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ANC1D advises DCPL to delay closing the MtP Branch Library until it follows the law on engagement

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the DC Public Libraries to refrain from any decisions concerning the renovation of the Mount Pleasant Library until ANC1D has been given an opportunity to review specifically the plans for those renovations, and further to undertake consultations with residents of Mount Pleasant, and with ANCs and residents of neighboring communities as well.

Rationale: we have not had the opportunity to review any such plans, and furthermore we are concerned that the residents of neighboring communities which are equally important users of Mount Pleasant Library have not been consulted.

A rushed design and construction precludes the possibility of seeking synergies and many additional public benefits that likely will arise out of the current Comprehensive Plan, and the strong possibility of a Special Planning Area focused in a one block wide strip with the branch library almost in the middle. To rush this plan evades the benefits possible from a synergy in working with the Department of Parks and Recreation, whose headquarters is just across the street, and whose programs offer many points of contact if not overlap. It evades the synergies possible with working with the over fifty education programs within six blocks, including the more than \$50 million newly opened Columbia Heights Educational Campus across the street.

The delays we suggest need not be major: A rehab project could start soon if designed with flex-space and with provision for later add-ons that could facilitate at least the above mentioned opportunities for leveraging this facility to better serve our neighbors.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on July 23, 2008, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Edwards, Scott, Bosserman, McKay, Zara.