

# **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**

## **Adams Morgan**

### **Minutes of June 16, 2003 Public Forum**

A scheduled quarterly public forum of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Monday, June 16, 2003 at the Third District Police Headquarters. ANC 1C Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Approximately 30 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 June 4, 2003 meeting and moved their approval. The motion to approve was seconded and approved by voice vote.

### **FORUM**

Commissioner Levy introduced representatives from various city agencies and area nonprofits to speak on the issue of rats and general cleanliness in the neighborhood. On hand were Jose Sueiro, Ward 1 Neighborhood Services Coordinator; Mary Williams, Clean City Coordinator; Charles Mason, DCRA—Neighborhood Stabilization; Carlita Felder, DPW—SWEEPS Program; William Easley, DPW—Recycling Services; Leannetta Bell, DPW—Residential Recycling; Gerard Brown, Department of Health—Rodent Control; Nate Hill, Department of Health—Rodent Control; and Graham King, executive director of Help DC Help DC.

**Jose Sueiro**, Ward 1 Neighborhood Services Coordinator explained that the function of his job is to bring all the stakeholders together on neighborhood concerns/projects. He noted that he is responsible for bringing 13 city agencies together on a weekly basis, including MPD, DPW, the Fire Marshal and DCRA, to work on persistent problem areas in each neighborhood. His number is 202/345-4116 and he pledged to return all calls within 24 hours Monday through Friday.

**Mary Williams**, Clean City Coordinator detailed the role of her department, which is to focus strictly on cleanliness and sanitation issues throughout the city. Three main areas she focuses on are Adopt-a-Block, which is a two-year commitment by residents to take responsibility for their block; the cleanliness rating level—a quarterly review of the city to determine where DPW should be focusing their services; and educational outreach to encourage neighbors to form groups to take responsibility for and identify certain areas in need of help. Ms. Williams' also noted that there would be a graffiti removal day in Adams Morgan and Columbia Heights on July 19. Ms. Williams can be reached at 202/671-1403.

**Charles Mason** is the acting director for the Western sector of DCRA's Neighborhood Stabilization program. His department is an outgrowth of housing inspection. There are 39 inspectors citywide with four in Ward 1. Ronald Butler is the lead inspector for Ward 1. Mr. Mason said his department focuses on vacant properties (often a contributor to the rat problem) and housing regulations, particularly non-compliance with trash receptacles.

**Charlita Felder**, with DPW's SWEEPs program said her department deals with overflowing city trashcans and dumpsters, illegal posters and illegal dumping. She said the SWEEPs program can help with alley clean ups including provided brooms, rakes, bags, dumpsters and scheduling a pick up for after the clean up. Ms. Felder encouraged people with problems to call 202/727-1000.

**William Easley** works with DPW's recycling program. If residents have problems or questions with recycling, they are encouraged to call 202/645-8245. Easley noted that the city is working on making its twice-yearly pick up of hazardous household materials and electronics a monthly event. He also noted that if a residential building has more than three units in it, it must have a recycling program.

**Leannetta Bell** is the residential recycling inspector for Wards 1, 4, 5 and 6. Inspector Bell encouraged people to call 727-1000 if they are in need of recycling bins and her department will deliver them. She also asked that residents make sure not to leave any standing water in the bins and to make sure containers are clean. This will help with the mosquito problem, as well as the rat/roach problem.

**Gerard Brown** and **Nate Hill** are with the Department of Health's rodent enforcement division. Their job is to enforce the regulations of the Rodent Control Act of 2000. Mr. Brown emphasized that all trash must be in sealed containers and people will be fined \$65 for putting trash out in bags. Mr. Hill, who is the inspector and "spends a lot of time in alleys," said it is his job to educate the community on when, where and how to put out their trash.

**Graham King**, executive director of Help DC Help DC explained that he purpose of his nonprofit is to assist neighbors in beautification/clean-up projects throughout Adams Morgan. Some future projects include a clean up at Rabaut Park and a fall clean up on 18<sup>th</sup> St. and Columbia Road. Help DC Help DC will also help citizens with alley and park clean-ups. They can be reached at [www.helpdc.org](http://www.helpdc.org)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution in support of a weekly flea market to take place on the plaza area of the Marie Reed Learning Center. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Kristi Riggs, organizer of the proposed flea market and Sam Burns, a DJ for the proposed flea market provided the Commission with background information on the market and their vision for the market. Commissioners had questions about parking, trash, noise, vendor selection, citizen and business outreach in the community, the displacement of children from the playground, protocol issues and the market's contribution to the school and its students.

Commissioner Roth offered an amendment to the resolution concerning noise. The amendment was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Coudriet offered an amendment to Commissioner Roth's amendment and it too was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Coudriet's amendment was approved by voice vote. Commissioner Roth's amendment, as amended, was then approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Broaddus offered an amendment requiring the market organizers to enter into a voluntary agreement with the ANC. The amendment was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Gibson offered an amendment to Commissioner Broaddus's amendment, and it too was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Gibson's amendment was approved by voice vote. Commissioner Broaddus's amendment, as amended was then approved by voice vote.

The resolution as amended reads:

***Resolution Supporting "Body and Soul" Flea Market at the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center***

*WHEREAS, entrepreneur and clothing designer Kristi Riggs is interested in creating an Adams Morgan-based flea market called "Body and Soul;" and*

*WHEREAS, the merchandise sold at this flea market would largely consist of unique clothing and fashion accessories; and*

*WHEREAS, the flea market would take place every Sunday through September 28, 2003 from 3PM to 8PM; and*

*WHEREAS, the flea market would take place at the Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center, partially on the "plaza" level that is even with the school's 18<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and partially on the "playground" level where the jungle gym is located; and*

*WHEREAS, a percentage of flea market sales would be donated to Marie Reed each week; and*

*WHEREAS, Marie Reed Principal John Sparrow supports the flea market, and a use agreement for the event has been negotiated with DC Public Schools; and*

*WHEREAS, the playing of music by a DJ is considered by Ms. Riggs to be an important aspect of her event concept; and*

*WHEREAS, residents living close to Marie Reed have already raised significant concerns about potential problems with this music;*

*BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports the establishment of the "Body and Soul" flea market at Marie Reed Learning Center on the dates and times proposed by the organizer, provided, however, that this support is contingent upon the organizer's written agreement with DCPS and ANC 1C that there will be no use of either live or recorded amplified music capable of being heard beyond the grounds of Marie Reed Learning Center.*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that any two observed violations of the agreed-upon volume level will be grounds for immediate withdrawal of ANC 1C's support for the flea market; and*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that all loading and unloading of merchandise and equipment for the flea market will take place from either Champlain Street or the unnamed street just south of Marie Reed; and*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Single Member District 1C07 Commissioner shall convene a group of interested community members to negotiate a voluntary agreement with Ms. Riggs covering other issues of concern including parking, trash, noise (other than music), vendor selection, outreach to citizens and businesses in the community, the displacement of children from the playground, the contribution that will be made to benefit the school and its students, and other protocol issues; and*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C will formally revisit its support of the flea market after four weeks of event operations.*

The resolution was approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Weaver, Broaddus, Gibson, Coudriet

NAY: Apostolides, Levy, Moretti

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion for adjournment. It was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.