

# **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**

## **Adams Morgan**

### **Minutes of June 4, 2003 Meeting**

A scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at the Third District Police Headquarters. ANC 1C Commission Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:06 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).

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Commissioner Roth noted for the record that he had contacted the D.C. Auditor about the disposition of the copier owned by ANC1C and located in Kalorama Recreation Center. Since the previous Commission could not find anyone to purchase the copier (which is broken), he was given permission by the Auditor to dispose of it. Commissioner Roth made arrangements to have the Department of Public Works remove the copier.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, distributed copies of the Minutes of the May 7, 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 \$52,873.34 as of May 31, 2003. Commissioner Levy also noted expenditures of \$110 for the storage space and \$31.55 for the telephone bill.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following item was passed by unanimous consent:

#### ***Resolution for Reimbursement of Telephone Expenses***

*BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves the reimbursement of \$25.80 to Commissioner Roth for telephone expenses incurred in the use of his business cell phone to conduct official ANC business (90 minutes @ 10¢ + 48 minutes @ 35¢) and for which he has personally reimbursed his firm, as evidenced by a copy of his invoice and check provided to the ANC Treasurer.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Roth opened up the floor for members of the community. Mark Reynolds mentioned several traffic situations in the neighborhood, including the construction surrounding the PNHoffman project on 18<sup>th</sup> St. and issues surrounding the valet parking situation at Cities.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ABC & Public Safety**

Commissioner Weaver introduced Lt. Mike Gottert as the new lieutenant for PSA 301 and 304. Lt. Gottert took a few moments to talk about his switch to 301 and noted that if anyone in the community was working on a project with Lt. Fulton, to please let him know. He said that e-mail (lt\_gottert@hotmail.com) is the best way to reach him.

Tom Howarth with Jubilee Housing gave an update on his organization's work to rid the corner at 17<sup>th</sup> and Euclid Sts. of gang and drug activity.

Commissioner Weaver noted that the next meeting of the Committee will be June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center. He also noted that at the Committee's May meeting, it was agreed that the ANC, the police, the neighborhood and all involved stakeholders need to come up with a cohesive plan as a community to work on the problem at 17<sup>th</sup> and Euclid.

### **Planning, Zoning and Transportation**

Commissioner Broaddus announced that the Committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Third District Police Headquarters. Commissioner Broaddus gave an update on the status of the redesign of the intersection at Lanier/Calvert/Adams Mill/18<sup>th</sup> St./Columbia Rd. and noted that DDOT is still in the planning phase and that construction would not begin before next summer at the earliest and that the resurfacing of 18<sup>th</sup> St. is off the table for now. Commissioner Broaddus also noted that the PZT Committee had arranged for a second opinion on the intersection by a group of traffic engineers. Discussions are ongoing.

Commissioner Broaddus then introduced Jack Brady to give a presentation on the proposed redo of the façade of Skynear and create a patio in public space at 1800 Wyoming Ave. After the presentation was given, Commissioner Broaddus introduced a resolution in support of the proposed changes:

#### ***Resolution to Support Permit Applications for Skynear Project***

*WHEREAS John Brady, Architect, has applied for a building permits and a public space permit (application #03-011) on behalf of O.A.S. Ltd Partnership to make modifications at 2122 18th St. NW and build a wall and fence on the edge of the property at 1800 Wyoming Ave, NW, Skynear & Company; and*

*WHEREAS the project conforms to relevant regulations and will not extend into the public sidewalk area; and*

*WHEREAS the project matches and enhances the existing façade of the building, adding a patio, which will be used to display goods during business hours, improve the accessibility and safety of the building entrance;*

*WHEREAS John Brady and Lynn Skyneer have taken care to discuss the project with neighbors and the ANC;*

*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, Gibson, Coudriet

NAY: None

### **Public Services**

Commissioner Apostolides noted that the Committee did not meet in May because there was no business for it to take up. The next meeting of the Committee will be June 30, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kalorama Rec. Center. Commissioner Apostolides said that if there are no grant applications or new business at that time, the meeting will be canceled.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Roth noted that the Commission had planned on taking up the public space application of Rumba Café, but that the Public Space Committee simply denied the application so, at this time, it is no longer an ANC matter.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Levy presented his plans for the June 16, 2003 public forum on rats and sanitation in the neighborhood. He introduced Mary Williams, the Clean City Coordinator for the District, and Graham King, founder of HelpDC HelpDC, a local nonprofit that focuses on cleaning up area neighborhoods. Williams and King both spoke to their efforts to organize and clean up the Adams Morgan community including alley clean-ups and a possible graffiti elimination day in July. Both Williams and King will be at the June 16<sup>th</sup> forum.

Commissioner Roth recognized Wyoming Avenue residents Leslie Delagran and Mark McConnell to speak in opposition to a proposed Sunday afternoon flea market at Marie Reed Learning Center. Due to an apparent miscommunication, the organizer of the proposed flea market was not present at the meeting, so the Commission took no action.

Commissioner Gibson introduced a resolution in support of reopening the community clinic at the Marie Reed Learning Center under the auspices of the Community of Hope.

***Resolution Supporting Community of Hope's Relocation to the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center***

*WHEREAS, for approximately three decades, a community health clinic operated at the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 total patients visited this clinic each month; and*

*WHEREAS, on January 26, 2001, the clinic was permanently closed to the public; and*

*WHEREAS, since that date, the Marie Reed clinic space has gone unused; and*

*WHEREAS, since that date, the students and families of Marie Reed have been deprived of an on-site health care facility; and*

*WHEREAS, since that date, the other patients of the former clinic have been dispersed to other already-overloaded neighborhood and city-run clinics; and*

*WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the clinic closure, at the specific request of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C and the commissioner from ANC 1C07, Mayor Williams, the Department of Health, and the DC Public Schools convened an emergency working group to address the crisis of the clinic's closure; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately a year ago, the Community of Hope clinic was invited to join in these negotiations, in the hope of eventually occupying the vacant clinic space; and*

*WHEREAS, for over twenty years, Community of Hope has been providing medical services to an extensive population, primarily in the Columbia Heights neighborhood; and*

*WHEREAS, their current clinic space at 1417 Belmont Street has become insufficient for the current level of service they provide; and*

*WHEREAS, if relocated to the Marie Reed clinic space, Community of Hope has committed to provide comprehensive medical care to three key constituencies: the students at Marie Reed and their families, neighborhood residents including former patients from the previous clinic, and the current Community of Hope patient base; and*

*WHEREAS, were Community of Hope to occupy this site, the students at Marie Reed would have access to an on-site health clinic, a privilege unavailable to students at other public elementary school students in the District of Columbia;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C strongly supports Community of Hope's request to occupy the clinic space at Marie Reed; and be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C urges Community of Hope, the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center, DC Public Schools, the DC Department of Health, and all other relevant agencies to quickly come to closure on this effort so that the clinic will be able to provide necessary student checkups in the weeks preceding the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year; and be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C's future support is contingent upon Community of Hope's strict adherence to the Memorandum of Understanding, currently under final negotiation by Community of Hope, DCPS, and other community representatives, which will govern their use of the clinic space.*

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Apostolides

Commissioner Moretti introduced a resolution requesting the Department of Public works to explain the distribution of parking enforcement shifts throughout the city and to consider distributing those shifts equally.

***Resolution Regarding DPW Parking Enforcement Shifts***

*Whereas, illegal parking in Adams Morgan is a habitual problem on a nightly basis, seven days a week, and dramatically interferes with the quality of life for residents, and*

*Whereas, the D.C. Department of Public Works keeps parking enforcement officers on the streets of Adams Morgan only until 8:30 p.m. weekdays and not at all on the weekends, and*

*Whereas, according to a recent press report, DPW does keep enforcement officers on the streets till 10 p.m. weeknights and on the weekends in Georgetown, and*

*Whereas, illegal parking in Adams Morgan and certain other neighborhoods of the District is at least as prevalent and problematic as it is in Georgetown,*

*Now Therefore be it Resolved, that ANC 1C requests the Department of Public Works implement a plan to rotate the weekend parking enforcement shifts so that Adams Morgan, Georgetown and other congested neighborhoods each have an opportunity for weekend parking enforcement on a periodic basis, and be it further,*

*Resolved that ANC 1C requests an explanation from the Department of Public Works as to why the revenue that could be derived from additional parking enforcement efforts in Adams Morgan on weekday and weekend evenings would not be sufficient to pay for additional personnel to carry out such enforcement on a regular basis.*

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

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

NAY: None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Broaddus discussed her ongoing efforts to clean-up Rabaut [Pigeon] Park. She noted that there will be a park clean up on June 21<sup>st</sup> and a fundraiser to aid the clean up on June 12 at the Blue Room. Commissioner Broaddus also pointed out that there will be a 21st Century Schools meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Garrison Elementary school to discuss the future of DC Public Schools.

Commissioner Gibson mentioned his SMD walk-through on June 8<sup>th</sup> and that he would be creating a master punch list of all the problems in the SMD, creating a spreadsheet and forwarding it on to the appropriate department heads in the city.

Commissioner Levy noted that we're well on our way into West Nile season and encouraged citizens to be aware of areas where mosquitoes breed. The West Nile Hotline is 202/535-2323.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoopin' in the 'Hood will be all day Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> in Walter Pierce Park. In addition to basketball, there will be music and food.

Commissioner Moretti updated the Commission on the planned renovation of Walter Pierce Park and noted that field renovation was set to begin at the end of June.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.