

**Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C  
(Draft)**

**August 4, 1999**

A meeting of the Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (the "ANC") convened at the Third District Police Headquarters at 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 1999.

**1. Attendance.**

Commissioners Present: Eleanor Johnson, Eric Letsinger, Carolyn Llorente, Andrew Miscuk, Peter Schott, Linda Softli and Mark Wright.

Commissioner Absent: Richard Mason

Also Present: Mark Petruzzi, Chair, Zoning & Permits Committee

Bill Falls, Commission Webmaster

Approximately 15 citizens and business owners signed the meeting attendance sheet.

**2. Notice of Meeting.** Each Commissioner and the community received notice of the meeting.

**3. Presiding Officer and Secretary.** Commissioner Softli presided and Commissioner Letsinger kept Minutes of the meeting.

**4. Call to Order and Introduction of Commissioners.** Commissioner Softli recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order. As is their custom, the Commissioners introduced themselves to the community.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meetings.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the June 1999 meeting of the Commission were unanimously approved.

**6. Treasurer's Report.** Commissioner Llorente distributed the third quarter 1999 financial report for the Commission covering the second calendar quarter of 1999. Upon further discussion, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED**, that the Third Quarter 1999 financial report for the Commission covering the period from April through June 1999 as presented at the meeting shall be and hereby is ratified and approved; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Treasurer and such other officers of the Commission shall be and hereby are authorized to take such actions as are necessary to carry out the

purposes of the foregoing resolution, including the filing of such financial report with the appropriate city agency.

The Commissioners decided to postpone the discussion of the following year's budget until the next meeting so that the Commissioners would have a chance to review the new numbers in an Executive meeting prior to the public meeting.

**7. Arts Committee.** Commissioner Schott introduced a resolution in support of establishing an arts committee in the Adams Morgan ANC. The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and, upon further discussion, unanimously adopted by the Commission as follows:

**WHEREAS** ANC 1C, at its April 7, 1999 meeting unanimously adopted a resolution encouraging the development and restoration of a lively arts and cultural community in Adams Morgan, and an arts pavilion:

**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that ANC 1C establish a committee made up of residents, the arts community and the ANC Commissioners, to be known as the Adams Morgan Arts Committee, which would be charged with locating a space in Adams Morgan for an arts pavilion and other spaces for artists to work, to sell their wares and to provide educational services.

**8. Office Staffing.** The Commission is exploring options for staffing its office. The Commission voted to put this issue off for discussion until next month.

**9. Public Safety Report.** The Public Safety Committee report was given by Lt. Chessler (PSA 304).

**10. Unanimous Consents.** The Commission unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

**WHEREAS**, the City-owned park is a real asset to the many residents of SMD 1C08 and SMD 1C09. Area neighbors have demonstrated their commitment to the park by keeping it well maintained through the years by providing private funds and free labor; and

**WHEREAS**, the park needs to be routinely watered in order for the grass to grow. There exists adequate plumbing underneath the park to water the park, however the pipes were turned off by the City during routine construction along 17th Street and have not been turned back on; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC-1C supports the drafting and submitting of a letter to the appropriate District agency to request that the City's water source be connected to the park (as it was previously) to ensure the routine watering of the park.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission duly notes that good customer service should be extended to all individuals utilizing any US Postal Service Office and in particular the Adams Morgan Post Office at Kalorama and 18th Street, NW; and

**WHEREAS**, up to one month ago, the Kalorama Station employed a person who spoke Spanish for the benefit of persons of the local Hispanic/Latino community who did not speak English:

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Commission recommends to US Post Office management to continue the policy of maintaining a Spanish speaking employee at the Kalorama Station by re-hiring/re-placing the employee who has left with a Spanish speaking individual; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that this would be a gesture of good customer service by reducing any disturbance to both the post office staff and those individuals who do not speak English.

**11. Adams Morgan Festival Matters.** The Commission voted 4 (Softli, Schott, Johnson, Letsinger) to 3 (Miscuk, Wright, Llorente) in favor of providing a grant (contingent upon determination from Corporation Counsel and/or Auditor's Office that the grant constitutes a permissible expenditure by the Commission) of \$3,600 to present six \$300.00 Honorarium to selected artists participating in the Fine Arts Fair during the Festival. Such recipients must also agree to work with Kid's Fair participants in art education projects during the Fair, and sponsor the Kid's Fair elements: paints, materials, moon bounce, puppet show, story telling, finger painting, wall mural, sidewalk chalk drawings, etc.

**12. Date and Place of Next Meeting and Adjournment.** There being no additional discussion, the Commission noted that the next meeting on September 1 would also be held at the Third District Police Headquarters.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Letsinger, Acting Secretary