

ANC 1C Meeting Minutes



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Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C April 5, 2000

The following is a draft of the minutes of the meeting of ANC 1C held on April 5, 2000. This draft may be revised by the Commission before approval in May.

A meeting of the Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (the "ANC") convened at the Marie Reed School at 7:00 p.m. on April 5, 2000.

1. ATTENDANCE. Commissioners Present: Faith, Eleanor Johnson, Carolyn Llorente, Andrew Miscuk, Peter Schott, Linda Softli, and Mark Wright. Commissioners Absent: Eric Letsinger, Richard Mason*. (*Commissioner Mason, ANC 1C's secretary, has resigned and relocated from the area.) Also Present: Lisa Duperier, Community Chair, Public Safety Committee
Approximately 20 additional persons were present or 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 Wright kept Minutes of the meeting.
4. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS. Commissioner Softli called the meeting to order as soon as a quorum was present and, as is their custom, the Commissioners introduced themselves to the community. She also announced a number of events of interest to the community.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. Commissioner Softli postponed approval of the minutes from the previous meeting to give Commissioners additional time to review them.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT. No Treasurer's report available; Commissioner Llorente had resigned as Treasurer and election of a new Treasurer is pending.
7. PROGRESS REPORT ON WALTER PIERCE COMMUNITY PARK. Commissioner Miscuk reported on the results of community fundraising efforts for Walter Pierce Community Park.
8. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION UPDATE. Marla Pettinato of the Latino Economic Development Corp. (LEDC) announced that the LEDC has a Spanish language translator available for individuals seeking assistance in completing Census forms. She also announced that LEDC is holding a gala dinner May 2, 2000 at 7:00pm in the Capital Hilton (16th and K St., NW) for \$125/person.
9. MT. PLEASANT BROADCASTING CLUB. Two representatives of the Mt. Pleasant Broadcasting Club answered questions about the Club's efforts to create a low-powered, non-commercial radio station. Commissioner Wright explained that he had been in contact with

Amanda Huron of the Club regarding a letter of support from the ANC. Commissioner Wright moved that ANC 1C provide the Mount Pleasant Broadcasting Club with a letter of support. The motion was seconded and Commissioner Wright read the draft letter aloud. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion. Letter Supporting the Mount Pleasant Broadcasting Club *Dear Mt. Pleasant Broadcasting Club: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports your efforts to create a community-oriented radio station serving the people of Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, and Columbia Heights. As elected community leaders serving neighborhoods of the greater Adams Morgan area, we believe that a low-powered, non-commercial radio station can help to build a stronger community in a variety of ways. This community's strength lies, in part, in its diversity. A community radio station would harness the creativity inherent in this diversity and make the area an even more appealing place to live. We expect that a community radio station would also offer our constituents a valuable forum that would provide a voice for all of our citizens. ANC 1C looks forward to hearing more diverse radio programming from the Mount Pleasant Broadcasting Club that reflects the culture and values of our neighborhoods. We wish you every success. Sincerely, For the Commission Linda Softli, Chairperson*

10. ADAMS MORGAN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION. Constantine Stavropoulos, president of the Adams Morgan Business & Professional Association, provided an update on the AMB&PA's activities: the Association has set up an e-mail address which is checked everyday (ambpa@hotmail.com) and has voice mail at 202-232-6236. The Association is setting up a regulatory committee. An open season for membership in the Association will be held, and the Association will be recruiting more businesses located on Columbia Road, and is exploring extending to S Street, NW. New banners will be going up along streets in June.
11. POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT. Public Safety Committee Community Chair Lisa Duperier announced that a new ANC Safety Alert is being developed for distribution via e-mail and hard copy. Mitch Story (getstory@aol.com) will be the lead volunteer for publishing the Alert, with back up from Pete Stecker. The Alert will cover incidents, ABC status hearings, crime stats, and other news and information. Ms. Duperier reported that there had been more complaints regarding noise at Mr. Henry's, plus problems with Santa Rosa, including under-age drinking and closing late. Lt. O'Conner (PSA 301) gave a report and answered questions. He noted that enforcement actions have been increased in the 18th Street corridor on weekend nights, and reported on preparations being made for expected demonstrations at upcoming IMF and World Bank meetings. He can be contacted at 673-6821, paged at 886-0356, or via e-mail at psa301lt@hotmail.com. Lt. Frank Hill (PSA 304 & 307) gave a report and answered questions. He can be contacted at 886-7597 (pager), 673-2433 (fax), or via e-mail at psa304lt@hotmail.com or psa307lt@hotmail.com.
12. HILTON EXPANSION UPDATE. Commissioner Softli reported that the Washington Hilton had withdrawn its zoning variance request and suspended plans to expand.
13. ARTS COMMITTEE. Commissioner Faith reported on status of recent activities to build support for restoration of the Tivoli Theater.
14. LIQUOR LICENSE MORATORIUM HEARING. Commissioner Schott reported that the ABC Board held a hearing March 22, 2000 on the Kalorama Citizens Association's petition for a liquor license moratorium. Testimony was presented by proponents and opponents. All now await action by the ABC Board.
15. NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS/HERITAGE TRAIL SIGNAGE PROGRAM.

Commissioners Wright and Llorente reported on their recent research into the possibility of establishing a heritage trail signage program in Adams Morgan area neighborhoods.

Commissioner Wright made a motion directing Commissioners Wright and Llorente to:

1. Report back to the Commission in one month on their recommendations for pursuing a neighborhood awareness/heritage trail signage program for the greater Adams Morgan community;
2. Draft a list of stakeholders in the greater Adams Morgan community who might serve as a steering committee for such a program;
3. Coordinate with Councilmember Jim Graham's office and the Department of Public Works to seek their guidance and assistance in exploring such a program; and
4. Pursue additional dialogue with the D.C. Heritage Tourism Coalition and related organizations.

The motion was duly seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

16. **READY WILLING & ABLE.** Commissioner Llorente announced that the organization Read Willing & Able is out of business and urged ANC action to investigate and to address the need to replace the cleaning services that the organization had provided. Commissioner Llorente made a motion, duly seconded, to send a letter from ANC 1C to the D.C. Department of Public Works requesting the agency to clean streets and sidewalks in Adams Morgan since Ready Willing & Able was no longer funded. Commissioner Miscuk offered a friendly amendment, accepted by Commissioner Llorente, to have the ANC's Community Services Committee find out why the organization was no longer funded. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.
17. **DC VOTE PRESENTATION.** A representative from DC Vote spoke briefly about the organization's efforts to gain representation for the District of Columbia in Congress. Commissioner Johnson made a motion, duly seconded, to endorse the organization; the motion was approved unanimously.
18. **UNDERGROUND UTILITY INSPECTIONS** Commissioner Wright introduced a resolution, duly seconded, to have Pepco inspect its underground facilities in Adams Morgan to prevent manhole explosions (similar to those that had occurred in other areas of the city). Commissioner Schott offered a friendly amendment, accepted by Commissioner Wright, to make the same request of Washington Gas. The motion was approved unanimously. *Resolution on Underground Utility Inspections Whereas, ANC 1C is concerned about the recent series of fires and explosions involving underground utility facilities; and Whereas, ANC 1C includes within its boundaries many children and adults who will turn increasingly to outdoor activities as the weather warms; and Whereas, ANC 1C includes within its boundaries commercial corridors that attract both significant pedestrian and vehicle traffic; and Whereas, Adams Morgan area residents and visitors could be injured, and businesses could be damaged, by underground explosions and fires; and Whereas, disruptions to vehicle and pedestrian traffic and the resulting impact on businesses from street closures that could occur due to such incidents would adversely affect the community. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 1C requests that Pepco, Washington Gas, and/or an appropriate agency of the D.C. government physically inspect the condition of power cables and related equipment located underground in heavily traveled corridors within the Adams Morgan area (particularly under 18th Street between U Street and Columbia Road, NW; under Columbia Road between Connecticut Avenue and 16th Street, NW; and under U Street between 16th Street and 18th Street, NW) by April 30,*

2000; and Be it further resolved, that ANC 1C requests said entities to immediately perform preventive maintenance or repairs on any such underground facilities deemed during those inspections to present any potential safety or public health hazard; and Be it further resolved, that the ANC 1C secretary shall forward this request by mail to Pepco and Washington Gas (with copies to Mayor Anthony Williams and Councilmember Jim Graham) in the form of a letter signed by the chair and vice-chair, accompanied by a copy of this resolution, no later than Friday, April 7, 2000.

19. TRAFFIC CALMING Commissioner Miscuk introduced a resolution, duly seconded, to investigate the installation of traffic calming devices in front of Marie Reed Community Center. The motion was approved unanimously. *Whereas, Marie Reed Community Center serves as an elementary school and; Whereas, the playground in front of the Center is used heavily by many children and; Whereas, the street in front of the Center, 18th Street, is a heavily used thoroughfare during rush hour, and during other times when children are in the area and; Whereas, it is a common practice to have traffic calming devices in front of schools, such as: blinking yellow lights, speed bumps, rumble strips, reduced speed signs or any combination of these or other devices therefore; Resolved that ANC 1C gives its "great weight" and support for the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Traffic to conduct an investigation into the feasibility and appropriateness of the installation of traffic calming devices in front of Marie Reed Community Center, such as: blinking yellow lights, speed bumps, rumble strips, reduced speed signs or any combination of these or other devices and; Further resolved that ANC 1C expect a representative of the Bureau of Traffic to present to this ANC a report on the said investigation at ANC 1C's June 7th meeting.*
20. STOP SIGNS AT 18TH & ONTARIO Commissioner Miscuk introduced a resolution, duly seconded, to have stop signs installed at the intersection of 18th Street, NW and Ontario Road, NW. The motion was approved unanimously. *Resolution To Have Stop Signs Installed At...18th Street and Ontario Road Whereas the topography at the corner of 18th St. and Ontario Rd., NW makes it nearly impossible for drivers to see vehicles coming from other directions, and Whereas there are 2 alleys and a long drive way which converge at the junction of 18th and Ontario Rd., and Whereas, pedestrians and vehicular traffic are moving in several different directions simultaneous, and Whereas, the traffic on Ontario Road moves at a high rate of speed and poses a threat to other vehicles and pedestrians and; Whereas, this movement poses a danger to pedestrians and vehicles, and Whereas, citizens have petitioned the Department of Public Works to install stop signs in both directions on Ontario Rd. where it meets 18th St. Whereas, a member of the commission, filled out a service request with the Department of Public Work therefore; Resolved that ANC 1C asks DPW to install stop signs in both directions on Ontario Rd at 18th St. Further, the officers of the ANC are authorized to send such communications, and do such follow up as may be required to carry out this resolution.* [Original resolution included a map at the bottom depicting the location of the intersection and placement of proposed stops signs.]
21. MR. HENRY'S DOCUMENTATION TO BE DUPLICATED Commissioner Miscuk introduced the following motion, duly seconded: Resolved that ANC 1C will reimburse Mark Petruzzi to duplicate the documentation regarding Mr. Henry's. This reimbursement will be no more than \$35.00. The motion was approved unanimously.
22. ELECTION OF ANC 1C SECRETARY Commissioner Miscuk nominated Mark Wright as ANC 1C secretary; motion was seconded by Commissioner Schott; motion was approved

unanimously.

23. ELECTION OF ANC 1C TREASURER Commissioner Wright nominated Commissioner Miscuk as ANC 1C treasurer, duly seconded; Commissioner Schott nominated Commissioner Johnson as ANC 1C treasurer, duly seconded. Each nominee spoke briefly about his/her qualifications and reasons for seeking the position. Commissioners Llorente, Miscuk, and Wright voted for Commissioner Miscuk. Commissioners Schott, Johnson, and Softli voted for Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Faith abstained. Commissioner Softli announced that, in light of the tie vote, another meeting would be held in April to elect a new treasurer.
24. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, and with the consensus of the Commission, Commissioner Softli adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Wright, Secretary

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