letter or resolution should, at minimum, be posted electronically but should also be posted, legally, throughout the neighborhood.

Commissioner Muller stated that, while he understand the objective, he did not think that anybody would read through Version 1 because its length and density was off-putting.

Commissioner Grant proposed a compromise of using the letter text of Version 2 followed by a list of the related regulations found in Version 1 so that people could read the letter and refer to the attached rules if needed.

Commissioner McKay stated that he would accept such an amendment.

Commissioner Muller asked if all relevant regulations were included in Version 1.

Denise Wiktor answered no, because the fines were not included.

Commissioner Grant asked Wiktor what the fines were for poster offenses.

Wiktor stated that the fines start at \$25 per poster but that they depend on what agency is issuing the fine. Different agencies monitor poster violations – the Department of Transportation, Solid Waste Enforcement and the police all issue fines for posters that do not follow the regulations. She suggested that the neighborly letter could be simplified by stating that all posters need to be registered with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in order to be approved and include that fines start at \$25.

Commissioner Bitondo stated that the suggestion from floor for compromise was a good one. She stated that the pertinent issue was that the posters need to be registered and that the registration process will give the rules.

Commissioner Grant stated that the letter could refer readers to www.anc1d.org and/or to the DDOT website for more information.

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Wiktor stated that the regulations are not yet available on the DDOT website.

Commissioner Bitondo asked if the commissioners would accept the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Sale asked for clarification that the amendment was to the more congenial Version 2 verbiage with a line about posters following all DC regulations.

Commissioner Grant suggested removing the second sentence of the first bullet

For this reason, posters may not be put up with adhesive tape.

to read

Posters must not be put up with adhesives that leave a residue, or that cannot be completely removed without damage to the surface.

Commissioner Grant suggested that the line

To ensure compliance with the regulations, we ask neighbors to register their posters with the District Department of Transportation at 202-442-4670.

be added to the last paragraph to read

To ensure compliance with the regulations, we ask neighbors to register their posters with the District Department of Transportation at 202-442-4670. If we will all abide by these rules, we'll have a cleaner, neater neighborhood.

Commissioner McKay stated that he would like to keep the specific mention of adhesive tape because otherwise the bullet point was too ambiguous. He stated that tape was the issue because it leaves residue and it appears on other DC Government materials.

Commissioner Grant asked if there were any objections to leaving in the sentence.

Commissioner Grant read aloud the amended letter.

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Dear neighbors,

We on the ANC have received numerous complaints about posters on streetlight posts and other surfaces, all too often left in place for months, deteriorating to rain-damaged tatters, giving our neighborhood a sloppy, neglected appearance. We'd like to remind everyone about some of the rules for putting up such posters:

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- * Posters must indicate the date on which they were put up, and must be removed within 60 days of posting.

- * Posters may not "relate to the sale of goods or services".

For further information and to ensure compliance with the regulations, we ask neighbors to register their posters with the District Department of Transportation at 202-442-4670. If we will all abide by these rules, we'll have a cleaner, neater neighborhood.

-- Your Mount Pleasant Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

Commissioner McKay asked what one was telling DDOT when they were registering their poster and if it gave it a posting date.

Wiktor stated that when the poster is faxed in it will be recorded as registered on the day it is received and the submitter will be informed of manner in which you can affix poster.

Commissioner McKay asked if the registration process only informs the individual of the rules or if it also approves the message.

Commissioner Grant and Wiktor clarified that the registration process confirms that the message is ok.

Wiktor stated that posters carry very high fines particularly if nailed to trees. She further stated that there were many DDOT enforcement people in the area making registration even more important.

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Commissioner McKay stated that the education of citizenry was the most important matter and that he did not object to the amended version.

Wayne Gleason stated that the point is that unregistered posters are illegal and that when one does register, one is told of rules regarding posting but that if these rules were included in letter, they would not be read. He stated that this amended letter ensured that people registered their posters in order to get the rules.

Commissioner McKay stated that his primary concern is that tape residue makes a mess and that he wants to put a stop to abandoned posters and that he does not necessarily care about ensuring that all posters are registered with DDOT.

Gleason stated that if unregistered posters are illegal, the commissioners should care about the proper registration process.

Commissioner Sale moved to accept the amended letter. The motion was seconded

The motion was passed unanimously by a hand vote.

Grants Committee

Jaeda Harmon of the Council of Latino Agencies introduced herself as the organizational representative for the evening and stated that she was available for questions.

Commissioner McKay requested a refresher on what the goals of the grant.

Harmon stated that the goal of the project was to engage Latino residents in the life of the community by organizing a series of dialogues. The project's target is to organize 50 local community dialogues, 8 of which would be held in Mount Pleasant. She stated that CLA would be working with the Mount Pleasant-based Rosemount Center, Multicultural Community Services and the Latin American Youth Center to design the methodology, the aim of which is to listen to resident's concerns and provide them with tools to get the services they need and connect them with other opportunities for community involvement.

She stated that they are developing the materials now and the timeline calls for

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implementation of the project this fall, when they will train 10 trainers who would then facilitate 5 dialogues each (to equal the 50 total dialogues).

She stated that the money requested from this ANC was to cover specifically those eight dialogues that target the Mount Pleasant area. The grant money will cover direct costs of the dialogues, which include childcare, a stipend for the facilitator, materials and a note-taker.

Commissioner Sale stated that he recalled a similar request earlier and thought that it had not gone through. He asked what the difference was between this grant request and the grant awarded to the organization earlier this year, which was turned down.

Harmon stated that there were a few differences. First, their thinking about the project had evolved and they were now working more closely with other collaborators to design the materials and content of the dialogues. Second, they had previously requested a larger amount, which the ANC was not able to fund. Instead of taking the smaller amount for their existing goals, they decided to scale back both the amount of the request and the scope of the project. She stated that the current request was for less dialogues and was a more realistic, stronger proposal.

Commissioner McKay asked the amount of the grant request.

Commissioner Grant stated that it was for \$2,000

Commissioner Bitondo requested a copy of the proposal.

Harmon provided a copy of the concept paper and the original request for \$6,000.

Commissioner Sale asked if the previous check was returned.

Harmon stated that the previous check was returned. *Jenny Babcock confirmed that this was the case.*

Commissioner McKay stated that he was very unhappy with the idea of the ANC distributing large grants. He stated that the total annual ANC grant fund was about \$2,000 so this would be a full year's worth of grant money to one project.

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He stated that the total ANC grant budget was not a lot and that the commission should not be in the business of funding in increments of a couple of thousand dollars. He stated he would be perfectly happy to fund this at a level of \$1,000.

Harmon stated that they estimated \$250 per dialogue by adding the cost of materials, providing childcare, and a paid facilitator. She stated the CLA would welcome whatever support the ANC could offer but they did not want get into a similar position of what happened in the last grant where they received an amount less than they expected. She stated that with \$1,000 CLA would be able to do four or five dialogues, as opposed to eight.

Commissioner Bitondo asked for clarification of the total amount they were requesting and the number of dialogues that would provide.

Harmon stated when she talked about four or five dialogues, she was responding to Commissioner McKay's concern about giving \$2,000 so she wanted to make sure that if the commission decided to give only \$1,000, it would be clear how many dialogues that would pay for.

Commissioner Bitondo requested that Harmon recap the total amount being requested and the key objectives.

Harmon stated that the key objectives are engage 10-12 residents per dialogue in an exercise, similar to a focus group, of listening to the resident's primary concerns and in turn, connecting them with services that would address those concerns and other means of community involvement. On the one hand it would expand their research on the concerns of the Latino community and on the other hand it would provide a way for the participants to get involved in the larger community. She stated that given this purpose, each dialogue would cost \$250, which would cover the materials being made available to the participants, including information about services available and how to get involved in the community, as well as the childcare, facilitation and note-taking.

She stated that the total amount requested was for \$2,000 but when she was breaking down the cost per dialogue in the event that the ANC could not fund the full \$2,000.

Commissioner Muller requested clarification that last year's grant request was for a similar program but for more money and that this year's grant request was a scaled-back version of last year.

Harmon responded that yes this was the case.

Commissioner Bitondo asked if ANC1D could provide materials to be included in the information packets.

Harmon responded that yes, CLA would be happy to include ANC1D information and that the materials were still being developed at this time but that they would appreciate receiving these new materials sooner rather than later so that they could be included in the prototype packet. She stated that she would be happy to speak with Commissioner Bitondo further about this.

Commissioner Sale stated that he wished to remind the Chair that the ANC's bylaws required five votes to award grants above \$500 and that since there were only five commissioners at the meeting, the vote had to be unanimous. He stated further that there would be a six-vote committee at the next meeting and that therefore that might increase the odds of passing the request.

Commissioner Bitondo moved to table the vote on the grant until August so that it could be investigated further.

Commissioner Bitondo stated that she wanted to remind the commissioners that the ANC had an excellent relationship with the Council of Latino Agencies and that they had done a great job with their dialogues with the police, which the ANC had supported. She encouraged CLA seek the support of other ANC's for their project. She urged the commissioners to vote in favor of the grant but preferred to table the vote at this time.

Commissioner Grant asked Harmon if tabling the vote until the next meeting would be a strain on the CLA.

Harmon responded that they could wait because they were still developing the materials and the trainings were not scheduled to start until October. She stated that she would forward all of the materials, including the concept paper and the total budget relating to the commissioners for their review before next month's meeting.

Commissioner Muller stated that he thought tabling the vote was a shame because the ANC had tabled the vote last month. He asked the other commissioners, knowing that \$2,000 would fund eight dialogues and that they cost \$250 each, at what level they were each willing to fund the project. He stated that this was important so that both the commission and the CLA to get a sense of where the grant request stood. He stated that he was willing to fund \$2,000.

Commissioner Bitondo stated that she was willing to fund \$2,000. She stated that she was hesitant because she had not yet read the concept paper but given the ANC's experience with CLA, she thought it was a good investment and in principle she supported the request.

Commissioner Sale seconded the motion to table the vote.

Commissioner Muller stated that he was not objecting to tabling the vote but felt that the CLA should know if they have enough votes of support. He stated that the ANC owed it to the CLA to give them a sense of where the request stood since he knew that Commissioner McKay would support it at \$1,000.

Commissioner Grant stated that he would support the grant for the full \$2,000.

Discussion was tabled until the August 2nd meeting.

Commissioner Muller asked if grant requests of a certain amount could be amended during a community meeting.

Commissioner Grant stated that this had been done in the past and stated that it was up to the commissioners at what amount they would fund requests.

Commissioner Muller clarified his question if grant applications could be amended to a lower amount and a scaled-back scope of work after they were submitted to the commission to reflect the amount of money the ANC would give.

Commissioner Bitondo responded there had been situations in the past where the commission had tried to negotiate a proposal in the community meeting but that she had voted against it. She stated that she felt there was a process

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in place to deal with negotiations in the Grants Committee and that negotiations in a public forum regarding grant amounts were not appropriate.

Harmon stated that she would supply the commissioners with a concept paper before the next meeting.

Permits and Zoning Committee

Commissioner Muller noted that the guest speaker, Arik Moore, for the issue of the proposed grocery cart racks in front of Bestway, was not present and that the discussion should wait until he arrived.

Commissioner Muller stated that liquor licenses were up for renewal and that the commission had received applications from Haydee's, Corado's and Don Juan's restaurants. He stated that the commission did not need to act immediately but recommended that the commission weigh-in in support of these applications.

Commissioner Grant asked if votes regarding liquor licenses could take place at the August 2nd meeting.

Commissioner Muller answered yes and stated that the commission should invite speakers from those establishments seeking renewals.

Denise Wiktor stated that all liquor licenses are up for renewal at this time.

Elinor Hart asked the commissioners if approval of the liquor licenses meant that no complaints had been received about these establishments.

Commissioner Muller answered that no, this did not mean there were no complaints and that the ANC was not taking any action tonight.

Commissioner Grant recommended that if the liquor license renewal discussion did take place at the August meeting, then the rest of the schedule should be kept light.

Commissioner Grant asked if there were any other zone variance requests.

Commissioner Muller replied that yes, there was one other but that he had not yet heard back from them.

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Commissioner Sale asked what the course of action was on the placement of grocery racks outside of Bestway.

Commissioner Muller stated that he had a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding the plan, which states that the ANC has 30 days from June 23rd to comment on the plan.

Wiktor stated that DDOT would be reviewing files through Thursday (July 15) with a vote the following Thursday. She also stated that the ANC vote on the proposed plans was critical.

Commissioner McKay stated that Arik Moore had promised to be at the meeting by 10pm and that he was being held up by a Little League game. He asked that the discussion be postponed until Mr. Moore arrived.

Nitza Segui asked for an explanation of the proposal.

Commissioner Grant passed around a map showing the placement of the racks in relation to the storefront.

Commissioner Grant stated that the proposal called for the storage racks for the grocery carts out on the sidewalk in front of the store, rather than storing the carts inside as they are now.

Elinor Hart stated that Main Street Mount Pleasant had not yet reviewed the plans.

Wiktor stated that Main Street Design Committee was asked by DDOT to do a walk with DDOT to look for violations on Main Street. She also stated that Mount Pleasant Super had cart racks removed once and then rebuilt them without permission and that the DDOT is working to bring them out of violation.

Commissioner Grant asked for clarification from Wiktor if the DDOT vote was definitely happening in two weeks.

Wiktor confirmed but said that if the ANC requested a continuance, the process could be delayed.

Commissioner Grant stated that he thought the commission and the community should have more information before this went to a vote and suggested requesting that DDOT move their vote until after the August 2nd ANC1D meeting. He further stated that the commission should hear from Main Street Mount Pleasant and Historic Mount Pleasant before voting.

Commissioner Bitondo stated that she thought it would be interesting to hear what community members in the room felt about the proposed racks because they might not be at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sale motioned for a continuance on the vote and to open the discussion. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Grant opened the floor to discussion.

Commissioner McKay stated that he was concerned that DDOT could decline request for a continuation.

Wiktor stated it was unlikely because the ANC vote carries great weight and that if the continuance was for a thoughtful reason, the continuance would be granted. She stated that it was not particularly time sensitive because it was not a money issue – no one was losing money in granting the continuance. She requested that something be sent to DDOT to inform them of continuance.

Commissioner Sale stated that he would love to see the Main Street's Design Committee's approach to this since they are working to have a uniform approach to the design of the street. He stated that he would also like to hear what the community members thought of it but his initial reaction was "Wow there are going to be a lot of shopping carts in the street." He stated that he would defer to the Main Street Design Committee on this matter.

Alex Kramer stated that the plan to move the carts outside would open up the store a great deal and allow it to carry more items. She stated that while the design was important, if the design could work, it could really help the store better serve the community.

Robert Frazier asked if the proposal for the carts was just for during business hours or 24 hours.

Wiktor responded that it was it would be a 24-hour solution, which would ordinarily be in violation of regulations and so this was a request for a variance. It would be a permanent, iron structure where the carts would always be kept and locked at night.

Commissioner McKay stated that he wished to defer the discussion of the design until the architect could be there to explain it and give more information.

Wiktor stated that even if the proposed design was approved, Bestway would not be able to start building it until they complied with other regulations including parking in the back.

A community member stated that she thought it would ease congestion in the store and therefore potentially increase the variety of food available which would be very helpful to those who do their primary shopping there.

Segui stated that she supported the other community member's views for the same reasons. Carts are precisely the issue in that store because they take up so much space that could be used to help people move around more easily and hold more food. She stated that those who shop at Bestway know what she is talking about.

Commissioner Grant closed the discussion in order to wait for Arik Moore.

Commissioner Sale clarified that his motion was only to defer the discussion to a later date in order to solicit comment and not to close the discussion.

The motion to defer the vote was passed by a 4/1 hand vote with Commissioner McKay opposing.

Annual Report Committee

Committee Chair Bitondo stated that for the record, she was stepping down as chair of the committee. She stated that the ANC had established the committee in November to write an annual report. The committee used commission funds for pay for a draft to be written. She stated that when this draft was submitted, there was no input but that within the last 30 days there

had been a revision done by Commissioner McKay who had added a couple of pages and changed the format.

Commissioner Muller moved to adopt the Annual Report.

Commissioner Bitondo asked which draft was being adopted.

Commissioner Muller stated that he did not care.

Commissioner Sale seconded the motion.

Commissioner Grant asked Commissioner Sale which one he was supporting.

Commissioner Sale stated that he was supporting the one the ANC paid for.

Commissioner Bitondo moved that the draft be changed in title to a "Term Report"

Commissioner Bitondo stated that the commission should aim to publish the term report in October in order to produce a document that would give the community a written summary of the committees, what was accomplished, resolution votes and grants given as a document of public record, rather than publishing an annual report eighteen months into the term.

Commissioner Grant asked if Commission Bitondo thought the term report should be updated to include January through August of 2004.

Commissioner Bitondo answered yes because that would be relatively simple to do by adding to the list of grants on page 15 and resolutions to the end along with commissioner's comments on the committees.

Commissioner Grant stated that he was not opposed to further revisions with a definitive publish-date set by the commission.

Commissioner Sale stated that he agreed to this approach.

Commissioner McKay stated that he would not repeat all of his criticisms of the draft report but that he thought it was important that it be organized around commissioners not committees because the commissioners were the ones voted into office by the community and they were responsible for what the ANC does. He further stated that committees were only advisory and they did not do the actual work.

Commissioner Bitondo stated that tremendous work was done by the community within the committees, and this work was done with the funds and efforts of the commission. She stated that she felt the report should talk about the community work of the committees. She stated that commissioners wishing to seek reelection should publish their own documents. She stated that the annual report was not the venue for describing each of the commissioners and that it was a report on the work being done not on the individuals that sit at the table once a month.

Commissioner Sale stated that he echoed Commissioner Bitondo's comments and added that all actions to date were done using the channels of committees. He further stated that he would accept the original draft report either now or with additions to bring it up to date.

Commissioner Grant clarified that the current motion was to adopt the current draft 2003 Annual Report as a term report.

Commissioner McKay stated that he wanted to reiterate that members of the committees were not elected, that they were only advisory and only one voice from the community and that commissioners listen to all of the community when making their decisions. He further stated that the community does not even know who is on the committees and therefore the revised ANC Annual Report should focus on those who did the work. He stated that he had included all of the committee work but had reorganized it under the commissioner who served as the committee chair.

Nitza Segui stated that she did not think one canceled out the other and asked if there could be both. She stated that she agreed with both Commissioner McKay and Commissioner Bitondo because it is important for the community to know what each commissioner has done but it is also important to know about the work of the committees.

Commissioner Muller stated that he thought this was “talking semantics” and stated that he understood Commissioner McKay had put the committee reports under the commissioners who chair them and therefore all of the information was there and therefore the commission should just pick one.

Commissioner Bitondo stated that the commission could not vote to adopt the draft version because it was dated and added that the commission needed to invest money to add information. She stated further that it was a historical reference and a good source for the next commission as a place to begin but that she did not support adopting it as it was.

Commissioner Sale moved to follow the action proposed by Commissioner Bitondo.

Commissioner Sale stated that he supported the idea to have a term report based on the existing format with additions for the current year.

Commissioner Grant asked the other commissioners what dates they proposed to cut off work on the report and when the commission would vote to approve it. He suggested an August cut-off date with an October vote.

Commissioner Bitondo stated that the dates should be picked by working back from the election. She stated that it would need to be available at the October meeting for the November election.

Commissioner Grant stated that the current commission’s last meeting was in December.

Commissioner Bitondo suggested that the document include business through the end of November and be published in December.

Commissioner Grant suggested that a draft report be available at the October meeting covering activity through August of 2004 with the final report, including work through November, approved at the December meeting.

Commissioner Grant moved to turn the draft into a term document with a draft available with work through the end of August available at the October meeting and the final version, including work through October, voted on at the December meeting. The motion was seconded.

The motion passed unanimously by hand vote.

9pm final call for voting – anyone in line was permitted to vote before the polls closed.

Business District Committee

Committee Chair Sale had nothing to report

Children and Schools Committee

Committee Chair Muller had nothing to report

Housing Committee

Jenny Babcock stated that in the interest of continuing the work of the committee, she and the other committee volunteers recommended Elizabeth Elia as the chair of the committee.

Commissioner Grant stated that he would put off such a decision until the August meeting in order to wait for the election results.

Interjection: Gottlieb Simon declared voting closed at 9:05pm

Volunteers Wayne Gleason and Ted Loza were called on as independent vote counters to count the votes.

Latino Committee

Committee Chair Bitondo had nothing to report

Traffic and Parking Committee

Committee Chair McKay stated progress was being made on the streetlights and the widening of Mt. Pleasant Street. He stated that while this work was very controversial, they were working through it.

He stated that residents had been insistent that there be parking on both sides of the street and there is insufficient width for this. This meant that people have parked with wheels on the sidewalk and this has caused damage to the curb. He further stated that residents had asked for a better curb and a better sidewalk but if these requests were taken into consideration, there would not be enough width to park on both sides. It was then agreed that they would remove the empty tree box on the Bancroft side of the street and thus widen the street. Work was then to begin in 2002. Trees then appeared in the tree box without approval of the community or consideration of the upcoming work and so they were now working on how to handle the removal of the trees.

Commissioner Grant stated that he had seen the new lampposts going up on 17th Street and they looked good. He asked if this work was supposed to be completed next week and noted that the globes were still not up.

Commissioner McKay stated that this was simply a supply problem on new poles. He further stated that they had been trying to get past Bancroft while school was out, had done so, and were making good progress but were now being slowed down waiting for replacement poles.

Commissioner Sale stated that he would like to make a request to the Traffic and Parking Committee that had come up in his SMD and this was to address the intersection of Mt. Pleasant and Hobart streets where there are two, wide pedestrian crosswalks which take up potential parking spots. He asked if the committee could look into getting one of these crosswalks removed to create new parking spaces.

Commissioner McKay responded that the law specifies that where a sidewalk ends, a crosswalk begins.

Commissioner Sale asked if there was a way to investigate a variance.

Commissioner Grant stated that the ramp on the east side of Mt. Pleasant Street was well kept and not used. He stated that there were two curb-cut ramps for both of the crosswalks on the east side of Mt. Pleasant Street.

Commissioner McKay stated that these were all legally required.

Commissioner Sale stated that one could not park on the sidewalk or between the sidewalks and that it seemed like a waste of curb space.

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Commissioner McKay stated there were many parking regulations but that parking enforcement looked past some of them. He stated that it would be investigated but that he strongly doubted anything could be done.

Elinor Hart stated that Adams Morgan had faced similar parking problems but that adjustments had been made so that every available curb space could be made available for more parking.

Commissioner Muller stated that he was not opposed to looking into the matter but that he had noticed a lot of people crossing at the intersection especially turning from Mt. Pleasant Street to Hobart on weekends. He stated that the commissioners needed to consider the heavy foot traffic when looking into a variance.

Wayne Gleason asked if the commissioners had looked into reserving meter-less parking spaces for Zip Cars and Flex Cars. He stated that they had such parking spaces in Arlington and that he thought it was a good public policy statement to have meter-less parking available to promote these alternate forms of transportation.

Commissioner McKay stated that this issue was not in Mayor's Parking Task Force final report. He stated that everyone wants to encourage use of these alternatives and that it was looked at but did not make it into the final report. He further stated that all of the parking legislation would be open for review this fall and there would be opportunities for the commission to give input.

New business

Commissioner Grant announced that the election results were ready. He stated that there were 27 total votes cast, out of which six were for Matthew Silverman and 21 were for Gregg Edwards; Gregg Edwards was declared the winner.

Commissioner Grant read allowed the election resolution:

WHEREAS, the office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 1D04 was certified vacant, and the Board of Elections submitted a list of qualified candidates to Advisory

Neighborhood Commission 1D following the period for petition circulation and challenge pursuant to D.C. Code §1-309.06 (d); and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission gave public notice pursuant to D.C. Code §1-309.06 and held an open vote of the members of the affected single-member district on July 12, 2004 at La Casa Community Center, 3166 Mount Pleasant Street, NW; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Edwards was declared winner, following a count of votes by at least two impartial vote counters;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D, requests that the Board of Elections declare the vacancy filled by Gregg Edwards by publication in the District of Columbia Register.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, the Mayor, the Secretary of the Council of the District of Columbia, and Gregg Edwards.

We hereby certify this Resolution to be true and correct.

Commissioner Grant moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded.

The resolution was passed by a unanimous hand vote.

Commissioner Grant congratulated Gregg Edwards and stated that he regretted not having a council member present to swear him in. He advised Edwards to go to the Councilmember Jim Graham's office at his convenience to be sworn in officially as commissioner.

Gregg Edwards stated that he was impressed by the smart, organized and committed campaign that was run by Matt Silverman and stated that he made the race "something very special." He stated that he believed there needed to be more elections like this: contested, clean, and energetically pursued by people of goodwill, and he thought that if the community could continue recruiting people of the quality of Matt, it would be very favorable for the community. He thanked Matt for running such a great campaign.

Commissioner Grant announced that on August 4th petitions would become available for the November ANC1D election. He stated further that every seat would be up for election and encouraged anyone who was interested to get the petition early and start gathering the 25 signatures of registered voters from single member district in which they vote within the one month timeframe and to check their signatures to make sure all were valid.

Commissioner Grant gave the Board of Ethics and Elections address: 2nd Floor of 441 4th Street, NW by the Judiciary Square Metro Stop. He stated that the Washington Post and other media outlet would have instructions on how to run.

Gottlieb Simon reminded everyone that anyone who was interested in running could send an alternate in their place to get the petition as long as the alternate brought a signed letter of authorization from the potential candidate.

Commissioner Bitondo reminded everyone that if an interested person missed the petition submission deadline, they could conduct a write-in campaign, as three out of the six commissioners had done.

Commissioner Grant introduced Ambria Archibald as the new ANC1D staff person.

Commissioner Muller moved to approve \$838.65 in expenses to Gabriel Pacyniak for staff services and \$20.06 to Alicia Milla for translation services. The motion was seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously by a hand vote

Commissioner McKay stated that he would like to offer the commission's gratitude to Gottlieb Simon on behalf of the ANC1D for his help with the election.

Commissioner Sale seconded the gesture.

Commissioner Grant stated that since Arik Moore had not been able to make it to the meeting, his presentation of blueprints and the discussion around the proposed grocery racks in front of Bestway would be postponed until the August meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Grant adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.