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**SPECIAL GUEST - 6:30-7:00 PM**

- To be confirmed

**OFFICIAL SESSION – 7:00PM**

*\*CALL OFFICIAL MEETING TO ORDER*

**Roll Call**

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	COMMISSIONER	PRESENT
Handerhan		Trindade Deramo	
Holihan		Fields	
Sycamore		Harris	
Lakatos		Jones	
Kensek			

**Approval of Agenda**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- October 28 2023 special meeting draft minutes
- November Draft Meeting Minutes
- 2 Comment time for Commissioners and Community Members

**REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**Financial Reports**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Crime report (see attached document, another is forthcoming)
- Homicide/Violent assault convictions in the Third District
- Upcoming community events for PSCE
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12 via Zoom (Registration via ANC1B.org)

**ZONING, PRESERVATION, & DEVELOPMENT**

- No action items reported.
- If interested in joining the ZPD committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Tucker Jones at [1B09@anc.dc.gov](mailto:1B09@anc.dc.gov).
- **Next meeting:** Monday, December 18 (to be confirmed) at 6pm via Zoom – register on ANC1B.org

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Main Streets – Clean Streets (Lower GA Ave, Shaw, 14th Street, and U Street)
- Update and Next Steps on 1617 U Street redevelopment:
  - *Zoning Hearing*: On November 20, the Zoning Commission hearing issued a continuance due to a deficiency in the hearing notice (it did not include information on party status). The Commission postponed the hearing to January 8th, with the 18th as an overflow day if needed. The Commission also advised those who applied for party status already to try to join together as opposed to having so many separate parties.
  - *Community engagement*: The ED Committee used our October and November meetings to host community discussions on the 1617 U Street redevelopment (one hybrid and one virtual only).
  - *OP changes to plan*: In part based on community feedback, The Office of Planning (OP) has proposed two site-specific changes within the broader MU-10 proposal: 40-foot setbacks on North Side of the site and 12-foot setback on the East side of the site.
  - *Draft resolution*: Based on community feedback, the ED Committee drafted a resolution requesting that DMPED discuss and integrate the community’s input into the pending Request for Proposals as it relates to existing public service agencies, public facing uses, and setbacks / community fit.
  - *ANC 1B & OP/DMPED info sharing and myth busting*: ANC 1B to work on truths vs. myths document and send a survey to neighbors, both electronically and via hard copy.
- **Action Item**: Resolution re: community input into the pending Request for Proposals for 1617 U Street: The Economic Development Committee voted unanimously to send a resolution requesting that DMPED discuss and integrate the community’s input into the pending Request for Proposals for 1617 U Street
  - **Motion: Recommend the full ANC 1B support the Economic Development Committee resolution requesting that DMPED discuss and integrate the community’s input into the pending Request for Proposals at 1617 U Street (4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining).**
- Next Meeting: Thursday, **January 18 at 6:30pm** (Third Thursday of the Month). There is no meeting in December.

## TRANSPORTATION

- Resolution Supporting the Georgia Avenue Bus Priority Project
  - Transportation Committee Chair Cmsr. Lakatos Recommendation: Recommends full ANC support of the resolution.
- Resolution Supporting B25-0040 - Vehicular Noise Reduction Act of 2023
  - Transportation Committee Chair Cmsr. Lakatos Recommendation: Recommends full ANC support of the resolution.
- If you are interested in joining the Transportation Committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Santiago Lakatos at [1B04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:1B04@anc.dc.gov).
- Next meeting: Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm (Registration via ANC1B.org)

## ALCOHOL BEVERAGE REGULATION

- Poppinmess Champagne & Desert Bar | 1301 U St N.W. (1B08 - Harris) | Manufacturer Class C | ABRA-126663
  - New License
  - Has support of Commissioner Jones
  - Hours of operation:
    - Sun thru Sat 9am – 9pm
  - Endorsements: Entertainment, Live Music, Dancing, and Cover Charge for indoor space. Carry-out and Delivery. Summer Garden.
  - Total Occupancy Load is 54: 48 for indoor space, 6 for Summer Garden.

- Hours of Operation:
  - Inside: Sun – Thur: 10am – 2am, Friday and Sat: 10am – 3am
  - Summer Garden: Sun – Thur: 10am – 12am, Friday and Sat: 10am – 1am
- Hours of Live Entertainment for Inside Only: Sun – Thur: 6pm – 1am, Fri and Sat: 6pm – 2:30am
- Hours of Alcoholic Beverage Carry-out and Delivery: Sun – Sat: 10am – 1am
- No action taken because of lack of quorum
  
- 1922 Lounge | 1922 9<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. (1B01- Holihan) | Class C Tavern | ABRA-126827
  - New License
  - Hours of sales:
    - Sunday thru Thur 11am – 2am, Sat & Sun: 11am – 3am
  - Endorsement: live entertainment
  - Hours of live entertainment: Sun thru Thur: 6pm – 12am, Friday & Sat: 6pm – 2:30am
  - Frank Chauvin made a motion to protest on the order of peace, order, quiet, litter, noise provisions, real property values, residential parking, traffic safety, overconcentration, and adverse impacts due to proximity to residential zone.
  - Motion passes 4-0
  
- **Next meeting:** via Zoom (Registration via ANC1B.org)

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- Draft letter to Councilmembers Bonds and R. White regarding amending the laws governing the conduct of ANC special elections

**EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Honorable Councilmember, Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1- Niccole Rivero, Chief of Staff
- Office of the Mayor — Jerrod Allen
- Commissioner announcements
- Community announcements

**NEW BUSINESS**

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MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 28, 2023, COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

**OFFICIAL SESSION – 10:54 AM**

*\*CHAIR HARRIS CALLED FOR OFFICIAL MEETING TO ORDER*

**Roll Call**

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	COMMISSIONER	PRESENT
Handerhan	Present	Kensek	Present
Holihan	Not present	Fields	Not present
Sycamore	Present	Harris	Present
Lakatos	Present	Jones	Present

Chair Harris explains that the purpose of this special meeting is to hold a special election for Single Member District 1B06. She demonstrates that the ballot box is empty prior to the start of voting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moves that ANC 1B open polls for special election for Single Member District 1B06 starting at 11am and closing at 3pm, in-person at 1325 W St NW. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

Voting took place.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kensek moves that ANC 1B close polls for special election for Single Member District 1B06 at 3pm. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

Voting closed at 3pm.

The votes were counted by staff from the Office of ANCs. Members of ANC 1B witnessed the count.

The count concluded. Miguel Trindade Deramo received 52 votes, Gabriella Savelli received 2 votes, and Kyle Schnoebelen received 7 votes. Mr. Trindade Deramo was declared the winner.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moves that ANC 1B acknowledge Mr. Trindade Deramo’s victory in the special election for Single Member District 1B06 and approve a resolution acknowledging him as the Commissioner-elect for that seat. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

All items on the meeting agenda were concluded and the meeting was adjourned by consent at 3:15pm.

**MEETING MINUTES FROM November 2, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING**

**SPECIAL GUEST - 6:30-7:00 PM**

- Councilmember Brienne Nadeau – sworn in newly elected Commissioner, Miguel Trinidad Deramo (1B06), and provided updates, as well as answered Commissioner and community questions.

**OFFICIAL SESSION – 7:02PM**

*\*CHAIR HARRIS CALLED FOR OFFICIAL MEETING TO ORDER*

***Roll Call***

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	COMMISSIONER	PRESENT
Handerhan	Present	Deramo	Present
Holihan	Present	Fields	Present
Sycamore	Not Present at start	Harris	Present
Lakatos	Present	Jones	Present
Kensek	Present		

***Approval of Agenda***

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (7 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstention).

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Draft Meeting Minutes
- 2-minute comment time for Commissioners and Community Members

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved to approve consent the agenda. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (7 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstention).

**REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**Financial Reports**

- Commissioner Lakatos provided an update on the Q4 FY23 Financial Report.
- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC adopt the Q4 Fiscal Year 2023 Fiscal Year Financial Report. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

**ZONING, PRESERVATION, & DEVELOPMENT**

- No action items reported. Discussion did take place with occupants of 1901 Third St NW.
- If interested in joining the ZPD committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Tucker Jones at [1B09@anc.dc.gov](mailto:1B09@anc.dc.gov).
- **Next meeting:** to be confirmed. (Registration via ANC1B.org)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Main Streets – Clean Streets (Lower GA Ave, Shaw, 14th Street, and U Street)
- The ED Committee used our October meeting to host a hybrid community meeting on the 1617 U Street redevelopment. Participation was possible through Zoom or in person at MPD Third District HQ (1620 V St NW). Staff from OP and DMPED gave presentations followed by two hours of community discussion about the upzoning plans with a focus on what the community wanted to see at the site regardless of zoning.
- Next Steps on 1617 U Street redevelopment:
  1. Zoning Hearing: The next Zoning Committee hearing will be on Monday, November 20 at 4:00pm after the previous hearing was rescheduled after OP recommended the Commission re-advertise and re-notice the proposed map amendment to rezone the site as a contested case and that IZ Plus apply. Supporting documents can be found [here](#).
    - All who wish to testify in this case are strongly encouraged to sign up to do so at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing on OZ’s website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify>.
    - How to participate as a witness – oral statements. On the day of the hearing – by 3:00 p.m., call 202-727-0789 to sign up to testify.
    - All written comments and/or testimony must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing – see below: How to participate as a witness – written statements.
  2. ANC 1B & OP/DMPED to facilitate info sharing and myth busting: ANC 1B to work on truths vs. myths document and send a survey to neighbors, both electronically and via hard copy.
  3. ANC 1B to consider new resolution: ANC 1B to consider additional resolution that addresses what the community wants to see at the site regardless of zoning.
- **Next Meeting**: Thursday, November 16 at 6:30pm (Third Thursday of the Month).

## TRANSPORTATION

- Resolution Requesting Additional Public Litter Cans and Revision of DPW Policy
  - Transportation Committee Chair Cmsr. Lakatos Recommendation: Recommends full ANC support of the resolution.
  - **MOTION**: Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC adopt the resolution requesting installation and reinstallation of public litter cans as presented before the ANC. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).
- Resolution Requesting the Study of Multimodal Options in the 14th Street Bus Priority Project
  - Transportation Committee Chair Cmsr. Lakatos Recommendation: Recommends full ANC support of the resolution.
  - **MOTION**: Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC adopt the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Lane design request resolution as presented before the ANC. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).
- Resolution Requesting Revisions to the Florida Ave NW/9th Street Reconstruction Project
  - Transportation Committee Chair Cmsr. Lakatos Recommendation: Recommends full ANC support of the resolution.
  - **MOTION**: Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC adopt the Florida Avenue NW Reconstruction Follow-Up resolution as presented before the ANC. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).
- If you are interested in joining the Transportation Committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Santiago Lakatos at [1B04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:1B04@anc.dc.gov).
- **Next meeting**: Monday, November 13th at 7:00 pm (Registration via ANC1B.org)

## ALCOHOL BEVERAGE REGULATION

- **Celavi | 1901 9th Street N.W. (1B02- Holihan) | Retailers Class C Tavern| ABRA-126215**
  - New License
  - Hours of operation:
    - Sunday through Thursday 11am – 2am
    - Friday and Saturday 11am – 3am
  - Hours of live entertainment
    - Sunday through Thursday 6pm – 1am

- Friday and Sat 6pm – 2:30am
- Endorsement – live entertainment and dancing.
- The owner and his representative joined to make a presentation and to answer questions from panel members.
- Recommend to the full ANC to protest on the grounds of peace, order, quiet, overconcentration, residential parking, and proximity of a tavern to a residential zone or lot.
- Motion carries 6-0-1
  - **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC protest Celavi at 1901 9th St NW on the grounds of peace, order, quiet, overconcentration, residential parking, and proximity of a tavern to a residential zone or lot. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).
- **Shaw Howard Deli | 1911 7<sup>th</sup> St N.W. (1B02- Holihan) | Retailers Class B Retail| ABRA-095169**
  - License renewal
  - Hours of operation:
    - Sunday thru Sat 9am – 12am
  - Karen Gaal mentions that this particular establishment has become a public menace.
  - Motion made to recommend to the full ANC to protest on the grounds of peace, order, quiet and all applicable grounds. Motion carries 7-0
  - **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC protest adopt Shaw Howard Deli at 1911 7th St NW on the grounds of peace, order, quiet, and all available grounds. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).
- **Next meeting:** November 15th at 7PM via Zoom (Registration via ANC1B.org)

## **PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Committee did not meet in October.
- New OANC guidelines
- Howard University Affordable Housing announcement
- DMPED discussion on 1617 U Street
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 7 at 7pm via Zoom (Registration via ANC1B.org)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- Congratulations to Commissioner Deramo, ANC1B 06

## **EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Office of the Councilmember — David Connerty-Marin, Communications Director for Councilmember Nadeau; provided updates and then answered questions from Commissioners and community members.
- Office of the Mayor —
- Commissioner announcements
  - Cmsr. Jones hosting a public safety walk through Saturday, November 4
  - Public meeting for DDOT Florida Ave Bus Priority Project – meeting Tuesday, Nov 7
  - Trash and Garbage pickup soon
- Community announcements
  - Office of Congresswoman Holmes Norton hosting town halls for small businesses on SBA A rule change

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved that the full ANC approve a letter related to special elections to fill the vacancy of ANC seats. A discussion took place between Commissioners. The motion was rescinded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm





## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 6:30pm

Via Zoom

### Minutes

1. **Welcome**

2. **Roll Call and Introduction of Members**

Committee Members	Present
Larry Handerhan, 1B01	X
Tania Shand, 1B02	
Frank Chavin, 1B02	
Krishna Kumar, 1B03	X
Howard Kurtzman, 1B04	X
Karen Gaal, 1B05	X
André Denegri, 1B07	

3. **General Neighborhood Updates**

- **Reeves Center:** no updates but will have DMPED come back to the committee to discuss the letter we sent earlier this fall.
- **Future of U Street: Interest in an update on the nightlife task force.**
- **U Street Main Streets:** grant cycle for small business just closed and hope to make an announcement next month (DSLBD)
  - Small Business Saturday: next Saturday
  - Holiday Lights – see lights in storefront windows

4. **OP Update on 1617 U Street Redevelopment:**

- *Slides are posted on ANC 1B website at <https://www.anc1b.org/economic-development>*
- Based on community feedback, The Office of Planning (OP) has proposed two site-specific changes within the broader MU-10 proposal – these will be done through “text amendments” meaning they are binding:
  1. North side: 40-foot setbacks on North Side of site. Will ensure that building can only go up 60 feet and then 40 feet worth of setbacks. Found other sites where this happened.
  2. East side: 12-foot setback at entire side along building for light and reflect the surrounding character.

5. **Community Discussion on 1617 U Street Redevelopment:**

- Prominent theme is general feeling that the District is putting the “cart before horse” when it comes to zoning amendment without details of development.

- Q: Why develop site? A: The plans for this District-owned site started when DC Council changed the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map in 2021. The current zoning case seeks to align zoning with the MU-10 (medium and high density) designation passed as part of the map amendment.
- Q: Why not propose special zone or two zones? A: Didn't think it was necessary, could be achieved through design choices.
- The Mid-city Area Element of the Comprehensive Plan (<https://planning.dc.gov/node/574872>) has written guidance on design strategies for this site, specifically “New construction should concentrate density towards U Street and use design strategies to visually reduce building height and bulk to provide appropriate transitions to adjacent lower density areas.”
- Continued interest in adding a library – this remains a possibility: [DC Public Library Releases Facilities Master Plan: Next Libris Will Inform Building Investment Through 2030 \(infodocket.com\)](#)
- Discussed developing a survey and FAQ document on the site
  - Some misconceptions are addressed on DMPED portal, including the myth that the fire station and police station will not return to the site: <https://dmped.dc.gov/page/1617U>
- Continued interest and support in [Green New Deal for Housing Act](#), a proposed piece of legislation that would change how DC produces and preserves affordable housing by focusing on Social housing, which is publicly-owned, mixed-income housing that generates deeper affordability by reinvesting rent payments in lowering costs for tenants and establishing more social housing across the city. Bill has not become law.
- The Committee discussed and voted on a resolution that articulates what the community wants to see at the site regardless of zoning.
  - Specifically, the resolution requests that DMPED discuss and integrate the community's input into the pending Request for Proposals at 1617 U Street NW as it relates to existing public service agencies, public facing uses, and setbacks / community fit.
  - *NOTE: highlights of discussion can be found in draft resolution, attached. The draft resolution is also posted on the ANC 1B website at <https://www.anc1b.org/economic-development>. Please send feedback by Tuesday, December 5 to [anc1b@dc.gov](mailto:anc1b@dc.gov)*
  - ***MOTION: The Economic Development Committee approves the resolution prepared by Mr. Kumar that aggregates the community's input into the pending Request for Proposals at the 1617 site, with technical edits made after the meeting, and to send to full ANC 1B for its consideration.***
  - ***Motion passed. Vote Tally: 4-0-0***

## 6. Wrap Up and Next Steps

- **New Zoning Hearing:** The next/rescheduled Zoning Committee hearing will be on Monday, November 20 at 4:00pm. Supporting documents can be found [here](#).
- i. All who wish to testify in this case are strongly encouraged to sign up to do so at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing on OZ's website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify>
- ii. All written comments and/or testimony must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing – see below: How to participate as a witness – written statements.
- iii. ***UPDATE: on 11/20, the Zoning Commission issued a continuance for the 1617 U Street case due to defects on the hearing notice. The Commission is holding a new date of January 8th with a backup for January 18th if needed.***
- **ANC 1B & OP/DMPED to facilitate info sharing and myth busting:** ANC 1B to work on truths vs. myths document and send a survey to neighbors, both electronically and via hard copy.

## 4. Agenda items for next meeting:

- Update on alcohol moratorium proposal
- Update on Public Safety interventions
- Future of U Street

## **5. Meeting Adjournment and Next Meeting**

- No meeting in December
- Next Meeting: Thursday, **January 18 at 6:30pm**
- Contact Committee at: [1B01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:1B01@anc.dc.gov). On the web at: [ANC1B.org](http://ANC1B.org)

**Draft Resolution on Community Interest re redevelopment of 1617 U Street –  
ANC 1B Economic Development Committee**

*Passed by vote of 4-0-0 on November 16, 2023  
For full vote of ANC 1B on December 7, 2023*

WHEREAS: The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) announced a potential surplus designation and disposition of the District-owned property at 1617 U Street NW and 1620 V Street NW;

WHEREAS: The site is comprised of two parcels that front 17th Street NW, U Street NW, and V Street NW and is currently home to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Third District Police headquarters and Fire and Emergency Services (FEMS) Engine Company 9 and its related uses;

WHEREAS: The site is located in ANC 1B, across the street from ANC 2B, within several blocks of ANC 1C, surrounded by the Strivers' Section Historic District and 16th Street Historic District, and at the end of the U Street Corridor;

WHEREAS: The [2021 Comprehensive Plan](#) envisions this site as high-density mixed-use and the Office of Planning (OP)'s [Mid-City Area Element](#) identifies the site as one that “should be used to create a significant amount of new affordable housing, establish space for cultural uses, and provide for additional public facilities...”;

WHEREAS: The project has attracted significant interest from neighbors, the broader community, and elected officials who desire a role in the development process and recognize that the redevelopment of this property will impact the broader community including nearby naturally occurring affordable housing;

WHEREAS: The ANC previously passed a resolution calling for upzoning to MU10 with care given to the process and transparency, fit and impact on immediate community, massing and height and additional family housing;

WHEREAS: The economic development committee of ANC 1B held an additional public hearing in October 2023 to solicit input on any future development:

THEREFORE, be it resolved:

Prior to any public announcement on the disposition of the site, the following issues should be discussed and integrated into a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). Many details will be resolved by the actual proposals, but three areas stand out as worthy of a discussion prior to issuing a RFP:

1. Continuing public service agencies: A commitment to maintain MPD and DC FEMS on site and a future discussion with relevant agencies (including DDOT) on the sizing of future use, a plan for the transition, noise mitigation strategies, parking use for public agencies, the environmental impact of the fueling station and curb cuts for the new fire and police station. Models of other joint stations and their integration into the community would be helpful. The question of where the parking entrances and their sizing should be discussed with community prior to any RFP. Studies on traffic patterns or parking demand on V street are based on curb cuts and entrances are also needed. Moving as much current off-street parking into a new structure is desirable.
2. Other public facing uses that should be considered in the RFP are:
  - Housing: As stated in the previous resolution, community sentiment favors increased family housing

as part of a redevelopment. We would request an updated inventory of available affordable housing in the ANC 1B area (as well as the Mid City planning area) by both number of bedrooms and income levels. Many community members want to see continued public ownership of the property and suggest ownership models suggested in the proposed Green New Deal for Housing legislation. The ANC suggests that the Green New Deal for Housing target of 70% affordable housing in a good goal for this project. And also recommend adapting some of public ownerships provisions of Green New Deal. Equitable access to amenities for all residents is also an important community goal.

- Library: The Mid City element specially cites a library as a potential use. Community meeting have been very excited by the possibility of a library coming and that possibility must be explored with the relevant agencies before the RFP is issued. ANC 1B is circulating a community survey on future public uses, but an inventory and future plan of public facing cultural institutions in the area would be helpful. The site is near the ARTS-4 overlay district, and an arts and music use in particular would leverage other assets. Based on the ANC's two public meetings, two community needs that a library would help with are meetings spaces and a place for children and families to read, study and learn.
  - Retail: If retail is included in the development a priority should be on locally owned business with a racial equity lens to enhance the historic nature of the surrounding districts.
  - Maintenance: Ensure there are clear provisions and funding streams for upkeep and maintenance of the building (all components of the properties), to ensure the site continues to meets the needs of the community over time. The West End library, for example, has a dedicated trust fund from air rights buildings for maintenance needs.
3. Setbacks and community fit: The Mid City Element also says "*New construction should concentrate density towards U Street and use design strategies to visually reduce building height and bulk to provide appropriate transitions to adjacent lower density areas.*" The ANC supports the Office of Planning ("OP") November 8 proposal to clarify setback requirement along V Street to harmonize with existing rowhouses. In addition, as the area is adjacent to the Strivers Section and 16<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District, future design elements should be also be harmony with sitting next to a historic district. The historic fire house across the street (1624 U Street) is a cited example of harmonious government architecture within the district. As the site is adjacent to two historic districts and also low-rise housing, design elements respecting those qualities need to be part of the RFP. Better design will help integrate a larger building into the Neighborhood Conversation Area. The OP addition of a side yard on the east side of lot is also a positive step, and a RFP should preserve and enhance the existing green public space along 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW.



**Transportation Committee**  
**November 13, 2023 at 7 PM**

**Agenda**

**I. Welcome**

**II. Roll Call and Introduction of Members**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
Brian Dofflemyer, 1B09	X
Ben Klemens, 1B02	
Sharon Dreyfuss, 1B03	
Harry Quinton, 1B04	
Karen Gaal, 1B05	X

**III. Resolution on Georgia Avenue Bus Priority Project**

- Santiago presents the resolution and the context around the process for the development of the Georgia Ave bus priority project and ANC 1B's past actions
- Committee agrees to move forward with the resolution

**IV. Resolution in support of B25-0040 - Vehicular Noise Reduction Act of 2023**

- Santiago presents the resolution and the context around the bill and Commissioner Deramo's request for the introduction of a resolution in support
- Karen asks questions about the ability of the cameras to actually identify the correct vehicle; Santiago agrees to follow up with more information
- Committee agrees to move forward with the resolution

**V. Update on U Street and Florida Ave Bus Priority Project Concepts**

- Santiago presents the concept presentations as given by DDOT on the U Street NW and Florida Ave NW
- Committee members ask for copies of concept plans in order to review further and Santiago will distribute

**VI. New Business/Community Announcements**

- Karen raises a question about signage for the Thurgood Marshall Center signage
- Karen raises a question about accessibility to the HFA building through the 9<sup>th</sup> Street bike lane
- Santiago will follow up with DDOT on potential access via Florida Ave

**VII. Meeting Adjournment and Next Meeting**

- Next Meeting: Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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### Resolution in support of B25-0040 - Vehicular Noise Reduction Act of 2023

**WHEREAS** Councilmembers Brianne Nadeau and Brooke Pinto co-introduced B25-0040 - Vehicular Noise Reduction Act of 2023 in January 2023,

**WHEREAS** the bill would establish a two year pilot camera program to automate the enforcement of illegal and excessive vehicular noise pollution as well as creating a vehicle repair subsidy program to offset costs of vehicle repair, and commissioning a DDOT and DOEE study on strategies to reduce vehicular and transit noise in the District,

**WHEREAS** noise pollution, including from illegal vehicular noise pollution is correlated to increased anxiety, depression, heart disease, cognitive impairments, and strokes,

**WHEREAS** residents of ANC 1B have reported experiencing excessive noise pollution from modified mufflers,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 1B supports B25-0040 - Vehicular Noise Reduction Act of 2023,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 1B requests that Chairperson Charles Allen schedule a hearing for B25-0040 prior to the end of this Council term,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 1B requests that Councilmember Nadeau work to obtain funding for the bill in future budget cycles.

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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 8 of 9 present at its December XX, 2023 meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with X Yeas, X Nos, and X Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.

Sabel Harris  
Chair, ANC 1B

Tucker Jones  
Secretary, ANC 1B

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### Resolution in Support of Georgia Ave Bus Priority Project

**WHEREAS** the 2021 Update to the DDOT's [Bus Priority Plan](#) includes a project on Georgia Avenue from Barry Place to Eastern Avenue,

**WHEREAS** in 2022, ANC 1B passed a resolution along with every other ANC whose borders included Georgia Avenue in support of bus lanes on Georgia Avenue,

**WHEREAS** in September 2023 DDOT proposed concepts on Georgia Avenue that would install offset bus lanes on Georgia Avenue from Barry Place to Eastern Avenue,

**WHEREAS** the Georgia Avenue NW corridor is a critical bus corridor for the 70 and 79 MetroBus lines, which carry over 9,000 average weekday passengers,

**WHEREAS** while this project is no longer in the borders of ANC 1B, these bus lines carry riders to, from, and through ANC 1B to access jobs, attend schools and universities, reach essential services including healthcare facilities, and patronize local businesses,

**WHEREAS** despite its importance, the Georgia Avenue NW bus corridor was given an "F" rating in the [2019 MetroBus Report Card](#),

**WHEREAS** buses on this corridor had only 66% adherence to headways, 63% adherence to bus schedule, and an average speed of 7.8 mph,

**WHEREAS** the low performance metrics for the buses on Georgia Avenue NW result in passenger delays, crowding, and overall poor service,

**WHEREAS** these buses operate past MetroRail's closing hours and under a proposed Council funding measure would operate 24 hours a day serving as a vital corridor for nightlife workers and patrons in the U Street corridor whose hours of operation extend after MetroRail closes,

**WHEREAS** WMATA's Better Bus network redesign project proposes increasing the frequency of bus service along Georgia Avenue NW,

**WHEREAS** Georgia Avenue NW is a Tier 1 High Injury segment in the District's Vision Zero plan,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 1B supports DDOT's proposed concepts for offset bus lanes on Georgia Avenue from Barry Place to Eastern Avenue NW.

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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of X of 9 present at its December XX, 2023 meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with X Yeas, X Nos, and X Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.

Sabel Harris  
Chair, ANC 1B

Tucker Jones  
Secretary, ANC 1B





## ABR Committee ABR Committee

Wed, Nov 15, 2023

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome

#### 2. Roll Call and Introduction of Members

Committee Members	Present	Committee Members	Present
Cmsr. Sean Holihan 1B02	x	Evan Schlom, Member 1B02	
Andre Ory 1B02	x	Frank Chauvin, Member 1B02	x
Patricia Proctor 1B01	x	Karen Gaal, Member 1B04	
		Aileen Johnson, Member 1B12	

\*Cmsr. X Present

#### 3. New Business

- LeDroit Market, Inc | 1901 4th Street N.W. (1B01- Handerhan) | Retailers Class B | ABRA-097721
  - License renewal
  - Hours of operation:
    - Sunday thru Sat 9am – 12am
  - Endorsement: tasting
  - Commissioner Handerhan supports the establishment and their request for a renewal of their license.
  
- Habesha Market & Carry-Out | 1911 7<sup>th</sup> St N.W. (1B02- Holihan) | Class B Beer & Wine | ABRA-122483
  - License renewal
  - Hours of operation:
    - Sunday thru Sat 11am – 12am
  
- Poppinmess Champagne & Desert Bar | 1301 U St N.W. (1B08 - Harris) | Manufacturer Class C | ABRA-126663
  - New License
  - Has support of Commissioner Jones
  - Hours of operation:
    - Sun thru Sat 9am – 9pm
  - Endorsements: Entertainment, Live Music, Dancing, and Cover Charge for indoor space. Carry-out and Delivery. Summer Garden.
  - Total Occupancy Load is 54: 48 for indoor space, 6 for Summer Garden.
  - Hours of Operation:
    - Inside: Sun – Thur: 10am – 2am, Friday and Sat: 10am – 3am
    - Summer Garden: Sun – Thur: 10am – 12am, Friday and Sat: 10am – 1am
  - Hours of Live Entertainment for Inside Only: Sun – Thur: 6pm – 1am, Fri and Sat: 6pm – 2:30am
  - Hours of Alcoholic Beverage Carry-out and Delivery: Sun – Sat: 10am – 1am
  
- 1922 Lounge | 1922 9<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. (1B01- Holihan) | Class C Tavern | ABRA-126827

- New License
- Hours of sales:
  - Sunday thru Thur 11am – 2am, Sat & Sun: 11am – 3am
- Endorsement: live entertainment
- Hours of live entertainment: Sun thru Thur: 6pm – 12am, Friday & Sat: 6pm – 2:30am
- Frank Chauvin made a motion to protest on the order of peace, order, quiet, litter, noise provisions, real property values, residential parking, traffic safety, overconcentration, and adverse impacts due to proximity to residential zone.
- Motion passes 4-0

#### **6. Committee Member Announcements**

- No announcements

#### **7. Community Member Announcements**

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#### **8. Meeting Adjournment at 8:10 pm**

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The ABR Committee tentatively meets every third (3rd) Wednesday of the month (except on holidays) at 7pm online, virtually, through Zoom. Contact Committee at: [1b02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:1b02@anc.dc.gov) | On the web at: ANC1B.org



# Public Safety and Community Engagement

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

**1. Welcome- 7:04 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call and Introduction of Members**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
Chair Cmsr. Ashleigh Fields 1B07	X	Karen Gaal, Member 1B04	X
Cmsr. Alan Kensek 1B05		Patricia Proctor	X
		Dina Lewis	

**3. Crime Statistics-** readout from 30 day period for PSA 301 was shared

**4. Review of OANC funding and grant guidelines**

**5. New Business: OANC Grant/Sponsorship Checks in Question**

**6. Other Business**

Committee Members discussed creating a mentorship program at Cardozo High through school resource officer and identification of at risk youth

**7. Committee Member Announcements**

Committee Member Karen Gaal invited attendees to the Nov. 30 3D CAC community meeting

**8. Community Member Announcements**

None

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.**

The Public Safety and Community Engagement Committee meets every second (2nd) Tuesday of the month (except on holidays) at 7pm online, virtually, through Zoom. The next meeting is December 12, 2023. Contact Committee at: [1b07@anc.dc.gov](mailto:1b07@anc.dc.gov) | On the web at: [ANC1B.org](http://ANC1B.org)

MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 28, 2023, COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

**OFFICIAL SESSION – 10:54 AM**

*\*CHAIR HARRIS CALLED FOR OFFICIAL MEETING TO ORDER*

**Roll Call**

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	COMMISSIONER	PRESENT
Handerhan	Present	Kensek	Present
Holihan	Not present	Fields	Not present
Sycamore	Present	Harris	Present
Lakatos	Present	Jones	Present

Chair Harris explains that the purpose of this special meeting is to hold a special election for Single Member District 1B06. She demonstrates that the ballot box is empty prior to the start of voting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moves that ANC 1B open polls for special election for Single Member District 1B06 starting at 11am and closing at 3pm, in-person at 1325 W St NW. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

Voting took place.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kensek moves that ANC 1B close polls for special election for Single Member District 1B06 at 3pm. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

Voting closed at 3pm.

The votes were counted by staff from the Office of ANCs. Members of ANC 1B witnessed the count.

The count concluded. Miguel Trindade Deramo received 52 votes, Gabriella Savelli received 2 votes, and Kyle Schnoebelen received 7 votes. Mr. Trindade Deramo was declared the winner.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moves that ANC 1B acknowledge Mr. Trindade Deramo’s victory in the special election for Single Member District 1B06 and approve a resolution acknowledging him as the Commissioner-elect for that seat. The motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED (6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention).

All items on the meeting agenda were concluded and the meeting was adjourned by consent at 3:15pm.

(Date)

Delivered electronically

To:

Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large, and Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Administration and Labor

Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr., At-Large, and Chairperson of the Committee on Housing

CC:

Chairman Phil Mendelson

Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, At-Large, and Chair Pro Tempore

Councilmember Christina Henderson, At-Large

Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, Ward 1

Councilmember Brooke Pinto, Ward 2,

Councilmember Matthew Frumin, Ward 3

Councilmember Janeese Lewis George, Ward 4

Councilmember Zachary Parker, Ward 5

Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Ward 7

Councilmember Trayon White, Sr., Ward 8

Dear Chairs Anita Bonds and Robert White,

As you may be aware, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1B held a special election to fill the vacancy of Single Member District 1B06 on October 28, 2023. The Office of ANCs (OANC) provided support that was in line with what DC law required, and ANC1B is extremely grateful for their assistance. However, the experience revealed significant issues in DC's laws and procedures surrounding special elections to fill ANC vacancies. A number of challenges surfaced from 1B's experience, as well as those of other Commissions. **Special elections held by an ANC and OANC lack disability/language access, same-day voter registration and updates to registration, and opportunities for early/absentee/mail-in voting; these are requirements either per DC law or per DC residents' justified expectations of our democracy.** The DC Council has the opportunity to fix these problems.

To ensure that all eligible voters have proper access to vote in all DC elections, including special elections to fill ANC vacancies, the **DC Council should amend [DC Code section 1-309.06 \(d\)\(6\)](#)**, which governs the process of filling ANC vacancies, and **transfer the responsibility of holding special elections for ANC vacancies to the DC Board of Elections (DCBOE)**. Further, **the Committee on Executive Administration and Labor and the DC Council should include FY25 funding to DCBOE next Spring specially for the purpose of running special ANC elections.**

Over the past several decades and especially the past several years, voters across the United States and in DC in particular have developed higher expectations in regard to their access to their right to vote. Special elections to fill vacancies on ANCs fail to meet these expectations. In some cases, these **failures to accommodate voters' needs may violate other DC laws.**

- Neither OANC nor the ANC could accommodate same-day voter registration or change of voter address; provisional ballots are not offered.
  - Commissioners Sabel Harris, Tucker Jones, and Alan Kensek, who attended the October 28, 2023, special election in person, witnessed on at least 14 occasions that day voters who were turned away from the poll because they were not on the voter list, despite their insistence that

- they were registered at that address. Commissioner Jones overheard at least two voters claim that they had voted in DC while registered at that address previously.
- Theoretically these voters could have proven their eligibility to vote by demonstrating their DC-issued voter registration card. In reality, those cards are flimsy pieces of paper that almost no DC voters keep track of, and that are not required in any other circumstance.
  - At any primary or general election, a voter could prove their residency at the polling site and register to vote on the spot, and then cast a ballot. At special elections for ANC vacancies, voters are not given this opportunity.
  - At any primary or general election, a voter who cannot prove their residency at that moment is given the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot, and “cure” the ballot later by proving their residency after the fact. At special elections for ANC vacancies, voters are not given this opportunity.
- Neither OANC nor the ANC could accommodate voting for people who cannot use written English (e.g., those who use another primary language, or have a disability).
    - Ballots and instructions were available only in English. At the election held on October 28, 2023, no voters were disenfranchised by this particular limitation. However, this may not be the case at future special elections.
    - While ANCs have a special exemption from D.C. Law 15-167, Language Access Act of 2004 ([Code of the District of Columbia § 2-1931. \(2\)](#)), it is not clear from the text of the DC Code that *elections* for ANCs are exempted from that section of the Code. It is possible that conducting the October 28, 2023, special election without being prepared to offer language access was a violation of DC law.
  - Neither OANC nor the ANC could provide early voting, or absentee, mail-in, or other ballots.
    - DC has offered early voting at all regularly scheduled elections since the passage of [D.C. Law 18-103. Omnibus Election Reform Amendment Act of 2009](#). This procedure is widely popular and creates an expectation among the electorate that this service will be offered in all elections. However, OANC and the ANC are not capable of offering early voting for an ANC special election – they are neither legally allowed nor do they have the resources.
    - DC has offered absentee ballots since at least the passage of D.C. Law 18-103 (in 2009, see above). This procedure is also widely popular and its success has likewise created an expectation among the electorate that this service will be available at all elections, as has been promised.
    - Since then, DC has continued to expand voting access: in 2020 and 2022, DC mailed out ballots to all registered voters, opened drop-boxes, and otherwise improved voter access. DC residents have greatly benefitted from these expansions of election administration, but none is available for special elections for ANC vacancies.
    - In fact, the failure of DC to “permit any duly registered voter to vote by mail-in ballot” at an ANC special election is a possible violation of DC’s own laws. [DC Code 1-1001.09 \(b\)\(2\)](#) requires DCBOE to “permit any duly registered voter to vote by mail-in ballot, for any reason, under such rules as the Board may issue.” This was not done at the October 28, 2023 special election, nor at any other special election to fill an ANC vacancy, to our awareness.
    - The failure to allow early, absentee, or mail-in voting disenfranchises certain groups more than it does others. Specifically, active serving members of the U.S. military are categorically unable to vote in special elections for ANC vacancies. Citizens observant of religious obligations, such as the Sabbath, may be entirely precluded from voting when an election is held during, and only during, the affected times of day. Additional groups, such as people providing care for loved ones, people who work on weekends, and people with disabilities related to mobility, may not be totally disenfranchised as a category, but the failure to allow early, absentee, or mail-in voting presents a serious impediment to their ease of voting.

Even though the ANC and OANC followed the law as written, there were significant issues with the leadup to the election and its actual administration. These issues would also be alleviated by transferring responsibility to the DCBOE:

- The burden of finding and publicizing a venue for the election lies on the ANC, with adverse consequences for voter participation and the conduct of campaigns.
  - ANC 1B’s Chairperson Sabel Harris and other members of the ANC sought out spaces where the election could be held. Commissioner Harris reached out to DC staff at the Department of General Services attempting to reserve space at the Reeves Center, but DGS staff did not accommodate the request in a timely manner. This delay caused the candidates in the special election to be notified only on the evening of October 18, 2023, of the time and ultimate location (a nearby YMCA facility) for this election. The candidates were thereby allowed only nine days to design, print, and distribute campaign materials and to raise awareness of the election — which, we note, no public agency, other than the individual ANC itself, expends any effort to publicize to the registered voters in the affected district.
  - DCBOE is more likely to see its facilities requests taken seriously by DC agencies and by other organizations that may offer space to hold elections. A notice by mail to residents of the affected district, or other appropriate notification, on the part of DCBOE for the purpose of publicizing the election is certain to reach more voters and generate higher turnout.
- The burden of staffing the election lies on the ANC and requires a quorum.
  - While ANC 1B was able to maintain a quorum, there are certain edge cases when this becomes extremely difficult or even impossible. For example, when ANC 2D had one of its two seats become vacant, it was technically not even able to have a quorum at all, because less than a majority (one) of its total seats (two) were even occupied. The Office of the Attorney General [wrote an opinion advising on how to resolve this](#) the last time it happened, but it required creative legal thinking and surely did not match the intention of the drafters of that section of the Code of the District of Columbia.
  - ANC 1B was able to maintain a quorum for the duration of the election in large part due to our decision to host the meeting as a hybrid meeting (for attendance of members of the ANC). Again, while this solution was creative and worked to serve our neighbors, it is a workaround that was surely not the intention of the drafters of that section of the Code of DC.
  - To avoid issues with quorum of an ANC threatening to disrupt an entire election, DCBOE should administer these elections instead.

The right of individuals to vote and to have that vote counted is the most fundamental right of representative democracy. Special elections for ANC vacancies are infrequent and small-scale; however, they *are* elections, and they matter. DC must administer them openly and fairly; the failure to do so undermines our city’s democracy. Thank you for considering ways to improve democracy in our city and in our neighborhoods.

*On December 7, 2023, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted (x in favor, x against, x abstaining) to authorize Commissioner Tucker Jones (1B09) and Commissioner Sabel Harris (1B08) to represent the full Commission on this topic. ANC1B also authorized Commissioners Jones and Harris to collect additional signatures from current and former Commissioners in support of this letter.*

Sincerely,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B, joined by

(Additional signatories)