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Minutes of the November 14, 2006 regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

These minutes approved at the December 5, 2006 meeting.

Call to order

Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Present were five of the six ANC 1D Commissioners: Gregg Edwards, Mitchell Backfield, Stormy Scott, Rich Wysocki, and Jack McKay.

Public discussion

Numerous people in attendance spoke on the issue of bike lanes in Mount Pleasant, in a public discussion of over 40 minutes duration, closing at 7:58 pm. Commissioner Wayne Kahn arrived about ten minutes prior to the end of the public discussion.

Secretary's report

[8:00 pm] Jack noted that the draft minutes of the September and October meetings had been distributed to the commissioners, and asked if the commissioners had corrections to offer. No corrections were requested, so the two sets of minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report

[8:04 pm] Rich Wysocki distributed the third quarter financial report. There is a question about the District allotment deposited during the third quarter, because the check was later returned to us as rejected and unpaid, for reasons unknown. Rich will follow up on that. This question does not affect the quarterly report, because the return of the check occurred after the end of the third quarter. *The Treasurer's report was accepted by the commission.* The time was 8:11 pm.

Gregg reported on activities concerning the ANC Web site, and a backup site. Rich moved that "we allocate up to \$250 for ISP services and backup ISP services for fiscal year '07, the period from October 2006 through September 2007". *Approved by six to zero vote.* The time was 8:16 pm.

Jack requested an appropriation to cover the purchase of a four-channel mixer and three additional microphones. Gregg asked that microphone stands be added to the purchase. The request for funds was "not to exceed \$200". *Approved by six to zero vote.* The time was 8:20 pm.

Agenda prioritization

[8:23 pm] At 8:23 pm, Gregg initiated a discussion of the agenda items, and time allocations, for the evening.

Consent item: Commission telephone number

[8:29 pm] Jack moved the following: “ANC1D resolves that the listed phone number to contact the commission should be that of its current chair.” *Approved by six to zero vote.* The time was 8:29 pm.

Priority item: traffic calming on Park Road

[8:37 pm] Jack moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC 1D advises the District Department of Transportation to follow the procedures of the Transportation Audit Guidelines in the determination of a traffic calming method for the 2000 block of Park Road Northwest.

Rationale: The affirmed policy of this ANC is “to follow the DDOT Traffic Calming Policies and Guidelines in implementing traffic calming measures in Mount Pleasant, with necessary deviations in cases of emergency”, as stated in a resolution passed on July 22, 2005. These policies, now renamed “Transportation Audit Guidelines”, provide for full public involvement, traffic engineering guidance, and ANC concurrence in these decisions.

The present traffic speed problems on the 2000 block of Park Road are nothing new, but have prevailed for many years. While traffic calming is certainly desirable in that location, there have been no recent changes that make this situation an “emergency”, warranting a bypassing of the formal procedures for the determination of traffic calming methods.

Resolution failed, two votes “yes” (Jack and Mitchell), four votes “no” (Rich, Stormy, Wayne, Gregg).

[8:57 pm] The chair announced that his watch time was 8:51 pm.

Priority item: public meeting with CM Graham on transportation

[8:58 pm] Rich read the following resolution:

ANC1D resolves to request CM Graham cosponsor with ANC1D a public consultation on traffic in mid December, perhaps December 13, 14 or 15.

Why: The opening of the Columbia Heights metro stop, the huge new developments in Columbia Heights, the expansion of U Street, all promise to radically change traffic conditions in Mt Pleasant. The District Department of Transportation (dDot) is considering the trial implementation of new parking regulations and new parking meter technology. dDot has adopted a Master Plan for bike lanes that could either benefit or disrupt current patterns or plans. Various committees of ANC1D have discussed alternative transportation plans to deal with these and other changes. Few residents know much about these ideas, and fewer still know much about the ideas and reactions of other residents.

Passed by five to one vote (Mitchell voting “no”).

[9:20 pm] The chair announced that the clock time was 9:20 pm.

Priority item: facilitation services

[9:21 pm] Rich introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, ANC1D appropriates up to \$5000 for facilitation services in support of the Mount Pleasant Traffic Summit to be held in December 2006

Why: Councilmember Jim Graham and the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) are providing ANC1D with the opportunity to host a public discussion forum around the issues of traffic and parking in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood – at Traffic Summit. This will be a highly visible event and is a tremendous opportunity for the residents of Mount Pleasant to voice issues and concerns with the growing traffic and parking problems in the neighborhood. It is critical that ANC 1D organize and execute the Traffic Summit with a high degree of professionalism and objectivity. To meet this end, it is recommended that ANC 1D solicit the services of a professional meeting facilitator for the Traffic Summit with duties to include: meeting material preparation, meeting facilitation, and preparation of meeting minutes and outcomes. ANC 1D shall appropriate up to \$5000 to acquire these professional meeting facilitation services. Commissioners Edwards and Wysocki are assigned the responsibility of identifying and recommending to ANC 1D the facilitator to be contracted.

Resolution passed by four to two vote (Rich, Stormy, Wayne, and Gregg voting “yes”, Jack and Mitchell voting “no”).

[9:36 pm] The chair announced that the clock time was 9:36 pm.

Unfinished business: postal service

[9:38 pm] Wayne moved that the postal service resolution be tabled until the next meeting. *Approved by unanimous vote.*

Unfinished business: Exploration of alley & courtyard-oriented development

[9:38 pm] Gregg moved that the continuing elements of this resolution be tabled until the next meeting. *Approved by unanimous vote.*

The chair announced that the time was 9:40 pm. The commission then took up the question of which matters to deal with in the remaining time of the meeting.

New business: ANC annual report

[9:46 pm] Gregg moved that “ANC1D resolves that it will compose an Annual Report for submission to the Mayor and DC Council by Jan 1, 2007.” *Motion failed on a tie vote (Mitchell, Stormy, and Gregg voting “yes”, Jack, Rich, and Wayne voting “no”).*

Adjournment

[10:00 pm] By general consent, the meeting was adjourned.