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## Minutes of the July 5, 2005 monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-D

*These minutes approved at the July 22, 2005 special meeting.*

### Call to order

Chair Jack McKay called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm and, noting the presence of all five seated commissioners, declared a quorum.

### Approval of minutes

Rich moved that the minutes of the May 3, May 23, June 7, and June 23 minutes be accepted. Motion passed by four votes to one, Gregg voting “no”.

### Treasurer’s Report

Rich presented the report for the second quarter of FY05. The report was accepted by the Commission by voice vote. The Commission also approved payment of \$165 to the Community of Christ for La Casa usage in the first two quarters of 2005, and an appropriation of \$150 to the petty cash fund, to be held by Wayne. An additional \$50 was authorized for the purchase of a lock box for the petty cash fund.

### Public discussion

Ryan Ustick noted again the difficulties imposed on the people who intend to purchase condominiums at 1636 Irving Street by the potential of a BZA appeal of the Certificate of Occupancy.

David Tolson, developer of 1636 Kenyon Street (the St. Dennis apartments) submitted a request for ANC approval of a public space permit application, for occupancy of the sidewalk and one lane of Kenyon Street during demolition and renovation of the building. The Commissioners questioned him extensively on plans for this building, which he proposes to turn into 22 condominiums, to be sold at market rates, on the order of \$400K. Pressed by Gregg, he said that the building purchase had been accomplished with a 95-5 maneuver. Mr Tolson was advised to discuss his plans for the building with Historic Mount Pleasant (Fay Armstrong and Jeff Brechbuhl, of HMP, were present). The Commission declined to take action on the permit request, observing that more time was needed to evaluate this project.

## Commissioner Reports

Commissioners reported on progress concerning the ANC Web site, Comprehensive Plan development, Open and Focus Forums, simultaneous interpretation equipment, the commercial corridor, and projection equipment.

## Unfinished Business: 1636 Irving condominiums

Rich introduced the following resolution, after friendly amendment:

*Resolved*, that ANC 1D authorizes an amount not to exceed \$1000 for fees associated with legal counsel for advisory purposes in determining the appropriate action to take regarding the building constructed at 1636 Irving Street, N.W.

*Resolved* further, that ANC 1D will conduct an emergency meeting prior to July 22, 2005 to deal specifically with the 1636 Irving Street, N.W. matter.

### Issues and Concerns

In order to determine the appropriate action to take regarding the building constructed at 1636 Irving Street, N.W., ANC 1D seeks to procure the services of an attorney to advise the members of ANC 1D on the various approaches to take and potential outcomes of each approach. ANC 1D will seek to consult with a legal firm with expertise in District zoning laws and experience before the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Where possible, ANC 1D will attempt to procure legal counsel on a pro bono basis, but provides for an amount not to exceed \$1000 to cover costs of attorney consultations.

Resolution passed by unanimous vote.

## Unfinished business: Liquor license transfers

By general consent, this was tabled until the next Commission meeting.

## Unfinished business: Residential Parking Policies

With the duties of Chair transferred to the Vice Chair, Jack introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that ANC 1D advises the District Council to incorporate the following elements in a revised District of Columbia Parking Policy:

1. Residential Permit Parking zones should be defined by ANC boundaries, with the residents of each ANC choosing whether or not to be RPP-zoned, and with RPP permits for one ANC valid in all contiguous ANCs;
2. Where commercial parking lots are unavailable, daytime-only parking permits should be made available in lieu of municipal parking. These permits would be valid only two blocks or more distant from a neighborhood business district, and would be available only to persons employed by neighborhood businesses or institutions. The number of permits issued would be limited to one in 20 of the curbside parking spaces in the area. This provision would expire after a two-year trial period.
3. Residents should be permitted to obtain daytime-only parking permits, at minimal cost, for people providing essential residential household services, such as day care, home cleaning, and home contracting work;
4. The minimum distance from parked cars to an intersection should be reduced, in residential areas, from 40 feet, to 25 feet.

*Resolved further* that Commissioner and ANC 1D Chair McKay is authorized to testify in support of these recommendations at the hearings currently scheduled by the District Council Committee on Public Works and the Environment.

#### Issues and Concerns

1. The report of the Mayor's Parking Task Force proposes that RPP zones be defined by Office of Planning clusters. But few people know what cluster they reside in, nor where the boundaries are. Residents along cluster boundaries may find that they can park on one side of their street, but not on the other.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission boundaries are much better known, and the Board of Elections tracks ANC residence, so it will be straightforward to permit voting for Residential Permit Parking by ANC.

Allowing RPP permits to be valid in contiguous ANCs eliminates the problem of residents along boundaries. According to clusters, for example, residents of Harvard Street in Mount Pleasant would be prohibited from parking on the south side of their street, while residents of the south side of Harvard Street would be prohibited from parking on the north side. With RPP permits valid in contiguous ANCs, there will be no situations where a resident could not park on the street opposite his home, excepting along DC boundaries with Maryland.

2. There are no commercial parking lots or garages in all of Mount Pleasant. But certain neighborhood institutions, such as our schools, depend on curbside parking space, there being insufficient on-site parking. When all of the neighborhood is RPP-zoned, many schoolteachers and other employees of these institutions will find it impossible to park. Because daytime parking is relatively plentiful, due to the many residents who take their cars to work, it is fair to allow daytime-only use of curbside parking by such institutional employees.

3. Current RPP policy forbids parking by household workers, such as day-care nannies, without exception. But many residents depend on outside help for child care, housework, and home contracting repair work. Again, considering that daytime parking is not in short supply, it is reasonable to allow residents to obtain parking permits for such part-time, daytime-only household employees. The cost of these permits should be no more than sufficient to cover administrative expenses.

4. The District sets the minimum distance from parked cars to an intersection at 40 feet. No other jurisdiction in the United States requires such a large distance. Maryland, and the majority of states, specify 20 feet to a crosswalk, which is equivalent to 32 feet to an intersection. Virginia allows parking within 20 feet of the intersection. DC law currently allows parking 25 feet from an intersection, in RPP zones, between 10 pm and 7:30 am. Residents compelled to employ this relaxed limitation at night find themselves ticketed in the morning, if they cannot move their cars by 7:30 am, as is commonly the case because few cars have left the neighborhood by that hour. There is no need for the District to require such an extraordinarily large distance to an intersection, incompatible with the laws in the adjacent states. Allowing parking within 25 feet of an intersection, day and night, in residential areas, would add to our neighborhood's supply of curbside parking, and would eliminate the problem of residents' cars left in such spots after 7:30 am.

Resolution passed by unanimous vote.

### **Unfinished business: Parking meters**

After returning the Chair duties to Jack, Gregg introduced this resolution, after friendly amendment:

*Resolved*, that the DC Department of Transportation should convert to “residential” status the parking on the south side of the sixteen hundred block of Lamont Street, NW at this time.

*Why*: There are many hundreds of households within a block of this short street in this area with mid- to high-rise apartment buildings. However, there is very little garage or off-street parking for the residents of these buildings. The result is a huge deficit between parking demand and parking supply. Indeed, this deficit could be one of the largest in the whole city.

Conversion of the current “commercial” parking status on this block to residential would provide a small but strongly needed extra supply of parking slots.

It might be reasonable to provide two parking meters at each end of the block allowing fifteen minutes for the use of those making quick visits or deliveries during business hours.

Resolution passed by unanimous vote.

### **New business: Comprehensive Plan**

*Resolved*, that ANC1D appropriates \$500 – to pay for expenses, consultants, and sundries – and authorizes Gregg Edwards to expend that amount or less for this purpose.

#### **Why**

The Office of Planning has set July 31st, 2005 as the deadline for submission of ANC contributions to the next revision of DC's comprehensive plan.

A comprehensive plan is both a highly consequential and a complex product, and this commission's work could be greatly assisted by advice and help in formulating alternatives for consultation and in formulating its presentation to the Office of Planning.

Resolution passed by voice vote.

### **New business: Fellowship of Reconciliation and Lamont Park permit**

The Commission approved, by unanimous vote, the sending of the following communication to the Department of Parks and Recreation:

“We understand that Fellowship of Reconciliation has requested permission to host a rally on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 PM to 8 PM in Lamont Park. ANC 1D approves the issuance of a permit by DPR for this rally, with the proviso that any music produced “shall not disturb the peace or quiet of the neighborhood”, following DCMR 24, §208.1.”

### **New business: ANC budget**

Rich presented his proposed budget for FY2005. DC Code specifies that “Each Commission shall develop an annual fiscal year spending plan budget for the upcoming fiscal year within 60 days of notification of the amount of the Commission's annual allotment. Prior to adoption of the budget at a public meeting, the Commission shall present the budget at a public meeting of the Commission to elicit comments from the residents of the Commission area.” The 60 days expires on approximately August 12. After considerable discussion, and some changes to the budget, it was agreed that Rich would return to the next meeting with “capital expenditures” separated from “operational expenditures”, and the consideration of the budget was tabled until the July 22 meeting.

## **New business: Petty cash funding**

Gregg moved that we “appropriate \$250 for the petty cash fund and assign it to Wayne”. Rich amended this to add \$50 for a lock box. The motion to appropriate \$300 for petty cash and the lock box was approved by voice vote.

## **New business: ANC oversight hearings**

Gregg moved that a committee consisting of the Chair and the Treasurer develop testimony for the ANC oversight hearings scheduled for July 12. Rich and Stormy agreed that Jack’s current draft was fine. Gregg proposed supplemental sheets to be appended to the printed testimony. The motion to put Jack and Rich in charge of preparation of testimony was approved by voice vote.

## **New business: 1D02 vacancy declaration meeting**

Jack’s letter to Devenia Roberts was read by Gregg:

“Dear Miss Roberts:

“In November, 2004, you were elected as a write-in candidate to ANC 1D02. However, you did not attend the swearing-in ceremony on January 2, 2005, nor have you been sworn in by our District Councilmember, and you have attended no ANC meetings. Telephone calls to your listed number yield a “temporarily out of service” recording. In February you said that you would resign, but you have not provided the required letters of resignation. You indicated further that you were “in Philadelphia”. It is evident, six months into the current ANC term, that you do not wish to undertake the duties of the office to which you were elected, and it is even possible that you are no longer a resident of ANC 1D02.

“This certified mailing is to notify you, according to DC Code §1, 309.06(f)(2), that ANC 1-D will hold a special meeting to consider a resolution to declare your seat vacant. Said meeting will be held at the La Casa Community Center, 3166 Mount Pleasant Street NW, at 7:00 pm, on Friday, July 22, 2005. You will, at this meeting, be allowed an opportunity to rebut the alleged vacancy of your ANC seat.”

The letter was approved by voice vote.

## **New business: Monroe Street traffic calming**

Gregg offered this resolution:

Resolved, that the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) should not install traffic calming devices on the sixteen hundred block of Monroe Street NW at this time.

Why: This resolution is not an assessment of the merits of whether or not to install the devices at this time because the commission has not yet seen the normal evidence for the devices. If and when that evidence is presented, this commission might reconsider this resolution.

Normally, some kind of traffic study is performed to establish the need for and benefits of the devices, compared to the obstacles, delays, noise and potential damage such devices might cause. The commission has not seen this evidence, despite repeated calls from one commissioner for the evidence.

Legally, installation requires a petition with the requisite majority of all neighboring households, those residing on property abutting the street. The commission has not seen a

petition containing that majority including the residents of the large apartment building, the Park Monroe, with three driveways onto the street.

Motion passed by three to two vote, Gregg, Jack, and Stormy voting “yes”, Rich and Wayne voting “no”.

## **Adjournment**

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned, at approximately 10:00 pm.