

Minutes of the April 2017 ANC 1A Regular Meeting

Held on April 12, 2017 at Tubman Elementary School, Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Love Wade began the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioner Love Wade introduced and moved to nominate Commissioner Miller as Vice Chairperson pro tempore.

- Motion was approved by voice vote by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance; 8 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Commissioners in attendance at roll call were: Valerie Baron (1A01), Vickey A. Wright-Smith (1A02), Zach Rybarczyk (1A03), Sadaf Mortezaei (1A04), Christine Miller (1A05), Richard DuBeshter (1A06), Sharon Farmer (1A07), Kent C. Boese (1A08), Dotti Love Wade (1A11) and Margaret Hundley (1A12).

Approximately 30 persons attended the meeting. Commissioner Boese and Commissioner Mortezaei arrived before the start of ANC 1A administrative matters. A quorum was declared and determined by roll call.

Community Announcements

Several Commissioners, community members and government representatives made announcements, which include the following:

- Dan Hayes from the Council of Governments shared that Friday, May 19 is Bike to Work Day and will gather from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in celebration at Civic Plaza.
- A representative from Sustainable Futures PCS, a planned high school for at-risk youth, shared that the school is leasing the basement of All Souls Church.
- Emily Button from Hubbard Place/Urban Village shared there will be a community health fair on Saturday, May 6, and that the group is also requesting funding for its youth summer camp program.
- Brianna Dornbush from the Columbia Heights Initiative shared that the Initiative is holding a community cleanup on Earth Day (Saturday, April 22) in conjunction with Patrick’s Pet Care, and is also holding the 12th annual Columbia Heights Day Festival on June 17 this year.
- John Clarke from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) encouraged the community to check out the Mayor’s proposed FY18 budget.
- Claudia Barahona from Councilmember Nadeau’s office shared that the Councilmember is holding a community safety meeting for Ward 1 on Thursday, April 20, and is beginning the FY18 budget oversight hearings with the Council.
- Commissioner Wright-Smith shared that the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is holding its ninth annual DC Housing Expo and Home Show on Saturday, June 24 at the Convention Center.
- Commissioner Rybarczyk shared that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is holding its annual Potholepalooza to repair roadway potholes. Residents can report via the Mayor's Call Center at 311, the 311 website, DDOT Twitter or email.
- Commissioner DuBeshter shared that Civic Plaza Partners will hold a meeting later in April.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

- Commissioner Miller shared information from the Education Committee’s April 9, 2017 meeting, which included a review of the Mayor’s FY18 budget and its impacts on the District’s schools. Commissioner Miller is requesting permission to testify on behalf of the Commission at a related hearing on April 24, 2017.

Transportation Committee

- Commissioner Love Wade shared that the Transportation Committee had a meeting on March 16, 2017 and has questions related directly to the presentations from DDOT and DC Water and their proposed projects' impacts on traffic in the neighborhoods surrounding the 14th Street corridor.

Presentations

- Arick Sears from the Office of the People's Council (OPC) shared information related to a proposed Pepco rate increase and that individuals could submit comments to the DC Public Service Commission through April 27, 2017 by emailing or writing to the Secretary of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia; Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005.
- Representatives from DDOT shared their proposal to implement a Barnes Dance at 14th and Irving Streets, NW, and took questions and comments from the Commission and from community members in attendance, including their willingness to install temporary signage, place a temporary traffic control officer (TCO) at the intersection, present ANC 1A with 3- and 6-month updates on the impacts of the project on local traffic and willingness to reverse the project.
- Representatives from DC Water provided resources and a presentation on an upcoming project of replacing existing 12-inch water mains located on Irving Street, Columbia Road, Harvard Street, Girard Street, Fairmont Street and Clifton Street, NW beginning in May 2017.

ANC Administrative Matters

Commissioner Wright-Smith requested to amend the agenda so that BZA Application #19424 be removed from the April agenda as the Application has been removed.

Commissioner Miller requested that the Commission add the resolution to support an increase to the universal per student funding formula in the Mayor's FY18 budget to official business.

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to approve April's agenda with the two requested amendments.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 10 Commissioners voting "Yes"; 0 voting "No"; 0 Abstaining.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Boese introduced and Commissioner Love Wade moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the following:

- Approval of the Prior Minutes (March 2017);
 - Letter of Support for Cinco de Mayo event on Columbia Heights Plaza;
 - Resolution Requesting District Government Make Parking at DC USA and Carlos Rosario School Available to Residents Impacted by DC Water Water Main Replacement Project; and
 - Resolution Requesting DDOT Study, Recommend, & Implement a Solution to the Traffic Bottleneck on 14th Street between Monroe and Irving Streets, NW.
- Motion was approved by voice vote, 10 Commissioners voting "Yes"; 0 voting "No"; 0 Abstaining.

Official Business

Commissioner DuBeshter introduced and Commissioner Boese moved to accept a Settlement Agreement Amendment for the Hours of Service for The Heights (3115 14th Street), with the understanding that further changes to the Amendment will be finalized at the May ANC 1A meeting.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 10 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Commissioner Boese introduced and Commissioner Baron moved to table a Grant Request for Hubbard Place and Urban Village Summer Camp.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 10 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to support a Grant Request for “Clean Up and Improve the Columbia Heights Dog Park” event on April 22, 2017.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 9 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 1 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Commissioner Rybarczyk introduced and Commissioner Miller moved to approve a Resolution in Support of DDOT’s Intent to Install an All-Red Pedestrian Phase and No Turn on Red Restrictions at Irving and 14th Streets.

- Motion was approved by voice vote and show of hands, 6 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 3 voting “No”; 1 Abstaining.

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to support BZA Application #19469: special exception under the RF-use requirements of Subtitle U § 320.2, to permit the expansion and conversion of an existing one-family dwelling into a three-unit apartment house in the RF-1 Zone at premises 3123 Warder Street NW.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 9 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 1 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Commissioner Miller introduced and Commissioner Love Wade moved to approve a Resolution in Support of an increase to the universal per student funding formula in the Mayor’s FY18 budget, and for Commissioner Miller to testify on behalf of the Commission at a budget oversight hearing on April 24, 2017.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 10 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Adjournment

Chairperson Boese introduced and Commissioner Love Wade moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.