

## **ANC 3/4G RASE Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 23

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:06 PM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Facilitator:** Commissioner Karrenthya Simmons

**Co-Chair:** Libby Martin

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

New and returning members introduced themselves, sharing their backgrounds and reasons for joining the RASE Committee. Participants included:

- Karrenthya Simmons (Co-chair, ANC Commissioner SMD05)
- Libby Martin (Co-chair, founding member)
- Lisa Gore (ANC Commissioner SMD01, founding member)
- Maria Sims (founding member)
- Ty Wingfield
- Lester Burke
- Ron Eichner (founding member)
- Brian Heilman
- Carl Lankowski (founding member)
- Merilee Janssen
- Cal Simone (founding member)
- Shannon Wulf-Trager
- Katherine Curley
- Bruce Sherman (ANC Commissioner SMD02)
- Carol Grunewald (ANC Commissioner SMD03)

### **2. Committee Recap**

- RASE originated from the ANC Task Force on Racism.
- Upcoming Meet & Greet: October 30, 5:30–7:30 PM at Chevy Chase Lounge (5510 Connecticut Ave NW). Open to all community members.

### **3. Discussion: Proposed Renaming of H Street to “Charlie Kirk Patriot Way”**

- Former Commissioner Robert Branham circulated a resolution opposing the federal proposal to rename a portion of H Street.
- Lisa Gore introduced the issue, emphasizing the importance of addressing it through the RASE Committee’s racial and social equity lens.
- Concerns:
  - Federal overreach in renaming DC streets.
  - Symbolic impact on historically Black neighborhoods.
  - Lack of consultation with DC residents and local government.
  - Erasure of Black Lives Matter Plaza and its significance.
- Suggestions for the resolution:
  - Include historical context of H Street and its significance.
  - Clarify current naming status of Black Lives Matter Plaza.
  - Emphasize that such renaming is offensive citywide.
  - Highlight the affront to DC’s diverse population and democratic process.
- Volunteers to assist with drafting the recommendation: Ty Wingfield, Cal Simone, Lester Burke, Libby Martin.
- Lisa Gore to research other ANCs that have adopted similar resolutions.
- Goal: Present recommendation at the November 10 ANC meeting.

### **4. Presentation: Home Rule Caucus**

**Guest Speaker:** Commissioner Miguel Trindade Deramo (ANC 1B06)

- Overview of the Home Rule Caucus:
  - Formed to coordinate citywide ANC responses to federal overreach.
  - Includes ~75 commissioners across all 8 wards.
- Recent actions:
  - Op-ed condemning federalization of MPD and National Guard presence.
  - Resolution opposing masked, unidentifiable federal agents.

- Joint letter rejecting DC National Guard's offer to assist with neighborhood projects.
- Advocacy for oversight of MPD's cooperation with federal agencies.
- Support for investigation into MPD conduct at DC Bilingual School.
- Emphasis on racial and social equity in immigration enforcement and public safety.
- Future goals include strengthening Home Rule and exploring citywide ANC collaboration.

## **5. Closing & Next Steps**

- Next RASE Committee meetings:
  - November 20
  - December 18
- Appreciation expressed for new members and ongoing community engagement.