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## Minutes of the February 24, 2006 special meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

*These minutes approved at the March 7, 2006 meeting.*

### Call to order

Chair Jack McKay called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm, noting the presence of all six ANC 1D Commissioners, Gregg, Wayne, Stormy, Mitchell, Rich, and himself.

### FY06 ANC budget

After a few modifications, the budget for FY2006 presented by the Treasurer was accepted as a planning document for the year.

### Argyle public space permit

Wayne offered a resolution concerning the public space permit request by the Argyle management for a wheelchair ramp. After minor revisions, the resolution was as follows:

ANC1D advises the Public Space Office of the District Department of Transportation to approve permit request number 17339, for 3220 17th Street Northwest, and to issue said permit as quickly as possible.

Why: the Argyle Convenient Store has been closed, due to fire damage, for six months, and the people of Mount Pleasant want to see this store back in operation. The public space permit request supports an improvement to the store, providing wheelchair access into the shop. This will be a clear benefit not just to the store, but makes the store ADA-compliant for the residents of Mount Pleasant.

*Passed by unanimous vote.*

### Public discussion

The meeting was opened to public discussion. **Lucille Coutard** spoke concerning legislation concerning rent control by Councilmember Jim Graham. **Alfredo Casadez** spoke on the Bestway/Don Juan's back lot issue.

## **Projector and laptop purchase**

Gregg moved that “we authorized the purchase of these two pieces of equipment plus any other assorted cables and accessories that are needed”. The InFocus X2 projector, and the Toshiba Satellite L25-S121 laptop, were approved specifically by the Commission as the two pieces to be purchased. A spare lamp for the projector, and a carrying case, were added to the list of items to purchase.

*The Commission approved the purchase of the InFocus X2 by six to zero vote. The Commission also voted unanimously in favor of purchasing the Toshiba Satellite laptop.*

Rich left at this time.

## **Interpreting equipment case**

Wayne observed that the existing case would not be large enough to handle the equipment for the additional language channel. Gregg moved that we allocate up to \$500 for a larger case. *Motion passed by unanimous vote (five to zero).*

## **Funds for meeting interpreters**

Jack asked that we agree to authorize up to \$250 a month for the remainder of this calendar year to provide interpreters at our meetings. *Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Funds for light refreshments.**

Gregg requested that we approve up to \$80 a month for light refreshments at ANC meetings, including committee meetings. *Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Comprehensive plan**

Gregg offered this resolution:

ANC1D authorizes the \$2000 previously allocated for prepping for long range planning to be spent on professional advice towards formulating resolutions on zoning recommendations and the Comprehensive Plan. These funds can be obligated by any two of the members of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC), with advance notice to the other members of the committee of a meeting or the arguments. This resolution also requests expert help from the Office of Planning on issues that may arise in the LRPC.

Why: This is a clarification of the prior authorization of \$2000, which full amount requested came too late to hire summer interns.

*Passed by unanimous vote.*

## **Rent control reform**

Gregg introduced this resolution, after friendly amendment:

ANC1D resolves to advise the Mayor and the DC Council that proposals for rent control reform are critical to the economic and community development of Mount Pleasant, and that the costs of not enacting it now could be dire for many thousands of our residents.

Why: almost three-quarters of Mount Pleasant households are renters. Without rental stabilization, in the next few years we could very likely face massive demographic changes that would destroy the multi-ethnic character of our neighborhood. Without strong reform that protects the affordability of housing for the preponderance of our renter households,

most will soon be forced out. Most of these will likely be forced to move out of the city and far away from the networks of support they need to sustain their lives.

*Passed by four to one vote (Gregg, Stormy, Wayne, and Mitchell voting “yes”, Jack voting “no”).*

## **Adjournment**

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.