

Minutes of the March 2017 ANC 1A Regular Meeting

Held on March 8, 2017 at Tubman Elementary School, Washington, D.C.

Chairperson Kent Boese began the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance 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), Rashida Brown (1A10), Dotti Love Wade (1A11) and Margaret Hundley (1A12).

Approximately 40 persons attended the meeting. Commissioner Mortezaei left the meeting before administrative matters were considered. 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 Boese gave brief updates related to redevelopment of 1125 Spring Road, NW (Hebrew Home for the Aged).
- Commissioner DuBeshter shared that a meeting of Civic Plaza Partners will be held at the Gala Theatre on March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Miller shared that Bancroft Elementary will host its 5th Annual Art Auction on Thursday, March 23rd, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the All Souls Unitarian Church.
- Commissioner Mater from ANC 1B shared that an ad-hoc committee has been formed to plan activities at Girard St. Park and will meet March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Reeves Center.
- Commissioner Brown shared that the Love March will be held Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. starting at the Emery Heights Community Center (5801 Georgia Ave NW at Madison) and ends at the African American Civil War Memorial (1925 Vermont Ave NW at U Street).
- Brianna Dornbush from the Columbia Heights Initiative announced the formation of planning committees for the Columbia Heights Day festival (planned for June) and numerous Main Street program committees.
- A representative from the Salvation Army announced a request for community input as the organization plans to redevelop its current site on Sherman Ave. NW.
- Tom Fazzini from Councilmember Nadeau's office alerted the ANC that the Councilmember has requested funding for the proposed 59 route bus from the Mayor's office.
- Marcus Moody from Words Beats & Life Inc. requested assistance for installing a mural on the 3100 block of Georgia Avenue.
- Multiple residents shared opposition to BZA Application #19424 (1500 Ogden St. NW).
- Hector Rodriguez from Councilmember Bonds' office shared resources with attendees.
- John Clarke from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) shared updates related to the DMPED March Madness event, the April 8 Emancipation Day Parade, and Wednesday-scheduled events throughout March related to Women's History Month.
- Commissioner Brown shared that the Salvation Army (3335 Sherman Ave. NW) is hosting a free showing of Creed (PG-13) in their gym next Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m.
- Commissioner Farmer congratulated two residents for taking ownership in their community and seeing to it that streetlights were replaced.
- Commissioner Miller shared that she had discussions with a representative from DDOT related to the intersection of Monroe and 14th St. and will share notes and presentations at the next ANC meeting.

- Commissioner Rybarczyk shared that he has organized a river cleanup group through the Anacostia Watershed Society for their Earth Day Cleanup (April 22) and is inviting any interested community members to join.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were shared at the meeting.

Presentations

- Patrick Flynn of Patrick’s Pet Care requested that the Commission begin considering a grant to clean up and improve the Columbia Heights Dog Park; Commissioners provided feedback and will vote on the grant at the April regular meeting.
- Representatives from DC Water provided resources and a presentation on an upcoming meter replacement program happening throughout the District.
- Jeremiah Lowery from the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) shared updates related to CCAN’s Carbon Fee and Rebate campaign.
- A representative from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) shared information related to proposed traffic changes on the 14th St. corridor (related to the proposed Barnes Dance and Monroe St. intersection) and shared that more details will be provided during a presentation during the April regular meeting.

ANC Administrative Matters

Commissioner Wright-Smith requested to amend the agenda that BZA Application #19424 be removed from the March agenda and moved to April following a community meeting this month.

Commissioner Rybarczyk requested to amend the agenda that the Resolution in Support of DDOT Intent to Install an All-Red Pedestrian Phase and No Turn on Red Restrictions at the Intersection of 14th Street and Irving Street NW be removed from the March agenda and moved to April.

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to approve March’s agenda with the two requested amendments.

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

Commissioner DuBeshter introduced and Commissioner Love Wade moved to approve the Treasurer’s 1st Quarter Report.

- 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 (February 2017);
 - Letter of Support for Columbia Heights Farmers Market;
 - Letter of Support for the Love March; and
 - Letter of Support to Paint a Mural at 3124 Georgia Ave, NW.
- Motion was approved by voice vote, 10 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 0 voting “No”; 0 Abstaining.

Official Business

Commissioner Miller introduced and moved to approve a Resolution in Support of Bill 22-047, the “Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2017.”

- Motion was approved by voice vote, 8 Commissioners voting “Yes”; 1 voting “No”; 1 Abstaining.

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to approve a Resolution in Opposition to the Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017 (B22-0125).

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

Commissioner Boese introduced and moved to approve a Resolution in Support of the Community Use of School Facilities Task Force Establishment Act of 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 9:11 p.m.