

Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

Resolution Calling for the Support of Planning Activities for Revitalizing the Mount Pleasant Street Commercial Streetscape

Introduced April 25, 2023

Whereas: Mount Pleasant Street NW is the main commercial and cultural corridor of the Mount Pleasant neighborhood and the center for most community activities;

Whereas: ANC 1D has consistently called on the DC Office of Planning (OP) and the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) to renew their efforts to implement the Mount Pleasant Street Commercial Revitalization Strategy, approved by the DC City Council on December 7, 2010;

Whereas: ANC 1D agrees with the Partnership Committee of the Mount Pleasant Village that the pandemic and other circumstances have coalesced to make the current moment a perfect opportunity to re-imagine the Mount Pleasant corridor, with a goal to encouraging private investment, protecting legacy small businesses, maintaining a family-centric residential character, encouraging all-day pedestrian use while calming vehicular traffic, facilitating public transit, and achieving other 21st century urban environmental objectives;

Whereas: Mayor Bowser's proposed FY24 budget sets aside \$750,000 to support the Streatery Pilot Program^[1];

Whereas: The Streatery Program has been a lifeline during the pandemic for businesses on the Mount Pleasant Street corridor, though always envisioned as a temporary measure.

Therefore, be it resolved that: ANC 1D calls on Mayor Bowser, the D.C. Council, and the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development (DMPED) to commit a portion of the funds from the FY24 budget for planning activities to examine how to facilitate real outdoor dining spaces while working to improve the current structures erected during the pandemic. The goal is to support a transition from the current temporary structures toward more permanent hardscape that is safe, accessible, and welcoming.

Be it further resolved that: That the Commission designates Commissioner Omar Parbhoo, ANC 1D05, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

Be it further resolved that: That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

Be it further resolved that: Consistent with DC Code, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

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Certification:

At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on April 25, 2023 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 5 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 5 yea's, 0 no's, and 0 abstentions to adopt the above resolution.

^[1] FY24 Proposed Budget https://cfo.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ocfo/publication/attachments/ka_ddot_chapter_2024m1.pdf