

ANC Commissioner Chris Otten 1C02 (2009-2010)
Community Organizer -- Ward One Library Coalition
Re: BZA Appeal #18152
Date: January 7, 2011

This note is to inform the Board of Zoning Adjustment a request for postponement/continuance in the matter of the Mount Pleasant Library, BZA Appeal #18152.

The initial appeal made by me as an SMD Commissioner in October 2009, sought to bring to light several zoning regulations seemingly broken by the proposed plan to renovate and expand the Mount Pleasant Library.

An official ANC report from Commission 1C was attempted to be voted out at the last meeting of ANC-1C in December 2010 after receiving notice of the appeal in late November, but with the late November holidays, the size of the agenda and timing and preparation just simply would not allow for it.

Since then, my term as Commissioner has ended and ANC-1C Committee teams have been reorganized and reconstituted for the new ANC term. There are four new ANC-1C Commissioners just getting on board for the 2011-2012 term. Many Commissioners are wanting to understand the full merits of this case but are just getting up to speed with this matter.

Part of this understanding is reviewing how ANC-1C has been deeply involved over the past two years regarding the library -- including sending multiple Commission resolutions to DC Public Library and DC Department of Consumer and regulatory Affairs plus the expenditure of financial resources to fund an expert architectural review of the library plans.

The agent on ANC-1C now to represent this matter to the BZA is the new ANC-1C02 Commissioner. It is my understanding that this Commissioner will be at the hearing on January 11, 2011 as will I in my capacity as the prior ANC1C02 Commissioner and community organizer concerned about this project.

I am available to answer any questions about this appeal and request for continuance/postponement by email or phone.

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