**New Columbia Statehood Initiative Meeting**

March 2, 2015 at 4pm

John A. Wilson Building, room 306

**Attendees:**

Mayor Muriel Bowser

D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson

Senator Paul Strauss

Senator Michael Brown

Representative Franklin Garcia

Beverly Perry, Senior Advisor to Mayor Bowser

LaDavia Drane, Director, Mayor’s Office on Federal and Regional Affairs

Roberta Downing, Deputy Director, Mayor’s Office on Federal and Regional Affairs

Omeed Tabiei, Legislative Assistant, Senator Strauss

Irene Mutwiri, Legislative Correspondent, Senator Strauss

**Minutes**

Mayor Muriel Bowser officially gaveled in the meeting at 4:34pm.

The main item on the agenda was to adopt bylaws for the New Columbia Statehood Commission, in accordance with the March 1, 2015 deadline in the *New Columbia Statehood Initiative and Omnibus Boards and Commissions Reform Amendment Act of 2014*. Legal counsel agreed that since March 1, 2015 fell on a Sunday, bylaws could still legally be adopted on Monday, March 2nd, 2015.

Mayor Bowser moved to change Article 3.7 in the draft bylaws which addressed the conditions under which a special meeting of the Commission can be called. She moved to amend the language such that a majority of members of the Commission can call a meeting of the Commission “with the consent of one of the Co-Chairs.”

Without objection, that change and the interim bylaws were adopted at 4:37pm.

The group agreed to gather in a few weeks to review the interim bylaws and discuss the budget spending plan.

The meeting recessed at 4:37pm.