

## **“Open Agenda” Notes for the January 23, 2018 meeting of ANC1D**

### **Agenda approval**

#### **Election of ANC1D officers for 2018**

“Nominations for an office will proceed in the following order: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer.”

#### **Calendar of monthly meetings**

“To the extent possible, each Commission shall, at its first meeting of the calendar year, adopt a schedule of regular Commission meetings for the remainder of the calendar year.”

Tuesdays preceding fourth Thursdays (to match HPRB schedule): January 23, February 20, March 20, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, September 25, October 23, \*November 13, \*December 18 (asterisks indicating deviations to avoid conflicts with holidays)

#### **ANC Security Fund**

Resolved that this Commission approves the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25 fee for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The Chairperson and Secretary are authorized to execute the agreement.

#### **Standing committees**

Standing committees shall be established by the Commission at its first regular meeting

#### **Comments from the Office of the Attorney General – John Green**

#### **Public discussion**

“Each Commission shall set aside a portion of each public meeting *to hear the views of residents* within the Commission area and other affected persons on problems or issues of concern within the Commission area and on proposed District government actions that affect the Commission area.”

#### **Committee reports:**

**Transportation (Jon)**

**Public Space (Stuart)**

**Housing (Paul)**

#### **Secretary's report**

Minutes of the December 19 meeting (draft sent out December 20).

Report on replacement projector and display computer

Request authorization to spend up to \$500 for a new projector (the current projector cost \$800, 12 years ago)

## **Treasurer's report**

Consent items: Checks to James True, \$75, postering for the January meeting; HearSay Interpreting, \$100, interpreting at the January meeting; Julio Lopez, \$30, for assistance at the January meeting.

Approve Q1FY2018 quarterly report.

## ***Unfinished business***

### ***New business***

#### **Support for Piney Branch Erosion Control Efforts (Jon)**

Resolved, that ANC 1D advises the District Department of Energy & Environment to support resident-led efforts to prevent erosion along the Piney Branch trail area of Rock Creek Park adjacent to Park Road NW, Ingleside Terrace NW, and Bancroft Elementary School, and explicitly grants permission to residents to cite this resolution of support.

Why: This area of Rock Creek Park has suffered from severe erosion, as evidenced by several trees which have fallen lately. Mount Pleasant residents have admirably organized to educate neighbors and DC government officials about the problem, as well as to clean out invasive species and pursue erosion control efforts themselves. The return of Bancroft Elementary School in the fall of 2018 offers an educational opportunity for our next generation to learn and practice sustainability in the backyard of their school. Their joint proposal will benefit not only Mount Pleasant and Rock Creek Park, but also the District of Columbia, the Chesapeake Bay, the United States of America, and the planet.

**Presentation: Piney Branch Restoration Project – Steve Chaplain and Devon Bartlett**

#### **Oppose termination of Temporary Protected Status (Jack)**

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Mayor, and the Council of the District, to do what they can to support an extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for residents of the District under that program.

Why: Mount Pleasant is home to a large number of Central American immigrants, especially from El Salvador, as our neighborhood has long been an attractive community for such immigrants, offering a comfortable, Spanish-speaking community, and a welcoming English-speaking host community. As of the 2010 census, twenty-five percent of the population of this ANC area was classified "Hispanic".

Central American immigrants have greatly transformed Mount Pleasant, revitalizing the Mount Pleasant Street commercial district with Latino markets, shops, and restaurants. Mount Pleasant has become a model to the world of immigrants, and the native-born, living and working together in harmony. Our neighborhood elementary school has become bilingual, not only helping Spanish-speaking children learn English, but teaching children from English-speaking families to read and

speaking Spanish. Families all over the District try to get their children into Bancroft Elementary, so that they can acquire fluency in both languages.

We have no data on how many of these residents are here under TPS, but surely that number is substantial. The anticipated termination of TPS would be devastating to the Mount Pleasant community, not just the Latino immigrant community, but the entire community, including the native-born. While we recognize that little can be done at the District Government level about the proposed termination of TPS, we ask that the District Government speak up, advising the Federal Government that the termination of TPS would be harmful to all the people of Mount Pleasant, immigrant and native-born.