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## Minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

*These minutes accepted at the October 23, 2018 meeting.*

### Meeting call to order

[7:06 pm] At 7:06 pm, Chair Stewart called the meeting to order. Present were all five Commissioners, constituting a quorum. Julio Gonzalez provided simultaneous Spanish interpretation.

### Agenda agreement

[7:07 pm] The commission agreed on the agenda for the evening.

### Department of General Services

[7:11 pm] Jeff Fusick, project manager for the Bancroft reconstruction project spoke, concerning the final steps to the completion of this project.

### DDOT – Park Road project

[7:17 pm] Emily Dalphy, DDOT engineer for the Park Road project, described the current proposed work.

### Public discussion

[7:35 pm] The meeting continued with the mandatory Public Discussion period.

### Chair's report

[7:45 pm] Jon spoke briefly.

### Vice chair's report

[7:45 pm] Yasmin spoke about problems on and near to Mount Pleasant Street.

### Committee reports

[7:47 pm] Brief committee reports were provided.

## Secretary's report

[7:48 pm] No corrections were noted for the draft minutes of the July meeting, which were declared accepted.

## Treasurer's report

[7:49 pm] Treasurer Stuart Karaffa reported on routine expenditures, including a \$144 reimbursement to Jack for the ANC1D website hosting. Stuart offered an ANC budget for FY2019:

| Purchase Type     | Disbursement | Receipt    | Quantity   | Total             |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Postering         | \$(75.00)    |            | 11         | \$(825.00)        |
| Interpreting      | \$(100.00)   |            | 11         | \$(1,100.00)      |
| Meeting support   | \$(30.00)    |            | 11         | \$(330.00)        |
| Website           | \$(144.00)   |            | 1          | \$(144.00)        |
| Business cards    | \$(50.00)    |            | 4          | \$(200.00)        |
| Training          | \$-          |            | 0          | \$-               |
| Bank fees         | \$-          |            | 0          | \$-               |
| Printing/copying  | \$-          |            | 0          | \$-               |
| Mailbox rental    | \$(492.00)   |            | 1          | \$(492.00)        |
| ANC security fund | \$(25.00)    |            | 1          | \$(25.00)         |
| Petty cash        | \$(50.00)    |            | 1          | \$(50.00)         |
| Allotment         |              | \$2,947.65 | 4          | \$11,790.60       |
|                   |              |            | <b>NET</b> | <b>\$8,624.60</b> |

*Budget approved, 5 to 0 vote.*

## Sidewalk cafe public space permit

[7:56 pm] Jon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises DDOT that it favors the issuance of a public space permit for a sidewalk cafe at 3220 17th Street NW.

Why: The proposed cafe will not obstruct pedestrian traffic. ANC1D supports sidewalk cafes in general, as they enhance the safe and friendly atmosphere of the Mount Pleasant commercial district.

*Passed, 5 to 0 vote.*

## Historic Preservation permit for 3143 19th Street NW

[7:57 pm] Jack introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises HPRB approval of the application for 3143 19th Street NW, HPA 18-605.

Why: The applicants are agreeable to the conditions specified in the HPO staff report. Almost all of the proposed alteration will be behind the building, concealed from 19th Street by the row.

*Passed, 5 to 0.*

## Park Road improvements

[7:59 pm] Jack introduced a resolution concerning the proposed work on the 2000 block of Park Road, and the adjacent block of Pierce Mill Road. Jon moved that the portion of the resolution calling for a wide space

adjacent to the parked cars, instead of a wide central median, be deleted. *Motion to amend approved, 4 to 1 vote (Jack voting "no").*

The amended resolution is as follows:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises DDOT to proceed forthwith with the plans for the 2000 block of Park Road, as shown in the concept dated September 13, with the following change: Delete the Stop sign and other changes for Pierce Mill Road.

The Commission wants to see the current proposal implemented promptly, then to be followed by plans for more substantial implementation, in concrete.

Why: The Pierce Mill Road work is not warranted by any significant safety concerns, because this is a short dead-end street, serving more as a driveway than as a roadway. Residents do not need a Stop sign to know to stop at the end of their "driveway", before merging onto Park Road. The proposed changes would cost residents several much-needed parking spaces, for no discernible safety benefit.

*Passed, 5 to 0 vote.*

## **Historic Preservation permit for 3150 17th St NW**

[8:25 pm] Jon moved that the ANC request a one-month postponement of the HPRB hearing concerning 3150 17th Street NW, "for further study". *Passed, 5 to 0 vote.*

## **Funding of tree purchases for the Piney Branch area**

[8:27 pm] Jon moved that the ANC approve "up to \$5000 towards purchasing trees for the Piney Branch area, in order to reimburse the Rock Creek Conservancy for the first planting and to buy subsequent trees directly for the second planting". *Passed, 5 to 0.*

## **Cease application of penthouse regulations to rooftop decks**

[8:30 pm] Jack introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) is advised to cease applying penthouse regulations to roof decks.

Why: Never before have roof decks been considered subject to penthouse regulations. It's clear that a roof deck, with a surrounding safety fence, does not meet the dictionary definition of "penthouse". Prior to the recent revision of the zoning code, no one considered a roof deck to be a "penthouse". If such decks were intended to be subject to penthouse regulations, then they would have been listed as a "roof structure" subject to said regulation. Plainly no such regulation was defined by the zoning regulations prior to the 2016 revision, and the incorporation of roof structures under the current definition of "penthouse", citing paragraph 411 of the 1958 regulations, does not suggest that roof decks should now be regulated as penthouses.

The current effort by the DCRA to apply penthouse regulations to rooftop decks may be a literal reading of the new definition of "penthouse", but this is contrary to past practice, is not explicitly called for in the revised regulations, and would render virtually every rooftop deck in the District of Columbia non-compliant with the zoning regulations. ANC1D asserts that the application of penthouse regulations to rooftop decks was not intended by the zoning regulation revision, and serves no useful purpose, while severely limiting the ability of residents to have such rooftop decks.

*Passed, 5 to 0.*

## Concerning Vision Zero

[8:33 pm] Jon offered this resolution:

Resolved: The Council of the District of Columbia should take DC's Vision Zero initiative seriously, and ensure relevant District agencies have the resources they require, and that they make meaningful progress on this extremely important initiative. Additionally, the Council should take all reasonable measures to solve the systemic traffic congestion and traffic enforcement problems that plague the District, which is part and parcel of Vision Zero.

Why: Mount Pleasant is one of the District's most walkable neighborhoods, and has the highest percentage of bicycle commuting of any neighborhood in the District. However, our neighborhood is beset by commuter through traffic and unsafe drivers. We have had pedestrians and bicyclists hit by drivers in our neighborhood, and have been lucky that none of these incidents have resulted in loss of life. The Council wields the power of the purse and the power of oversight, and we look to it to use those powers accordingly.

*Passed, 5 to 0.*

## Adjournment

[8:35 pm] The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.