

Minutes of the July 2017 ANC 1A Regular Meeting

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

Chairperson Kent Boese called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance were: Valerie Baron (1A01), Vicky A. Wright-Smith (1A02), Zach Rybarczyk (1A03), Christine Miller (1A05), Richard DuBeshter (1A06), Sharon Farmer (1A07), Kent C. Boese (1A08), Rashida Brown (1A10), and Dotti Love Wade (1A11).

Approximately 50 persons attended the meeting. Commissioner Love Wade left during official business at 8:45 p.m. and Commissioner Baron at 10:23 p.m. A quorum was declared and determined by roll call.

Community Announcements

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

- Commissioner DuBeshter shared an invitation to the DC Greenspaces event at the pump house near Waterfront on Thursday, July 20, 2017.
- Commissioner Boese shared details involving the child that was recently hit on his bike by police and highlighted in a Washington Post article; MPD has promised updates and Commissioner Boese will follow up.
- Commissioner Wright-Smith shared that the annual Meridian Place Block Party will take place August 19, 2017 on the 1400 block of Meridian Place.
- Commissioner Rybarczyk shared updates to the Sustainable DC 2.0 plan by the Department of Energy and Environment and encouraged the community to submit ideas and opinions online or using paper surveys in the back of the room.
- Jordan Pearlstein from Georgia Avenue THRIVE shared details about the parking lot activation at Morton Street and Georgia Avenue and THRIVE's coordination with District Bridges Main Street along Georgia Avenue.
- Gabriel Sobarzo from CREATE Church shared that CREATE family fun movie nights are starting at Powell Park (16th Street and Hiatt Place).
- Wesley Pinkney shared the start of a youth mentoring and speaking series called "Dirty Talk" presented by the AMEN, Inc. Network (Aiding and Mentoring Education Network, Inc.).
- Ward 1 MOCRS (Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services) Sayra Molina shared updates including the ongoing security camera rebate program, residents can now text 311 for updates, and upcoming MPD ice cream socials at the Columbia Heights Rec Center from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M..
- Derek Dufresne shared over 100 petition signatures related to the 1125 Spring Road redevelopment project.
- John Hillegass, Constituent Services Coordinator from Councilmember Nadeau's office shared a number of upcoming events, including Ward 1 Day at the National Building Museum on July 25, 2017 with free entry for Ward 1 residents from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Brianne on Your Block meeting on July 25, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Calabash Tea & Café (1847 7th St NW) and August 24, 2017 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at The Hilltop (2737 Sherman Ave NW), and a Ward 1 Pool Party on August 26, 2017 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Banneker Pool (2500 Georgia Ave NW).
- Anthony Miller from Councilmember Trayon White's office shared details on legislation to help stop the doubling and tripling fine schedule of District speeding tickets.

Committee Reports

Commissioner Rybarczyk shared updates on the transportation committee, including a planned walk through of 14th Street starting at Spring Road planned for August, and a call for neighbors who use 16th

Street public transportation to review DDOT's proposed design changes related to the 16th Street bus project, available online at 16thstreetnwbus.com or by contacting Spring Worth at DDOT.

Presentations

Councilmember Brianne Nadeau presented an update to the Commission on a number of issues facing the community including progress on the Park Morton redevelopment, secured funding for two additional Clean Team members in Columbia Heights, and various other community needs that have been asked over the past few months.

Alan Etter from the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) shared information on how OUC serves the community, primarily through routing 911 calls and 311 requests, and updates and feedback from residents related to issues with these services.

ANC Administrative Matters

Commissioner Boese introduced and began by announcing his run for the Ward 1 Council position and asked the Commission to vote on whether or not they support him to retain his role as Chairperson. Commissioner Wright-Smith motioned that Commissioner Boese should stay on as Chairperson.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 8 Commissioners voting "Yes"; 0 voting "No"; 0 Abstaining. Commissioner Boese recused himself from the vote.

Commissioner Boese and Commissioner DuBeshter requested to remove the Grant Application for Mural at Bloombars and the Grant Application for Music Event on Columbia Heights Civic Plaza from the agenda.

Commissioner Rybarczyk requested to remove BZA Case #18383A to the top of official business to assist with the applicant's schedule.

Commissioner Brown stated that she will recuse herself from BZA Case #18383A.

Commissioner Miller requested to add a Letter of Support to official business for non-slip surface installation at the Civic Plaza fountain.

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to approve July's agenda with the aforementioned changes.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 9 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 (June 2017)

Letter of Support for Tournament of Games, Girard Street Park

Letter of Support for Create Church Powell Park Movie Night

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

Official Business

Commissioner Rybarczyk introduced and moved to support BZA Case #18383A for special exceptions to expand the Barbara Chambers Child Development Center to the third floor and add four classrooms and administrative offices at premises 1470 Irving Street NW (exception from use conditions).

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 8 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining. Commissioner Brown recused herself from the vote.

Commissioner Miller introduced and moved to support BZA Case #19538 for special exceptions to construct a third story rear addition and convert the existing three story one-family dwelling into a four-unit apartment house in the RA-2 zone at premises 3317 16th Street NW.

- Commissioner Love Wade introduced and moved to support the BZA Case with a friendly amendment, requiring the Commission to work with the developer of the property to find a solution to the trash issue as a condition of the Commission’s resolution approval.
- Motion was approved by voice vote, 8 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 1 Abstaining.

Commissioner Boese introduced a Recommendation Letter on Development of 1125 Spring Road, NW. An extensive period of public comment followed, with a mixture of community members and Commissioners voicing support and disapproval of various proposals and aspects of those proposals and their potential impacts on the community.

- Commissioner Baron moved for the Commission to consider its first (optimal) choice separately.
 - Motion was approved by voice vote, 8 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.
- Commissioner Boese moved to consider the Victory Housing and Brinshore Development the Commission’s first choice out of the proposals.
 - Motion was approved by voice vote, 7 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 1 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.
- Commissioner Boese moved to consider the Bozzuto Homes and The Menkiti Group proposal as the Commission’s second choice, and the Mission First, UrbanMatters Development and Lock7 Development as the Commission’s third choice.
 - Motion was approved by voice vote, 6 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 2 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to support a Resolution Advocating for Extending Hours of Operation at the Outdoor Children’s Pool at the Park View Recreation Center.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 8 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to support a Resolution Advocating for Realignment of Alley on Square 830.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 8 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Commissioner Miller introduced and moved to write a letter of support on behalf of the Commission to install a non-slip surface at the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza.

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 7 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Adjournment

Chairperson Boese introduced and moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.