

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of March 5, 2003 Meeting

A scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday February 5, at the Marie Reed Learning Center. ANC 1C Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Approximately 75 members of the public attended.

Attending were Commissioners Alan Roth (1C01), Nik Apostolides (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Ken Levy (1C05), Andrea Broaddus (1C06), Josh Gibson (1C07) and Jeff Coudriet (1C08).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, distributed copies of the Minutes of the February 5, 2003 meeting and moved their approval. The motion to approve was seconded and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Levy, treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$52,048.36 as of March 5, 2003. Commissioner Levy noted that the balance reflected two quarterly allotments from the District Government.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions were passed by unanimous consent:

Resolution of Commendation and Thanks to Greenstein, Delorme and Luchs, PC

WHEREAS, the law firm of Greenstein, DeLorme & Luchs, PC was retained by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C to represent it before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in its protest against the renewal of the liquor license of TYDKA, Inc. T/A Cassava Café, and

WHEREAS, attorneys Richard Luchs and Lyle Blanchard successfully prosecuted this protest to conclusion, with the result that the ABC Board declined to renew the applicant's ABC license, and

WHEREAS, the ABC Board's refusal to renew an existing license occurs very infrequently and illustrates the strength of the evidence presented in the case by attorneys Luchs and Blanchard and their cross-examination of the applicant's witnesses, all of which demonstrated conclusively the adverse impact of this establishment upon the neighborhood's peace, order and quiet, and

WHEREAS, their law firm rendered a significant portion of these legal services to ANC 1C and the Adams Morgan community on a pro bono basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C commends attorneys Luchs and Blanchard for their skill and success representing the ANC in this case, and further

thanks them and the firm of Greenstein, DeLorme & Luchs, PC for their service to the Adams Morgan community, including their significant pro bono contribution.

Resolution for the Payment of Marie Reed Janitors

WHEREAS, Maintenance workers Elsa Chavez, Sawney Bell, and Richard Boyd have made extra effort to keep The Marie Reed Learning Center open for an extended meeting of ANC 1C with Police Chief Charles Ramsey.

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell, Mr. Boyd, and Ms. Chavez performed 1 ¼ hours of overtime janitorial services to keep Marie Reed open for ANCIC's meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 1C agrees to pay overtime costs for the Maintenance crew, not to exceed \$50.00 each.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Roth opened up the floor for members of the community. Issues were raised about an upcoming meeting of the Friends of Walter Pierce Park and graffiti clean up in the neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC and Public Safety

Commissioner Weaver gave an update on the committee structure and noted that the committee will now include a representative from the fire department, the Metropolitan Police Department and from a local ABC establishment. Commissioner Weaver also announced that the next meeting of the committee — which will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center — will be March 12 and will focus on club and restaurant safety.

Public Services

Commissioner Apostolides announced that the committee has established a regular meeting schedule with meetings falling on the last Tuesday of the month. Meetings will be held at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

Commissioner Apostolides also noted that the committee is looking at ways to adjust the guidelines for grant applications including increasing the grant maximum to \$1,000. The proposed changes will be presented to the Commission at their next meeting.

Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Broaddus announced that the PZT Committee will meet the third Wednesday of each month at the Third District Police Headquarters on V St., NW at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Broaddus also made several announcements including one about the upcoming City Council vote

on Klingle Valley/Road, a Parks and Recreation symposium about starting a friends group and the appointment of a Ward 1 Community Planner Mr. Callistus Nwadicke

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Broaddus announced that the topic of the Commission's next monthly forum will be on transportation. She noted that Dan Tangherlini, director of the District Department of Transportation, will be there, as well as Jim Sebastian to discuss the District's new bike master plan. Commissioner Broaddus made a motion to move the quarterly public forum from March 17th to March 24th at 7 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver introduced a Cooperative Voluntary Agreement with Cookie, Inc. dba Barracuda, 2473-77 18th St., NW. The agreement was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Weaver, Moretti, Broaddus, and Gibson

NAY: Apostolides, Levy, Coudriet

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Roth introduced Police Chief Charles Ramsey to discuss crime in the Adams Morgan neighborhood. Chief Ramsey, along with Assistant Chief Brian Jordan, Inspector Ira Grossman, Third District Commander Cheryl Pendergast, and other Third District personnel. Chief Ramsey spoke for about 30 minutes and then entertained questions from the Commission and the public. Ward One Councilman Jim Graham was also in attendance and addressed the meeting and the Chief about recent crime.

Lisa Duperier made a request of the Commission to send a letter in support of the Adams Morgan Main Street grant application to the District Government. Commissioner Coudriet volunteered to draft the letter and moved for approval of Ms. Duperier's request. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Broaddus introduced a resolution for tuition for her participation in a zoning seminar:

Resolution Authorizing Expenditure for Zoning Seminar

WHEREAS, in order to best represent the neighborhood's interests, Commissioners must be fully knowledgeable about zoning law and policy in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, a training seminar designed for incoming Commissioners will be held on March 20, 2003, including advice and in-depth information on such topics as the history and overview of zoning in the District, the applicant's perspective of zoning, the ANC's perspective of zoning, and attaining zoning approvals; and

WHEREAS, if the ANC does not win a free registration by lottery, the registration fee is \$200.00; now

BE IT RESOLVED that ANCIC authorizes the expenditure of \$200.00 to sponsor the participation of a Commissioner.

The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Richard W. Naing from RWN Development Group, LLC made a presentation about 1700 Kalorama Lofts, a proposed new condominium. Because RWN had only recently made their application for a zoning variance, Commissioner Roth requested that they come before the ANC for consideration at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gibson moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved by voiced vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.