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Minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

These minutes accepted at the February 5, 2008 meeting.

Call to order

[7:05 pm] Chair “Stormy” Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present were five of the six seated ANC1D commissioners, Stormy, Gregg Edwards, Dave Bosserman, Jack McKay, and Oliver Tunda, constituting a quorum.

Public discussion

[7:06 pm] The meeting was opened to public discussion. Claudia Schlosberg spoke.

Poster contractor

[7:10 pm] Jack moved the following: that payments of up to \$50 per meeting to Tony Grillo be authorized for the putting up of the required posters. This is an update of the resolution of November 20, 2007, with “Tony Grillo” replacing “Dan George”. *Motion approved, 5 to 0.*

Permeable pavement and pavers

[7:12 pm] Gregg moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the District Department of Transportation to use permeable pavement in all newly rebuilt sidewalks in Mount Pleasant. Specifically, ANC1D advises DDOT to use permeable pavers in the reconstruction of the sidewalks of the 1600 block of Park Road, a project already in the planning stage.

Rationale: Permeable pavement reduces the flow of rainwater into the sewer system, reduces polluting overflows from the combined sewer overflow system, and enhances ground water supplies to urban trees.

Resolution passed, 6 to 0 (Jane Zara arrived at 7:17 pm, during this discussion).

Sidewalk width

[7:24 pm] Gregg introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the District Department of Transportation to increase the width of narrow sidewalks, wherever feasible, to ADA compliance.

Resolution passed, 6 to 0.

Minutes of previous meeting

[7:26 pm] No corrections being offered by any commissioners, the minutes of the January 8 meeting were declared accepted.

Treasurer's report

[7:26 pm] Jane provided a brief report. Jack noted that two quarterly allotments were missing, and had perhaps been permanently forfeited, due to the failure of the previous treasurer to file timely quarterly reports. The next quarterly report from ANC1D is due in February.

Election of chairperson

[7:31 pm] Jack moved the following: "that ANC1D repeat the election of chairperson for calendar year 2008, voiding the election of January 8. The January 8 election was deficient because one of the two candidates, "Stormy" Scott, was absent. Not only did this put her at a disadvantage for the election, but it prevented her from participating in the tie-breaking procedure specified by our by-laws, which call for "a round of statements" from the tied candidates before a second vote. The process was unfair, and was further deficient in having only five of the six seated commissioners present."

Motion passed, 4 to 2 (Jack, Gregg, Oliver, Stormy voting "yes", Jane and Dave, "no").

[7:38 pm] Gregg nominated Stormy Scott to be chairperson. There were no other nominations. *Commissioner Scott elected chairperson by 6 to 0 vote.*

Election of vice-chairperson

[7:40 pm] Oliver Tunda, elected vice-chair at the January 4 meeting, at this time resigned from that position, observing that he would prefer to know more about this ANC before undertaking that position. Jack moved for an election of vice chair, and Stormy, as chair, asked for nominations. Jack nominated Gregg Edwards. Dave was nominated, but declined the nomination. Jane nominated Oliver, who also declined. Jane nominated herself for vice chair.

Gregg, Oliver, and Stormy voted for Gregg for vice chair; Dave, Jane, and Jack voted for Jane, thus producing a tie vote.

In accordance with the by-laws, a second vote was taken after a round of statements by the nominees. *Gregg Edwards elected vice chair, with four votes (Gregg, Oliver, Stormy, and Jack), to two for Jane (Dave and Jane).*

Voluntary agreements to be made public

[7:51 pm] Jane moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D calls on all Mount Pleasant groups with so-called "voluntary agreements", in place or proposed, to make the contents of those agreements public by publication on the sponsoring group's Web site, the ANC1D Web site, and the Mount Pleasant Forum, within 30 days of the agreement having been presented to the licensee for signature.

Rationale: All Mount Pleasant residents are affected by these agreements, which become law in the neighborhood, enforced by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). Some of these agreements limit or prohibit music and entertainment offerings, or hours of operation, or dancing. The residents of Mount Pleasant ought to have an opportunity to review and comment on the provisions of these agreements, preferably before they are imposed on Mount Pleasant restaurants and taverns.

Resolution passed, 6 to 0.

Historic Preservation permit for 1714 Irving Street

[7:58 pm] Dave moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve permit application HPA #08-120, for a front basement entrance at 1714 Irving Street NW.

Rationale: Since the buildings are set up on a plateau, some 10 steps above and well back from the sidewalk, the new stairs to the basement that go under the existing front porch not be visible from the sidewalk. The new opening under the porch will not be incompatible with the row-house architecture of the area, and minimal front-yard plantings would entirely screen the front.

In addition, many other houses on this block already have similar steps giving access to basement apartments from the front, basement apartments being a matter of right in R-4 zoning, and quite common in Mount Pleasant. These new steps, and the open area under the front porch, are compatible and harmonious with Mount Pleasant's typical row-house architecture.

Resolution passed, 6 to 0.

Historic Preservation permit for 1709 Irving Street

[8:04 pm] Dave moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve permit application HPA #08-121, for a front basement entrance at 1709 Irving Street NW.

Rationale: Since the buildings are set up on a plateau, some 10 steps above and well back from the sidewalk, the new stairs to the basement that go under the existing front porch not be visible from the sidewalk. The new opening under the porch will not be incompatible with the row-house architecture of the area, and minimal front-yard plantings would entirely screen the front.

In addition, many other houses on this block already have similar steps giving access to basement apartments from the front, basement apartments being a matter of right in R-4 zoning, and quite common in Mount Pleasant. These new steps, and the open area under the front porch, are compatible and harmonious with Mount Pleasant's typical row-house architecture.

Resolution passed, 6 to 0.

Terminate old voluntary agreements

[8:05 pm] Gregg moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to permit termination of all voluntary agreements entered into by Mount Pleasant restaurants prior to 2007, upon

request of the alcoholic-beverage establishment. The existing agreement should then be replaced by one better reflecting current conditions in Mount Pleasant.

Rationale: Conditions have changed substantially in Mount Pleasant in the past decade, as property values have tripled, rents have increased in a similar proportion, and countless rental apartments have been converted into expensive condominiums. Renters have been displaced by property owners, and many low-income residents have been replaced by residents of moderate or substantial incomes. The homeless population of the area has reportedly decreased by four-fifths, as services for the homeless have moved across 16th Street into Columbia Heights. The alcohol abuse problems once commonplace in Mount Pleasant have decreased sharply, as evidenced by the 50% drop in disorderly-conduct calls for service between 2000 and 2004.

Given these significant changes in the area, and the clear desire of many youthful residents of Mount Pleasant for nighttime entertainment within the neighborhood, the very restrictive provisions of the current voluntary agreements, most enacted in 2000 or before, are no longer appropriate, necessary, or desirable.

Resolution passed, 5 to 0 (Jane abstaining).

ANC1D voluntary/cooperative agreements

[8:22 pm] Gregg moved the following resolution:

Resolved that the policy of this ANC shall be to offer restaurant owners their choice of the two ANC voluntary (cooperative) agreements, namely version "A", modeled on the Hear Mount Pleasant form, and version "B", the plain-English form; and furthermore, that a restaurant owner may switch from one to the other, should they so desire.

Rationale: this ANC is on record in support of truly voluntary agreements, according to the resolution passed on January 8, 2008. Permitting a free choice between the two voluntary-agreement models is in keeping with that philosophy.

Resolution failed, 3 to 3 vote (commissioners not identified on audio recording).

Adjournment

[8:26 pm] The commission agreed to adjourn the meeting.