

# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

Adams Morgan

## Minutes of July 29, 2003 Meeting

A scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Tuesday, July 29, 2003 at the Third District Police Headquarters. ANC1C Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Approximately 40 members of the public attended.

Attending were Commissioners Alan Roth (1C01), Nik Apostolides (1C02), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Andrea Broaddus (1C06), Josh Gibson (1C07) and Jeff Coudriet (1C08).

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, distributed copies of the Minutes from the July 2 meeting and moved their approval. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The follow item was passed by unanimous consent:

***Resolution to Reimburse Bill Falls for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C's Domain Name***

*WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C's domain name (ANC1C.org ) was due to expire on March 11, 2003 and was at risk of being registered by another entity; and*

*WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C has provisioned for an extension to this domain name in its 2003 budget; and*

*WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C outsources the maintenance and management of its website to Bill Falls and Mr. Falls was in receipt of a renewal notice for this domain from Network Solutions Inc.; and*

*WHEREAS, Bill Falls dutifully extended the ANC's domain for 9 additional years at his own expense in the absence of ANC funding;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves the reimbursement of \$135 to Bill Falls for the 9-year renewal of the anc1c.org domain name.*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Roth opened the floor to members of the community. Chuck Thies with SmokeFreeDC commented on his organization's grassroots effort to promote smoke-free workplaces in the District of Columbia.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ABC & Public Safety**

Commissioner Moretti made a motion for ANC 1C to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Adams Mill Bar & Grill at 1813 & 1815 Adams Mill Rd., NW. The motion was seconded, discussed and failed by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Moretti, Gibson  
NAY: Apostolides, Broaddus, Coudriet

Commissioner Coudriet then made a motion to protest the application for a substantial change to the license for Adams Mill Bar & Grill. The motion was seconded, discussed and failed by roll call vote:

YEA: Apostolides, Broaddus, Coudriet  
NAY: Roth, Moretti, Gibson

Lt. Gottert of the Third District gave a brief update on several crime-related issues in the neighborhood. He noted that theft from auto was on the rise, although the police had made several arrests. He also discussed a crack-down on car jockeys, a recent rash of robberies in and around the 7-11 at Columbia and Wyoming, and also some plans in the works to combat stolen autos.

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

Commissioner Broaddus noted that the July PZT meeting was cancelled due to lack of business to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 20 at the Third District Police headquarters unless there is no business, in which case it too will be cancelled.

Commissioner Roth gave an update on the BZA case with 2005 Columbia Road. The hearing was held on July 29.

### **Public Service**

Commissioner Apostolides noted that the committee did not meet in July for lack of business and may not meet in August for the same reason.

The committee is working on getting several “pocket parks” in the neighborhood cleaned up, especially those near the intersections of 19<sup>th</sup> St. and Columbia Rd.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Coudriet gave an update on the status of neighborhood negotiations with the Meridian International Center and Walnut Street Developers to bring a multiple-housing unit to

the current Meridian parking location. Commissioner Coudriet then offered a resolution requesting a continuance of the BZA hearing on the requested modifications:

***Resolution Requesting Continuance of BZA Modifications of Conditions in BZA Order NO. 5802***

*WHEREAS, the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) is considering a request from the Meridian International Center for a modifications of conditions in BZA Order No. 5802, which was adopted by the Board on February 24, 1960; and*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C, a neighborhood working group has been convened to have a dialog on this zoning matter with the Meridian International Center and the prospective developer of the land in question; and*

*WHEREAS, that dialogue has been a productive and constructive one, involving both neighbors and the petitioner, all of whom are members of the same community; and*

*WHEREAS, the objective of the working group is to negotiate Memoranda of Understanding with both the Meridian International Center and the prospective developer, Walnut Street, to address neighborhood concerns over the potential impact on the character of the neighborhood of this modification; and*

*WHEREAS, the first presentation of detailed plans for the proposed project were presented to the community on July 11, 2003, plans which clearly indicate an impact on the character of the neighborhood; and*

*WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C has raised objections, adopted in its July 2, 2003 resolution to the Board, regarding the process by which this proposed modification is being considered; and*

*WHEREAS, 11 DCMR 3129.3 provides that such requests must be filed with the BZA not later than six months after the date of the final order approving the original application; and*

*WHEREAS, Section 3129.6 provides that no member of the BZA shall vote on such a request unless that member participated in and voted on the original decision or read the record; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed modification was not submitted within six months after the date of the final order; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed modification is not a minor modification in the view of the Commission; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed modification is to an order voted on by a Board seated in excess of forty years ago; and*

*WHEREAS, ANC 1C is willing to consider this matter at the BZA under this process if additional time is provided to finalize its Memoranda of Understanding; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C respectfully requests the Board of Zoning Adjustment continue consideration of this matter, without prejudice, until its scheduled meeting on September 16, 2003.*

The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Roth offered an amendment to the resolution changing the filing date. The amendment was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

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

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

NAY: none

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution in support of Jubilee Housings' grant application to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

### ***Resolution of Support for Jubilee Housing Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Community Development***

*WHEREAS, the preservation of affordable housing is a critical community concern in Adams Morgan and throughout the District of Columbia; and*

*WHEREAS, the maintenance of a culturally, racially, and economically diverse Adams Morgan depends on the success of preserving affordable housing for those of low and moderate income; and*

*WHEREAS, for almost thirty years, Jubilee Housing, a faith-based nonprofit, has purchased, developed and maintained affordable housing for those of low and very low income; and*

*WHEREAS, the experience of Jubilee Housing has contributed to the Adams Morgan community through the creation of programs in job training, child care and after school programs and programs for youth in the arts; and*

*WHEREAS, the renovation of the housing stock owned and maintained by Jubilee Housing in Adams Morgan will improve the living conditions of residents of Jubilee Housing while enhancing the quality of community life; and*

*WHEREAS, up until this point, Jubilee Housing has neither sought nor received public funding for its programs; yet, facing a clear need for extensive renovation of all buildings, has after careful deliberation decided to seek such funding for the first time;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC endorses Jubilee Housing's application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for assistance under the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Low-Income Tax Credit program and other federal programs and the District's Affordable Housing Production Program; and*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC IC looks forward to working with Jubilee Housing as its comprehensive renovation plans emerge and considering any zoning or related issues associated with their plans as they develop.*

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

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

NAY: none

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to write a letter in support of the Brasil, Inc. T/A The Grill from Ipanema, 1858 Columbia Rd., NW application for substantial change to their Class C/R License. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Moretti, Broaddus, Gibson, Coudriet  
NAY: none

Commissioner Roth then handed the gavel to Commissioner Gibson, vice chair, and offered a resolution in support of the proposed new PSA boundaries. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Gibson offered an amendment to the resolution, which was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Moretti, Broaddus, Gibson, Coudriet  
NAY: none

***Resolution in Support of Proposed New PSA Boundaries***

*WHEREAS, Adams Morgan is currently divided between Police Service Areas (PSAs) 301, 304, and 307, two of which (304 and 307) are dominated by the Dupont Circle and Sheridan-Kalorama neighborhoods, and*

*WHEREAS, the division of Adams Morgan into three PSAs makes it difficult to achieve a coordinated approach to public safety and law enforcement in our community, and makes it difficult for neighborhood residents and businesses to know what PSA they are located in and who their PSA lieutenants, sergeants, and officers are, and*

*WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is proposing to combine all of Adams Morgan into a single new PSA 303 as part of a realignment of PSAs throughout the District in order to reduce to total number of PSAs, more closely align PSAs with neighborhood boundaries, establish a minimum number of officers for each PSA, and provide greater flexibility in assigning officers to better meet demands for neighborhood police service,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC endorses and supports the proposed combination of all of Adams Morgan into a single PSA (currently displayed at [http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/PSAs\\_proposed\\_3D.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/PSAs_proposed_3D.shtm)) for the reasons and purposes stated above, provided, however, that ANC IC also believes that the number of officers currently deployed to Adams Morgan is inadequate, that realignment of the PSAs is not a substitute for the deployment of additional officers in Adams Morgan, and that MPD should forthwith increase the deployment of officers to Adams Morgan whether or not the proposed realignment of PSAs proceeds as proposed, and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT because ANC IC believes that this realignment should follow its ANC boundaries, ANC IC respectfully recommends and requests that the following adjustments be made to the proposed new PSA 303:*

- a) include Rabaut or "Pigeon" Park at 16<sup>th</sup> & Columbia Road in PSA 303; and*
- b) remove the area bounded by 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, U, and W Streets from PSA, and be I*

*RESOLVED, THAT the Chairperson of ANC IC shall send a copy of this resolution to Chief Charles Ramsey, Councilmember Jim Graham, Commander Larry McCoy, and such other District officials as he deems appropriate.*

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

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

NAY: none

Commissioner Roth made a motion that the Commission accept the proposal selecting education and D.C. Public Schools as the topic of the September forum. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.