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## Lamont Park permit process

Resolved, ANC 1d advises DPR to suspend the ANC component from the permit approval process for Lamont Park for a period of at least 6 months to open up the park to individuals and groups to use the park on a first come first serve basis by applying directly and dealing with DPR throughout the entire process. The Commission will reassess the situation after the 6 month period.

Why?

It would facilitate and improve diverse cultural expression in our community. The current process has been a source of discord and has been subjected to subjective interpretations, misinterpretations and politicization as in the case of the Farmers Market. We need to make a conscious attempt to change the current process. Furthermore the ANC should not play the role of policing, enforcing or intervening in park events except in cases where the events disturbs the peace and order of the neighborhood. The ANC should not be a wedge to cultural and artistic expression. The current guidelines that DPR uses for usage of public parks by individuals and groups is quite effective and Lamont park should not be exempted from the permit process as other public parks in the city.

*Passed by 4 to 1 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on May 26, 2015, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Hoey, Rivas, Agbro, Griffiths. Voting "no": Commissioner McKay. A quorum for this commission is three; five commissioners were present.*