

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of May 5, 2005

A scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday May 5, 2004 at the Third District Police Headquarters. ANC1C Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Approximately 25 members of the public attended the meeting.

Attending were Commissioners Alan Roth (1C01), Nik Apostolides (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Andy Miscuk (1C05), Andrea Broaddus (1C06), and Josh Gibson (1C07).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, moved the approval of the Minutes for the April 7 regular meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Apostolides made a motion to amend the FY04 budget to accommodate an increase in fees for the ANC's storage space. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Apostolides made a motion to approve the second quarter report for FY04 that showed the ANC balance as \$61,855. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Roth opened the floor to members of the community. Gabriela Rossi, executive director of Adams Morgan Main Street gave an update on the groups' activities and announced an upcoming traffic study/workshop for May 19 and 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC& Public Safety

Commissioner Weaver reminded those in attendance that the new PSA alignments went into effect at the beginning of May.

Sgt. Jeter gave a crime update including some information about the early April crime spree in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution opposing the substantial change to the ABC license at Leyat. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Regarding Leyat Operating Hour Expansion

WHEREAS, Leyat Café, located at 2305 18th Street, NW, has requested an extension of its operating hours to allow for breakfast service; and

WHEREAS, opposition to this change is nearly unanimous among the residents of 2305 18th Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C opposes any and all proposed changes in the operating hours of Leyat Café on the grounds of potential disruption to community peace, order, and quiet.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to postpone consideration of the change of license for Crush from a C/R to a C/T until the end of the May 17 forum on housing. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Planning Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Gibson reminded those in attendance that the next PZT meeting will be on Wednesday May 19 at 8 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters.

Commissioner Gibson reported that at the last meeting the Committee met with a transportation planner on the re-design of 18th and Columbia.

Commissioner Gibson noted that the Reed Cooke Neighborhood Association continues to work with the developers of the 1701 Kalorama project and that there may be action before the ANC regarding this matter at the June meeting.

Public Services

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to approve the \$1000 grant application for the Friends of Walter Pierce Park to install two permanent chess tables in the park. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Miscuk announced that the next Committee meeting would be May 24.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Roth offered a resolution thanking former Commissioner Coudriet for his service. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson
NAY: None

**Resolution of Commendation and Thanks to
Former ANCIC Treasurer Jeff Coudriet**

WHEREAS, Jeff Coudriet served ANC IC as a Commissioner from January 2003 through March 2004, and as Treasurer from October 2003 to March 2004, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Coudriet served in these volunteer positions with distinction, integrity, and the best interests of the community in mind, particularly by keeping the books and financial affairs of the Commission in good order, and

WHEREAS, he resigned in March 2004 as required by law because of a move outside the boundaries of ANC IC, and

WHEREAS, his hard work and service to the Adams Morgan community has nonetheless been deeply appreciated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC commends Commissioner Coudriet for his devotion and dedication to the Adams Morgan community, thanks him for his service to ANC IC, and wishes him every success in his future endeavors.

Phillip Harmon with the Office of the People's Counsel gave a special presentation about consumers' rights in relation to utilities such as phone, gas, water and electric.

Commissioner Apostolides offered a resolution generally supporting Adams Morgan Main Street's public space application to place bike racks in the pocket park at 19th and Columbia. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Broaddus, Gibson

NAY: None

**Resolution on Public Space Application of Adams Morgan Main Street for
Pocket Park at Columbia/19th/Wyoming**

WHEREAS, Adams Morgan Main Street has adopted from the Department of Parks and Recreation the pocket park bordered by Columbia Road, 19th Street, and Wyoming Avenue, NW, within the jurisdiction of Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC, and

WHEREAS, Adams Morgan Main Street submitted an application dated April 2, 2004 for a public space permit to (1) replace an existing 52-foot planting bed with multi-aggregate cover, (2) install a seating bench in that space, (3) upgrade one garbage can and add another, and (4) install five combination bicycle racks/tree surrounds (three on the Columbia Road side, and two in the tree box on the 19th Street side), and

WHEREAS, DDOT's Public Space Permits and Records Branch by letter dated April 12, 2004 has requested ANC IC's comments on the application within 30 days, and

WHEREAS, by previous resolution adopted at its April 7, 2004 meeting, a quorum being present, ANC IC agreed (subject to the approval of a public space and all other applicable DC permits) to provide \$1,325 in grant funding for the aggregate mix and installation of three bike racks for the

Columbia Road side, but determined that “three bike racks [not five] would provide considerable bike storage as well as an appropriate opportunity at a lower cost to test the success of this demonstration project,” and

WHEREAS, it is not evident that these two additional bike racks are needed in this area, and installing them in a tree box as proposed therefore seems premature and unnecessary at this point, and

WHEREAS, ANC IC considers the proposed project in all other respects to be commendable,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC generally supports the aforesaid Adams Morgan Main Street public space application, provided, however, that ANC IC recommends that only the three bike racks on the Columbia Road side be approved and that the two proposed bike rack/tree surrounds in the 19th Street tree box be disallowed.

Commissioner Apostolides offered a resolution in support of renewing the liquor license moratorium in Adams Morgan but with various caveats. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Roth offered a substitute amendment recommending that the ABC Board deny the renewal of the moratorium. The amendment was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to strike the second *Whereas* clause from the substitute amendment. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The amendment, as amended was then discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson
NAY: Apostolides, Weaver, Broaddus

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

YEA: Roth, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson
NAY: Apostolides, Weaver, Broaddus

Resolution Supporting a New Liquor License Moratorium for Adams Morgan

Whereas, a petition is pending before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to renew for 5 years the ABC moratorium in Adams Morgan and to make certain other changes in the moratorium's terms;

Whereas, the proponents of the petition by law have the burden of proving that renewal and extension of the current moratorium has accomplished and will accomplish its intended purposes;

Whereas, the preponderance of available evidence indicates that the current moratorium has failed to reduce vehicular or pedestrian traffic, make parking more available, clean up trash, reduce the rodent population, reduce noise, or promote desirable retail uses in the community, but it does create some less desirable non-ABC uses and enable certain scofflaws to operate beyond the reach of available District resources for code enforcement;

Whereas, an ABC moratorium is an inherently divisive instrument that mistakenly implies all quality of life problems are the fault of one segment of the community, so that its benefits should have to be clearly proven before it is renewed or extended; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C considers the petition for extension and modification of the ABC moratorium in Adams Morgan to be without merit and recommends that the ABC Board deny the petition.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Broaddus reminded those in attendance about the transportation forum/workshop on May 19 and 20.

Commissioner Weaver reminded the audience about the ANC's upcoming public forum on Housing in the District on Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.