

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of May 7, 2003 Meeting

A scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday May 7 at the Third District Police Headquarters. ANC 1C Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Approximately 50 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 April 2, 2003 meeting and moved their approval. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Levy, treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$53,153 as of May 1, 2003. Commissioner Levy also noted expenditures of \$110 for the storage unit and \$37.58 for the telephone. Commissioner Levy also presented the 2nd quarter financial report (see end of minutes).

Commissioner Levy also presented an amended budget for fiscal year 2003 (see end of minutes for amended budget)

Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2003 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves the attached amended budget for fiscal year 2003.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were passed by unanimous consent:

Resolution Approving Adams Morgan Main Street Group, Inc. Grant Application for \$1,000

WHEREAS, ANC 1C has a pending grant application from the Adams Morgan Main Street Group, Inc. for \$1,000, and

WHEREAS, the grant application conforms to the published ANC 1C grantmaking guidelines and priorities, and

WHEREAS, the Public Services Committee of ANC 1C has reviewed and recommended this grant for approval,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, contingent upon approval by the DC Corporation Counsel and the DC Auditor, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves for funding the \$1,000 grant application submitted by Adams Morgan Main Street Group, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Roth opened up the floor for members of the community. Steve Glazerman with Stand Up for Democracy spoke on the issue of budget autonomy for the District; Chris Dwyer with the Good Shepherd Teen Learning Center made comments about the 17th and Euclid situation.

At this time, Commissioner Roth also took the opportunity to introduce Mr. Jose Javier Rivera (President, Panamanian Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture) and Mr. Carlos Alberto Vasquez (President, National Bar Association), two visitors from Panama who were sitting in on the meeting to get an idea about how local government works in the United States.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Callistus Nwadicke with the DC Department of Transportation, along with Russell Garcia and Keith Wong of the Federal Highway Administration, gave a presentation about the planned redesign of the intersections of Columbia Rd. and 18th Street and Adams Mill Rd. and Lanier Place. The presented concept also included a plan to repave 18th Street from Columbia to Florida. They indicated that the plan before the Commission was not a final drawing and they were eager for community input. Many Commissioner and members of the public had questions and concerns for the DDOT and FHA representatives, particularly on the issue of timing.

Because there was no consensus on the plan and there were many concerns about the repaving of 18th St., Commissioner Broaddus moved that while the Commission endorses the concept that the intersections need to be redesigned for pedestrian and traffic safety, the Commission does not agree with plan as drawn. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC & Public Safety Committee

Hand-outs of the proposed boundary changes for the PSAs were distributed and discussed. Officers Salas and Ragavonis provided an update and some insight into the drug situation at 17th and Euclid. Commissioner Weaver announced that the ABC & Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday, May 19th would be held at 1650 Fuller St.

There was a discussion about a public space application for Rumba Café, 2477 18th St. Because there was some confusion on what exactly the application was asking for, Commissioner Gibson moved that the Committee postpone considering a public space permit pending clarification of what was being requested. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Public Services Committee

Commissioner Apostolides announced that the committee's next meeting will be May 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

Tom Howarth gave a presentation on why Jubilee Housing was seeking an ANC grant for \$1,000 to install a security camera at 1631 Euclid Street. Commissioner Apostolides introduced a resolution in support of providing Jubilee with a grant for \$1,000. Commissioner Levy offered an amendment that would require the cameras to remain in Jubilee buildings within ANC1C. The amendment was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Resolution Approving Jubilee Housing Inc. Grant Application for \$1,000

WHEREAS, ANC 1C has a pending grant application from Jubilee Housing Inc. for \$1,000, and

WHEREAS, the grant application conforms to the published ANC 1C grantmaking guidelines and priorities (www.anc1c.org), and

WHEREAS, Jubilee Housing Inc. agrees to use these funds for cameras only (not for any other types of services or expenditures), which will remain in Jubilee Housing properties within the boundaries of ANC 1C,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, contingent upon approval by the DC Auditor and the DC Corporation Counsel, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves for funding the \$1,000 grant application submitted by Jubilee Housing Inc.

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

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

NAY: None

Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Broaddus announced that the PZT Committee will hold its next meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Third District Police Headquarters on V St.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Levy made a motion to accept the topic of rats and neighborhood cleanliness as the next public forum for the ANC on June 16 at 7 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver introduced a resolution supporting a historic survey of the Washington Heights area of Adams Morgan. The survey is the first step in determining whether or not an area can be designated a historic district.

Resolution: Historic Survey of Washington Heights

Whereas historic surveys have been completed in the Kalorama Triangle Historic District and the Strivers Row Historic District within Adams Morgan and contiguous areas such as the Sheridan Kalorama Historic District, the Mount Pleasant Historic District, the Dupont Circle Historic District, the 16th Street Historic District and the Greater U Street Historic District, but certain areas within Adams Morgan, including Washington Heights, have not been surveyed;

Whereas the first necessary step to determining whether a historic district should be applied for is conducting an architectural and cultural survey of a particular area;

Whereas a proposal has been prepared for presentation to the D.C. Historic Preservation Office for funds for such a survey of the Washington Heights area of Adams Morgan;

Whereas this proposal would be put forward by the Kalorama Citizens Association, whose articles of incorporation and bylaws contain the required authorization to sponsor such a proposal, which calls for \$26,500 to be contributed in federal funds distributed through the Historic Preservation Office, to be matched by approximately \$25,700 to be contributed in kind through work on the survey by neighborhood volunteers and \$5,200 to be contributed by the sponsoring organization;

Whereas several meetings initiated by a working group of residents, have been held, at which support for the survey has been voiced by Washington Heights residents,

Whereas a possible historic district could assist with preventing defacement or demolition of buildings considered contributing to the neighborhood's historic identity, and also could make significant tax benefits available to residential and commercial property owners in the area affected;

Whereas the area surveyed may be larger, but cannot be smaller, than the area that might eventually be proposed as a historic district, and the following boundaries of the area to be studied are identified: from the intersection of Columbia Road and 18th Street, south on 18th Street (both sides) to Florida Avenue, west on Florida Avenue (north side, the south side being part of the Dupont Circle Historic District) west to Connecticut Avenue, north on Connecticut Avenue (east side, the west side being already part of the Sheridan Kalorama Historic District) to Columbia Road, north on Columbia Road (east side, the west side being part of the Kalorama Triangle Historic District) to 18th Street;

Whereas, if an application for a historic district is eventually submitted to the Historic Preservation Review Board, it will be subject to a public hearing before the Board at which all persons and organizations may testify in favor, in opposition, or with regard to adjustments that could be made to the proposed boundaries,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: *That ANC-1C supports the proposal to be presented to the Historic Preservation office for a historic survey of the Washington Heights area, and encourages broad participation by Adams Morgan residents in the survey should the requested funds be obtained.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that passage of this resolution shall not preclude ANC 1C from filing or voicing objections to or support of any proposed historic designation that may come from the survey.*

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

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

NAY: None

Commissioner Weaver presented a voluntary agreement between ANC1C, the Kalorama Citizens Association and Zucchabar, a new establishment located at 184? Columbia Road. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the voluntary agreement, the motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver introduced a resolution commending Adams Morgan resident Tito Lowery for graduating from the YO! Program and wishing him luck in the Firefighter EMT cadet program.

Resolution Congratulation Robert "Tito" Lowry

Whereas, Robert "Tito" Lowery of 1725 Lanier Place, and life long resident of Adams Morgan, has graduated from the Latin American Youth Center's Youth Opportunities Program, and

Whereas, he has been selected as a candidate for the Firefighter EMT cadet program by the District of Columbia's Fire Department, and

Whereas, Mr. Lowry has show great passion, pride and concern for his family and his community. His heart and dedication are an inspiration to us all. When challenged with hardships Robert refused to give up and refused to give in to what many considered insurmountable odds. Hemmingway once wrote: "The world breaks every one and afterward many are strong at the broken places." Robert Lowry could have been in mind.

Now therefore be it resolved that ANC1C congratulates Robert "Tito" Lowry on his graduation from the Latin American Youth Center's YO! Program, and wish him Godspeed serving his community as a firefighter cadet for the DCFD.

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

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

A discussion on the C of O's for the East side of 18th St. ensued and commissioners were given an update on the status of Pacific Sushi as well as the boundaries of the Reed-Cooke overlay.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gibson noted that the D.C. City Council approved funding to reopen Klinge Road.

Commissioner Levy announced the Mayor's Crime Forum on May 10.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Starbucks would soon be opening and he had a copy of the plans if anyone wished to review them.

Commissioner Broaddus announced that a group had formed to address maintenance and public safety issues in Rabaut Park, called the Friends of Rabaut-Pigeon Park, and that the next meeting would be on May 18 at 1 pm in the park (corner of Columbia and Harvard St).

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.