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Minutes of the January 11, 2005 special meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

These minutes approved at the _____, 2006 meeting.

Call to order

Chair Jack McKay called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm, noting that the primary order of business for this meeting was the election of officers, required to take place in the month of January. All six ANC 1D Commissioners were present.

Election of officers

The duties of chairperson were transferred to Stormy for the election of chair. Jack and Gregg were nominated, and statements were given by the candidates and by supporters. The vote for chair was a tie, Jack, Wayne, and Rich voting for Jack, while Gregg, Stormy, and Mitchell voted for Gregg. Following the prescription of the by-laws, the candidates offered additional statements, and another roll-call vote was held, with outcome unchanged. Consequently Jack was declared chair for the first six months of 2006, at which time Gregg will become chair for the remainder of the year.

Stormy was nominated for vice-chair, and, in the absence of any other nominees, elected by acclamation.

Similarly, Wayne was elected secretary, and Rich was elected treasurer, by unanimous votes.

Public discussion

As is required by the DC Code, the meeting was opened to public discussion. Jack asked that discussion be limited to topics other than the Bestway public space permit application, because the previous meeting had included roughly 90 minutes of such discussion. No member of the public indicated any interest in speaking at this time.

Proceedings were interrupted at this time as the simultaneous interpretation equipment was set up. Marika Torok very generously offered to provide the interpreting.

New business: safe passage to Metro

Gregg introduced this resolution: "ANC 1D authorizes Commissioner Jack McKay to discuss our concerns about safe paths to the Metro Green Line stop in Columbia Heights.

Why: there is a meeting tonight, at ANC 1A, and a meeting of PSA 302 tomorrow night, and if we do not start now, another month might be lost.”

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

New business: Bestway

At this point the Commission agreed to hear Greg Powe, the architect for Bestway, describe changes to the proposal since the meeting a week earlier.

The Commission then opened the discussion to the public for 20 minutes.

Mitchell moved “that the Secretary call Denise Wiktor or Donna Hanousek tomorrow morning and find out exactly what date and time that we have to get this document to the Public Space Committee, so this way we can base our next moves on that date, the point being that if we have to work overtime to produce this document, which might require some of us to work beyond reasonable hours, if you will, then I’d be willing to do that because this is an important issue and I think we owe it to the public to produce a document that reflects all opinions, as best as possible, within the deadline.” Gregg proposed “that we get something in within the 30 days, and then continue our consultation for something afterwards that would not necessarily be given great weight”. Mitchell accepted this as a friendly amendment.

A very short period was allowed for public discussion. Sherrill Berger said that Main Street had had numerous discussions with Donna Hanousek, and had advised her that Main Street would meet and discuss the Bestway matter on the 17th, and that this date was not problematical for the Public Space Committee; further, that even if they had the information on the 24th, that was not a problem.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Gregg then moved that “if we must get it in before some date in the next few days that we ask the Chair to call an emergency meeting so that we can meet that date”. *Motion approved by acclamation.*

The commission thanked Marika Torok for her strenuous simultaneous interpreting work.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.