

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
Adams Morgan

Minutes of February 6, 2002, Meeting

A scheduled business meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on February 6, 2002, at the 3rd District Police Station. A quorum being present, Chair Miscuk called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Attending were Commissioners Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Johnson, Gibson, Brody and Klempay. Approximately 15 members of the public attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary, Commissioner Klempay, moved that the Minutes of the December 5, 2001 meeting, as distributed to the Commissioners at the January 2, 2002 meeting, be approved. The motion to approve was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The Secretary distributed copies of the Minutes of the December 17, 2001 and January 2, 2002 meetings and moved that they be approved. Each motion to approve was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The Secretary distributed copies of the draft Minutes of the January 14, 2002, meeting for review by the Commissioners prior to their being offered for approval at the February 19, 2002 meeting.

In response to a query from Commissioner Gibson, the Secretary reported that minutes are lacking for the following meetings in 2001: Mar. 7, Mar. 19, July 11, Aug. 1 and Aug. 13. In connection with the Mar. 7 minutes, the attendance and voting records are needed to prepare the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Commissioner Gibson, reported a bank balance as of today of \$44,227.58.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety - Chair Miscuk recognized Lt. Fulton of the 3rd District. Lt. Fulton reported that robberies and burglaries increased in January. A community PSA 301 meeting will be held on February 21, 2002, 6pm, at the 3rd District.

Communications - Commissioner Gibson reported that the bulletin board has arrived and will be installed in the near future.

Grants - Commissioner Wright announced that the Sitar Center has received its grant and that the six month report from Los Americas is awaited.

ABC - Commissioner Brody reported that the Committee is dealing with issues involving 1600 U Street, Mr. Henry's and Noa Noa.

Public Works - Commissioner Schott offered the following report:

The Committee met on Tues., Jan. 22 at 7:30 at the Kalorama Recreation Center. Commissioners Schott, Gibson and Wright were present as were 3 others.

The Committee heard a presentation from Commissioner Chris Lively who has been working with the 2nd District on a pilot project to increase enforcement action against individuals with out of state tags who park continuously in neighborhoods. In his area, they have been very successful in identifying cars who remain in the area with out-of-state tags for a long time. These cars can avoid inspecting or registering their cars in the District, impact on insurance rates, tax rates and are keeping themselves off the voter and jury rolls. Because of increased enforcement there have been more cars registered in the area, increasing revenue to the city. It was suggested that in order for such a program to work in our area we must get our District commander and leadership interested in the program.

A second report was presented by Marci Wolfe, representing (FOAM) Friends of Adams Mill Rd., who supplied us with information about the research, outreach and walk-through they have done in conjunction with providing safer traffic on Adams Mill Rd. The Committee agreed to present a resolution at its next meeting in support of the plans they have done.

The Committee will be meeting on Feb. 26 at 7 PM at a yet to be determined site. At that time the Committee will be up-dated on what is happening on Adams Alley L.L.P, who are trying to develop the Colortone Building. The BZA is slated to meet on the plan on Mar. 12, so it is hoped the Committee will be able to recommend some action for consideration on Mar. 6.

On behalf of the Committee, Commissioner Schott offered a resolution dealing with traffic calming on Adams Mill Road. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Miscuk moved to amend by adding five new parking spaces alongside the median strip of Adams Mill Road. The motion to amend was seconded. Commissioner Roth moved to amend the proposed amendment by changing "driveway" to "roadway". Commissioner Roth's motion was seconded and approved by consent. The issue was debated by the Commissioners and members of the public, including members of the

Friends of Adams Mill Road (FOAM). The motion to amend, as so amended, was approved by roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Gibson, Brody, Klempay
NAY Schott

The resolution, as so amended was approved by roll call vote:

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

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

*RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT OF THE ADAMS MILL ROAD
COMMUNITY TRAFFIC CALMING "MASTER PLAN"*

Whereas, residents along Adams Mill Road are concerned about both their safety and their quality of life because of the increased commuter traffic on Adams Mill Rd., and

Whereas, since April, 2001, residents have discussed solutions and put together a list of measures to improve traffic-related noise and vibrations in their homes, and

Whereas, residents sought advise and met with the Department of Public Works' Traffic Bureau and the Metropolitan Police Department while putting together this "Master Plan", and

Whereas, residents worked with the ANC, and its Public Works Committee, throughout the process, and

Whereas, the Ward One Department of Public Works Inspector (Mr. McCracken) carefully reviewed the neighborhood's proposal during and December 15, 2001 walk-through, and the current proposal reflects the ideas which were approved and proposed by him, and

Whereas, the attached "Master Plan" is the result of almost a year of efforts by concerned residents intent on finding the best solutions to address issues which matter to all the community, and

Whereas, this "Master Plan" is fair in addressing both safety and noise concerns and effectively sought the best solutions from residents, elected representative and City officials, now

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC IC supports the proposals made by Friends of Adams Mill (FOAM) and forwards their "Master Plan" plan to the DC Department of Transportation, Councilmember Jim Graham, and other

appropriate and interested agencies and individuals, and asks them to begin implementing the proposals contained therein.

Adams Mill Road
Community Traffic Calming Master Plan
Coordinated by the Friends of Adams Mill Road (FOAM)

Eighteen (18) measures were approved during a community walk-through along Adams Mill Road with the Department of Public Works Traffic Bureau (DPW) on December 15, 2001. The DPW engineer, Mr. McCracken, approved most of the solutions in the original plan, plus a few more he suggested. The result is the set of measures listed below:

- Segment between Lanier Pl. and Clydesdale Pl. becomes 15 mph zone due to the situation with Walter Pierce Park playgrounds. Legal 15 mph signs to be posted Northbound at Lanier intersection and Southbound at Clydesdale intersection. Current advisory 15 mph sign Southbound, in front of grade school to be removed.
- Add Caution: Radar Enforced sub-panels under new speed limit signs at both ends of Adams Mill (South section) under 15 mph Northbound sign at Lanier intersection and under 25 mph Southbound (both sides of street) at Harvard. (This measure requires that an MPD request be made to DPW for the panels).
- Install bright yellow Playground sign Northbound at Lanier intersection. Current dull yellow “pedestrian crossing” and “playground” signs to be removed.
- Add Stop Ahead sign on median strip Northbound between Lanier and Ontario Pl. across from current Stop Ahead on the right hand side (later is partly hidden).
- Remove 4 of the 9 sets of rumble strips currently on the South section of Adams Mill Road that are close to residential buildings: (1) Northbound between Lanier and Ontario Pl.; (2) Northbound between Ontario Pl. and Clydesdale Pl.; (3) Southbound between Ontario Rd. and Clydesdale Pl. and (4) Northbound between Clydesdale and Ontario Rd.
- Install shallow speed humps both Northbound and Southbound on Ontario Pl. intersection to force very slow speed s in approaching stop signs and crosswalk leading to Walter Pierce Park playgrounds.
- Paint and add reflectors on tip of median strip in front of zoo service entrance to increase visual impact of median strip particularly at night.
- Add Stop Ahead sign on lamp pole Northbound before Clydesdale intersection.
- Remove crossing lines on Clydesdale intersection and replace with zebra crossing on North side only. Crossing on South side should not be encouraged due to poor visibility.
- Straighten up signs at Ontario Rd. (request made during walk-through but not yet done).
- Add a Stop sign Southbound on Ontario Rd., with pedestrian zebra crossing on South side of intersection only. Crossing on North side should not be encouraged due to poor visibility.
- Add a Sidewalk Ends sign Northbound after the Ontario Rd. intersection.
- Add 25 mph signs on left hand side of Adams Mill Rd. Southbound, right after

Harvard (at the beginning of the hill sign on the right is not visible by incoming traffic)

- *Walbridge: 2-way Stop on Adams Mill at the intersection with Walbridge plus a Yield sign (or 3-way Stop - both solutions are acceptable: final outcome to be determined by neighbors)*
- *Add zebra crossing and Yield to Pedestrians yellow post sign on Walbridge (this yield sign is not need in case a 3-way Stop is installed).*
- *Create and delineate 5 new parking spaces on left hand side, Northbound between Ontario Pl. and Clydesdale alongside the median strip. This will narrow the roadway to slow down Northbound traffic while creating additional parking.*

Quality of Life - Commissioner Johnson announced a meeting of the Committee on February , 2002, 7:30 pm, at the Kalorama Recreation Center

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Gibson moved to withdraw the previously offered Field Naming Resolution. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Gibson move to withdraw the previously offered Photocopier Resolution. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Miscuk moved for adoption of the Committee Restructuring proposal distributed at the January 14, 2002 meeting. The motion was seconded Commissioner Schott moved to amend by substituting Resolution On Committee Structure. The motion to amend was seconded, debated, and rejected by roll call vote:

YEA Schott, Johnson

NAY Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Gibson, Brody, Klempay

Commissioner Johnson moved to postpone further consideration until the March business meeting. The motion was seconded, debated, and rejected by roll call vote:

YEA Schott, Johnson

NAY Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Gibson, Brody, Klempay

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Johnson, Gibson, Brody, Klempay

NAY Schott

The approved committee structure is as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS, REGULATORY AFFAIRS, QUALITY OF LIFE & THE ARTS

Functional Areas: Zoning, Permits, Signage, Parking, Transportation, Traffic, Parks, Arts, Education, Community Affairs, Health & Human Services, Housing & Rent Control

Commissioners: Schott, Johnson, Jovanka

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION & GRANTS

Functional Areas: ABC Website, Information Packets, Notification Lists, Press Releases, Application, Process, Recommendations, Interviews

Commissioners: Wright, Miscuk, Gibson

PUBLIC SAFETY, ABC & RELATED MATTERS

Functional Areas: ABC Applications, changes and renewals; Public space and zoning related to ABC establishments; Police; Fire; EMS; Reporting; Awareness

Commissioners: Roth, Brody, Klempay

Commissioner Roth offered a resolution dealing with public space enforcement in Adams Morgan. The resolution was seconded, discussed at length by Commissioners and members of the public and approved by roll call vote:

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

The approved resolution reads as follows:

***RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
PUBLIC SPACE ENFORCEMENT
PILOT PROGRAM IN ADAMS MORGAN***

WHEREAS, a large number of establishments located along 18th Street and along Columbia Road in Adams Morgan use the public space in front of their establishments for sidewalk cafes and other commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, a significant proportion of these establishments have been using such public space unlawfully, erecting illegal or other nonconforming structures on public space without proper permits and licenses, and without paying to the District Government the rents and fees owed for such use of public space; and

WHEREAS, this situation has grown alarmingly out of control during the last year and unfairly penalizes those competitors who obey the law, obtain proper permits and licenses, and pay the proper fees and rents; and

WHEREAS, the Public Space Records and Permits Branch of the District Division of Transportation has devised a pilot program to be launched in Adams Morgan to regain control of public space use, provide a partial amnesty for long-overdue back rents and fees but collect in full the amounts owed for the past two years, offer a schedule of quarterly payments to establishments pending which city liens will be placed on the properties at issue until payment in full is made, and establishing a period during which all establishments will be required to apply for and obtain proper permits or to discontinue their illegal use of public space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C applauds the Public Space Records and Permits Branch for devising this pilot program, which the ANC believes to be a fair and balanced approach to reclaiming the public's sidewalks for public benefit; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C calls on Mayor Williams and the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development to allow this program to be implemented as soon as possible and well in advance of the spring/summer sidewalk cafe season; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the ABC Committee of ANC1C will develop and recommend to the full ANC a set of standards and criteria by which applications to the Public Space Committee under this program will be reviewed by the ANC; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mayor Anthony Williams, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Eric Price, DDOT Director Dan Tangherlini, Councilmember Jim Graham, Councilmember Carol Schwartz (Chairperson, Committee on Public Works and Environment), and Councilmember Sharon Ambrose (Chairperson, Committee of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs).

Commissioner Wright offered a resolution dealing with tree pruning schedules. The resolution was seconded, debated and approved by voice vote. The approved resolution reads as follows:

TREE MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the District government has trimmed trees on selected streets in Ward 1; and

WHEREAS, trees on certain streets within ANC 1C appear to be untrimmed and

may--when their leaves grow back this spring--pose a public safety hazard, either by obscuring street lights, or in a couple of places by branches that overhang a street so much that a storm might cause their collapse into the roadway; and

WHEREAS, this community would benefit from knowing the District's plans and schedules for tree maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1C requests that William Beck, Supervisory Horticulturist in the District's Tree Management Administration, attend March 18th forum to talk with the commission and the community about the District's tree trimming schedule and tree management plan for neighborhoods within this ANC.

Commissioner Schott offered a resolution dealing with historic preservation issues at 1718 Seaton Street. The motion was seconded, debated, amended by consent and approved by voice vote. The approved resolution reads as follows:

***RESOLUTION REQUESTING ANC PARTICIPATION
IN PLANS TO BUILD AT 1718 SEATON ST., NW***

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) has pending before it a conceptual drawing for a location, 1718 Seaton, St., and

WHEREAS, said location falls within the geographic area defined as ANC 1C, and

WHEREAS, residents near said location have expressed concern that existing plans will change the appearance of the street and set a precedent for future development, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 1C request that final approval on this project not be granted until ANC 1C has had the opportunity to review and consider a revised design that is more appropriate in its treatment of adjoining buildings and compatibility in the Strivers' Section Historic District, and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 1C communicates this resolution to HPRB before its meeting on this matter, scheduled for February 7, 2002.

Chair Miscuk moved that the forum meeting scheduled for February 19, 2002 be devoted to:

1. Pamela Nelson and Dr. Lawrence Thurston, of the Office of the Peoples Counsel,

- discussing the role of the Office;
2. Decorative lighting
 3. ABC issues

The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution dealing with the installation of speed bumps in an alley. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by a voice vote of 8 to 0. The resolution reads as follows:

***RESOLUTION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS IN
THE ALLEY NORTH OF KALORAMA ROAD BETWEEN CHAMPLAIN
STREET AND 18TH STREET, NW***

WHEREAS, the alley north of Kalorama Road between Champlain Street and 18th Street, NW, (“the Alley”) is used frequently by vehicles traveling at excessive and unlawful speeds; and

WHEREAS, the Alley is used by a large number of passenger vehicles at night who attempt to avoid traffic congestion on 18th Street, NW, between Kalorama Road and Columbia Road; and

WHEREAS, many of the drivers of those vehicles are neither residents of buildings that abut the Alley nor are they owners or employees of, nor vendors to businesses in buildings that abut the Alley; and

WHEREAS, residents of buildings that abut the Alley and owners and employees of businesses in buildings that abut the Alley must use the Alley frequently to access residential parking spaces, trash containers, and as an ingress and egress from the multiple residential dwellings and commercial properties that abut the Alley; and

WHEREAS, residents of buildings that abut the Alley and owners and employees of businesses in buildings that abut the Alley have often had their persons threatened by vehicles traveling in the Alley at excessive and unlawful speeds; and

WHEREAS, speed bumps are necessary in the Alley to deter the threat to public safety that currently exists to these residents, owners, and employees because of the large number of vehicles traveling at excessive and unlawful speeds through the Alley; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C endorses the installation of speed bumps in the Alley at a distance not greater than one speed bump every 100 feet; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the placement of any speed bump will consider Alley use issues, e.g., drainage of water, truck access to dumpsters for trash removal, access to other services, and parking spaces; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioner Josh Gibson be authorized to assist with the implementation of this Resolution, including, but not limited to, the petition process to gather the necessary signatures for the Department of Transportation or any other Department or Agency of the District of Columbia to install speed bumps in the Alley.

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution dealing with the ownership of the field at Marie Reed. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF FIELD AT MARIE H. REED COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

WHEREAS, the field at Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center 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, nonetheless, the ownership of the field remains somewhat in doubt;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C encourages the DC Public School and the Department of Parks and Recreation determine who exactly owns the field at the Reed School; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that if DCPS does currently own the field, then DCPS and the Department of Recreation are encouraged 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.

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution dealing with the naming of two streets in the vicinity of Marie Reed. The resolution was seconded and debated. Commissioner Klempay moved to postpone consideration of the resolution to the March forum meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded. Commissioner Wright moved to amend the motion to postpone by substituting the February forum meeting. The motion to amend was seconded and rejected by roll call vote:

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

The motion to postpone was rejected by roll call vote:

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

The resolution was approved by roll call vote:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

***ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NAMING OF “MARLON MORALES
WAY” AND “DUTTON FERGUSON WAY”***

WHEREAS, to the south of the grounds of the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center lies a street with no name; and

WHEREAS, in the same area, there is an isolated block of Champlain Street with no street numbers and where no homes or business have their addresses; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult or impossible for neighborhood residents to report public works or public safety needs on these streets to the District government due to this lack of a name and/or street numbers; and

WHEREAS, few if any streets in the District of Columbia are named for

neighborhood role models and historical figures; and

WHEREAS, few streets in the District of Columbia are named for people of color; and

WHEREAS, fully 59 percent of the 502 students at the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center are Latino and 39 percent are African American; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of June 10, 2001, Metro Transit Police Officer Marlon Morales was shot at close range while trying to apprehend a fare evader; and

WHEREAS, four days later, Officer Morales succumbed to his wounds; and

WHEREAS, police personnel such as Officer Morales face the threat of such fatal actions without any recognition day in and day out as they work to protect the residents of, and visitors to, the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2001, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approved a resolution recommending that both the streets mentioned above be named for Officer Morales; and

WHEREAS, Ward One Councilmember Jim Graham had agreed back in the fall to offer legislation honoring Officer Morales with a street naming; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dutton 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, in November, the Kalorama Citizens' Association and the Reed Cooke Neighborhood Associations suggested that the two abovementioned streets be named for the late Mr. Ferguson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports naming the unnamed street just south of the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center "Marlon Morales Way;" and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C supports renaming the short length of Champlain Street located between this unnamed street and Florida Avenue "Dutton Ferguson Way;" and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C requests that upon the successful passage of the required Council legislation, both streets will receive a detailed cleanup by the city and new street signs will be hung as soon as possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C will work in conjunction with the District government to ensure that all District agencies and private mapmaking organizations are informed of these street name changes.

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution dealing with disposition of the photocopier. The resolution was seconded, debated and approved by roll call vote:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION REGARDING DISPOSITION OF ANC 1C PHOTOCOPIER

WHEREAS, for roughly a year, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C'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, DC Corporation Counsel opinion 91-060-I, dated April 11, 1991, states that if an ANC wants to sell used office equipment purchased with ANC funds, the Commission "may trade in such personal property on new office equipment or may sell it, so long as the sale or trade-in is an arms-length transaction that compensates the ANC for the value of the equipment traded in or sold;"

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C will place free advertisements through e-mail and other media indicating

that the photocopier is for sale; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that ANC 1C's officers will be authorized to make final decisions regarding the sale of the copier, in keeping with the Corporation Counsel opinion cited above, and for the maximum possible value.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Peter L. Klempay

Secretary ANC 1C

Approved March 6, 2002