

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C  
Adams Morgan**

**Minutes of December 5, 2001, Meeting**

A scheduled business meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on December 5, 2001, at the 3<sup>RD</sup> District Police Station. A quorum being present, Chair Miscuk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attending were Commissioners Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Jovanka, Johnson, Gibson and Klempay. Approximately six members of the public also attended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gibson reported a current bank balance of \$45,210.83..

The Treasurer offered the following resolution:

*RESOLUTION REGARDING EXPENSES*

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves an expenditure of \$85 to pay our monthly storage fee.*

The resolution was seconded and passed by voice vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Klempay distributed copies of the Minutes of the June 6, 2001 meeting of ANC 1C and moved that they be adopted. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Schott moved to amend the Minutes as follows:

Page 6, delete from "Commissioner Johnson" (first occurrence) through "[Vote not available]" (second occurrence) and substitute the following therefor: "Commissioner Johnson offered two resolutions on low cost housing and Section 8 housing, respectively. The motions were seconded, debated and approved by vote."

The motion to amend was seconded and approved by voice vote. The Minutes, as so amended, were approved by voice vote.

The Secretary distributed the Minutes of the November 7, 2001 meeting and moved their approval. Commissioner Gibson moved to postpone consideration of the Minutes until the January 2, 2002 meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded and passed by a roll

call vote:

YEA Roth, Miscuk, Schott, Gibson, Klempay  
ABSTAINING Wright

Copies of the draft Minutes of the July 23, 2001 and November 19, 2001 meetings were distributed for review by the Commissioners prior to their consideration at the next scheduled meeting of ANC 1C.

The Secretary reported that Minutes of the March 7, 2001 meeting are being drafted and that further information is needed to draft Minutes for the March 19, June 18, July 11, August 1 and August 13 meetings. Commissioner Jovanka stated that she had notes relating to some of these meetings and was requested to get copies thereof to the Secretary promptly.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Public Safety** Commissioner Gibson reported that Lt. O'Conner has been transferred to the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

**ABC** Commissioner Miscuk reported that the Protest Hearing before the Board on the Cassava Café matter will be held on December 19, 2001, at 1:00pm. All Commissioners were urged to attend.

**Public Works** Commissioner Schott, Committee Chair, announced a meeting on December 10, 2001, 7 pm, at the Kalorama Recreation Center. Among the issues to be considered is a zoning issue involving the Colortone Building site.

**Communications** Commissioner Gibson, Committee Chair, announced a meeting on December 11, 2001, 7:30 am, at The Diner.

**Grants** Commissioner Wright, Committee Chair, distributed copies of a Grant Request Form from The Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts for a grant of \$500, and stated that he intended to present this grant request for consideration at the January 2, 2002 meeting of ANC 1C.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Gibson offered the following resolution:

*WHEREAS, on August 1, 2001, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approved a resolution recommending that the short, unnamed street located just south of the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center be named for the late Officer Marlon Morales, who was struck down during his service in the WMATA Police Department; and*

*WHEREAS, subsequently, in November, the Kalorama Citizens' Association and the Reed Cooke Neighborhood Association suggested that this same street be named for the late Mr. Dutton Ferguson; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson spent his early days in the Harlem of the 1920s, and was active in the writers' and artists' communities there; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson later moved to Washington, DC, residing in the 1700 block of U Street; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson helped organize a boycott of U Street businesses that refused to hire African Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson also provided vital support to the effort to defeat urban renewal and freeway plans that threatened the Reed Cooke neighborhood; and*

*WHEREAS, key among Mr. Ferguson's contributions was the battle to have the substandard, formerly all-African American Thomas P. Morgan School demolished; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson then became a key player in the effort to create the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center; and*

*WHEREAS, the sports field at Reed School lies where the Morgan School once did; and*

*WHEREAS, this field is very poorly kept up, being marred by deep holes, bald patches, broken glass, and other dangerous litter; and*

*WHEREAS, this field has become the site of many violent crimes and robberies; and*

*WHEREAS, during a walkthrough of the grounds of the Reed School on October 23, School Board President Peggy Cooper Cafritz suggested that the field would receive superior and more frequent maintenance if it were transferred from DC Public Schools control to the purview of the Department of Parks and Recreation; and*

*WHEREAS, naming the field after a neighborhood historical figure such as Mr. Ferguson would additionally contribute to the upkeep of the field by building an increased sense of pride in this currently disrespected location;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C encourages the DC Public Schools and the Department of Recreation to enter into a long-term agreement whereby DCPS would lease the sports field at Reed School to the Department of Parks and Recreation; and*

*FURTHER, be it resolved that the Department of Parks and Recreation be encouraged to agree to an ambitious schedule to revitalize and maintain the field and the adjacent*

*seating area; and*

*FURTHER, be it resolved that the Department of Parks and Recreation be encouraged to name the field "Ferguson Field" after Mr. Dutton Ferguson, and that signs be hung at each of the field's entrances to this effect.*

The resolution was seconded. Debate on the resolution followed and Chair Miscuk recognized members of the public for comment. Commissioner Schott moved to divide between maintenance of the field and naming of the field. The motion to divide was seconded, debated and rejected by roll call vote:

YEA Schott, Jovanka, Johnson  
NAY Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Gibson, Klempay

Commissioner Gibson moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution to the December 17, 2001 meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded. Commissioner Roth moved to amend by changing the consideration to January 2, 2002. The motion to amend was seconded and approved by consent. The motion to postpone, as so amended, was approved by roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Gibson, Klempay  
NAY Jovanka, Johnson

Commissioner Gibson offered the following resolution:

*RESOLUTION REGARDING DISPOSITION OF  
ANC 1C PHOTOCOPIER*

*WHEREAS, for roughly a year, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1 C's photocopier has been out of order; and*

*WHEREAS, on September 20, 2001, ANC 1C voted not to make the expenditures necessary to bring the photocopier into working order; and*

*WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has expressed an interest in assuming ownership of the photocopier;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C transfers control of the photocopier to the Department of Parks and Recreation.*

The motion was seconded and debated. Commissioner Jovanka moved to postpone further consideration until the January 2, 2002 meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded and approved by roll call vote:

YEA Miscuk, Schott, Jovanka, Johnson, Gibson, Klempay  
NAY Roth, Wright

Commissioner Gibson offered the following resolution:

*RESOLUTION REGARDING PURCHASE OF A BULLETIN BOARD*

*WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C is constantly attempting to improve communications with the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Communications Committee of ANC 1C has at length discussed the purchase of centralized bulletin boards to be maintained by the ANC, and*

*WHEREAS, the front of these bulletin boards will feature lockable plexiglass doors behind which will be a cork board to be maintained by an ANC Commissioner and utilized to publicize community postings; and*

*WHEREAS, when the public becomes accustomed to the use of centralized bulletin boards, postings on streetlights and similar locations by ANC Commissioners and others may be able to be decreased;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C authorizes the expenditure of \$475 to purchase one such bulletin board, and*

*FURTHER, be it resolved that this bulletin board will be installed at the southeast corner of Adams Mill Road and Lanier Place, the permission for which has already been obtained; and*

*FURTHER, be it resolved that after two months of use of this bulletin board, the ANC will reexamine this program, and determine if the installation of one or two such bulletin boards in each Single Member District is warranted.*

The motion was seconded and debated. Commissioner Jovanka moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution until the January 2, 2002 meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded and rejected by roll call vote:

YEA Jovanka, Johnson  
NAY Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Gibson, Klempay

The resolution was approved by roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Gibson, Klempay  
NAY Jovanka, Johnson

Commissioner Schott offered the following resolution:

***RESOLUTION ON PUBLIC SAFETY***

*WHEREAS, ANC 1C lies with the Metropolitan Police's Third District, and*

*WHEREAS, events of September 11 have greatly strained the resources available to the Third District, and*

*WHEREAS, such a strain has led to an increase in crime in our ANC area, and*

*WHEREAS, A great many residents attended a public safety meeting held at the Third District on November 15, 2001, to express their concerns, now*

*THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 1C transmit a copy of this resolution to Chief Ramsey, Mayor Anthony Williams, and Councilmember Jim Graham, and other appropriate agencies asking them to support the following initiatives aimed at increasing the public safety and security of residents, visitors and businesses in Adams Morgan.*

*1- Expand the Police Reserve Program by hiring qualified personnel for specific security details.*

*2- Recruit the use of the National Guard and/or Federal police forces (e.g. Capitol Police, Secret Service, Executive Protective Service etc.) to protect Federal Buildings and freeing up MPD police.*

*3- Move forward with DPW's efforts at hiring nighttime parking enforcement aides to handle minor traffic issues and parking violations (such as blocking alleys, hydrants, and driveways) which endanger the public's safety.*

*4- Provide additional support for the Partnership in Problem Solving working groups so that they can learn to complement the police as qualified eyes and ears.*

*5- Encourage Orange Hat and other citizen's patrol groups to provide physical presence against crimes.*

*6- Strengthen ties with the Corporation Counsel and the US Attorney's office to provide a complete policing solutions and objectives within the community.*

*7- Restore PSA staffing within ANC 1C to its pre-September 11 levels at a minimum, and to a greater level where the need appears.*

The motion was seconded, debated, and approved by roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Gibson, Klempay  
NAY Jovanka, Johnson

Commissioner Roth moved that the topic of the forum meeting on December 17, 2001 be the Klingle Valley/Klingle Road issue. The motion was seconded, debated and approved by roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Jovanka, Johnson, Gibson, Klempay

Commissioner Schott moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Peter L. Klempay  
Secretary ANC 1C

Approved: February 6, 2002