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## Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

*These minutes accepted at the February 20, 2018 meeting.*

### Meeting call to order

[7:01 pm] At 7:01 pm, Chair Romero-Latin called the meeting to order. Present were all five Commissioners, constituting a quorum. Hearsay Interpreting was available to provide simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

### Agenda agreement

[7:03 pm] The commission agreed on the agenda for the evening.

### Election of ANC1D officers for 2018

[7:04 pm] The following commissioners were chosen as officers for 2018, all by unanimous consent:

Jon Stewart, chairperson  
 Yasmin Romero-Latin, vice chairperson  
 Jack McKay, secretary  
 Stuart Karaffa, treasurer

### Calendar of monthly meetings

[7:10 pm] Meeting dates selected to match the HPRB meeting schedule: January 23, February 20, March 20, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, September 25, October 23, \*November 13, \*December 18 (the asterisks indicate deviations to avoid conflicts with holidays).

*Approved, 5 to 0*

### ANC Security Fund

[7:14 pm] 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.

*Approved, 5 to 0*

## **Standing committees**

[7:15 pm] Jack moved that we continue the standing committees established last year: transportation, housing, public space. *Approved, 5 to 0.*

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

[7:18 pm] Mr. Green spoke, mainly on the topic of “wage theft”.

## **Comments about the DC College Savings Plan – David Rydzeski**

[7:26 pm] Mr. Rydzeski addressed the audience on the topic of the District's 529 College Savings Plan.

## **Comments from representatives of Councilmember Nadeau and Mayor Bowser**

[7:31 pm] John Hillegass, representing Councilmember Nadeau, and Sayra Molina, representing Mayor Bowser, spoke.

## **Candidate for District Council**

[7:41 pm] Lori Parker, candidate for District Council Ward One, spoke.

## **Public discussion**

[7:43 pm] The meeting continued with the mandatory Public Discussion period.

## **Committee reports**

[7:45 pm] Jon, Stuart, and Paul reported on the status of their committees.

## **Secretary’s report**

[7:50 pm] No corrections were noted for the draft minutes of the December meeting, which were declared accepted.

Jack moved that the Commission authorize him to spend up to \$500 for the purchase of a new ANC1D projector, as the existing projector is not compatible with the new laptop computer. *Approved, 5 to 0 vote.*

## **Business Cards**

[7:56 pm] Yasmin brought up the matter of the commission purchasing business cards for commissioners. Jack agreed to determine the status of commission policy on that matter.

## **Treasurer’s report**

[7:57] Treasurer Stuart Karaffa reviewed the current, routine expenditures. Stuart also went over the Q1FY2018 report to the Auditor. Jack moved that this report be approved; *approved, 5 to 0 vote.*

## **Support for Piney Branch Erosion Control Efforts**

[8:00 pm] Jack read the following resolution into the record, as Jon's motion:

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.

*Resolution passed, 5 to 0 vote.*

## **Oppose termination of Temporary Protected Status**

[8:09 pm] Jack offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANCID 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 speak 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.

*Resolution passed, 5 to 0 vote.*

## **Adjournment**

[8:13 pm] The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.