

# **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C**

## **Adams Morgan**

**July 6, 2005**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at Mary's Center. Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Approximately 15 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were: Alan Roth (1C01), Jon Canty (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Andy Miscuk (1C05), Graham King (1C06), Josh Gibson (1C07) and Lynn Taylor (1C08).

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Canty, treasurer provided the Commission with a financial update. As of July 5, the Commission had a balance of \$74,994.53 with one check for \$1,000 for a grant for Urban Rangers still outstanding.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Commissioner Roth, chairman, announced that the ANC's new post office box is now P.O. Box 21009.

### **PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- Carmella Vetri, with Adams Morgan MainStreet announced the group's next wine tasting at Perry's on Columbia Rd. on Aug. 9. Ms. Vetri also announced that Adams Morgan Day will be on Sunday, Sept. 11 this year.
- Commissioner King announced that there will be a community clean up on Saturday, July 30 beginning at 9 a.m. at Marie Reed Learning Center.
- Commissioner Taylor reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Open House at the Third District Headquarters on Saturday July 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Commissioners Moretti and Weaver announced that Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> would be the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoopin' in the Hood basketball tournament in Walter C. Pierce Community Park.
- Commissioner Roth announced that on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, campers from the Urban Rangers summer program would be putting on a "Neighborhood Stories" museum.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Gibson noted that the PZT Committee spent much of its last meeting discussing the ongoing plans to expand the Dorchester House. He did not foresee an ANC vote on the topic until at least the September meeting.

Commissioner Gibson announced that the next meeting of the PZT Committee will be on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters.

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution on ANC1C's street/alley repaving priorities to be forwarded to the District Department of Transportation. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

#### *Resolution Regarding District Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2005 to 2010 Street and Alley Paving Priorities*

*WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has published a list of proposed street and alley repaving priorities for Fiscal Years (FY) 2005 to 2010; and*

*WHEREAS, this priority list was submitted to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC 1C) for recommendations; and*

*WHEREAS, this list does not always reflect previous ANC resolutions indicating the Commission's own priorities, sometimes does not take into account current roadway conditions, and sometimes lists for future repaving streets and alleys that have already been repaved;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C recommends the following changes to the published DDOT priorities:*

#### **Treat as highest priority (complete in FY 2005 or 2006):**

- *Alley 5115256201 [ANC 1C passed a resolution in Fall 2004 requesting immediate repaving of this alley (currently listed in FY 2008)]*
- *Alley 0910254701 [ANC 1C passed a resolution in Spring 2005 requesting immediate repaving for this alley (currently listed in FY 2007)]*
- *Alley 3386256001 [Serves many 18<sup>th</sup> Street commercial establishments, requires drainage installation, alley was focus of Ward One Neighborhood Services task force (currently listed in FY 2008)]*
- *Alley 0910258004 [Serves many Columbia Road commercial establishments and has been the scene of violent crime (currently listed in FY 2009)]*
- *Alley 0170015005 [Most frequent source of complaints in SMD 1C08 (currently listed in FY 2006)]*
- *Alleys 2184256301/302/304/305 [in very bad shape, home to much graffiti and dead streetlights (currently listed in FY 2008)]*
- *Alley between Kalorama/17<sup>th</sup>/Ontario [Incredibly narrow, therefore focuses damage on small amount of pavement]*
- *Alley between 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/Florida/Vernon [T-shaped alley in terrible condition]*

#### **Treat as middle priority (complete in FY 2006 or 2007):**

- *Alley between 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/Florida/V [Used by resident in wheelchair]*
- *Pave currently unpaved alley behind 1661 Crescent Place, from 2317 to 2329 17<sup>th</sup> Street [Home to trespassers and used as crime escape route]*

**Treat as lower priority (move to end of list):**

- *Vernon Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> [already repaved in 2004 (currently listed in FY 2005)]*
- *California Street between Columbia and Connecticut [barely a half-block long; include in a future Columbia Road repavement (currently listed in FY 2007)]*
- *Wyoming Avenue between Columbia and 20<sup>th</sup> [barely a half-block long; include in a future Columbia Road repavement (currently listed in FY 2008)]*
- *Kalorama Road between 17<sup>th</sup> and Ontario [already repaved in 2005 (currently listed in FY 2008)]*

Commissioner Gibson gave an update on the Harris Teeter project and noted that the developers have prepared an application for a smaller variance that should come before the ANC soon.

Commissioner Roth noted that the Zoning Commission will be holding hearings on inclusionary zoning on Monday July 25 and Thursday July 28.

Commissioner Gibson also announced that the Council of the District of Columbia will hold hearings sometime in July on the renaming of the Old Morgan School Place.

**Public Services**

Commissioner King gave an update on the activities of the committee including a report on a grant application for Mary's Center. Because there were some questions about line items in the grant application, Commissioner Miscuk suggested that the ANC approve a grant for \$800. The Commission chose not to vote on the grant application at this time.

Commissioner Canty offered a resolution to support plans for a rear alteration at 2328 19<sup>th</sup> St., NW within the Kalorama Triangle Historic District. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

***Resolution Supporting Plans for Historic Preservation at 2328 19th St., NW***

*WHEREAS, the DC Historic Preservation Review Board has informed ANC IC of its intention to consider an application for conceptual design review on behalf of the owner of 2328 19<sup>th</sup> St, NW, within the Kalorama Triangle Historic District, at the Board's July 2005 meeting, and*

*WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed and approved by ANC IC's Public Services Committee, and*

*WHEREAS, the plans submitted by the owner include two options for a rear addition to the property, and*

*WHEREAS, ANC IC approves in general the overall foot print and choice of "green materials", and*

*WHEREAS, ANC IC prefers the primary scheme which maximizes light for the adjacent neighbor as opposed to the secondary asymmetrical scheme, and*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 1C recommends approval of the conceptual design plans for the rear addition at 2328 19<sup>th</sup> St, NW, within the Kalorama Triangle Historic District, to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board and urges the HPRB to accept the primary design scheme.*

Commissioner King announced that the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be Monday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

### **ABC & Public Safety**

Commissioner Weaver gave an update on the activities of the Committee, which basically spent the entire time at its last meeting discussing the ongoing problems surrounding the conversion of C/R (restaurants) to C/T (tavern) licenses.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the next meeting of the ABC & Public Safety Committee is tentatively set for July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center. Andy Lopez from the U.S. Attorney's office is scheduled to speak.

There was no representation for the Metropolitan Police Department at the meeting to provide an MPD crime update.

At this time, Commissioner Roth called for unanimous consent to move the Mary's Center grant back onto the agenda. Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C support a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for Mary's Center following clarification of the project budget provided at the meeting by Dave Bender of Mary's Center. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution calling on the Zoning Commission to give special consideration to dog boarding/grooming/daycare businesses, particularly those already established. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

#### ***Resolution Regarding New Zoning Regulations for Dog Daycare and Boarding Businesses***

*WHEREAS, according to published reports, the Office of Planning (OP) intends on July 11th to recommend new zoning regulations to the Zoning Commission (ZC) affecting the location of dog day-care, grooming, and overnight boarding establishments, and*

*WHEREAS, hundreds of residents of Adams Morgan and neighboring communities rely on these establishments for the care of their dogs during workdays and out-of-town trips, and would be unable to keep their dogs if not for the services offered by these establishments, and*

*WHEREAS, there is great concern that the OP, ZC, or others may attempt to unreasonably restrict the locations in which these important and necessary establishments are permitted to operate,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C seeks reasonable treatment of these dog boarding, grooming, and day-care businesses in any proposed or final zoning regulations, and specifically calls upon the OP and ZC to allow such businesses to be operated as a matter of right in C-2 Districts or higher (i.e., C-3, C-4, etc.), and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that as a matter of fairness, such regulations should at a minimum grandfather existing businesses and those that have applied for a Certificate of Occupancy in a C-2 District or higher before the OP submits its recommendations to the ZC, and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be promptly transmitted to the Office of Planning and the Zoning Commission so that it may receive the “great weight” required by statute in the deliberations of those agencies.*

Commissioner Taylor made a motion that ANC1C send a letter to DCRA and the Zoning Commission in support of Lucky Dog Laundromutt and Lounge’s certificate of occupancy application for 1722 Florida Ave. NW. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Canty, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, King, Gibson, Taylor

NAY: None

Steve Rigelsky from Castle Management provided an update on the development status of 2412 17<sup>th</sup> St., NW including that the property will now be named Kalorama Court. Mr. Rigelsky noted that the corrected plans for the location are now on file and they will move forward with the permitting process. The project should be complete in approximately 12 months.

Commissioner Weaver offered a resolution to protest the conversion of a C/R to a C/T license for Rendezvous Lounge. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

***Resolution Regarding the Modification of ABC License for Rendezvous Lounge***

*Whereas, Café Dallul, Inc. t/a Rendezvous Lounge has filed to change its license no. 14272 from Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant to Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern at 2226 18<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C., and*

*Whereas, said address falls within the jurisdiction of ANC1C, and*

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

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C opposes this license reclassification on the grounds that it would adversely affect the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.*

Lisa Kolker provided the Commission with information about a proposed upcoming public art project that would be on display throughout the city including Adams Morgan. Although there was no need for action by the Commission, Chairman Roth urged Ms. Kolker to return as soon as possible if the organizing party was in need of public space permits.

Commissioner Weaver offered a resolution to oppose Council Bill 16-160. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

***Resolution Opposing D.C. Council Bill 16-160 “Full Service Grocery Store Alcohol License Exception Amendment Act of 2005”***

*Whereas, Councilmember Sharon Ambrose is seek to amend Title 25 of the D.C. Official Code to provide an exception for Class B alcohol licenses to be issued to a grocery store within the distance restrictions between a Class B full service grocery store and a public, private, or parochial primary, elementary, or high school; college or university; or recreation area operated by the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation;*

*Whereas, Bill 16-160 will only apply to newly constructed full service grocery stores with a certificate of occupancy issued after January 1, 2000, or to an existing store which has undergone renovations in excess of \$500,000 in a calendar year in which an application is made; and*

*Whereas, the bill would eliminate the prohibition on alcohol licensees within 400 feet of a school, a prohibition that all other local jurisdictions have in their ABC code, and*

*Whereas, this bill creates a loophole for large mega-stores who can afford to construct a new store from the ground up or who will spend half a million dollars to renovate an existing store, and*

*Whereas, within the boundaries of ANCIC there are several full service “Mom and Pop” grocery stores who will not be eligible for exemption; ANCIC has a long history of protecting and fighting for small business owners in Adams Morgan, and*

*Whereas within the boundaries of ANCIC there are three public schools, three Head Start programs, three city parks, two recreation areas operated by D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation with numerous after school programs that would be adversely affected by this legislation;*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that ANCIC urges Councilmember Jim Graham, chair of the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and colleagues to oppose Bill 16-160, and*

*Be It Further Resolved, that ANCIC authorizes Commissioner Bryan Weaver to speak on behalf of ANCIC before the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on this matter on Thursday July 14, 2005 at 2 p.m. in room 412 of the Wilson Building.*

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support Council Bill 16-195. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Roth offered a consent amendment to the second Resolved clause to change the word “prevent” to “limit.” Objection was heard. Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to approve Commissioner Roth’s amendment. The motion was seconded, discussed and failed by roll call vote:

YEA: Miscuk, Taylor  
NAY: Roth, Canty, Weaver, Moretti, King, Gibson

Commissioner King then offered an amendment to the second Resolved clause to add ANC involvement, which was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The original resolution, as amended was discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

*Support for D.C. Council B16-0195:  
“Historic Preservation Enhancements and Technical Amendments Act of 2005”*

*Whereas ANCIC represents the Adams Morgan neighborhood that is home to two current Historic Districts (Kalorama Triangle and Strivers), one area currently under survey to become a Historic District (Washington Heights) and two other areas just beginning the Historic District designation process (Reed-Cooke and Lanier Heights); and*

*Whereas Adams Morgan is a rapidly developing neighborhood; and*

*Whereas some of that development has put the historical and cultural integrity of the neighborhood in jeopardy; and*

*Whereas Council Bill 16-0195 would codify the process to provide notice to the Historic Preservation Review Board of all proposed demolition permits, even outside historic districts; and*

*Whereas some neighborhoods under consideration for historic designation (Washington Heights in particular) have already had buildings razed while the Historic District designation survey was ongoing.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANCIC supports Bill 16-0195 that is currently before the Council of the District of Columbia; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANCIC supports the modification of Title IV of the proposed legislation that would prevent the demolition of buildings in areas already undergoing historic surveys pursuant to possible historic districts, pending an affirmative vote with specific recommendation from the affected ANC, and*

*And Be It Further Resolved that ANCIC encourages the Council to act in an expeditious manner to prevent the further demolition of potentially historic structures in as-yet protected areas.*

Kimberly Dorn from the *City Paper* provided an update on the Crafty Bastards arts fair scheduled for the grounds of the Marie Reed Learning Center on Saturday, October 1. She noted that the *City Paper* is working with Colonial Parking to arrange for parking spaces for the vendors and that there will be no parking on 18<sup>th</sup> St. from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. to allow for vendor set-up and break-down. The organizing committee has obtained its insurance permits, will have five spot-a-pots on site the day of the event, and has made sure that there is a clean up plan.

Commissioner Roth raised a question about the BID application for Adams Morgan and noted that there would be a hearing on the application on July 21 at the Wilson Building. Commissioner Taylor made a motion that ANC1C write a letter that the ANC supports the proposed BID. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Miscuk, King, Taylor  
NAY: Canty, Weaver, Moretti  
ABSTAIN: Gibson

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C work to formally change the name of Adams Morgan to Kalorama. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Moretti withdrew her motion.

Commissioner King made a motion that ANC1C congratulate Commissioner Gibson on his recent engagement to Sara Pluta. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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