

# **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**

## **Adams Morgan**

### **Minutes of March 24, 2003 Community Forum**

A scheduled quarterly forum of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Monday, March 24th, at the Third District Police Station. ANC 1C Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Approximately 20 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).

The minutes of the Commission's March 5, 2003 meeting were circulated. Commissioner Coudriet moved the approval of the minutes. Commissioner Broaddus seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Commissioner Broaddus introduced the staff from the D.C. Department of Transportation: Michelle Pourciau, the Deputy Director of DDOT; Callistus Nwadike, the Ward 1 transportation planner, Jim Sebastian, the District's Bicycle Coordinator, and Tchako Ngandjui, Project Manager. A representative from FlexCar and Zipcar were also in attendance.

The meeting began with Ms. Pourciau giving a PowerPoint presentation on the update of the "Transportation Vision Plan," which was last updated in 1997. Ms. Pourciau said such a plan was required by federal regulations for the receipt of federal funds.

Councilmember Graham arrived, and due to a very tight schedule, made his presentation so he could leave to attend another meeting. Councilmember Graham spoke of his role as Chairman of the Board of Metro, his championship of the U Street/Woodley Park metro link bus service, and his efforts to extend the hours of Metrorail on weekends, both later in the evenings and in the mornings. He spoke of possible light rail ideas in the future, particularly on east-west corridors in the city. He commented that Ward 1 had the lowest car ownership per capita in the District.

A constituent raised an issue about the bus turnaround on Calvert Street prior to crossing over Rock Creek Park. The constituent asked whether it was wise for the bus to turn around just a few blocks before reaching the Woodley Park metro. Councilmember Graham said he would ask Metro to prepare a plan on how this might be accomplished, and also recommended the ANC work with the Woodley Park ANC on this issue.

Commissioner Broaddus asked a question about the proposed Metro fare increase and noted the ANC's prior opposition to increased bus fares. Councilmember Graham spoke of the potential to raise the fees on suburban parking lots as an alternative to increased bus fares.

Commissioner Gibson asked about the timetable for adopting the extended Metrorail hours. Councilmember Graham indicated he hoped to have this in place by July.

Ms. Pourciau continued her presentation and stated information on the District's State Transportation Plans could be found on DDOT's Web site at:  
<http://ddot.dc.gov/information/documents/index.shtm>

She stated they hoped to have a draft transportation plan for release to the public by August, and adopt a final plan in October. A Ward 1 transportation-planning meeting was announced for March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commission Chair Alan Roth led a discussion on the issue of the absence of DDOT Director Dan Tangherlini.

Tchako Ngandjui of DDOT made a presentation on the 18<sup>th</sup> and Columbia intersection re-engineering plan. A map of that plan can be found on the ANC's Web site at:  
<http://www.anc1c.org/documents/smd04.html>

Jim Sebastian, the city's Bike Coordinator gave a presentation, and an announcement was made of a Ward 1 workshop on the Bicycle Master Plan, to be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at St. Stephen's Church, at 16<sup>th</sup> and Newton Streets.

The forum was concluded, and Commissioner Broaddus moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Moretti seconded the motion. It was passed by a voice vote.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.