

ANC 1C Meeting Minutes



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Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C August 2, 2000

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A meeting of the Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (the "ANC") convened at the Third District Police Station at 7:00pm on August 2, 2000.

1. ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present: Johnson, Llorente, Miscuk, Schott, Wright
Commissioners absent: Faith, Letsinger, Softli
Approximately 35 persons were present in addition to commissioners.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

Each Commissioner and the community received notice of the meeting.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER AND SECRETARY

Commissioner Schott presided, and Commissioner Wright kept Minutes of the meeting.

4. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS

After a quorum was achieved the Commissioners introduced themselves at 7:10pm.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lisa Duperier, Community Chair, Public Safety Committee distributed a copy of the latest crime report and invited people interested in serving on the committee to call her at 667-1052. She introduced Lt. Wm. O'Connor from PSA 301, who then gave an update on recent crime statistics and enforcement actions. Lt. O'Connor introduced Officer Deborah Pierce, who works the midnight shift for PSA 301 at the Third District. Lt. O'Connor said his officers will be aggressively enforcing parking law violations on weekend nights, and briefly discussed options for towing illegally parked vehicles. He announced the capture of three suspects allegedly involved in a July 11 robbery. He noted the progress made in a recent graffiti clean-up effort involving police, city workers, and residents, and said extra paint will be on hand for a short time in the police community center at 18th and Columbia. He noted extra enforcement efforts to address car jockeys and illegal washing of cars in the street (primarily aimed at 18th St.). Lt. O'Connor said the Third District is short seven lieutenants and 17 sergeants. A spokesman for Councilmember Jim Graham interjected that the councilman is also trying to get more ABC inspectors and fire marshals into 18th St. establishments.

Mark Petruzzi, Community Chair, Zoning & Permits Committee gave a summary

of the committee's latest meeting, at which license renewals for specific establishments were discussed, and noted the businesses that the committee characterized as non-problem establishments. Commissioner Schott then reviewed the list of establishments identified during the committee's latest meeting as having problems, and proceeded to introduce motions regarding those establishments. (Motions detailed below under new business.)

6. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Wright):

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry's/Adams Morgan located at 1836 Columbia Rd., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 2978), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment had after hours operations, doors and windows regularly left open, noisy patrons leaving the establishment, denied police access to the establishment, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it emits loud music, creates a parking problem, and interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood.

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate.

Comm. Miscuk moved, seconded by Comm. Johnson, to amend resolution to include emitting of loud music; passed with 4 yeas, 1 abstention. (Amended language is underlined in above resolution.) Resolution passed 4 yeas, 1 nay.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Wright):

WHEREAS, Columbia Station located at 2325 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 34996), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment had late night noise, music playing outside, and windows left open, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it interferes with the peace, order and

quiet of the neighborhood.

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate.

Comm. Miscuk moved to amend (duly seconded): Any final voluntary agreement reached with Columbia Station needs majority of commissioners' signatures before it takes effect. Within seven days after review, an absence of signatures shall be construed as consent. Amendment passed 4 yeas, 1 nay.

Resolution on Columbia Station, as amended, passed 4 yeas, 1 nay.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Wright):

WHEREAS, Green Island/Heaven and Hell located at 2327 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 23016), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment has noise emitted from it, leaves windows and doors open regularly and participates in the bar/pub crawl, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate

Comm. Miscuk moved to amend (duly seconded): Any final voluntary agreement reached with Columbia Station needs majority of commissioners' signatures before it takes effect. Within seven days after review, an absence of signatures shall be construed as consent. Amendment passed 4 yeas, 1 nay.

Resolution on Green Island/Heaven and Hell, as amended, passed 4 yeas, 1 nay.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (duly seconded):

WHEREAS, Asylum located at 2471 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 30013), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment participates in the bar/pub crawl and illegally uses parking cones, blocking parking lanes, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate

Comm. Miscuk moved to amend (duly seconded): Furthermore, this ANC will work to secure additional motorcycle parking space to create more parking spaces. Passed 4 yeas, 1 abstention.

Comm. Miscuk moved to amend (duly seconded): that we limit negotiations to issues in the above resolution's fourth "whereas." Passed unanimously.

Owner Jim Andratti interjected that he is against pub crawls.

Resolution on Asylum, as amended, passed unanimously.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Wright):

WHEREAS, Lion's Den located at 2427 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 26062), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment featured no menu, had a record of marijuana usage, had no manager on duty, and generally interfered with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment, and

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate.

Resolution on Lion's Den passed unanimously.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by

Comm. Miscuk):

WHEREAS, Pearl located at 2228 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 7534), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment had outdoor speakers, left doors and upstairs windows open and had a bad record on picking up trash and leaving trash receptacles lids open, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it creates a parking problem, and interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate.

Comm. Miscuk moved to amend (duly seconded): that we limit negotiations to issues in the above resolution's fourth "whereas." Passed unanimously.

Resolution on Pearl passed unanimously.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Miscuk):

WHEREAS, DC Casa Africana located at 2341 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 11229), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment had late night noise, music playing outside, and windows left open, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate.

Comm. Miscuk moved to amend (duly seconded): that we limit negotiations to

issues in the above resolution's fourth "whereas." Passed unanimously.

Resolution on DC Casa Africana passed unanimously.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Wright):

WHEREAS, Tom Tom located at 2333 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 29242), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment has no food on the premises, overcrowding beyond the certificate of occupancy, noise, leaving doors and windows open, and numerous letters of complaint were read into the record, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate.

Comm. Miscuk moved to amend paragraph #4 (seconded by Comm. Llorente) to include: noise, leaving doors and windows open. Passed unanimously. (Amended language underlined in above resolution.)

Resolution on Tom Tom passed unanimously.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Johnson):

WHEREAS, Cities located at 2424 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 26134), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment regularly keeps its doors and windows open, and blocks parking lane with cones, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it creates a parking problem, and interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate, and that said agreement address noise, public safety, and problems of peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood caused by valet parking at 1701 Kalorama Rd. in SMD 1C-06.

Comm. Johnson moved to amend (duly seconded): noise, public safety, and problems of peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood caused by valet parking at 1701 Kalorama Rd. in SMD 1C-06 should be addressed in the voluntary agreement. Passed unanimously. (Amendment language underlined in above resolution.)

Resolution on Cities passed unanimously.

Comm. Schott moved the adoption of the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Johnson):

WHEREAS, Buca di Beppo located at 1825 Connecticut Ave., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (# 36454), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment had promosed a neighboring ANC that they would provide free valet parking at a designated lot, and never followed that promise, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it creates a parking problem, and

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement if appropriate.

Resolution on Buca di Beppo passed unanimously.

Comm. Johnson moved to accept an application from the Friends of Marie Reed for a \$700 grant (seconded by Comm. Miscuk).

Comm. Schott moved to amend, accepted as a friendly amendment: the ANC will contact the office of the DC Auditor to make sure we can give this grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Wright moved (duly seconded) to send a letter to the DC Department of Recreation and Parks highlighting continuing problems in Kalorama Park;

said letter to incorporate changes reflecting input from the community about tasks the Department has recently completed, and reflecting Comm. Miscuk's concern that homeless people using the park not be displaced but rather be given assistance in relocating to a more appropriate living arrangement. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PROGRAM UPDATES

Comm. Wright provided a brief update on the status of the Heritage Trails project he and Comm. Llorente are coordinating.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Comm. Llorente moved to approve the ANC 1C Quarterly Report for First Quarter 2000 (seconded by Comm. Johnson). Passed unanimously.

Comm. Llorente moved to approve the ANC 1C Quarterly Report for Second Quarter 2000 (seconded by Comm. Wright). Passed unanimously.

Comm. Miscuk moved that ANC 1C do what it can to arrange for bills to be paid by direct access electronically (seconded by Comm. Johnson). Passed unanimously.

Comm. Miscuk moved to spend no more than \$50 to get missing statements from ANC 1C's bank, which cost \$5.00 per statement (seconded by Comm. Wright). Passed unanimously.

9. REQUEST FOR STIPULATED LICENSE BY GHANA CAFÉ

Comm. Miscuk moved to approve a stipulated license for Tony Opare/Ghana Café (seconded by Comm. Llorente). Motion passed 4 yeas, 1 nay.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Comm. Wright moved the approval of minutes from the May, June, and July meetings (duly seconded). Motions passed unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Wright, Secretary

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