The November ANC 1A meeting was attended by Commissioners Daniel Kornfield (1A01), Vickey Wright-Smith (1A02), Steven Swank (1A03), Kevin Holmes (1A05), Patrick W. Flynn (1A06), Kent Boese (1A08), Bobby Holmes (1A09), Dotti Love Wade (1A11), and Rosalind M. Gilliam (1A12). Commissioners Morgan Corr (1A04), Thomas Boisvert (1A07), and Anthony Cimino (1A10) were absent.

The meeting included two presentations. The first was by Marc Battle, who spoke about the Pepco/Exelon merger. The second presentation was by Matt Accornero, Ward 1 representative of the DC Bicycle Advisory Council, who provided an overview of Bill 20-884, the Bicycle and Motor Vehicle Collision Recovery Amendment Act of 2014.

The Commission considered one grant applications in November. Commissioner Flynn introduced a grant for Collaborate to Impact, Tree Lighting Extravaganza in the amount of $500. Commissioner Gilliam offered a friendly amendment to reduce the grant amount to $250. The grant in the amended amount passed unanimously.

The Commission considered the following items during official business:

- Commissioner Kevin Holmes introduced a Settlement Agreement with Mi Cuba Café, located at 1424 Park Road, NW. Support for the agreement was unanimous.
- Commissioners Boese and Bobby Holmes co-introduced a resolution supporting BZA Case #18875, 713-735 Lamont Street, the Linens of the Week building project. The resolution passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Boese introduced a resolution in support of a parking variance for 3647 New Hampshire Avenue. The applicant is renovating the building for office space, and requested relief from one (1) onsite parking space. The resolution passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Bobby Holmes introduced a resolution supporting a Special Exception permitting a “fast food” establishment at 3232 Georgia Avenue. One of the businesses planning to move into the building specializes in wings, and as they will not have onsite seating, is technically considered fast food. The resolution passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Boese introduced a resolution in opposition to the issuance of a retailer’s Class “C” license to Anyado Hospitality Group, 3124 Georgia Avenue. The applicant is applying for a tavern license including an entertainment endorsement, dancing, and cover charge. Opposition to the license was unanimous.
- Commissioner Bobby Holmes introduced a resolution supporting a variance to convert an apartment building from two living units to three living units at 705 Kenyon Street. The resolution passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Flynn introduced a resolution to oppose a BZA application for 1368-1370 Kenyon Street due to incomplete information in the application. Commissioner Flynn moved to approve the resolution. The motion failed to be seconded and died. Commissioner Bobby Holmes introduced a resolution in support of the BZA application. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

Official ANC 1A minutes are available online at: http://anc1a.org/mins.html

The next ANC 1A meeting is scheduled for January 14 starting at 7 p.m., Harriet Tubman Elementary School.

BRUCE AND WILSON NORMAL SCHOOLS ADDED TO LIST OF D.C. HISTORIC LANDMARKS

On November 20, 2014, the Historic Preservation Review Board considered and unanimously approved two landmark nominations authored by Commissioner Boese in 2013. Both nominations were for District owned school buildings currently in use by charter schools.

The buildings are the former Blanche Kelso Bruce School and the James Ormond Wilson Normal School located at 770 Kenyon St. and 1100 Harvard St. respectively. Today the Bruce school is home to Cesar Chavez Public Charter Schools for Public Policy, Chavez Prep Campus and the Wilson Normal school currently houses the Carlos Rosario School. Commissioner Boese has successfully nominated a total of 6 historic structures to date.

The Historic Preservation Office’s staff report on the Bruce school included the following:

“The principal significance of the school is as an educational facility, serving generations of African-American elementary students during the era of segregated schools. Like other neighborhood schools, it grew out of and grew up with the community, serving as a community center in all senses.

The building is significant as well as a great example of one subtype of school, a product of the “Architects in Private Practice” era of 1897 to 1910, as described in the Multiple Property Documentation Form Public School Buildings of Washington, 1862-1960. It also stands as an interesting application of Albert Harris’s extensible school design as an addition.”

Similarly, the Historic Preservation Office’s staff report on the Wilson Normal school included the following:

The property retains excellent historic integrity, including its original lunch-room ell, its chimneys, etc. It has the expected alterations and repairs for a building a century old, such as window replacements. Its appearance has changed with some entry features

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erected for the present occupant, a charter school, but these alterations are ultimately reversible.

The nomination proposes a period of significance from 1912, the principal year of construction, to 1987, when the school was vacated by the teachers school, which had been merged into the University of the District of Columbia beginning in 1978. While 1987 is a pretty recent date to be considered historic, such a terminal date has few implications for the preservation treatment of the building exterior, given its remarkable preservation from a century ago. Further, if the continuity of Wilson Normal including its mergers into more modern institutions is important, then recognizing this entire span is reasonable.

Both nominations will be forwarded to the National Park Service for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

PARK VIEW COMMUNITY PARTNERS CHOSEN TO REDEVELOP PARK MORTON

On November 12, the District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners announced that they selected Park View Community Partners to be the team to lead redevelopment of Park Morton apartments.

Park View Community Partners is comprised of The Community Builders, Inc.; Dantes Partners, LLC; Torti Gallas Urban; Harkins Builders, Inc.; and Klein Hornig, LLP.

According to the DCHA press release, “this redevelopment team was chosen based on several factors, including their capacity to complete the work and how they treat our customers,” said Chairman Pedro Alfonso.

There will be one-for-one unit replacement at Park Morton.

WEATHERPROOF YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

(From DCWater)

As cold weather approaches, there are steps you can take to help prevent your pipes from freezing or breaking.

Pipes that freeze most frequently are those that are exposed to the outside, such as outdoor hose outlets, water sprinkler lines and water pipes in unheated interior areas like kitchen cabinets, attics, garages, basements and crawl spaces.

Before cold weather arrives, you may want to follow these recommendations:

- Remove, drain, and store garden hoses.
- Close the inside valves that control the water supply to outside hose attachments (called hose bibs).
- Open the outside hose bibs to allow any water remaining in the line to drain out. Keep this valve open so that any water still in the pipe can expand without causing the pipe to break.
- You may want to install a pipe sleeve for water pipes that are not insulated. Building supply stores carry these and other supplies for insulating pipes.
- If you go away for an extended time during cold weather, leave the thermostat set above 55 degrees before you leave.
- In severely cold weather, allow cold water to slowly drip from faucets, especially those served by exposed pipes. The cold water is still above freezing and will help prevent the pipe from freezing.

For more information, please visit dcwater.com/frozenpipes.
CRIME REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 10/15/14-11/15/14

In comparing crime for the past month with the same period last year, total crime was down. A year ago there were 72 reported crimes within 1,500 feet of the intersection of 6th Street and Newton Place, NW, compared to 56 this year. Of the 56 incidents, 49 were property crimes and 7 were violent in nature.

The reported crimes were:

- Robbery Excl. Gun ............... 5
- Robbery w/ Gun ................ 1
- Assault w/ Dangerous Wpn Excl. Gun ................. 1
- Burglary ............................. 2
- Theft ........................................ 18
- Theft from Auto ..................... 25
- Stolen Auto .............................. 4

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