

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
Adams Morgan

Minutes of August 7, 2002, Meeting

A scheduled business meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on August 7, 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, Jovanka, Johnson, Gibson and Klempay. Approximately 12 members of the public attended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Gibson, Treasurer, reported a bank balance as of 8/7/02 of \$46,403.20.

The Treasurer offered the following resolution, which was seconded and approved by voice vote:

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
SPENDING APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C authorizes the following expenditures:

\$97.79 for Verizon

\$104.73 for Storage USA

Investigator Swinsen of the 3rd District was recognized and discussed the recent rash of restaurant burglaries in Adams Morgan and Dupont Circle. A suspect, Sterling Brown, who may have committed 30 burglaries, was arrested but then released by Judge Byrd to a half-way house. The suspect escaped but has been re-arrested after additional burglaries occurred. Investigator Swinsen urged writing to Judge Byrd.

Sgt. Sporn of PSA 301 (TFSporn@mpdc.org 202 345-6918) was recognized and reported that crimes were down by 8 for July but that burglaries, YTD, are up substantially over 2001.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Klempay, Secretary, distributed copies of the Minutes of the June 17 and July 3, 2002 Meetings and moved their approval. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Johnson moved to amend the July 3 Minutes, which motion as approved by consent. The Minutes were approved by roll call vote:

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

The Secretary distributed draft copies of the Minutes of the July 15, 2002 meeting for review by the Commissioners prior to their being submitted for approval..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quality of Life and Public Services - Commissioner Johnson reported on the Committee meeting of July 29, 2002. The Committee recommends that ANC 1C delay action in connection with the BZA on 1701 Kalorama Road until the Reed-Cooke Association has reviewed the matter. Commends are due at BZA by October 8, 2002. Future meeting of the Committee are scheduled for August 26, September 23 and October 28, 2002.

ABRA (ABC) and Public Safety - Commissioner Roth reported on the status of the current ABC protests.

Communications, Grants etc. - Commissioner Gibson reported that the next meeting of the Committee will be August 13, 2002, 7:30 am, at The Diner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By consent on Commissioner Gibson's motion, the party animal motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Wright offered a motion on ANC 1C phone/fax system. The motion was seconded and approved by roll call vote:

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

The approved motion reads:

ANC 1C MOTION ON PHONE/FAX SERVICE

I move that ANC 1C take the following actions to improve its

telecommunications system and reduce associated costs:

- 1. Cancel the phone line (332-1078) currently reserved for fax service,*
- 2. Maintain the primary phone line (332-2630) but cancel the individual voice mail boxes on that line, leaving one main voicemail box,*
- 3. Sign up with OneBox.com for fax service.*

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Roth offered a motion dealing with the Crush substantial change application. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

The approved motion reads:

ANC IC RESOLUTION CRUSH “SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE” APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Esagh, inc. T/A Crush, 2323 18th Street, NW, has applied to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a substantial change to its ABC license to permit the use of the area in front of the establishment as a sidewalk café with seating capacity for 25 persons (Application No. 33161), and

WHEREAS, said location is within the jurisdiction of ANC IC, and

WHEREAS, ANC IC has previously protested such substantial change on the ground that the Applicant was occupying public space without a proper permit for the use of such public space, and

WHEREAS, contrary to information supplied to ANC IC by the District Department of Transportation, the Applicant has since demonstrated that in fact it obtained a public space permit for the area in question and that it has made best efforts to pursue the issuance of a Certificate of Use, which Certificate was not issued through no fault of the Applicant, and

WHEREAS, members of ANC IC have examined the matter and discussed it with the applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC IC will withdraw its protest of the substantial change application upon the execution of a cooperative agreement with Applicant on the following terms: That the Applicant be permitted the use of up to five tables, with total seating capacity limited to 22 persons, and that access/egress from the sidewalk

café to the establishment's interior or to the sidewalk not be blocked or impeded by any table, chair, or other object (other than the railing enclosing the sidewalk café), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C's withdrawal of the aforesaid protest is subject to and contingent upon ABC Board's incorporation of the terms of said cooperative agreement in the Applicant's ABC license.

Commissioner Gibson offered a motion dealing with wayfinding signage. The motion was seconded. By consent amendment of Commissioner Johnson, the sign list accompanying the motion was amended to change Meridian Hill to Meridian Hill/Malcolm X. The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

The approved motion reads:

***ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
RESOLUTION ON WAYFINDING SIGNS***

WHEREAS, the Downtown Business Improvement District, on behalf of the Government of the District of Columbia, is overseeing the development of directional signage known as "wayfinding signage" in certain key neighborhoods citywide; and

WHEREAS, certain guidelines were provided to each neighborhood regarding what kinds of buildings and locations were "eligible" for such signage; and

WHEREAS, other than these guidelines, each neighborhood was responsible for determining signage location and content; and

WHEREAS, an existing signage advisory committee had already been assembled for the Adams Morgan Heritage Trail project; and

WHEREAS, this advisory committee consists of: Jan Fenty (Fleet Feet), Barbara Heil (resident), Edward Jackson, Sr. (former ANC commissioner and long-time Reed-Cooke resident), Teresa Lopez (local business owner), Hector Rodriguez (Las America Ave. Development Corp.), Bill Scheirer (Kalorama Citizens Association representative), and Frank Smith (former Ward 1 Councilmember and current Good Will Baptist Church representative); and

WHEREAS, the advisory committee has assembled a list of signs which the city government has subsequently signed off on;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves the following list of sign locations and sign text.

Commissioner Klempay offered a motion dealing with rebricking a sidewalk on T Street. The motion was seconded. Philip Bolus and Mark Plotkin of the New Williamsburg Condominium Association were recognized and pointed out the need for repair of the sidewalk along 17th Street. By consent on Commissioner Klempay's motion, the motion was amended to include this sidewalk. The motion, as amended, was approved by roll call vote:

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

The approved motion reads:

RE-BRICKING OF SIDEWALK, 1621 T STREET, NW

WHEREAS, the brick sidewalks on the north side of T Street, NW extending between New Hampshire Avenue and 17th Street NW, and on the east side of 17th Street NW extending north from T Street, located in Single Member District 1C08 and The Strivers' Section Historic District, and on which the Williamsburg, 1621 T Street, NW, faces, has deteriorated after the replacement of the T Street water main; and

WHEREAS, asphalt patching material has been applied to portions of these sidewalks for safety reasons, which patching material is unsightly, detracting from the historical character of the neighborhood and adversely affecting property values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C requests the District Department of Transportation to expeditiously rebuild these brick sidewalks to historic district standards.

Commissioner Gibson offered a motion dealing with party animal sculptures in Adams Morgan. The motion was seconded, debated, amended, and rejected by roll call vote:

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

Commissioner Jovanka offered a motion dealing with non-political sculptures in Adams Morgan. The motion was seconded and amended by consent on Commissioner

Johnson's motion. The motion, as amended, was approved by roll call vote:

YEA Wright, Jovanka, Johnson, Klempay

NAY Roth, Miscuk, Gibson

The approved motion reads:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING
NON-POLITICAL SCULPTURES IN ADAMS MORGAN**

WHEREAS, the enduring symbols of this country's two major political parties - the donkey and the elephant - are political or congressional symbols of elections;

WHEREAS, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities has awarded grants to artists from the District of Columbia and surrounding areas to decorate 100 donkey and 100 elephant sculptures with imaginative designs in the nation's capitol;

WHEREAS, they are on display both in traditional settings and in local neighborhoods throughout the city regardless of political likes or dislikes;

WHEREAS, the party animals are trying to be similar to the now-famous cows that lined the windy streets of Chicago and the Soho district of New York City;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia needs to update and innovate like other artistic regional cities;

WHEREAS, there is a need for new and improved public art projects regardless of political national symbols;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C request the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities to promote public art projects in the District such as the now-famous cows or other well-known non-political animals or sculptures, to bring new and improved diverse art projects.

FURTHER, to involve community members to bringing quality public art projects to high standards in their neighborhoods, while creating opportunities for local artists and art for the public to view.

Commissioner Klempay moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by roll call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Peter L. Klempay
Secretary ANC 1C