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## Minutes of the May 18, 2010 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

*These minutes accepted at the June 15, 2010 meeting.*

### Call to order

[7:10 pm] Vice Chair Scott called the meeting to order. Present were all six ANC1D commissioners, Edwards, Lepanto, Scott, Bosserman, Tunda, and McKay, constituting a quorum.

### Public discussion

[7:04 pm] The meeting was opened to public discussion. Denise Cintron, from MCS, provided simultaneous interpretation into Spanish, and sequential interpretation into English, according to the language of the speaker.

### Chair's report

[7:32 pm] Gregg provided an activity report. He proposed that the informal monthly meeting focus on the Small Area Plan and on voluntary agreements.

### Secretary's report

[7:34 pm] Jack asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the April 20 meeting. No corrections being offered, the minutes were declared accepted.

### Treasurer's report

[7:34 pm] Jack reported checks to Tony Grillo for \$100 (posters), and Rob Waldeck (library report) \$161. Jack requested approval of an expenditure of \$185.73 for replenishment of the petty cash fund. *Petty cash fund replenishment of \$185.73 approved, 6 to 0.*

### Informal meeting topic

[7:35 pm] The commission agreed to the Small Area Plan, and Voluntary Agreements, to be the principal topics for the informal monthly meeting of June 1.

## **Special Exception for 1814 Park Road**

[7:40 pm] Jack introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D agrees that the construction planned at 1814 Park Road NW is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the R-4 Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps, and will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring properties in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps.

*Resolution passed, 6 to 0.*

## **Informal discussion**

[7:48 pm] The commission turned to a general discussion of the several issues pertaining to Haydee's Restaurant.

## **Second fire exit for Haydee's**

[8:05 pm] Gregg introduced the following resolution:

ANC 1D advises the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs that 1D has no objection to, and indeed supports the plan by Haydee's Restaurant for a second fire exit through the current second door on the north side of the property.

Next, 1D advises DCRA to consider that this addition satisfies all fire exit safety requirements.

Further, 1D advises DCRA to approve the proposal for higher capacity.

Why: Since there is already a penetration for an exit, the change will not impinge on the historic appearance of the façade.

The second exit is sufficiently far from the current fire exit so that if one is blocked, the other will likely be available.

The attached plans appear to be in good order.

1D observes that at times the restaurant has held more than the proposed 143 capacity with good order and without a sense of overcrowding.

*Resolution passed, 5 to 1 (Jack voting "no").*

## **Support for sidewalk cafes in Mount Pleasant**

[8:07 pm] Jack introduced this resolution:

ANC1D agrees that sidewalk cafes are beneficial to Mount Pleasant, enhancing the atmosphere, attractiveness, and safety of the street, and advises Mount Pleasant restaurant owners that they can be confident in support from the ANC for the necessary permits.

*Resolution passed, 5 to 0 (Gregg abstaining).*

## **Haydee's outdoor extension**

[8:10 pm] Phil introduced this resolution:

ANC 1D advises the DC Public Space Committee to approve the application of Haydee's Restaurant to open an outdoor extension of their restaurant.

Why: As seen in the attached plans there is sufficient room next to their building to place several tables without restricting traffic flow including buses.

This plan will serve the public benefit by attracting more visitors to Mt Pleasant, and encouraging more people in the commercial corridor, diluting the fear-inducing effects of a strip that is often unused. The presence of many other people should give a greater sense of surveillance and safety. It should help support a sense of activity in a strip with many vacant stores.

Jack moved to table this resolution until the next meeting. The motion to table failed on a 3 to 3 vote, Phil, Jack, and Stormy voting "yes", Dave, Oliver, and Gregg voting "no".

*The motion then passed, 3 to 2 (Gregg, Dave, and Oliver voting "yes", Jack and Stormy, "no", Phil abstaining).*

## **Support for Latino Family Day**

[8:21 pm] Phil introduced this resolution:

RESOLVED: ANC 1D authorizes the support of up to \$200 per month between May 1, 2010 and November 31, 2010 for establishing a pilot Latino Family Day program on the second Saturday of each month in Lamont Park. These funds can support professional reimbursements, or the rental of temporary facilities. Invoices and original receipts must be provided to the ANC 1D Treasurer before checks will be issued.

After discussion, Phil moved to table his resolution until the next meeting. *Motion to table approved, 6 to 0.*

## **ANC 1D Expenditure Tracking**

[8:41 pm] Phil introduced this resolution:

RESOLVED, ANC 1D directs the Treasurer that any budgetary directive contained in resolutions passed prior to December 31 2009 are now null and void. This will make it easier to forecast and track expenditures related to budgets.

WHY: Several ANC 1D resolutions set budgetary authorizations without any type of sunset provisions or termination. These essentially become unmanaged liabilities that could put ANC 1D in fiscal jeopardy.

Gregg moved that this resolution be tabled until the Treasurer could report on the consequences of the resolution. *Motion to table fails, 3 to 3 (Jack, Gregg, and Stormy voting "yes", Dave, Phil, and Oliver voting "no").*

*The main motion then failed on a 3 to 3 vote (Phil, Dave, and Oliver voting "yes", Stormy, Gregg, and Jack voting "no".)*

## **Business support for Pedestrian Encounter Zone**

[8:51 pm] Jack introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that ANC1D authorizes the expenditure of up to \$1000 to Rob Waldeck, Esq., to undertake a survey of the business proprietors of Mount Pleasant Street concerning the "Pedestrian Encounter Zone and Bicycle Boulevard", or "Pedestrian Priority Zone", on Mount Pleasant Street, as described in the ANC1D resolutions of December, 2009, and April, 2010. The product of this investigation is to be a summary of reasons given by Mount Pleasant Street business owners for supporting, or opposing, the concept as described in

those two ANC1D resolutions. A written report is to be delivered to ANC1D by June 30, 2010.

Oliver moved adjournment of the meeting at this time. *Motion to adjourn failed, 3 to 3 (Stormy, Oliver, and Phil voting "yes", Jack, Dave, and Gregg, "no")*.

Phil moved that the resolution be amended to replace "Rob Waldeck, Esq." with "groups that compete", and to "provide two weeks for the publication of this contract". *Motion to amend fails, 2 to 4 vote (Phil, Oliver voting "yes", Stormy, Jack, Dave, and Gregg voting "no")*.

*The main motion then passed, 3 to 2 (Stormy, Gregg, and Jack voting "yes", Phil and Oliver voting "no", Dave abstaining).*

## **Adjournment**

[9:03 pm] By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.