

“Open Agenda” Notes for the November 14, 2017 meeting of ANC1D

Agenda approval

Public discussion

“Each Commission shall set aside a portion of each public meeting *to hear the views of residents* within the Commission area and other affected persons on problems or issues of concern within the Commission area and on proposed District government actions that affect the Commission area.”

Committee reports:

Transportation (Jon)

Public Space (Stuart)

Housing (Paul)

Secretary’s report

Minutes of the October 24 meeting (draft sent out October 25).

Treasurer’s report

Consent items: Checks to James True, \$75, postering for the November meeting; HearSay Interpreting, \$100, interpreting at the November meeting; Julio Lopez, \$30, for assistance at the November meeting.

Unfinished business

New business

1. Opposing a zoning variance for 1844 Monroe Street NW (BZA Case 19614)

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the BZA to reject the application for a variance at 1844 Monroe Street NW.

Why: The proposed construction is of a three-story row house immediately adjacent to 1850 Monroe Street. This will result in a 35-foot-tall wall facing the existing residence. The 1850 residence has a modest side yard, but this tall structure will still be an overbearing, oppressive wall, turning this side yard into a dark, narrow canyon.

Zoning permits the three-story row house, so that must be tolerated by the neighboring residents. But the five-foot side yard required by the Zoning Administrator for this house provides some moderation of the oppressiveness of this tall wall. Eliminating it, as this application for a

variance requests, will enhance the looming of this wall over the neighboring side yard and house.

ANCID believes that granting the request would cause substantial detriment to the public good, by degrading the environment of the adjacent home, and would be inconsistent with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations, which call for side yards at the end of a row of row houses..