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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of July 9, 2014

I. Call to Order and Introduction of Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on July 9, 2014 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Dehbozorgi called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Approximately 20 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Brian Hart (1C01), Martis Davis (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), Gabriela Mossi (1C04), Elham Dehbozorgi (1C05), Billy Simpson (1C06), and Wilson Reynolds (1C07).

II. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report *(given as the last item in the meeting)*

Chair Simpson reported that the DC Alcoholic Beverage Control Board released its ruling on whether to continue the Adams Morgan alcohol license moratorium. He said the ABC Board took an intermediate approach and continued the ban on new nightclub and tavern licenses but allowed new restaurant applications for licenses to serve alcohol. He added that the new moratorium is for three years instead of five and that the ruling did not impose the conditions requested by ANC 1C regarding limits on entertainment and bans on promoters and bar crawls. Chair Simpson reported that the proposed rulemaking is now open for public comment before the ABC Board makes its final rulemaking.

b. Secretary's Report

Secretary Guthrie moved to approve the minutes for the June 4, 2014 ANC1C meeting. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Commission voted 5 to 0 to approve the minutes. (Commissioners Mossi and Simpson had not yet arrived).

c. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dehbozorgi reported that when the 3rd quarter allotment arrives it will bring the balance back to the desired level and that the next financial report is due at the end of August.

III. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

- Commissioner Davis announced that the next meeting of the Public Services and the Environment Committee would be on Wednesday, July 30 at Mary's Center.
- Commissioner Davis gave an update on excavation to fix a collapsed sewer line on Biltmore Street between 19th and 20th Streets. He said that gas lines are involved and it may take three more weeks until the repair is complete.
- Commissioner Hart announced that there would be no meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee in July.
- Commissioner Hart announced that a Bastille Day block party sponsored by L'Enfant Café would involve closing a block of Vernon Street on Saturday, July 12.

IV. Public Announcements / Comments

- Michelle Cleveland, events coordinator for the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, announced that WABA is again holding a 50 states and 13 colonies community bike ride on Saturday, September 13. She explained that the starting point will be at Walter Pierce Park and that the ride includes all 50 state-named streets in DC.
- A representative from Unite Here Local 25 asked if there was any news on ANC 1C's June resolution regarding the Zoning Commission Order on the new Adams Morgan hotel. Commissioners replied that they had not yet received a response from the Zoning Commission.
- Kristen Barden, Executive Director of the Adams Morgan BID, reported that the summer concert series and the outdoor movie series were successes with over 700 people attending the last movie. She announced that the Adams Morgan BID will be again co-sponsoring PorchFest with Cultural Tourism DC on Saturday, October 18, at the end of the Art4All Festival. Finally, she announced that the BID will be moving its office to the Festival Center at 1640 Columbia Road and provided contact information: kbarden@adamsmorganonline.org, 202-997-0783.

V. Upcoming Meeting Agendas for July

Commissioner Dehbozorgi announced that the agendas for ANC 1C committee meetings in July could be found on the reverse side of the ANC agenda.

Commissioner Reynolds added the Zoning Commission response -- or lack of response -- regarding the Adams Morgan hotel resolution to the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee agenda for July 23.

VI. Scheduled Business

a. Public Services and the Environment

i. Grant application from Hoops Sagrado

Commissioner Davis reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee recommended that the Commission approve a grant request for \$1000 to Hoops Sagrado. Mindy Moretti who works with the program gave an overview of the work they do to bring kids from Adams Morgan and Ward 1 to Guatemala to perform public service projects. She explained that their grant request is for duffle bags, cots, and books since they are in the 16th year of the program and some of this equipment needs to be replaced. Commissioner Dehbozorgi noted that the equipment purchase would meet ANC requirements as long as the equipment stays in possession of the organization and is not given to the kids who participate.

Commissioner Mossi moved the resolution granting Hoops Sagrado \$1,000. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0. (Commissioner Simpson had not yet arrived).

ii. Ward 1 School Boundaries

Commissioner Hart provided an update on the status of the city-wide school boundary review by the DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education. He said that a proposed new plan would allow rectify the problem of children who live near Oyster-Adams School being ineligible to attend that school. Maryam Ahranjani, a member of the DC Advisory Committee on Student Assignment, gave an overview of the work that is being done to change the current system. She said the

committee took input from families starting last October; that the committee has completed a second draft; and it will go to a third round of revisions before final release.

Commissioners asked about changes to Oyster-Adams School. Members of the public asked about the review and implementation going forward. Ms. Ahranjani answered that the Advisory Committee would be submitting a draft to Deputy Mayor Abigail Smith in July who will in turn submit the draft to the Mayor, but it would not take effect until the 2015- 2016 school year.

Davis Kennedy asked about options for students who don't want to go to the school where they are assigned. Ms. Ahranjani answered that older students have more opportunities to move to other schools. A member of the public praised the Advisory Committee for listening to residents about the importance of neighborhood.

Commissioner Hart moved a resolution calling on District of Columbia Public Schools to ensure access to quality matter-of-right public schools in each community. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dehbozorgi asked whether the last clause of the resolution should read "pre-school" instead of Kindergarten. Commissioner Hart accepted a friendly amendment changing it to pre-school.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification that the last clause was not asking for particular methodology to be used in school access, which Commissioner Hart confirmed.

The resolution as amended passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

ANC 1C Resolution to Ensure Quality Neighborhood Schools

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were created to "advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency...with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy," including with respect to education;

Whereas, the government of the District of Columbia is obligated to accord "great weight" to advice from ANCs;

Whereas, the purpose of the District of Columbia Public Schools' (DCPS) is "to ensure that every student attends a great school, and that every school meets high standards in all areas that affect student achievement;"

Whereas, the Deputy Mayor of Education (DME) is currently leading "a comprehensive review of its (the District's) student assignment policies, including school attendance boundaries and feeder patterns";

Whereas, ANC 1C recognizes the importance of a quality public education to the health and vitality of all communities;

Whereas, ANC 1C values quality matter-of-right public schools from pre-school through high school and will work to ensure that all residents have access to this option within our community and throughout the city;

Whereas, ANC 1C recognizes that many parents desire clear and predictable pathways through the public school system and would prefer a school within the community;

Whereas, ANC 1C recognizes that many community schools serve not only students residing within the community but also from other wards;

Now therefore, be it resolved that ANC 1C, along with its ANC colleagues in ANC 1B, 2A, 2B, 2D, 2F, 3B, 3E, 4B, 4D, 6E, and 7C, require DCPS to ensure access to quality matter-of-right public schools from pre-school through Grade 12 in each community.

Commissioner Hart moved a resolution supporting the Deputy Mayor for Education's proposal to allow Adams Morgan students who live near the Adams School to attend Oyster-Adams. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion.

Commissioner Guthrie said he would want more information about student assignment to high schools before voting on the last clause that stated support for neighborhood students attending Wilson High School. Commissioner Guthrie proposed eliminating that paragraph as a friendly amendment. Commissioner Hart did not accept it as a friendly amendment, but seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend the resolution by removing the last clause passed by a vote of 4 in favor; 1 opposed; and 1 abstained.

The resolution as amended then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

ANC 1C Resolution on Community Access to Oyster-Adams School

Whereas, John Quincy Adams School, located at 2020 19th Street, NW has a long historical link to its neighborhood, Adams Morgan.

Whereas, Adams and the now defunct Morgan school (both elementary schools at the time) were the first public schools in the city of Washington to integrate in 1955. No longer would children who lived next door to Adams or across the street be told to go elsewhere;

Whereas, the Adams School was a center of the local community for many years;

Whereas, the merger of Oyster and Adams seven years ago was accomplished without adequate public input and barred children from the immediate neighborhood from attendance. Children who lived next door and across the street were again told to go elsewhere with no substantial rationale provided to the community by DCPS;

Whereas, denying neighborhood children access to Oyster-Adams has substantially harmed the Adams Morgan community, depriving residents of an important community hub, prejudicing their basic right to a great neighborhood school, and causing substantial issues related to transportation and public safety.

Whereas, the Deputy Mayor for Education, along with a community advisory committee, has performed an in-depth analysis of the public education system's school boundaries, and has issued a preliminary report indicating that Adams Morgan students may again gain access to Oyster-Adams.

Whereas, this boundary correction would require minimal near-term cost in accommodating the only 75 children who live within the ANC 1C01 restored boundary, while remedying the serious harm and inequity imposed upon the Adams Morgan community.

Now therefore, be it resolved ANC 1C strongly supports the Deputy Mayor for Education's proposal to restore the Oyster-Adams school boundary for the Adams Morgan community.

b. ABC and Public Safety

i. Le Liquor settlement agreement

Commissioner Guthrie moved to amend ANC 1's settlement agreement with Le Liquor to allow alcohol service until 10 pm Monday through Saturday; to add service of alcohol on Sundays from 10 am to 6 pm; and, to add the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association as signatory.

Commissioner Hart seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

ii. Rendezvous Lounge settlement agreement

Commissioner Guthrie moved to amend ANC 1C's settlement agreement with Rendezvous Lounge to include safety and security provisions. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
CONCERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

The Settlement Agreement concerning Café Dallul, t/a Rendez Vous Lounge, 2226 18th Street NW, executed September 7, 2011 and approved by the DC ABC Board on October 5, 2011, by Board order Number 2011-423, is hereby amended, this 9th day of July, 2014, as described below.

Whereas, Parties to the 2011 agreement Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC 1C) and Kalorama Citizens Association (KCA) both protested the renewal of Applicant Café Dallul's 2014 license renewal, and

Whereas, the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association (RCNA) also protested Applicant's 2014 renewal, and has party status, and

Whereas, in recognition of the Board's policy of encouraging parties to settle their differences by reaching Settlement Agreements, Applicant agrees to adopt certain measures to address the Protestants' concerns, provided that these conditions are incorporated into the Board's Order issuing the license, which Order is thereby conditioned upon compliance with said agreement.

Now therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings memorialized herein, the Parties agree as follows:

The following sub-sections are added to Provision 6, "Items Specific to the Establishment" of the 2011 agreement

- a.) The Reed Cooke Neighborhood Association shall be added to the agreement as a party.*
- b.) Applicant agrees to provide security personnel at the front door whenever there is a perceived need.*
- c.) Applicant and security personnel will insure that only persons 21 years of age and over are permitted to enter the establishment. All bartenders and wait staff shall ensure that only persons 21 years or over are served alcoholic beverages.*
- d.) The Applicant and bartender shall complete a course in alcohol awareness training within 30 days of Board approval of this agreement.*
- e.) Applicant agrees to install and maintain in place, a thick rubber mat at the foot of the stairs from the 1st to the 2nd floor.*
- f.) Applicant agrees to install an additional handrail on the left wall as one moves from the 1st floor to the 2nd floor. The new handrail shall extend the full length of the staircase, and be*

made of wood.

The physical changes described above shall be completed within 30 days of Board approval of this agreement.

For Café Dallul, t/a Rendez Vous Lounge:

For Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC 1C)

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Signature Date

Title (Please print)

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For Kalorama Citizens Association

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For Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association

Signature Date

Title (Please Print)

iii. Timehri settlement agreement

Commissioner Guthrie moved to protest Timehri’s application to amend or terminate their settlement agreement with ANC 1C on the on grounds that it would have an adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Resolution to Protest Timehri International’s Request to Terminate

Be it resolved that ANC 1C protests the request of Timehri International (ABRA-077730) to terminate its settlement agreement on the grounds that termination of the settlement agreement would have an adverse effect on peace, order, and quiet in the community.

c. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation

i. Proposed rear addition at 2324 19th Street NW

The owner of the property at 2324 19th Street presented his proposal for a rear deck and pool addition to his home. He said that the addition does not need zoning relief, but is under consideration by the Historic Preservation Review Board. He said he had discussed the plans with his neighbors. Commissioner Davis asked about the feedback from neighbors.

Commissioner Reynolds noted that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee had voted 3 to 0 to recommend that the full commission send a letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board in support of the proposed addition. Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C vote to authorize Commissioner Rock, Chair of the PZT Committee, to send a letter to HPRB expressing support for the addition. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

ii. Proposed roof deck extension at 2029 Connecticut Ave NW

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the PZT Committee voted 3 to 0 to support plans for a roof deck at 2029 Connecticut Avenue. He moved that ANC 1C authorize Commissioner Rock to send a letter of support to HPRB. Commissioner Mossi seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

iii. Buca di Beppo valet parking application

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the PZT Committee had voted to recommend that ANC 1C oppose an application from Buca di Beppo for a valet staging permit. He moved a resolution opposing the application and authorizing Commissioner Rock to notify the DDOT Public Space Committee of this opposition. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion. Commissioner Reynolds explained that the restaurant owners had not provided information about the permit they are seeking. The resolution passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

iv. Proposed Pergola at 1717 Columbia Road NW

David Inoue, Administrative Director of Christ House, presented plans for a pergola or arbor in front of their property at 1717 Columbia Road for which they need approval of the DDOT Public Space Committee. Mr. Inoue said the purpose of the arbor is to protect their patients from the sun. Commissioner Reynolds asked about the design of the arbor. He added that the organization does excellent work and if this helps their mission he has no objection to it. He also noted that Commissioner Simpson, the commissioner for that single member district, supports the proposal. Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C send a letter to the Public Space Committee in support of the proposed pergola. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

v. Proposed roof deck on 1821 Vernon Street NW

Commissioner Reynolds updated the Commission on a proposed roof deck at 1821 Vernon Street NW for which the PZT Committee had previously recommended support. He reported that neighbors had been contacted and that they supported the proposal. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to support the proposed roof deck at 1821 Vernon Street and to authorize Commissioner Rock to send a letter of support to the HPRB. Commissioner Dehbozorgi seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Davis moved to adjourn shortly after 9 pm. Commissioner Dehbozorgi seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote.