

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of June 7, 2006

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday June 07, 2006 at Mary's Center. 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 (1C01), Jon Canty (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Andy Miscuk (1C05), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Lynn Taylor (1C08).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary moved the approval of minutes from the May 3, 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 \$81,566.87 with payments of \$1,000 to Jubilee Jobs and \$600 to the Kalorama Citizens Association.

Commissioner Canty made a motion to approve a payment of \$210 for the commission's post office box. The motion seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Canty made a motion that ANC1C reauthorize the grant payment of \$1,000 to Sol y Sol. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKER

Darlene Nipper, director of the Mayor's Office on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs gave a presentation about the functions of her office as a liaison between the Mayor, the Council and the community. She also fielded questions from the Commission and the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chuck Brazie of the AMBPA announced that the alley on the eastern side of 18th Street is almost complete except for the entrance near the parking garage because DDOT is waiting on a special drain for the area that is back-ordered 5-6 weeks.
- Lisa Duperier reminded the community and commissioners of the upcoming Summer Blockfest at the Hilton on June 13th. Tickets are \$35 and proceeds will go to Adams Morgan Main Street.
- Doug with Adams Investment announced that they would be holding a ribbon cutting for the former Colortone building on June 30 at 10 a.m.
- Denis James had a question about how the Hatch Act affects Commissioner Miscuk's run for Congress.
- A member of the community had a question about the no parking on the western side of 18th Street.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Weaver announced that the alley between Belmont and Kalorama is scheduled to be repaved in the coming weeks; Commissioner Weaver also announced that due to unforeseen circumstances there would be no Hoopin' in the 'Hood this year, but that an alternate tournament will be held on July 8 at Kalorama Park.
- Commissioner Reynolds announced that on June 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first summer fair for youth activities will be held at Marie Reed Learning Center.
- Commissioner Roth announced that the Kalorama Artists Fair will be held at Mary's Center beginning June 8.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

Sgt. Aceto provided the crime report and noted that year-to-date crime was up 14 percent overall, but over the past few years, crime is down. In the previous 30 days there had been 13 robberies; 4 assault with a deadly weapon; 7 burglaries; 21 theft-from-autos; 23 stolen autos, which is up 31 percent from last year. Sgt. Aceto noted that many of the people being locked up for the crimes are actually young people from the neighborhood or just across the neighborhood border. Sgt. Aceto commented that there are nine officers in PSA 303 on Friday and Saturday nights in addition to 5 power shift officers. They are also getting a lot of help from the mobile unit and the canine unit.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the next meeting of the ABC & Public Safety Committee will be on June 11 at 7 p.m. at Kalorama Rec. Center.

B. Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Taylor provided a report from the previous PZT Committee meeting about the progress of the Lot 33 project as well as the status of the development of the First Church of Christ Science.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion that ANC1C respond to the letter from the First Church of Christ Science to the BZA for the record. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Miscuk offered an amendment that the Chair will write a letter and gain approval from the full ANC at the June forum. The amendment was seconded and failed on voice vote. Commissioner Weaver offered a substitute amendment that the letter is from the PZT Committee and the Chair of the ANC, but not from the full ANC. The amendment was seconded and approved by voice vote. The original motion, as amended was approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Taylor announced that the next meeting of the PZT Committee is scheduled for June 21 but that it may be cancelled due to lack of business.

C. Public Services

Commissioner Miscuk announced that the Committee would hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

Commissioner Miscuk also gave an update about at meeting he had with CM Jim Graham about the status of ANC1C grants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to postpone the resolution regarding the field at Walter Pierce Park until the June 20th forum. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti gave an update to the Commission on the status of the June 20th forum and announced that all invited guests from the Department of Parks & Recreation planned to be there.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver announced that there was no action item with regards to the conversion of a C/R license to a C/T license for Ventnor's Sports and that the ABC & Public Safety Committee would discuss the conversion at the following week's meeting.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to honor Adams Morgan resident Ben Olsen who would be participating the FIFA 2006 World Cup scheduled to begin on Friday, June 9. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Resolution Honoring U.S. National Team Member and Adams Morgan Resident Ben Olsen

Whereas the 2006 FIFA World Cup is set to begin on Friday June 9, 2006; and

Whereas billions of people will spend the following 30 days watching 32 teams — including the U.S. Men's National team — from around the world competing in the largest sporting event on the planet; and

Whereas Ben Olsen, a resident of Adams Morgan and member of D.C. United is on U.S. Men's National team roster.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C wishes the U.S. Men's National Team the best of luck in their quest for the Cup; and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C wishes Adams Morgan resident Ben Olsen bon chance, buena suerte, buona fortuna, viel glueck, boa sorte, goed geluk, and of course, good luck.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion that ANC1C authorize Chairman Alan Roth to file the necessary paperwork for ANC1C to be an intervener in the Kalorama Citizen's Association appeal of the Belmont Tower. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion that ANC1C endorse the Department of Transportation's proposals to place master meters in Adams Morgan as demonstrated on the maps presented at the meeting, plus two additional meters not indicated on the map that would be placed in the 1800 block of Columbia Road. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

After handing the gavel over to Commissioner Moretti, Commissioner Roth offered a resolution seeking revisions to the recently issued Draft Comprehensive Plan with regard to plans for the Adams Morgan area. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

Resolution Seeking Revisions in Draft Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning (OP) in mid-May released a Working Draft of a new Comprehensive Plan for the District of Columbia and has invited public comment on the draft, and

WHEREAS, specific policies and action items for Ward 1 and the Adams Morgan neighborhood are included within the “Mid-City Area Element” of the draft, and

WHEREAS, the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 1C) believes the Mid-City Area Element on balance provides a good direction for Adams Morgan and Ward 1 but could be significantly improved in certain areas,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 1C recommends and requests that OP adopt the following additions and changes to the Mid-City Area Element (proposed additional language shown underlined; proposed deletions shown as strike-throughs):

1) Protection of Affordable Housing and Small Local-Serving Business

- ***Policy MC-1.1.7: Protection of Affordable Housing***
Strive to retain the character of the Mid-City as a mixed income community by protecting the area’s existing stock of affordable housing units and promoting the construction of new affordable housing units.
- ***[New] Action MC-2.4-E: Balanced Development in Commercial Corridors***
Tie the availability of zoning relief for increased heights and densities on the 18th Street and Columbia Road commercial corridors to explicit requirements for the preservation of local-serving small businesses and/or the construction of new affordable housing units.

2) Transportation and Parking

- ***Policy MC-1.1.8: Traffic and Parking Management***
Improve traffic circulation along major Mid-City arterial streets, with a priority on 14th Street, Georgia Avenue, U Street, 18th Street, Columbia Road, and Connecticut Avenue. Implement programs in these areas to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and mitigate the effects of increased traffic on residential streets. Provide alternatives to automobile use for existing and new residents to discourage vehicle utilization and new vehicle purchases by providing innovative personal transportation options and more efficient, cleaner, safer, and affordable public transit. Discourage automobile ownership among new residents moving into multi-unit buildings located near public transit in areas where existing traffic and parking patterns already strain the capacity of neighborhood streets.
- ***Action MC-1.1-D: Off-Street Parking***
Support the development of off-street parking facilities in the Columbia Heights, Adams Morgan, and U Street commercial districts. Reconsider the one-size-fits-all approach of current zoning regulations to minimum parking requirements in new multi-unit residential developments in order

to discourage automobile ownership among new residents who have good access to Metro, MetroBus, car-sharing, bicycle and pedestrian routes to the Central Employment Area, and local shopping.

- **Policy MC-2.4.4: Transportation Improvements**

Improve traffic movement along key arterial streets, particularly along 18th Street and Columbia Road and residential connector streets such as Kalorama Road and Euclid Street, and ~~implement new measures to~~ address parking problems on residential streets near the Adams Morgan business district by implementing and enforcing a new Residential Parking Permit program that applies around the clock, seven days a week, with appropriate consideration given to the need of both residents and businesses to accommodate short-term visitors.

- **Action ~~EW~~MC-2.4-A: 18th Street/Adams Morgan Transportation and Parking Study**

Work closely with the ANC and community ~~to~~ implement the recommendations of the 18th Street/Adams Morgan Transportation and Parking Study on which a community consensus can be developed, and consider carefully the comments from all stakeholders in deciding whether to implement those recommendations on which no consensus can be developed, to better manage vehicle traffic, pedestrian and bicycle movement, on-street and off-street parking, and streetscape improvements along 18th Street and in the surrounding area of Adams Morgan.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.