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Minutes of the November 15/28, 2016 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

These minutes accepted at the December 13, 2016 meeting.

Meeting call to order

[7:04 pm] At 7:04 pm, Chairperson Rivas called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Adam Hoey, Frank Agbro, Rosa Rivas, Arturo Griffiths, and Jack McKay, constituting a quorum.

Agenda

[7:05 pm] Jack displayed the proposed agenda for the evening. The commission agreed to the proposed agenda.

Public discussion

[7:06 pm] The meeting proceeded with Public Discussion. This included a statement by 4D Commander Wilfredo Manlapaz.

Mayor Bowser

[7:20 pm] At 7:20 pm, Mayor Bowser arrived, and the meeting was turned over to her as a Mount Pleasant community meeting. At about 7:40 pm, a group of demonstrators in the corridor outside the meeting room disrupted the meeting, and the Mayor left to speak with them. The Mayor's discussion continued, with representatives of various District agencies. At about 8:00 pm, the Mayor returned, and her dialog with the community resumed. At 8:35 pm, the Mayor departed, about half an hour later than had been planned. Noisy confusion due to the crowds associated with the Mayor's visit continued until 8:44 pm.

Chair's report

[8:44 pm] Rosa provided a brief report.

Community Clean-up Committee Report

[8:48 pm] Adam mentioned expenditures for graffiti removal, and for the maintenance of the festival lights across Mount Pleasant Street. Adam requested a budget allocation of \$710 for the purchase and installation of replacement bulbs. *Passed, 5 to 0.*

The Commission Secretary at this time objected to the meeting proceeding, because he could not participate,

being engaged in the disassembly of the meeting electronics and its preparation for storage. The chairperson did not respond to the Secretary's protests, and continued the meeting.

Universal Paid Leave Act of 2016

[8:52 pm] Franko introduced the following resolution:

Whereas many families in our community experience unexpected, and/or critical family situations to care for a family member. These are real life situations that can place a heavy emotional and financial burden on a family, not to mention navigating the medical system to receive appropriate care in the case of a health issue. The Universal Paid Leave Act would do just that by alleviating some of this burden at a time our city is experiencing a period of prosperity.

Whereas, ANC 1D strongly supports our local business community and believes that a paid leave program must not create an undue burden on District businesses, especially small businesses;

Resolved. ANC1D supports the goal of paid leave for District workers and urges the Council of the District of Columbia to establish a universal paid leave program that honors the following principles:

- *Provides for a generous period of paid leave.
- *Ensures that our lowest income earners are able to utilize the program.
- *Avoids placing undue economic or administrative burdens on small businesses.
- *Defines "family" broadly to include, at minimum, close blood relatives, domestic partners, and spouses.
- *Covers conditions and situations sufficiently broadly to include mental health, end of life care, outpatient care, family care, and gender-neutral parental leave.
- *Has procedures in place to limit the possibility of abuse of the program.

Resolution passed, 4 to 1 vote (Jack voting "no").

Continuation meeting – November 28, 2016

The November ANC meeting was resumed at 7:10 pm on November 28, in the Children's Room of the Library, due to damage to the door of the library meeting room. Commissioners Agbro, Hoey, McKay, and Rivas being present, the chairperson declared a quorum.

Public Discussion

[7:11 pm] The meeting began with a public discussion period.

Secretary's report

[7:22 pm] Jack asked if there were corrections to be made to the minutes of the October meeting. No corrections were noted, so the minutes were deemed accepted.

Treasurer's report

[7:22 pm] Jack noted the following routine expenditures: Checks to HearSay Interpreting, \$100, and Jazmin Rumbaut, \$100, interpreting at the November meeting; check to Julio Lopez Rivas, \$30, assistance at the November meeting; James True, \$75, postering for the November meeting.

Additional routine expenditures, for the November 28 meeting: Checks to HearSay Interpreting, \$100, and Jazmin Rumbaut, \$100, interpreting at the November 28 meeting; James True, \$75, postering for the November 28 meeting.

Jack requested approval of an agreement to pay James True \$75 for putting up the posters for each of our

monthly meetings. *Approved, 4 to 0.*

Jack requested approval of the following reimbursements to commissioners for ANC purchases:

Poster paper and 9-volt batteries, \$46.47 (Jack).

Graffiti remover, \$31.62 (Adam)

Replacement festival light bulbs, \$55.25 (Adam)

Each reimbursement approved, 4 to 0 vote.

Community clean-up committee report

[7:32 pm] Adam reiterated the request for funds to pay a contractor about \$700 to install the replacement light bulbs, approved at the November 15 meeting. *Approval confirmed, no objections.*

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[7:35 pm] Franko read into the record this resolution, to be a modification of the resolution approved at the November 15 meeting:

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*Has procedures in place to limit the possibility of abuse of the program.

* Does not place an excessive financial burden on District taxpayers.

Resolution approved, 4 to 0 vote.

Sense of the Council Regarding Federal Immigration Raids Resolution of 2016

[7:52 pm] Jack introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D strongly supports the "Sense of the Council Regarding Federal Immigration Raids Resolution of 2016", and advises its unanimous passage by the District Council.

Why: Immigration raids are extremely intimidating and frightening not just to undocumented immigrants, but to all immigrants, any immigrant fearing that there might be some mistake made, or that his own papers might be somehow inadequate, or that friends and even family members might be caught up in the net and threatened with deportation, or forcibly deported. Such raids are also extremely disruptive to employers, who

may be discouraged from hiring any immigrants, fearing that such workers could bring about raids.

Mount Pleasant is a neighborhood of immigrants, one-third of the population being foreign-born, and one-quarter being of Hispanic origin. This neighborhood is proud of being a welcoming home for immigrants, many of whom have fled personal danger and repression in Central American and African countries. The native-born residents of Mount Pleasant stand in full solidarity with their immigrant neighbors in opposing any Federal Government actions that threaten and frighten our immigrant neighbors, including immigration raids on local employers.

With an incoming President openly hostile to immigrants, it is especially important at this time for the District Government to oppose any Federal actions that threaten the safety and security of our immigrant neighbors, beginning with this District resolution opposing immigration raids. Mount Pleasant, and the District of Columbia, should remain a safe and secure haven for immigrants from anywhere in the world.

Resolution approved, 4 to 0 vote.

Endorsing DC as a “Sanctuary City”

[8:01 pm] Jack introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D endorses Mayor Bowser's statement of November 14, 2016, confirming that the District of Columbia will continue to be a "sanctuary city":

“The values, laws, and policies of Washington, DC did not change on Election Day. We celebrate our diversity and respect all DC residents no matter their immigration status. We are a sanctuary city because we know that our neighborhoods are safer and stronger when no one is afraid to call on our government for help, and when our police can focus on protecting and serving.”

Why: One-third of Mount Pleasant residents are foreign-born, and some are no doubt worried that the results of the November 8 election will be a threat to their safety and security here. ANC1D appreciates the Mayor's assurance that the District will continue to be a sanctuary city for immigrant residents.

Resolution approved, 4 to 0 vote.

Adjournment

[8:02 pm] The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.