

# **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**

## **Adams Morgan**

### **Minutes of April 2, 2003 Meeting**

A scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, April 2 at the Marie Reed Learning Center. ANC 1C Commission Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Approximately 25 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 from the March 24, 2003 public transportation forum 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 \$53,164.73 as of March 31, 2003. Commissioner Levy also noted expenditures of \$37.41 for the telephone and \$109 for the storage space.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were passed by unanimous consent:

#### ***Resolution Supporting the Alley Paving Request of the 1700 Block of Seaton and U Streets Common Alleyway***

*Whereas, a majority of the property owners abutting the alleyway which is located in Square 150, and bordered by the 1700 blocks of U and Seaton Streets, N.W., have signed a petition to the DC Department of Transportation in support of the repaving of the common alleyway; and*

*Whereas, the alleyway in question is in terrible condition, which has resulted in costly damage to the vehicles of residents; and*

*Whereas, the condition of the alleyway has resulted in very poor drainage, resulting in the flooding of property, continued pooling of water creating a breeding ground for mosquitos, and potentially hazardous conditions on the sidewalk on 17th Street where runoff from the alleyway flows during storms; and*

*Whereas, alley repair would alleviate these problems and concerns.*

*BE IT RESOLVED that ANCI C supports the property owners' petition to the D.C. Department of Transportation for the repair and paving of the alley located in Square 150, which is abutted by 1700 blocks of U and Seaton Streets, N.W.*

### ***Resolution Regarding Establishment of a Dog Run in Adams Morgan***

*Whereas ANCIC has been informed that the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will present proposed legislation to the DC Council to enable DPR to establish off-leash exercise areas for dogs (dog runs) in the District of Columbia; and*

*Whereas DPR will assume responsibility for the development, implementation and enforcement of regulations and guidelines under which all dog runs will be operated; and*

*Whereas an association (DCDOG) has been created in the District to facilitate the implementation of the enabling legislation and the ensuing DPR regulations and guidelines; and*

*Whereas it is anticipated that in each community where a dog run will be established, a locally controlled association will be formed to work with DPR to voluntarily oversee and help enforce DPR-established regulations and guidelines;*

*Whereas an association (Amdogs) has been created in Adams Morgan to facilitate the development and implementation of a dog run at Walter Pierce Park;*

*BE IT RESOLVED that ANCIC supports Amdogs' efforts to establish a dog run at Walter Pierce Park; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANCIC fully supports enabling legislation allowing DPR to develop and maintain dog runs within the District of Columbia.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Roth opened up the floor for members of the community. Lisa Duperier spoke about the Adams Morgan Main Street proposal; Sam Tornabene discussed the parking situation on 17<sup>th</sup> St. between U and V; Matt Foreman discussed the increase in property taxes; Mark Rice discussed the Local 16 trash bins; and Diane Sherman and Kathleen Law discussed their desire to have a street clean up and block party on Ontario Rd.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ABC and Public Safety**

Since there were no representatives from MPD or the fire department on hand, Commissioner Weaver mentioned a program the committee would like to help facilitate between fire prevention and local ABC establishments. The program would have fire prevention make visits on a somewhat regular basis to provide establishment owners/managers with suggestions for better fire prevention and code adherence.

Commissioner Weaver introduced a resolution protesting the renewal of the ABC license for Timehri International Café at 2439 18<sup>th</sup> St., NW.

***Resolution to Protest Renewal of ABC Liquor License of Timehri International Café***

*WHEREAS, the establishment known as Timehri International Café located at 2439 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009 has received a 5-day summary suspension from the ABC Board for various infractions, many of them involving violence;*

*WHEREAS, said establishment falls in the jurisdiction of Adams Morgan ANC (1C);*

*WHEREAS, Timehri International Café has failed to respond to concerns and please of neighbors;*

*WHEREAS, Timehri International Café has failed to remedy or present any plan to resolved these issues;*

*WHEREAS, Timehri International Café has a history of being an establishment counter to the interests of this neighborhood;*

*THEREFORE, ANC 1C will protest the renewal of this license on the grounds of the adverse effect on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood.*

The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Levy, Broaddus, Gibson, Coudriet

NAY: None

**Public Services Committee**

Commissioner Apostolides announced that grant season for ANC 1C was now open and any grant applications received by April 10 would be considered at the Committee's April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Apostolides introduced a resolution to support grant-making priorities approved by the Public Services Committee:

***Resolution Adopting 2003-2004 ANC 1C Grant-making Priorities***

*WHEREAS, the ANC 1C published Grant Guidelines and Policy Statement requires in Section 1: "ANC 1C will accept and consider only those grant applications that fall within the ANC's funded grantmaking priorities for the year in which the application is received," and*

*WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Commission to revise and make public its grantmaking priorities for the current term, 2003-2004,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C adopts the following as its funded grantmaking priorities for 2003-2004: 1) Crime; 2) Neighborhood Beautification; 3) Parks and Recreation; 4) Historic Preservation; 5) Pre-K thru High School Extra-curricular Educational Activities; 6) Publicizing the Availability of Social Services to the Community; 7) Economic Development; and 8) Arts and Cultural Education.*

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

Commissioner Apostolides also introduced a resolution to support changes to the grant guidelines previously approved by the committee, the resolution was seconded and approved by voice vote:

***Resolution Changing the ANC IC Grant Guidelines***

*WHEREAS, the ANC IC published Grant Guidelines and Policy Statement requires occasional changes to remain responsive to neighborhood concerns as well as to applicable laws and financial regulations of the District of Columbia, and*

*WHEREAS, ANC IC has already voted to increase the FY 2003 budget line item for grants, and*

*WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Code, 1-309.13(M)(3), requires grant recipients of ANC funds to provide a report within 60 days on the use of the grant funds,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC adopts the following changes to its Grant Guidelines and Policy Statement:*

*Amend Section 2 to raise the funding limit from \$500 to "\$1,000" per applicant per fiscal year;*

*Amend the first sentence of Section 8 to read as follows: "Grant recipients MUST PROVIDE A REPORT to the Commission on the status or use of the grant funds every 60 days following disbursement."*

**Planning, Zoning and Transportation**

Commissioner Broaddus thanked the commission for sponsoring and participating in the March 24 public forum on transportation issues. She also moved that she be permitted to write DDOT a thank you letter on behalf of the Commission for their participation in the forum. The motion was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Broaddus also reported on the work of the committee at their most recent meeting, including the redevelopment of 2412 17<sup>th</sup> St., NW (the Castle Building). The redevelopment would include first floor parking and an additional 5 feet to come up to 50 feet for the total building. The property does not fall into the Reed-Cooke Overlay.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Richard Naing with RWN Development gave an update on the project at 1700 Kalorama. After a question and answer period with the Commissioners, Commissioner Broaddus offered a resolution to support the BZA application for the project:

***Resolution to Support BZA Application #17009***

*WHEREAS RWN Development has applied for a zoning adjustment for their development project at 1700 Kalorama Rd, The Kalorama Lofts; and*

*WHEREAS the development needs a special exception for a total height of 50 feet; and*

*WHEREAS the development conforms to the requirement under the Reed-Cooke Overlay of making 50% of additional units affordable; and*

*WHEREAS RWN Development has taken prudent and necessary steps to conduct community outreach and respond to community concerns;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission supports the application.*

The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Levy, Broaddus, and Coudriet  
ABSTAIN: Gibson

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Weaver introduced a resolution opposing a curb cut at 1819 Belmont Road that would allow for a private drive and eliminate parking spaces along Belmont Road. The resolution was seconded and discussed. An amendment was offered by Commissioner Gibson to slightly alter the wording of the resolution. The amendment was discussed and approved by voice vote. The resolution as amended was further discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Levy, Broaddus, Gibson and Coudriet  
NAY: None

The resolution, as amended and approved, reads as follows:

### ***Resolution Regarding Tree Removal and Curb cut at 1819 Belmont Road.***

*WHEREAS, Taurus Enterprise Group and/or Montrose LLC has applied for a removal of a tree and the creation of a curb-cut to install a new driveway at their property at 1819 Belmont Rd; and*

*WHEREAS, the residents of Belmont Rd have expressed great concern about the removal of the tree and the creation of a curb-cut and parking space/garage at 1819 Belmont Rd NW; and*

*WHEREAS, said home falls in the jurisdiction of the Adams Morgan ANC (1C); and*

*WHEREAS, a curb-cut at 1819 Belmont Rd is of significant interest to the community because it will remove two on street parking spaces; and*

*WHEREAS, the removal of the tree at 1819 Belmont Rd would damage the historical and environmental character of Belmont Rd;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 1C strongly opposes the removal of the tree at said address; and be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC1C opposes a curb-cut at said address for the creation of a driveway/garage; and be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is to be forwarded via fax to Lou Williams at DDOT, and that a copy of this resolution is to be forwarded via mail to Lou Williams at DDOT, as soon as possible.*

Commissioner Apostolides introduced a resolution opposing the construction of an addition to a property on Biltmore St., before work on property also on Biltmore and owned by the same owner is complete:

***Resolution Opposing Work at 1949 Biltmore St., NW,  
Without Successful Completion of Work at 1953 Biltmore St., NW***

*WHEREAS, ANC 1C has been notified by the Historic Preservation Review Board of a pending application for approval of plans for the construction of a rear addition at 1949 Biltmore Street N.W., and*

*WHEREAS, the same individual, Richard Ward, owns both 1949 and 1953 Biltmore Street N.W., and*

*WHEREAS, the owner illegally removed the original, historic rear addition at 1949 Biltmore without seeking or obtaining a permit or Historic Preservation Review Board approval, and*

*WHEREAS, the owner illegally demolished significant landscaping and architectural elements in the front of 1953 Biltmore, including a single parking space, dirt berm and steps, also without seeking or obtaining a permit or Historic Preservation Review Board approval, and*

*WHEREAS, ANC 1C has been informed by the Historic Preservation Review Board that the owner is currently under the equivalent of a stop work order until plans, drawn in accordance with the current historic preservation guidelines, are submitted and approved by the Board or its Staff for 1953 Biltmore Street N.W.,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C opposes now and in the future any and all applications for historic preservation approval and permit applications for 1949 Biltmore Street N.W., until all exterior construction, renovation, and restoration is completed at 1953 Biltmore Street N.W., including approval of plans by the Historic Preservation Review Board and granting of the appropriate permits by the District of Columbia.*

The resolution was seconded, discussed and passed by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Levy, Broaddus, Gibson and Coudriet  
NAY: None

Mr. Fasika Mariam addressed the Commission about his public space application seeking to extend the hours of his sidewalk café at 2447 18<sup>th</sup> St., NW until 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Fasika took questions from the Commission and other members of the public were recognized for comment.

Commissioner Apostolides moved to oppose the public space application for a change of hours. The motion was seconded and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Levy, Broaddus, Gibson and Coudriet  
NAY: None

Commissioner Levy offered a resolution opposing the change in ABC license from a CR to a CT for Krakatoa, Inc. T/A Chief Ike's Mambo Room at 1725 Columbia Rd., NW. An amendment to alter and remove some of the language from the original resolution was offered by Commissioner Gibson, seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Weaver, Broaddus, Gibson, Coudriet  
NAY: Apostolides, Levy  
ABSTAIN: Moretti

The resolution as amended was further discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Levy, Broaddus, Gibson and Coudriet  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: Moretti

The resolution as amended and approved reads as follows:

***Resolution Regarding the Modification of ABC License for Krakatoa, Inc.***

*WHEREAS, Krakatoa Inc. T/A Chief Ike's Mambo Room has filed application #21402 to change its license class from Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant to Retailer's Class "C" Tavern at 1725 Columbia Road, NW, and*

*WHEREAS, said address falls within the jurisdiction of ANC 1C, and*

*WHEREAS, a voluntary agreement with this establishment already exists with both ANC 1C and the residents of the Beverly Court Cooperative, located at 1736 Columbia Road, NW,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 1C opposes this license reclassification on the grounds that it would adversely affect the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, and be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C reserves the right to re-examine this issue if a similar application is filed in the future.*

Commissioner Broaddus then offered two resolutions regarding fare increases and extended hours on the Metro system:

***Resolution Supporting a Solution to WMATA's Proposed Fare Increase.***

*WHEREAS the Washington Area Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) provides an invaluable transportation service to the residents of Adams Morgan, especially as Ward 1 it has the lowest rate of car ownership in the District of Columbia, and roughly one in five residents below the poverty level;*

*WHEREAS WMATA has proposed to meet a projected \$24 million operating shortfall by proposing a menu of options, including raising Metrorail and Metrobus boarding fares by a minimum of \$.20 up to \$.60 at peak times, which would affect all riders, but especially low-income riders;*

*WHEREAS, the Adams Morgan ANC acted to oppose the proposed fare increases at its February, 2003 meeting;*

*AND WHEREAS, a proposal to meet the shortfall by raising parking fees at Metrorail parking lots by \$2.00 per day and eliminating the 10% bonus on \$20.00 Metro fare cards is under consideration, which would net an estimated \$27.6 million;*

*NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE ADAMS MORGAN ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION*

*SECTION 1. Supports the proposal to maintain WMATA system boarding fares at current levels and raise needed revenues by increasing parking fees by \$2.00 and eliminating the 10% bonus on \$20 Metro cards.*

*SECTION 2. Will send letters to Metro Chairman Jim Graham and Metro Chief of Staff Harold Bartlett to communicate this position.*

***Resolution Supporting Extension of Metro Late Night Hours of Operation.***

*WHEREAS the Washington Area Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) provides an invaluable transportation service to the residents of Adams Morgan, especially as Ward 1 it has the lowest rate of car ownership in the District of Columbia, and roughly one in five residents below the poverty level;*

*WHEREAS Adams Morgan boasts many popular restaurants and bars where patrons frequently stay until closing time, sometimes creating excessive traffic on neighborhood streets at 3:00 a.m. on weekend nights;*

*WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the public to offer alternatives to driving in such circumstances for inebriated patrons;*

*WHEREAS a proposal is under consideration to extend Metro service on weekends from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., opening an hour earlier on weekend mornings at 7 a.m. and beginning service a half-hour earlier on weekdays at 5 a.m at a cost of \$3 million;*

*AND WHEREAS, these extended hours of service will allow residents greater flexibility in accessing jobs;*

***NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE ADAMS MORGAN ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION***

*SECTION 1. Supports the proposal to extend Metro operating hours from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., opening an hour earlier on weekend mornings at 7 a.m. and beginning service a half-hour earlier on weekdays at 5 a.m.*

*SECTION 2. Will send letters to Metro Chairman Jim Graham and Metro Chief of Staff Harold Bartlett to communicate this position.*

The resolutions were seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Phil Briggs provided a presentation on Off-the-Wall advertising. The company would provide illuminated advertising on blank building walls in the neighborhood, specifically on the wall just north of the current PN Hoffman garage driveway on 18<sup>th</sup> St. Since no application had been filed with DCRA, the Commission suggested that Mr. Briggs return for the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, at which time the Commission would further consider Mr. Briggs' request for the Commissions' support. Mr. Briggs requested and Chairman Roth agreed to place the item under Unfinished Business at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Broaddus moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.