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Minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

These minutes accepted at the December 19, 2017 meeting.

Meeting call to order

[7:12 pm] At 7:12 pm, Vice Chair Jon Stewart called the meeting to order. Present were three Commissioners, Jon, Paul Karrer, and Jack McKay, constituting a quorum. Hearsay Interpreting was available to provide simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

Agenda agreement

[7:12 pm] The commission agreed on the agenda for the evening.

Public discussion

[7:14 pm] The meeting continued with the mandatory Public Discussion period.

Committee reports

[7:22 pm] There were no committee reports.

Secretary's report

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

Treasurer's report

[7:23 pm] Treasurer Stuart Karaffa was absent. Jack summarized the routine checks for the evening.

Opposing a zoning variance for 1844 Monroe Street NW (BZA Case 19614)

[7:24 pm] Jack offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the BZA to deny the application for a variance at 1844 Monroe Street NW.

Why: The proposed construction is of a three-story row house immediately adjacent to 1850 Monroe Street. This will result in a 35-foot-tall wall facing the existing residence. The 1850 residence has a modest side yard, but this tall structure will still be an overbearing, oppressive wall, turning this side yard into a dark, narrow canyon.

Zoning permits the three-story row house, so that must be tolerated by the neighboring residents. But the five-foot side yard required by the Zoning Administrator for this house provides some moderation of the oppressiveness of this tall wall. Eliminating it, as this application for a variance requests, will enhance the looming of this wall over the neighboring side yard and house.

ANC1D believes that granting the request would cause substantial detriment to the public good, by degrading the environment of the adjacent home, and, significantly, would be inconsistent with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations, which call for side yards at the end of a row of row houses.

Passed, 3 to 0 vote.

Adjourn

[8:11 pm] The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.