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Minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

These minutes accepted at the July 25, 2017 meeting.

Meeting call to order

[7:04 pm] At 7:04 pm, Vice Chairperson Jon Stewart called the meeting to order. Present were four Commissioners, Jon Stewart, Jack McKay, Paul Karrer, and Stuart Karaffa, constituting a quorum. Hearsay Interpreting provided simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

Agenda agreement

[7:05 pm] The commission agreed on the agenda for the evening.

Public discussion

[7:06 pm] The meeting continued with the mandatory Public Discussion period, limited to topics other than the Comprehensive Plan, postponing that until the taking up of the Comprehensive Plan resolution. Amanda Bonam spoke for Councilmember Nadeau. Sayra Molina, the new representative from the Mayor's Office, also addressed the meeting.

Committee reports

[7:10 pm] Brief reports were provided for the Transportation, Public Space, and Housing committees.

Secretary's report

[7:13 pm] No corrections were noted for the draft minutes of the May 23 meeting, which were declared accepted.

Treasurer's report

[7:13 pm] Treasurer Stuart Karaffa reported. The usual consent items were approved. Jack noted that the Q3FY2017 allotment had been received, in full, indicating no missing documentation or disallowed expenditures in the Q1FY2017 quarterly report.

Vice Chairperson's report

[7:14 pm] Jon reported on the 16th Street bus meeting, and on Bancroft renovation.

Unfinished business: District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan

[7:23 pm] Stuart requested that his Comprehensive Plan resolution, offered and seconded at the February meeting, be withdrawn. There being no objection, the resolution was declared withdrawn.

New Business: District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan

[7:24 pm] Stuart introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC 1D advises the District of Columbia Office of Planning to consider the D.C. Housing and Development Priorities Statement, attached to this resolution, when reviewing amendments submitted for the District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan.

The D.C. Housing and Development Priorities Statement addresses the following objectives:

1. Meet the housing demand.
2. Equitably distribute housing.
3. Best utilize areas near transit.
4. Include families.
5. Prioritize affordable housing as a community benefit.
6. Preserve existing affordable housing
7. Protect tenants
8. Support neighborhood commercial corridors
9. Clarify zoning authority
10. Improve data collection and transparency.

Regarding Priority 4, “Include families,” we advise the District of Columbia Office of Planning to prioritize the preservation of “family-sized” units (that is, those with three or more bedrooms) throughout our neighborhood, including our rowhouse blocks. The conversion of rowhouse flats to apartment houses of three or more units should not be encouraged.

Regarding the area of application of the other priorities in the boundaries of ANC 1D, we advise the District of Columbia Office of Planning to maintain the same area of focus as in the current version of the Comprehensive Plan. That is, the area along Mount Pleasant Street and in the area between Mount Pleasant Street and 16th Street (The Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, §2015.8).

Regarding Priority 7, “Protect Tenants”, ANC 1D further advises the District of Columbia Office of Planning to ensure that the tenant rights of immigrant resident populations—regardless of immigration status—are protected to the same degree as any other resident population.

Regarding Priority 9, “Clarify zoning authority”, ANC 1D further advises the District of Columbia Office of Planning to take the following, additional guidance into consideration:

- i. Maintain existing community-based processes (such as the Planned Unit Development and Historical Preservation Review Board processes, among others) for reviewing new development and construction, so that residents continue to have a voice in the future of their neighborhood.
- ii. Ensure that policies in the Comprehensive Plan remain consistent so that the Office of Zoning, and the Zoning Commission can be similarly consistent in their decision making (particularly in the cases of Planned Unit Developments).
- iii. Set clear boundaries on the level of flexibility that the Comprehensive Plan grants to the Office of Zoning and the Zoning Commission so that the Zoning Commission cannot dramatically overstep the zoning code,

the Comprehensive Plan, or the minimum criteria for Planned Unit Developments.

Why: Mount Pleasant already includes a significant mix of the above-mentioned priorities. Therefore, the purpose of this resolution is to ensure that, through amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, Mount Pleasant can continue to grow based on the principles embodied in the priorities. Chief among these principles is inclusivity for all residents, so that Mount Pleasant remains an accepting, diverse, and vibrant neighborhood.

Of particular concern are the acute problems related to preserving Mount Pleasant's existing affordable housing stock. The bulk of the neighborhood is a Historic Preservation District, a designation that makes building a significant amount of new housing unlikely. Thus, our community should take steps to preserve family-sized units, which current zoning does not address and the continued loss of which may make it difficult for our community to maintain our local elementary school and our inclusivity.

The meeting was opened to public discussion at this point.

Resolution passed, 4 to 0 vote.

Columbia Heights Day participation

[8:40 pm] Stuart introduced this resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D approves the reimbursement of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC) 1A in the amount of \$33.00 and ANC 1B in the amount of \$133.00 for sponsoring an ANC booth at the Columbia Heights Day community festival.

Why: The 1A and 1B ANCs paid for sponsorship of an ANC booth at the annual Columbia Heights Day festival. Commissioners Stewart and Karrer staffed the booth for a period of time. The purpose of the booth was to help ANC commissioners connect with community residents at the Columbia Heights Day festival.

Passed, 4 to 0 vote.

Adjourn

[8:43 pm] The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.