

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
Adams Morgan

Minutes of March 6, 2002, Meeting

A scheduled business meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on March 6, 2002, at the 3rd District Police Station. A quorum being present, Chair Miscuk called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Klempay, Secretary, distributed copies of the Minutes of the February 6, 2002 meetings and moved their approval. The motion to approve was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Gibson, Treasurer, reported a bank balance as of 3/6/02 of \$43,446.80.

The Treasurer offered a resolution on spending approval. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The Resolution reads:

SPENDING APPROVAL RESOLUTION
March 6, 2002

RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves reimbursing Commissioner Josh Gibson \$69.53 for the following expenses:

- *\$7.99 for s surge protector*
- *\$6.80 for postage*
- *\$6.47 for postage*
- *\$48.27 for a file cabinet and hanging folders.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quality of Life and Public Works - Commissioner Schott offered the following report:

The Committee met at the King Emmanuel Baptist Church, February 26, 2002, beginning at 7 PM. Notices with agenda were posted, e-mails sent out and phone calls made. In addition to Commissioners Johnson and Schott, 10 individuals signed the sign-in sheet.

Commissioner Johnson opened the meeting with introductions and then turned the meeting over to Commissioner Schott to get an update on the Colortone Variance BZA proposal (Application 16815). Messrs John Holmes and John Epting explained that there had been numerous meetings with a Commission established by the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association, individuals in the neighborhood and Councilmember Jim Graham and the project had been scaled back, such as lowering the height from 46 feet to 29, changing the number of parking spaces from 34 to 24, and lowering the ceiling of the proposed community space, to name but a few. Since there were details still to be worked out, the development team has requested that the case be postponed until May 21. They will still have to appear before BZA on Mar. 12 to formally request a postponement. It was therefore, requested that the ANC send a letter supporting the postponement and complementing community and developers who were working together

Ms. Johnson moved, Mr. Schott seconded that **we ask the ANC to approve a letter to BZA requesting an extension until May 21.** It was approved unanimously.

Ms. Johnson then pointed out that there is a need to resurface the alley behind the 2300 and 2400 blocks between Champlain St. and Ontario Rd. The community members who attended supported this effort. Consequently Ms. Johnson moved, Mr. Schott seconded that the Committee recommend that the **ANC send a letter to appropriate city agencies asking that the alley behind the 2300 and 2400 blocks between Champlain St. and Ontario Rd. be resurfaced.**

Ms. Johnson pointed out that Jim Graham was talking about a traffic study of Columbia Heights and thought with development moving in areas of Reed Cooke that we ask for a study. Mr. Schott moved, Ms. Johnson seconded, that we send a resolution to the ANC **asking for a comprehensive traffic and parking study of Adams Morgan.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

The committee report and the resolutions dealing with the BZA hearing and the repair of an alley were accepted and approved by consent. The resolutions read as follows:

*RESOLUTION ON EXTENSION TO TIME FOR
BZA HEARING IN ADAMS ALLEY*

WHEREAS, there is a request before BZA, in Case 16815, a variance for development by Adams Alley LLC, for an address 2112R 17th St., NW; and

WHEREAS, that address lies within ANC 1C; and

WHEREAS, there have been ongoing discussions between neighbors, residents, the ANC and the development team which all regard as favorable; and

WHEREAS, it appears that additional time would benefit all involved; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that ANC 1C send notice to BZA encouraging an extension of BZA Case 16815 until May 21, 2002.

*RESOLUTION ON REPAIR OF ALLEY BETWEEN
CHAMPLAIN STREET AND ONTARIO ROAD*

WHEREAS, the alley between the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Champlain Street and Ontario Road is in deplorable condition, and in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, this alley is in ANC 1C; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that ANC 1C send a letter to DC Department of Public Works asking them to resurface said alley; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this letter be sent to our Councilmember, Jim Graham.

Communications - Commissioner Gibson announced a meeting of the Committee on March 12, 2002, 7:30 am, at The Diner, reported that the bulletin board has been installed at Lanier and Adams Mill Roads, and distributed copies of the ANC 2B - Dupont Circle Official Meeting Notice Posting Sites, proposing that ANC 1C adopt a similar practice.

ABRA (ABC) and Public Safety - Commissioner Roth reported that a meeting of the Committee was held on February 25, 2002, Commissioners Roth, Brody and Klempay attending. In connection with the proposed development at 1836-1840 Columbia Road, formerly Mr. Henry's, the Committee agreed to further discussions with neighbors of the site prior to entering into a voluntary agreement. On the Cassava matter, Commissioner Roth reported that the ABRA Board's Fact Finding Hearing on February 27, 2002 lasted over four hours, involving only protestant's presentations and that the Hearing will continue on March 27, 2002 to hear the licensee's presentations. Commissioner Roth commended Officers O'Conner, Rolye, Williams and Pierce for testifying on behalf of the protestants.

Lt. Fulton was recognized and reported that crime was up slightly but that there had been no burglaries or robberies this month. A PSA community meeting will be held at the 3rd District on March 28, 2002 at 6 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Gibson offered a motion dealing with the Klinge Road issue. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Wright moved to amend the motion by deleting all "Whereas" clauses except the first and ninth. The motion to amend was seconded. Commissioner Jovanka moved to further amend by substitution a second resolution on the Klinge Road issue. The motion to further amend was seconded and rejected by roll call vote:

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

Commissioner Schott moved to further amend by retaining the tenth "Whereas" clause. The motion was seconded, debated, and approved by roll call vote:

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

Commissioner Wright moved to further amend by deleting "closed" and substituting "barred" therefor. The motion was seconded, debated and rejected by roll call vote:

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

Commissioner Miscuk moved to further amend by deleting, in the "Be It Resolved" clause, reference to a recreational trail and by adding use by maintenance, utility and other emergency vehicles. The motion was seconded, debated and rejected by roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Miscuk, Jovanka

NAY Wright, Schott, Johnson, Gibson, Klempay

The motion to amend was approved by roll call vote:

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

NAY Johnson

ABSTAIN Jovanka

Commissioner Johnson moved to postpone further consideration of the motion to the May 1, 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 motion, as amended, was approved by roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Gibson

NAY Jovanka, Johnson, Klempay

The approved resolution reads:

RESOLUTION ON THE FUTURE OF KLINGLE ROAD

WHEREAS, Klingle Road has been closed to automobile traffic since 1991 when a section of the road adjacent to Klingle Creek suffered serious erosion damage; and

WHEREAS, after thorough study and consideration of public comment, the District Division of Transportation released the Klingle Road Feasibility Study in August 2001 and subsequently recommended to the Mayor that the road must not be rebuilt for automobiles but instead be converted into a recreational trail; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2001, the Mayor announced that he supports keeping Klingle Road closed to automobiles, repairing environmental damage to the valley, and replacing the road with an environmentally-friendly recreation trail,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC urges the Council of the District of Columbia to support the Mayor's decision that Klingle Road should not be re-opened to automobiles and should instead be converted into a recreational trail open to pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized users.

Commissioner Wright offered a resolution dealing with Klingle Valley utility access

and drainage issues. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Klempay moved to amend by deleting “utility access”. The motion to amend was seconded, debated and rejected by roll call vote:

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

Commissioner Johnson moved to amend by adding reference to allowing access by emergency vehicles. The motion to amend was seconded, debated and rejected by roll call vote:

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

Commissioner Roth moved to postpone further consideration to the March 18, 2002 meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded and rejected by roll call vote:

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

The motion to postpone was rejected by roll call vote:

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

Commissioner Wright moved to amend by adding reference to the removal of dead trees and trash. The motion to amend was seconded and approved by consent.

The motion, as amended, was approved by roll call vote:

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

The approved resolution reads:

KLINGE VALLEY ACCESS AND DRAINAGE REPAIR

ANC IC urges the D. C. Government to:

-)1) ensure that any utility access road through the Klinge Valley corridor be constructed out of the most environment-friendly material and in the most environmentally sensitive manner possible; and*
- (2) remove dead trees; and*
- (3) remove all trash; and*
- (4) immediately repair the sewage/drainage facilities that empty into the*

*Rock Creek watershed, and restore any of the environment damaged by sewage overflow and water runoff; and
(5) provide for ongoing/continuing maintenance of the corridor.*

Commissioner Jovanka moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded and rejected by a show of hands.

Commissioner Wright offered a resolution dealing the with May forum meeting. The resolution was seconded and approved by voice vote. The resolution reads:

***DEDICATION OF MAY 2002 ANC 1C COMMUNITY FORUM
TO DC CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES ISSUES***

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C shall devote its May 2002 Community Forum (currently scheduled for Monday May 20th) to issues relating to the care and supervision of District of Columbia minors by the DC Child & Family Services Agency (CFSA), particularly to CFSA's oversight of children housed or otherwise serviced in the greater Adams Morgan area; and

Further, ANC 1C shall invite (via certified mail) Olivia A. Golden, Ph.D., Director, DC CFSA, to speak and respond to questions at the forum.

Commissioner Schott offered a resolution dealing with a comprehensive transportation and parking study of Adams Morgan. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Klempay moved to postpone consideration of the resolution to the April business meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Peter L. Klempay
Secretary ANC 1C