

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of August 2, 2006

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at Mary's Center. Chairperson Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Approximately 15 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were: Alan Roth (1C01), Jon Canty (1C02), Andy Miscuk (1C05), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Lynn Taylor (1C08).

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Roth announced the resignation of Commissioner Graham King of Single Member District 1C06. Further, Chairman Roth announced that Commissioners Weaver and Moretti would not attend due to being out of the country in Guatemala. Election of a new Vice Chairperson for the ANC, and a new Chairperson for the Public Services Committee, will be held at the September meeting.

Commissioner Canty, treasurer, presented and moved the adoption of the 3rd Quarter Financial Report, which included expenditures of \$2,600 for grants, and other expenditures of \$1,100. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Miscuk moved to retroactively approve the expenditure of \$122.90 to reimburse Commissioner Weaver for the purchase in October 2005 of plaque that was presented to Third District MPD officers at the ABC and Public Safety Committee's 2005 Public Safety Officers Appreciation Night. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Roth offered an amendment proposing that the minutes reflect the ANC's belief that this reimbursement had been previously approved at a regular ANC meeting but did not appear in any previous minutes due to an oversight. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent and the motion, as amended, was then approved by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Miscuk announced that a hearing by the House Judiciary Committee will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 14 at the Rayburn House Office Building on the 'Davis Bill' providing for two new Representatives with full voting rights, one of which would be from the District of Columbia.

Chairman Roth announced a \$150/seat fundraiser, known as "Crowning Glories," on behalf of Emmaus Services for the Aging at the Grand Hyatt, Saturday, September 16th at 7 pm.

Chairman Roth announced a meeting soliciting and organizing volunteers for a youth mentoring program on conflict resolution and management sponsored by Peaceaholics. The meeting will take place Saturday, August 5, at 11:30 AM. Location: Howard University Blackburn Center.

Josh Gibson, Executive Director of the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District (BID), announced the remaining limited availability of the Sitar Center's youth stage production of 'Once Upon A Mattress', being performed in the evenings of August 17, 28, 19, and a matinee on Sunday, August 13. He also announced that to date the BID, through its trash removal service, has collected over 50 tons of trash, filling over 3,500 bags.

Lisa Duperier of Adams Morgan Main Street announced that a seminar for small businesses would be held at Mint Fitness Center on Monday, August 7 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM, free admission. Also, spaces are still available for those wishing to exhibit during this year's Adams Morgan Day on Sunday, September 10.

Kimberly Dorn of the City Paper announced a singles bicycle ride and movie event commencing from the Marie Reed Community Learning Center this Saturday at 5:30 PM. The bike ride will progress along Rock Creek Park, returning to Marie Reed, with a movie being shown until 10:00 PM the same evening on the Marie Reed field.

John Holmes, of Adams Investment Group, presented a plaque to ANC 1C acknowledging the support ANC 1C gave for the naming of Adams Alley at a ceremony on Thursday, July 27th.

Ms. Laura Engelbrecht, a resident of Adams Morgan, announced her intention to join with two partners to open a bakery/café in Adams Morgan, to be named Loaf.

Charles Boone, formerly of Jubilee Housing, introduced Josh Humbert, recently appointed as a new staff member to Jubilee Housing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC and Public Safety Committee

Sgt. John Aceto briefed the Commissioners and public on the latest crime events. For the last reported thirty days (approximately the month of July) 97 crimes were reported in the 3rd District, an 8% increase from the previous 30 days. Of the 97 reported crimes, 19 were violent crimes, and 78 were property crimes, with theft from automobiles being the most common. A slight increase of burglaries, 13 vs. 11 for the previous thirty days was reported. One hundred arrests were reported for the same period in PSA 303.

Commissioner Roth reported on the ABC and Public Safety Committee meeting of July 12th. No action regarding specific ABC license holders was considered. Commissioner Moretti proposed and the committee discussed the idea of a processing vehicle to be used on 18th Street for booking disorderlies on Friday and Saturday nights, thus allowing arresting officers to return to their posts in a faster and more efficient manner. Commissioner Roth reported that in subsequent discussions, Commander McCoy opposed this concept because it could result in legal actions against MPD for civil rights violations.

Commissioner Roth also reported that the ABC Board earlier that day had denied the ANC's motions for a stay or indefinite continuance in two pending tavern conversion cases (Asylum and Kokopoolis) but that, in response to the ANC's petition for a moratorium on any further

conversions and a cap on the number of taverns allowed in Adams Morgan, the Board simultaneously issued an emergency rulemaking under which no application for conversion to tavern status will be accepted by the Board unless filed prior to 11:30 am on August 2, 2006. This emergency rule will last for 120 days. Applications and protests filed prior to that time will be permitted to proceed in the normal manner.

B. Planning Zoning and Transportation Committee

Commissioner Taylor reported that due lack of substantive action or response by the developers of Lot 33 in pursuit of a public space permit for a curb cut, no PZT meeting was held in July. Since no old or new business has been brought to the committee, no meeting of the PZT Committee is scheduled for August.

C. Public Services Committee

Commissioner Miscuk announced that no meeting was held in July due to lack of business and that none would be scheduled for August unless business arises.

Commissioner Miscuk moved the nomination of Commissioner Jon Canty for Chairman of the Public Services Committee, the position being left vacant due to the resignation of Commissioner Graham. The motion failed for lack of a second.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Commission resumed consideration of a motion by Commissioner Miscuk made and seconded at the July meeting for ANC support of Washington City Paper's 2006 Crafty Bastards Arts and Crafts Fair to be held on the grounds of the Marie Reed Community Learning Center on October 1, 2006, and for a recommendation to DCPS that it approve use of the Marie Reed grounds for that purpose, subject to the same terms and conditions as provided in last year's ANC letter on the same event. Amy Austin and Kimberly Dorn of City Paper spoke and responded to questions. The motion was discussed further and approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Roth introduced for consideration correspondence received from Mr. Charles Brodsky seeking ANC support for The Nation's Triathlon, scheduled for Saturday, September 16, and for the requested closing of the section of Beach Drive located within the boundaries of ANC 1C. The closing would take place from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm. In the absence of Mr. Brodsky, who had been invited to attend the ANC meeting, and following a brief discussion, no motion was made, and therefore no formal position was taken by the ANC.

Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C prepare correspondence to the developer of Lot 33, 1654 Euclid Street, NW, expressing concern with the lack of applications, documentation, and information from the developer with respect to their planned curb cut in spite of numerous requests from the PZT Committee; advising the developer to not assume a position of ANC silence on the issue, not to assume the future acquiescence of the ANC if they went ahead and constructed a curb cut without ANC support, and other appropriate ANC concerns. Distribution of the planned correspondence is to include all the appropriate District of Columbia agencies,

and elected officials. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Reynolds similarly moved that ANC 1C prepare correspondence to the developers of 2351 Champlain Street, NW, restating ANC 1C's past opposition to a public space permit for a curb cut there, stating that ANC 1C is aware that the developer is planning to construct such a curb cut nonetheless but has not made application for a public space permit, and additional language appropriate to reinforce ANC 1C's deep concern about such actions on the developers' part. Distribution of the planned correspondence is to include all the appropriate District of Columbia agencies, and elected officials. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved by roll call vote of 5-0:

AYE: Canty, Miscuk, Reynolds, Roth, Taylor

Commissioner Miscuk presented a grant application for \$1,000 from the Fund for Kalorama Park for the purchase of two recreational indoor game tables for the enhancement of service provided to youth attending the Kalorama Recreation Center at Kalorama Park. Commissioner Miscuk moved that the ANC approve the application. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved by voice vote.

No further new business being brought forth, Commissioner Miscuk moved, and Commissioner Reynolds seconded a motion to adjourn.

The August meeting of ANC 1C adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by:
Commissioner Wilson Reynolds, 1C07
Acting Secretary