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Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

These minutes accepted at the December 15, 2015 meeting.

Call to order

[7:05 pm] Chair Agbro called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present were all five commissioners: Adam Hoey, Frank Agbro, Rosa Rivas, Arturo Griffiths, and Jack McKay, constituting a quorum. Julian Gonzalez provided Spanish-language interpretation.

Public Discussion

[7:07 pm] After review of the agenda, the meeting was opened to public discussion.

Permit review of any plans for the 1900 Lamont park

[7:50 pm] Jack introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Department of Parks and Recreation that any plans for changes to or development of the park at 1900 Lamont NW be offered to the public, and to this ANC, for a full review, prior to any decisions or commitments. The residents of the 1900 Lamont apartment house warrant special attention, due to their proximity to this park.

Why: This park has been the subject of substantial public controversy, as some proposals for its development and use directly conflict with other popular notions. No significant changes should be made without a full public review resulting in general approval.

The history of this area is that substantial changes were proposed in 1999, with inadequate public notice and review, resulting in a bitter neighborhood conflict. This Commission wishes to prevent any repetition of that incident.

Adam Hoey moved that this resolution be tabled until the next meeting. *Motion to table passed, 4 to 1 vote (Jack voting "no").*

Secretary's report

[8:08 pm] Jack asked if there were any corrections for the September meeting minutes. None were stated, so the minutes were deemed accepted.

Treasurer's report

[8:09 pm] Jack summarized the Q4FY2015 quarterly report, and asked that it be approved for submission to the DC Auditor. *Report approved, 5 to 0.*

Jack presented a budget for FY2016:

FY2016:	each	number	basis	year total	
postering	\$50.00	11	11 mtgs	\$550.00	
interpreting	\$200.00	11	11 mtgs	\$2,200.00	
mtg support	\$30.00	11	11 mtgs	\$330.00	
web site	\$500.00	1	fees pd 2014	\$500.00	
business cards	\$50.00	4	Jan 2015 mtg	\$200.00	
electronics				\$0.00	
Training				\$0.00	
bank fees				\$0.00	
Printing/copying				\$0.00	
mailbox rental	\$456.00	1		\$456.00	
books				\$0.00	
ANC Security Fund	\$25.00	1		\$25.00	
petty cash	\$80.00		2014 expenditures	\$80.00	
public purpose expenditures	\$7,000.00		2013 authorization	\$2,000.00	Total:
administrative assistant	\$400.00	12	cap in resolution	\$4,800.00	\$11,141.00
allotments expected:	\$2,947.65	4		\$11,790.60	\$11,790.60
			Net surplus		\$649.60

Budget approved, 5 to 0.

The draft contract for a Communications Associate was reviewed, including the following paragraphs:

“1. Term. ANC1D hereby retains Contractor and Contractor hereby agrees to perform certain services, as set forth in Paragraph 2 (“Scope of Services”). This Agreement, which is effective upon the date of its execution hereof, shall continue in full force and effect until ___mo/day/yr_____, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions herein.

“2. Scope of Services.

“ a. The Communications Associate is a part-time role responsible for assisting ANC1D with administration and communications including: meeting and event coordination, stakeholder communications, project and committee tracking and publishing content and announcements to various communication channels such as ANC1D’s website, listservs and social networks.

b.

c.

d.

e. Contractor’s provision of these services shall be subject to the review and approval by the ANC1D Chairperson.”

This text approved by the commission, 4 to 0 vote, with one abstention (Adam).

The commission then considered this motion: “ANC1D agrees to contract with Ms. Lily Najera for administrative support services, for the period Oct 20 2015 to April 20 2016, at a rate of \$20 per hour. The

services required are detailed in the administrative support contract.”

Motion approved, 4 to 0 vote, with one abstention (Adam).

Stipulated license for Marleny's Restaurant

[8:21 pm] Rosa introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D has no objection to a stipulated license for Marleny's Restaurant, including an entertainment endorsement, and authorizes the Secretary to provide a letter to the ABC Board to that effect.

Passed, 5 to 0.

Treat homicide surge as public health crisis

[8:23 pm] Jack introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the District Council Committee on the Judiciary to act promptly and favorably on Bill B21-0360, the “Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Act of 2015”, implementing measures that treat the current spike in homicides as a public health crisis.

Why: The recent homicide in Mount Pleasant illustrates the nature of the current surge in homicides: two young men involved in some personal dispute, of no significance until one pulls out a gun and makes the petty dispute a homicide. Neither man was, to our knowledge, a known criminal, nor were they engaged in criminal activity. Conventional approaches to crime reduction will fail to address this syndrome of ordinary, non-criminal individuals bringing guns to personal disputes.

The statistics of robberies and homicides show that the current large increase in homicides is not correlated with any increase in other violent crimes. In the District, year to date, homicides have increased by 45% over last year, whereas robberies have increased only 3%. In the 7th Police District, the area most afflicted by homicides, homicides are up by 91%, while robberies have in fact decreased by 8%. It's a mistake to suggest that the increase in homicides is due to an increase in crime in general. On the contrary, the homicide count has increased drastically with no increase in robberies, or even despite a decrease in robberies. The increase is solely in homicides, and those homicides are frequently the result of ordinary personal disputes, not associated with any criminal activity.

Such homicides can be addressed by the measures proposed in this bill, specifically an Office of Neighborhood Engagement and Safety, tasked to engage individuals determined to be at high risk of engaging in violence, and to steer them away from that violence – especially gun violence.

Clearly we cannot prevent people from obtaining guns. We must identify individuals who might be inclined to use guns in their personal disputes and persuade them, before that use, that such an act will only bring them far greater trouble.

Passed, 5 to 0.

Implement a speed camera for the 2000 block of Park Road NW

[8:30 pm] Jack introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Metropolitan Police Department to implement a speed camera for the 2000 block of Park Road NW.

Why: In May, 2009, this Commission, by unanimous vote, advised the MPD to implement speed cameras for the 1800 and 2000 blocks of Park Road. Six and a half years on, there is no indication of any effort by the MPD to bring about either camera. This is despite an explicit promise by the MPD in February, 2014, to me and to the Ward One Councilmember, that there would be a speed camera specifically for the 2000 block.

Lately the failure to provide the speed camera has been based on the fact that the 2013 DDOT speed camera "safety nexus" study did not include the 2000 block. But that study did evaluate the 1800 and 1900 blocks, and concluded that "the specific site characteristics, the proximity of schools to the site, and other pedestrian generators" did provide the necessary "nexus between traffic safety and the speed camera" on those blocks. Much of the analysis of the 1800-1900 blocks is equally applicable to the 2000 block; of the five characteristics listed in the "Field Assessment", four are as valid for the 2000 block as for the 1800-1900 blocks.

Furthermore, traffic speeds are higher in the 2000 block than in the 1800-1900 blocks. Park Road is wider in the 2000 block than in the 1800 and 1900 blocks, and drivers tend to speed up if only because there is open road ahead, beyond the residences. Measurements yield a mean speed of 33 mph on this block; compare the DDOT mean speeds of 21 mph eastbound, 29 mph westbound on the 1800-1900 blocks. Clearly the speeding problem is much more severe on the 2000 block than on the 1800-1900 blocks.

Furthermore, the absence of sidewalks for much of the 2000 block of Park Road causes residents to walk in the street far more than is necessary in the 1800 and 1900 blocks. There is simply no doubt that the DDOT "safety nexus" study would, upon an evaluation of the 2000 block of Park Road, determine that a speed camera is appropriate for this location.

DDOT has done what it could to provide "calming" of traffic, but there are few allowable means, because this road is designated a "minor arterial", and measures such as speed humps are not permitted. DDOT has proposed a road-narrowing concept, but that would significantly compromise the safety of persons accessing or exiting their parked cars, and would yield only a small reduction in speed, perhaps 2 mph. Only the speed camera has the potential of reducing traffic speeds adequately, without compromising the safety of residents on foot at their parked cars.

A location has already been designated where a speed camera could be positioned for a clear view of traffic on the 2000 block of Park Road, in both directions, with no trees or structures obscuring the view. ANC1D asks the MPD to proceed with a speed camera at this location forthwith.

Passed, 5 to 0.

Support Homeward DC Program

[8:35 pm] Adam and Franko together introduced this resolution:

Resolved: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D, affirming in its oath of office to work in the best interest of the District of Columbia as a whole, supports the District of Columbia Interagency Council's (ICH) Homeward DC program to end homelessness and support our homeless population.

Why: Homelessness in Mt. Pleasant and city-wide is a very visible situation that many residents are concerned about but all too often do not know how to deal with because there are many facets and perspectives to this complicated social problem. In passing a resolution in support of this initiative, it is our intention to make sure that the stated goal of Homeward DC is not a means of just getting the homeless out of our sight (out of sight out of mind) The District of Columbia Government needs to confront the varied causes of homelessness and find innovative solutions to dealing with this social epidemic which knows no gender, culture or race.

Passed, 5 to 0.

Convert a Klinge Road lane for exclusive use by bicyclists and pedestrians

[8:39 pm] Jack introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the District Department of Transportation to convert the right lane of westbound Klinge Road, from the Adams Mill Road intersection to the Beach Drive turnoff, to bicyclist and

pedestrian use.

Why: Currently two lanes of westbound Klinge Road are closed, being used for work associated with the Pepco mineral oil spill. This confirms that there is no need for this portion of Klinge Road to be a four-lane highway; one lane in each direction is sufficient to handle the automobile traffic. The conversion of one lane of this road to pedestrian and bicyclist use will provide a safe route into Rock Creek Park, including the Rock Creek Park bike path. It is possible to use the sidewalk on the south side of the road for access, but that sidewalk is too narrow for safe use by a mix of pedestrians and bicyclists. Furthermore, the access from the south-side sidewalk to the Rock Creek Park bike path, as well as the Klinge Road recreational trail to come, requires bicycling, or walking, down a one-way ramp against oncoming automobile traffic.

Jack moved that the resolution be tabled until next month. *Motion to table approved, 5 to 0.*

Adjournment

[8:42 pm] Chairperson Agbro declared the meeting concluded.