

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of March 2, 2005

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at the Third District Police Headquarters. Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Approximately 25 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were: Alan Roth (ANC1C01), Jon Canty (ANC1C02), Bryan Weaver (ANC1C03), Mindy Moretti (ANC1C04), Andy Miscuk (ANC1C05), Josh Gibson (ANC1C07), and Lynn Taylor (ANC1C08).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, moved the approval of the February 2, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Miscuk, treasurer provided a financial update and noted that the Commission has approximately \$78,619.31 in the bank with \$1,700 in checks outstanding. He reported that the first quarter report had been accepted by the auditor's office and that the Commission now had authority to write checks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Harvey with the Intowner wanted to know why he was not informed about the Harris Teeter lease-signing press conference arranged by Councilmember Graham's office.
- Lisa Duperier with Adams Morgan Main Street announced that Walter Pierce Park will receive three cherry trees from the National Cherry Blossom Festival and that Main Street will have wine tastings every other month with the next tasting being on March 22 at T.S. Muttley's.
- A resident suggested the installation of fish-eye mirrors in certain locations on Champlain to help facilitate pedestrian safety along the corridor.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Gibson announced that the punch list of problems in SMD was complete and would soon be on the ANC Web site.
- Commissioner Weaver announced that the ABC & Public Safety Committee will meet on March 9th at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.
- Commissioner Moretti announced that the annual spring celebration in Walter C. Pierce Community Park will be held on Saturday, March 26th at 10 a.m.
- Commissioner Roth announced that the Office of Zoning will hold a public meeting on March 24th on the adoption of the form-based codes in DC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services

Commissioner Miscuk, Committee Chair, gave an update on the status of the Public Services Committee, in particular the Committee's role in the approval of ANC grants. He noted that the Commission has spent 25 percent of its funding on grants so far in FY05.

Commissioner Miscuk said the Committee is considering raising the funding limits for ANC grants, possibly as high as \$5,000. He asked commissioners to consider the notion and come back in 90-days with thoughts.

Commissioner Miscuk offered a resolution to update ANC1C's grant guidelines. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Miscuk offered an amendment to his resolution. The amendment was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The grant guidelines resolution, as amended, was discussed and approved by voice vote.

Resolution to Update Grant Guidelines

Whereas, the Public Services Committee of the Adams Morgan ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 28th and;

Whereas, the Public Services Committee is charged with the initial review of grant applications and is charged with a review of the ANC guidelines and;

Whereas, the committee considered recommendations that best reflected the values, needs and priorities of the Adams Morgan Neighborhood and;

Whereas, the full committee of three commissioner attended the meeting and;

Whereas, the unanimous opinion of the committee recommends the following changes to the Adams Morgan ANC Guidelines;

Therefore be it resolved, that the modifications, listed below, be made to the guidelines;

Change the title of section 7 of the Grant Guidelines from: "Grant Limits" to: "Prohibited Grants"

Entire rewrite of section 9 "Waiving the Grant Policy"

The Adams Morgan ANC may waive the provisions of this grant policy for a grant application that is inconsistent with these policies. Under no circumstances may the provision of section 7 ever be waived. This must be done on a grant-by-grant basis. Waivers may only be given at a regularly scheduled business meeting of the ANC. The vote must be a 2/3 vote, of the Commissioners present, in favor of the waiver(s).

This must be a separate vote before the actual vote to approve the grant. The vote to approve the grant will only require a majority vote of the Commissioners present.

Additional items of consideration to be added to section 6, Criteria for evaluating grants:

Whether the grant funds will be used to purchase items that will have a greater frequency of use and/or longevity of use.

Whether the applicant will use Adams Morgan and/or District of Columbia vendors and or services to implement the purpose of the grant, unless those resources are unavailable in the neighborhood or District of Columbia.

Whether or not the grant funds will be used to purchase “Green” products and services.

Whether the grant will serve to better human well-being.

Be it further resolved, that these guidelines be published immediately and

Be it further resolved, that pending grants are not affected.

Commissioner Miscuk offered a resolution proposing new granting priorities for the ANC. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to Establish Grant Making Priorities for calendar year 2005

Whereas, the Public Services Committee of The Adams Morgan ANC held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 28th and;

Whereas, the Public Services Committee is charged with the initial consideration of grant making priorities;

Whereas, the committee considered priorities that best reflected the values, needs and priorities of the Adams Morgan Neighborhood and;

Whereas, the full committee of three commissioners attended the meeting and;

Whereas, the unanimous opinion of the committee recommends the priorities listed below for Grant Making Priorities for calendar year 2005;

Therefore be it resolved, that the following Grant Making Priorities for Calendar Year 2005 be established for ANC IC;

- 1) Organizations whose annual revenue stream is \$50,000 or under.*
- 2) All Volunteer Organizations.*
- 3) Organizations based in Adams Morgan.*

Be it further resolved, that these priorities be published immediately and

Be it further resolved, those pending grants are unaffected.

Commissioner Miscuk announced that Public Services Committee will next meet on March 28th at 7:30 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

ABC & Public Safety

No one from MPD was available to give a crime update. Commissioner Weaver, Committee Chair gave an update about ongoing crime issues in the neighborhood:

- 1815 Adams Mill — work continues on the investigation into the illegal after hours club at 1815 Adams Mill and whether or not there is a connection to the licensed ABC establishment at 1813 Adams Mill.
- 1631 Euclid Shooting — the victim, who actually had an outstanding warrant for his arrest was recovering and it appeared that he will survive.

- 2351 Champlain — is one of the biggest violators of alley and code issues in the neighborhood.
- Citizens are forming an “Orange Hat Patrol” and the first meeting will be held on March 8 at the Ritz.

Commissioner Weaver offered a resolution to protest the application for conversion from a C/R to C/T for Anzu, 2436 18th St., NW. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Regarding the Modification of ABC License for ANZU

Whereas, ANZU, LLC T/A ANZU has filed to change its license class #60612 from Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant to Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern at 2436 18th St., NW, Washington, DC, and

Whereas, said address falls within the jurisdiction of ANCIC, and

Whereas, a change in licensure from CR restaurant to CT tavern could permanently eliminate the current food requirements on this establishment’s license,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that ANCIC opposes this license reclassification on the grounds that it would adversely affect the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the ABC Board had contacted him and they are challenging the terms of the Voluntary Agreement with the Angry Inch, in particular, the limits on food-types and money requirements.

The next meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee will be Wednesday, March 9th at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Gibson, Committee Chair, announced that the next meeting of the PZT Committee will be Wednesday, March 16th at 7 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters.

The last meeting of the PZT Committee (Wednesday, Feb.16th) focused on the traffic study for the area around the proposed Harris Teeter.

Commissioner Gibson reminded those in attendance that the March public forum on Tuesday, March 15th would focus solely on community comments and questions about the proposed Harris Teeter.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution requesting the Department of Parks and Recreation leave one night open on the field at Walter C. Pierce Community Park for the enjoyment of the community at large. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Canty, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson and Taylor
NAY: None

Resolution Requesting Community Access to Walter C. Pierce Community Park

Whereas Walter C. Pierce Community Park falls within the boundaries of ANC1C, and

Whereas the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has issued permits for the multi-purpose field at Walter C. Pierce Community Park to three different area organizations seven days per week (4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday), and

Whereas the only evening hours the multi-purpose field is not permitted is Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and

Whereas green space is at a premium within the District of Columbia, and

Whereas the current DPR permit process has left scant time for the community surrounding the multi-purpose field to use the field for general activities,

Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C requests DPR not permit the multi-purpose field at Walter C. Pierce Community Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday nights from May through September to allow the multi-purpose field to remain “open” for general community use, and

Be It Resolved that DPR not revoke any existing permits for the spring/summer (May through September) season unless the organization holding the permit is in direct violation of the departments rules for permits, and

Be It Further Resolved that DPR not issue any permits to the organization known as the World Adult Kickball Association (WAKA) or any of its subsidiaries, and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C requests DPR to work with the ANC, the community and Friends of Walter Pierce Park to identify additional “open” hours during the next round of permitting for the fall season.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion that he be permitted to testify on behalf of ANC1C before the Council of the District of Columbia’s Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs regarding proposed changes that would allow the ABRA Director to suspend ABC licenses on an emergency basis. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion that ANC1C accept a voluntary agreement between ANC1C and Solloso, Inc. T/A El Rincon, 1826 Columbia Rd., NW. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to approve a \$1,000 grant for CHIME. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Roth made a motion to postpone consideration of the CHIME grant until the April 6th ANC meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Miscuk offered a resolution requesting an Inspector General's investigation into the lack of enforcement surrounding code violations at 2351 Champlain. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Weaver moved to amend the resolution. The amendment was seconded and approved with unanimous consent. Commissioner Gibson made a motion to amend the resolution. There was no second. Commissioner Taylor moved to amend the resolution, as previously amended. The amendment was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The resolution, as amended, was discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to Request the Inspector General's Office to Investigate the Lack of Enforcement at 2351 Champlain Street

Whereas, the property at 2351 Champlain Street, NW is a vacant property in Adams Morgan, and

Whereas, the property was cited with various violations and fines of approximately \$4,525, and

Whereas, these citations occurred on four different occasions between January and March of 2004, and

Whereas, these citations and inspections abruptly stopped on March 2, 2004 and the fines remain unpaid,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that ANCIC, the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission, requests of the D.C. Inspector General, Austin A. Andersen, that an investigation begin to determine why enforcement of laws and collection of fines stopped at 2351 Champlain Street one year ago, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Office of the Inspector General notifies ANCIC within two weeks of receipt of this letter if they intend to pursue the matter.

Commissioner Miscuk offered a resolution to restate the open discussion of the proposed Harris Teeter property. Commissioner Weaver offered a friendly technical amendment that was approved by unanimous consent. Commissioner Taylor offered a technical amendment that was also approved by unanimous consent. The resolution, as amended, was discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to Restate Open Discussion of the Harris Teeter Issue

Whereas, there is yet a signed MOU in the Harris Teeter Issue and;

Whereas, much fanfare has taken place over the signing of the lease at The Citadel and;

Whereas, there are still many valid concerns and issues regarding this project and;

Whereas, ANCIC, the Adams Morgan ANC has yet to state a position on the issue and does plan to vote on the project, exercising our great weight;

Be it resolved that, ANCIC, the Adams Morgan ANC wishes to express to all concerned parties that we consider this ongoing and by no means closed issue;

Be it further resolved that the Adams Morgan ANC expects all relevant agencies and our Councilmember's to respect our position on the issue and;

Be it further resolved that the Adams Morgan ANC renews our invitation and encourage all concerned parties to attend our forum on the issue on Tuesday, March 15th at 7 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters at 1620 V St., NW.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti moved for adjournment at 9:35 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.