

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of September 06, 2006

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, September 07, 2006 at Mary's Center. Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Approximately 20 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were: Alan Roth (1C01), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Andy Miscuk (1C05), and Wilson Reynolds (1C07).

OFFICER ELECTION

Commissioner Reynolds nominated Commissioner Miscuk for the position of Vice Chair, which was vacated when former Commissioner King resigned from the ANC. The nomination was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Reynolds nominated Commissioner Miscuk for the position of Public Services Committee Chair. The nomination was seconded and approved by voice vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary moved, en bloc, the approval of minutes from the July 5, 2006 and the August 2, 2006 regular meeting. The motion was seconded and discussed. Comm. Reynolds offered a friendly amendment to the Aug. 2 minutes which was approved by voice vote. The minutes, as amended, were approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Canty, treasurer was unable to attend the ANC meeting, therefore there was no Treasurer's report. Commissioner Roth announced that the Auditor's office had approved ANC1C's FY06 budget's first quarterly report and therefore the 3rd quarter allotment would soon be released to the ANC.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following measures were approved by unanimous consent:

- Authorization for up to \$75 expenditure and subsequent reimbursement for printing and binding of Belmont Tower brief in D.C. Court of Appeals.
- Support for LEDC's use of Unity Park for Street Theatre on Sept. 23 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Josh Gibson, executive director of the Adams Morgan BID gave an update on the recent accomplishments and work of the BID including: a grant to study the effectiveness of the 98 Bus; an update on the effectiveness of the BID supported officers on 18th St. on Friday and Saturday nights — 3 felony drug arrests, 7

robbery arrests, 6 simple assault arrests, 9 disorderly arrests, 27 disorderly with drinking arrests, and the recovery of 3 firearms.

- Cassandra Kiers, festival director for Adams Morgan Day announced that the annual festival would be held on Sunday, Sept. 10 from noon until 7 p.m. and that “Then and Now Adams Morgan” a photo history of the neighborhood, would be available for purchase during the festival.
- Jillian Gerard, a reporter with The Washington Post requested information and feedback about the new parking meters that were recently installed in Adams Morgan.
- Tom Natan who lives on Argonne Place asked the ANC if there was any way they could help the residents of Argonne with an ongoing noise problem stemming from the air conditioning unit at the Park Plaza. Commissioner Weaver offered to help Mr. Natan get in touch with the tenant’s association at the Park Plaza.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Roth made the following announcements: There will be a home energy fair at Emory Rec. Center on Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; D.C. Care Consortium will hold a luncheon to discuss HIV vaccines on Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.; and both the H5 and H7 bus lines were discontinued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

MPD Report: Sgt. Aceto provided an update on crime and police activity in PSA 303. He announced that crime was down in all categories except theft from auto. There were 41 last month compared to 34 in the previous month. He noted that recently there had been a lot convertibles broken in to, some with things stolen and some not.

Commissioner Moretti announced that the next meeting of the committee will be Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

B. Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Roth announced that due to a lack of business there was no meeting of the PZT Committee in August and that the next meeting of the will be on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Third District police headquarters on V St., NW. At this point, the only things on the agenda are: Lot 33; a possible variance request from Jubilee Housing; and 2429 Ontario, which is a matter of right, but the developers want to introduce themselves into the community.

C. Public Services

Commissioner Miscuk announced that there was no meeting of the committee in August due to a lack of business and that the next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center. Commissioner Miscuk also reminded members of the audience that there is still grant money available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver made a motion that ANC1C accept the proposed Voluntary Agreement with Harris Teeter to support the sale of beer and wine. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weaver, Roth, Miscuk, Moretti
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Reynolds

NEW BUSINESS

Jamal Najjab, a member of the Fund for Kalorama Park approached the commission with concerns about a growing problem with homeless people in Kalorama Park. He wasn't seeking any sort of resolution or action from the ANC, but simply wanted advice on the situation. A lengthy discussion with several suggestions from the Commission, the community and MPD ensued.

Commissioner Weaver gave an update on the status of the TS Muttly's Voluntary Agreement and noted that work was progressing, but that there was no agreement at this time.

Commissioner Moretti offered two resolutions en bloc to protest the conversions from restaurants to taverns (C/R to C/T) for both Chloe and Saki. The resolutions were seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

YEA: Roth, Weaver, Moretti, Reynolds
NAY: Miscuk

Resolution Protesting the Conversion of a Class C/R (Restaurant) License to a Class C/T (Tavern) and Entertainment Endorsement for Chloe

Whereas HACA Cookie, Inc. dba Chloe (the Applicant) has applied for a change in license class (Lic. #60621) from a class C/R (Restaurant) to a class C/T (Tavern) for its location at 2473 18th St., NW; and

Whereas the Applicant has applied for an entertainment endorsement requesting entertainment, dancing and a cover charge; and

Whereas said address falls within the jurisdiction of ANC1C; and

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

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C opposes this license change application on the grounds of the existing position of ANC1C to protest all such license conversions;

And Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C opposes the entertainment endorsement on the grounds that it violates provisions in an existing Voluntary Agreement between the Applicant and ANC1C.

Resolution Protesting the Conversion of a Class C/R (Restaurant) License to a Class C/T (Tavern) for Saki

Whereas HACA Ventures Inc., dba Saki (the Applicant) has applied for a change in license class (Lic. #60576) from a class C/R (Restaurant) to a class C/T (Tavern) for its location at 2477 18th St., NW; and

Whereas said address falls within the jurisdiction of ANC1C; and

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

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C opposes this license change application on the grounds of the existing position of ANC1C to protest all such license conversions.

The Commission tentatively agreed to move the quarterly forum from Sept. 19 to Oct. 17 and have discussions following the Sept. 12 primary election to see if it would be possible to get the nominated candidates to come and speak. If a plan to have the candidates speak was not solidified by Sept. 20, Commissioner Miscuk would pursue the possibility having a forum to discuss the name of the Redskins. Commissioner Reynolds agreed to begin the process of seeing if it would be possible to have DCPS Supt. Janey come and speak at the December forum.

Commissioner Roth handed the gavel to Vice Chair Miscuk and made a motion that the commission authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to prepare for the Oct. 11 ABC hearing on the proposed tavern moratorium which monies may be spent on the production and reproduction of materials and exhibits for the ABC Board. Commissioner Reynolds offered an amendment to authorize expenditures of up \$20,000. There was no second. Commissioner Weaver offered an amendment to authorize the expenditure of \$6,000--\$5,000 for possible attorney fees and \$1,000 for materials and exhibits. The amendment was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The original motion, as amended, was approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion that ANC1C authorize the Chair or a member of the Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee to speak on behalf of ANC1C at the Sept. 26 hearing of the Committee on the Whole with regard to the Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion that ANC1C authorize the Chair or a member of the Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee to speak on behalf of ANC1C at the Oct. 10 hearing of the Committee on the Whole with regard to inclusionary zoning. 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 10:04 p.m.