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Minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

These minutes accepted at the April 16, 2013 meeting.

Call to order

[7:08 pm] Chair Terrell called the March 19 meeting of ANC1D to order at 7:08 pm. All five commissioners were present: Adam Hoey, Phil Greiner, Jack McKay, China Terrell, and Yasmin Romero-Latin, constituting a quorum. Julian Gonzalez of HearSay Interpreting provided simultaneous English-to-Spanish interpretation.

Public discussion (1)

[7:13 pm] The audience being large, Chair Terrell asked that a first round be limited to introductions, and comments not pertaining to the Adams Mill Road issue.

Public discussion (2)

[7:21 pm] A large number of residents spoke concerning the Adams Mill Road issue. Jarrett Ferrier showed some of his work concerning the artistic decoration of concrete walls.

Declaration of quorum

[8:43 pm] China declared a quorum, all five commissioners being present, and the commission proceeded with the business of the evening.

Secretary's report

[8:43 pm] Jack asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the February 19 2013 meeting. *No corrections were offered, and the minutes were declared accepted.*

Treasurer's report

[8:43 pm] Phil noted routine expenses for which checks had been prepared: Tony Grillo, \$50, postering for this meeting; HearSay Interpreting, \$100, interpreting for this meeting. *No concerns were expressed by the commissioners.*

Contract with eGovernment Solutions for website maintenance

[8:44 pm] Jack introduced this resolution:

ANC1D agrees to a contract with eGovernment Solutions, Inc., to provide Drupal support for the anc1d.org website. The contract will include the following services, for a total cost of \$1000 for the quarterly updates, plus up to \$675 for special inquiries:

Updates (Security, Stability & Performance)

Drupal and most of the modules are free, however updates and releases are available pretty often. The issue is that some modules should be updated, while others should not. It's a rather long process of going back and forth, and reading release notes as well as feedback to determine this. Please do not attempt these on your own, you can easily cripple a website.

Errors & Bugs

The system logs activity and errors. This should be analyzed often to determine what pages are missing that guests attempt to access, or to determine if there are any hack-attempts / Denial of Service attempts.

Analytics (Usage Reports)

Google analytics is setup so that you can take a look at who is visiting the site, where they are going, and how to change the site to drive the viewer where you want them to go. This looks to be non-functional right now, but might still be gathering data: This should be fixed to help your dept with marketing. The report displaying module should be added to allow you not to have to login to a second system to see current reporting

Backups

Backups for your site are run every day on a schedule. Although this is very important, a backup is worthless if it has errors or if the backups consume all the free space. This should be checked monthly to ensure they are done off peak hours, and have good integrity.

Special inquiries

Upon request, at a rate of \$125/hour, for up to 5 hours per year.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote.

Stop work on the Adams Mill Road project

[8:46 pm] Yasmin offered this resolution:

ANC1D advises DDOT to stop work, and not to destroy anything else permanent including the trees and bullnose in the Adams Mill Road project (Harvard Triangle Intersection Improvements Project) while alternatives to the present design are evaluated, except for any matters affecting public safety.

Why: Community reaction to the current design, in particular the barrier, the street lights, and the loss of trees, has been strongly negative. The residents of Mount Pleasant feel that they have not been given accurate and complete information about the proposed design.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote.

Repairs to Lamont Park

[9:16 pm] China offered this resolution:

RESOLVED: ANC 1D advises the General Services Administration, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the District Department of Transportation to make certain repairs to Lamont Park,

including:

1. One of the fenced-in brick tree rings is missing a tree, and the fencing there is missing its latch.
2. Another tree space along Mt Pleasant Street is without a tree.
3. The brickwork around another tree ring has been destroyed.
4. The brick edging along the stage front is separating and there is a growing gap between the bricks and the concrete stage.
5. One section of the iron stage railing has fallen out. This could be considered a safety hazard for small children. (The broken section is now in the MtP Community Office.)
6. The southern most Washington Standard lamp along the Mount Pleasant Street side is not working and the other two don't turn off in daylight.
7. The quad electrical outlet on the rear wall of the stage is wired wrong: one pair is not wired through the proper circuit breaker and its weatherproof cover is broken.
8. Some areas need signs reminding residents not to litter or to pick up after their dogs.

ANC 1D advises that the work be completed in a manner so as not to disrupt the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market, which takes place every Saturday from 7 am to 1 pm, including set up and break down, starting April 6, 2013.

WHY: Lamont Park is a gathering place for the Mount Pleasant community – for the Farmers' Market, for movies in the park, for bike clinics, and other community events. The residents desire to keep the space safe for use and in good repair. The above concerns if not addressed, could lead to significant deterioration and more expensive repair.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote.

Mount Pleasant walk-throughs

[9:19 pm] China offered this resolution:

RESOLVED: To initiate implementation of the Mount Pleasant Street Commercial Revitalization Strategy (R-18-1167 Council approved December 10, 2010), ANC 1D advises the Directors of the following agencies to visit Mount Pleasant for one or more walkthroughs, meeting with various Commissioners and community leaders on dates to be determined by ANC 1D working with the staff of the respective agencies:

Deputy Mayor for Economic Development
Office of Planning
Office of Latino Affairs

District Department of the Environment
District Department of Transportation
Department of Public Works

Department of Parks and Recreation
General Services Administration

Deputy Mayor for Public Safety
Metropolitan Police Department

The walkthroughs would reintroduce government leaders to the opportunities in Mount Pleasant for increased partnership, focusing on the guiding principles of revitalization:

1. The need for existing small business assistance and development;

2. The need for new economic development opportunities to strengthen the retail base; and
3. The need for physical improvements to the streetscape and to business storefronts, which are critical to appealing to the customer base.

WHY: More than two years ago, the Council of the District of Columbia approved the Mount Pleasant Street Commercial Revitalization Strategy (“Revitalization Strategy”) to ensure critical assistance to “one of the most diverse and unique corridors in the District.”[1] That assistance was deemed critical because small and local businesses have struggled, and continue to struggle, to compete with new retail developments that encircle it, including Adams Morgan and Columbia Heights.

For example, although we gained a new restaurant this month in Beau Thai, in January, we lost Nana, a vintage clothing boutique that had been in the neighborhood for less than 2 years.

With a newly constituted ANC and the recent influx of a fresh customer base for Beau Thai, ANC 1D believes that circumstances have given way to a propitious window of opportunity to realize the goals of the District’s Revitalization Strategy for Mount Pleasant. ANC 1D and its community and business leaders stand ready to partner.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote.

ANC1D website modification

[9:20 pm] Adam introduced a resolution concerning the anc1d.org website. Upon Jack’s suggestion, Adam agreed to divide the resolution in two parts. The first part:

Resolved: ANC 1D will remove the ANC1D Google Group Feed from the ANC 1D website (www.anc1d.org/) immediately.

Passed by 3 to 2 vote: Adam, Phil, and China “yes”, Yasmin and Jack, “no”.

ANC1D website policy review

[9:40 pm] The second portion of Adam’s resolution was as follows:

ANC1D will conduct an internal review and create an updated strategy in 2013 on how to best communicate with each other and the public on administrative business as well as how best to garner feedback from the community taking advantage of a wide range of legacy, digital and social networking tools.

Why: The communication strategy for ANC1D should be reviewed and updated annually to take advantage of changing technology, trends and tools while also satisfying and balancing goals for transparency, diverse representation, productivity and privacy. Some commissioners have expressed concern over how our communication channels are utilized, communication gaps, if our tools and best practices can be improved and modernized and lastly privacy issues.

To create a strategy, a high-level study should include a review of tools which are currently used in Mount Pleasant, ANC 1D and other neighborhoods and ANCs across DC. It should consider the popularity and availability of tools and how effective they are for soliciting and disseminating public opinion among our diverse community. It should also take into consideration the type of content published and how it is managed. The study may explore how local governments, community organizations and policy groups are utilizing digital and social networking.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote.

ANC Monthly Public Meetings to be held at the Mount Pleasant Library

[9:41 pm] Adam moved the following resolution:

Resolved, ANC 1D will move its monthly public business meetings to the Mount Pleasant Library and its new renovated large meeting space starting on Monday, April 15th, 2013 from 7:00-9:00pm. Going forward, meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month to align with the library's evening schedule. This time has been reserved by DCPL for the ANC for the remainder of 2013. This 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16. Meeting equipment belonging to ANC 1D will be kept in secure storage located in the library large meeting room with keys supplied to all active ANC commissioners and the library director. The ANC will continue to pay La Casa for the ability to schedule ad hoc meetings as needed. This will provide more flexibility and accommodate the possibility of a meeting moved due to a holiday, special event or a commissioner schedule conflict such as expressed by Commissioner Romero-Latin from 1D01 who could be called in to work on a Monday to sub or for special circumstances.

Why: The Mount Pleasant Library (MPL) renovations were completed in September 2012. The renovation includes a new meeting space which comfortably holds 100 people, has new full audio-visual support, private key locked storage, convenient access for senior citizens and the disabled and is free to the ANC. All commissioners were invited to inspect the meeting room in 2013. The facility and its equipment including items belonging to ANC1D such as audio mixer, mics and projector have been tested and confirmed functional by multiple ANC1D commissioners. While the Tuesday meeting would have to be moved to Monday, there are no remaining holiday conflicts for the duration of 2013. Commissioner's evening schedules have also been taken into consideration. DCPL will allow ANC1D to extend the closing time by 1 hour if required. The library is conveniently located 1 block from the center of Mount Pleasant St. on Lamont St. La Casa has been a satisfactory meeting place over the years and its owners generous to the neighborhood. The ANC's April meeting on Tuesday the 16th will have to be moved due to the DC Emancipation Day Holiday. The meeting room in the library is already reserved for Monday, April 15th.

The new MPL site is more modern and provides a number of significant advantages:

1. Updated facility, furniture and equipment which improves overall usability, comfort and communication
2. The large meeting room holds 100 people so during busy meetings, guests no longer have to stand without chairs or in the lobby
3. Central storage of ANC equipment improves flexibility of use, care and reduces the fatigue of transport
4. Mount Pleasant takes full advantage of this new resource and the tax dollars spent in Mount Pleasant
5. Holding ANC meetings at the library helps promote DCPL services and Internet resources to our community. It provides a staffed location to distribute ANC information to those with limited access to the Internet.

China moved that the resolution be tabled until the April 15 meeting. Motion to table passed 5 to 0.

Adjournment

[9:59 pm] The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.