

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of March 01, 2006

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at Mary's Center. Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Approximately 35 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), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Lynn Taylor (1C08).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary moved the approval of minutes from the February 1, 2006 regular meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Canty, treasurer announced that the ANC has a bank balance of \$83,486.68 which included the quarterly disbursement from the District in the amount of \$5876.33.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Andrea with Mary's Center announced that the Center is looking for volunteers for it's after school tutoring program and that anyone interested in getting involved should check with the front desk at Mary's Center.
- Lisa Duperier announced that Adams Morgan Main Street once again received three cherry trees from the National Cherry Blossom Festival and that those trees will be planted at the Adams School on March 25. She also announced that the next wine tasting will be at Toro Mata, the new retail establishment in Adams Morgan.
- Joe Slovinec voiced complaints about D.C. Employment Services and that tokens or bus passes should be offered to those on food stamps and/or assistance.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Miscuk announced that this month's first Thursday at Saki would benefit Jubilee Housing.
- Commissioner Roth announced that he had received a letter from the Public Services Commission announcing a series of community meetings for the week of March 20 that would focus on the consumer bill of rights.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

Lt. Gottert had a last minute family emergency and was unable to attend the meeting so Officer James gave a very brief MPD report and largely fielded questions from the

audience. He did note that there is now a new power shift in PSA 303 from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. with the majority of those officers being in cruisers.

Commissioner Moretti moved the approval of a voluntary agreement between Bukom, the Kalorama Citizens Association and the ANC. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti moved the approval of an amended voluntary agreement with Bucca di Bepo. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C protest the entertainment endorsement of Fasika's on the grounds of adverse effect on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C protest the entertainment endorsement for Awash on the grounds of adverse effect on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C write a letter to the ABC Board to support a stipulated license for wholesale wine storage at Security Storage. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the next meeting of the ABC & Public Safety Committee will be on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

B. Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Taylor announced that the next meeting of the PZT Committee will be on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion that ANC request of DDOT [District Department of Transportation] that the meters that have recently reappeared in the 2300 block of 17th St., NW be removed and be replaced with RPP parking. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion that ANC1C support Jubilee Housings application for a variance and special exception for the establishment of a child development center. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Taylor offered a resolution to oppose the developer's PUD application for development on the site of the Dorchester House property. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

Resolution Opposing Proposed Dorchester Planned Unit Development

WHEREAS, Dorchester House Associates, LLC and Kalorama West, LLC have applied to the Zoning Commission in Case No. 04-36 for approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and map amendment to permit the construction of a new apartment building in the 2400 block of 17th Street, NW (Square 2572, Lots 815 and 816), within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC1C), and

WHEREAS Case No. 04-36 has been set down by the Zoning Commission for a hearing expected to occur March 30, 2006,

WHEREAS, ANC1C through its planning, Zoning and Transportation (PZT) Committee has conducted several meetings over the course of the last 2 years at which representatives of the developers, members of the community, residents of the existing Dorchester House Apartments and ANC Commissioners discussed the PUD application and proposed map amendment in detail, and

WHEREAS, the PZT Committee voted at its July 20, 2005 meeting to recommended that the full ANC oppose the PUD application and proposed map amendment, and

WHEREAS on August 3, 2005 ANC1C voted to oppose the PUD application and proposed map amendment and passed a resolution as such, and

WHEREAS on February 15, 2006 the PZT Committee reconsidered the issue with representatives of the developers, members of the community, residents of the existing Dorchester House Apartments and ANC Commissioners and recommended that the full ANC again oppose the PUD application and proposed map amendment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC1C adopts the recommendation of the PZT Committee and will oppose the PUD application and proposed map amendment before the Zoning Commission on the following grounds:

- 1. The height and density of the proposed project are inconsistent with the current zoning of the parcel on which the applicants seek to construct it, inconsistent with the underlying Comprehensive Plan designation for that parcel, and inappropriate for the area of the community in which it is sought;*
- 2. The inappropriate height and density of the proposed project will have adverse impacts on the surrounding area that are unacceptable and not capable of being mitigated;*
- 3. The proposed map amendment that would enable the height and density being sought by the application is wholly inappropriate for the narrow street on which the affected parcel is located;*
- 4. The proposed public benefits associated with the project are inadequate given the size of the proposed project and the extent of the zoning relief being sought, and specifically that the proposed affordable housing benefits are completely illusory; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of ANC1C or his designee shall communicate the ANC's position to the Zoning Commission and is authorized to present the ANC's views at any Zoning Commission hearing on the application.

At this time Commissioner Miscuk recused himself and the discussion turned to the Brass Knob/Kings Creek development project. Commissioner Taylor made a motion that ANC1C support the developer's application for a special exception for height and for three variances. The motion was seconded and discussed and failed on roll call vote

YEA: Roth, King, Taylor
NAY: Canty, Weaver, Moretti, Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC1C oppose the height special exception. The motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Weaver then made a motion that ANC1C support the three variances for the King's Creek project. The motion was seconded discussed and approved by voice vote.

C. Public Services

Commissioner King announced that the committee met on February 24th with one item on the agenda, a grant for the Friends of Walter Pierce Park. At this time, Commissioner Moretti, president of Friends of Walter Pierce Park recused herself. Commissioner Miscuk made a motion that ANC1C waive the ANC grant guidelines and consider a grant for more than \$1,000. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Canty, Weaver, Miscuk, King, Reynolds, Taylor
NAY: None

Commissioner King then offered a motion that ANC1C support the grant application for the Friends of Walter Pierce park in the amount of \$1,395 for the purchase of wood safety chips for the children's play area. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner King announced that the Public Services Committee would now hold its meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month in order to be consistent with other committee meetings. The meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner King asked for and received unanimous consent to withdraw the previous text of a resolution opposing mobile billboards. Commissioner King then offered a new resolution language to oppose mobile billboards in the city. The resolution was seconded. Commissioner Taylor offered an amendment that was unanimously adopted. The resolution, as amended, was discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

Resolution to Urge the D.C. City Council to Prohibit Mobile Billboards in D.C.

Whereas, Washington area traffic is among the nation's worst, annually listed in the top 10 in several national studies; and

Whereas, the Washington area still does not meet the 30-year-old Clean Air Act; and

Whereas commercial trucks put significantly more wear on roads; and

Whereas, mobile billboards—defined as trucks without cargo hauling advertising billboards—needlessly clog Washington's streets, distract drivers, block sight lines for both drivers and pedestrians and pollute Washington air; and

Whereas ANCIC has great concern with our air quality, public health and transportation infrastructure,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports the City Council to pursue legislation to prohibit the use of mobile advertising vehicles in Washington, D.C.

Commissioners Reynolds and King gave an update on the status of getting speakers for the public forum on the 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Miscuk noted that he will explore the issue of speakers and interest in the ANC pursuing action on changing the name of the Washington Redskins.

Commissioner King offered a resolution with regards to the development of the site of the former Italian Embassy. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

Resolution Regarding Treatment of Former Italian Embassy Site for Historic Preservation and Zoning Purposes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to the issues surrounding the historic landmark designation case (Case No. 06-05) and design review case (HPA No. 06-171) at the former Italian Embassy site located at 2700 16th Street, NW, 1651 Fuller Street, NW, and 2601 Mozart Place, NW, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C asserts the following positions before the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB):

- 1. ANC 1C acknowledges the historic and architectural significance of the former Italian Embassy building and has no objection to its designation as an historic landmark.*
- 2. The project as designed and presented to the ANC's Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee in October 2004 was a matter-of-right project that appropriately concentrated the mass, density, and height of the proposed new structure on the portion of the site closest to 16th Street (zoned R-5-D). ANC 1C believes that the*

project should be permitted to proceed as a matter-of-right by keeping those aspects of the project on the R-5-D portion of the site.

3. *ANC 1C strongly opposes any recommendation by the Office of Historic Preservation staff or decision by HPRB that would push more mass, density, or height of the proposed project onto the portion of the site zoned R-5-B. ANC 1C believes it is inappropriate for the HPRB to suggest that the owners/developers seek a zoning variance from the Board of Zoning Adjustment to gain permission for more mass, density, or height on the R-5-B portion of the site, which borders on the very narrow Mozart Place, because this would have a detrimental effect on the occupants of the much smaller scale buildings near that portion of the site.*

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion that ANC1C write a letter to Third District Commander Larry McCoy to request a meeting with regard to the status of the resolution passed by the ANC at its February meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.