

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of October 4, 2006

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at Mary's Center. Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Approximately 25 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).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary moved the approval en bloc of minutes from the June 20, 2006 forum and the September 6, 2006 regular meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Commissioner Canty, treasurer, Commissioner Moretti provided a brief update on the current finances of the ANC.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to approve the FY07 budget. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. (see attachment)

CONSENT AGENDA

The following measure was approved by unanimous consent:

- Authorization for an additional \$10.00 expenditure and reimbursement to Commissioner Roth for printing, binding, and postage for Belmont Tower Brief in D.C. Court of Appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lisa Duperier of Adams Morgan MainStreet announced that the next meet and greet would be at El Tamarindo on Oct. 10.
- Vanessa DiCarlo, the new communications director for Mary's Center, introduced herself to the Commission and the community.
- Campbell Johnson from the Dorchester House introduced himself and informed members of the audience that if they were interested in protesting the Harris Teeter liquor license that they could contact him.
- Josh Gibson with the Adams Morgan BID provided an update on the work of the BID including that since April, the BID's sanitation workers have picked up 9,000 bags of trash (totaling 270,000 lbs of trash). Since the BID's additional police officers have been working, arrests for serious crimes have gone down from 56 to 42 and that arrests for petty offenses have gone up from 76 to 148, which Josh said was good because it means the officers are actually arresting people instead of just moving them along.

- Chris Wells wanted to know if the ANC could help get DDOT or the National Park service to better maintain the Ellington and Taft bridges because they are overgrown with weeds and tree branches hang over onto the bridges.
- Haji commented that the Mt. Pleasant ANC films all of its meetings and wanted to know why the Adams Morgan ANC doesn't do the same thing.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Weaver announced that he would have a tenants meeting with the residents of 1841 Columbia Rd., NW from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Commissioner Roth announced that on Oct. 28 there will be a household hazardous waste collection at the Benning Road transfer station (3200 Benning Rd., NE).
- Commissioner Moretti announced that the Friends of Walter Pierce Park would have its annual fall clean up on Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Commissioner Moretti also announced that there would be a kiosk renovation sometime soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MPD Report

Lt. Gottert provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. He noted that overall crime is down in September from August except assault which was up from 4 in August to 7 in September. Compared to last year, overall crime is down and even where it's been up — stolen autos and theft from autos — it's down as of October for 2006.

B. ABC & Public Safety

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to amend the Voluntary Agreement with Asylum to allow them to open at 9 a.m. seven days per week so they are able to serve breakfast/brunch. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to protest the entertainment endorsement for Anzu based on adverse affect on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. 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 Oct. 11 at 7p.m. at Kalorama Rec. Center.

C. Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Reynolds gave an update on the progress of the First Church of Christ Science project.

Developers working on a project at 2429 Ontario Rd., NW, which they claim is a matter of right project, gave a brief update of the progress of their work. The commission had many questions for the developers, some which could not be answered at that time. The developers said they would come back to the commission with answers.

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters.

D. Public Services

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion that the ANC approve a grant for \$1,000 for the Kalorama Citizens Association to assist Howard University Professor Mark Mack with supplies and other materials needed for the ongoing archaeological survey work at Walter Pierce Park. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Miscuk made a motion that ANCIC waive all applicable guidelines and restrictions for grants. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by unanimous consent. Commissioner Miscuk’s grant motion was then approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Miscuk announced that the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Miscuk provided the Commission with an update on the status of the Oct. 17 public forum. He made a motion that ANCIC hold a forum on the topic of whether or not the Redskins should change their name. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Miscuk offered a resolution to commend former Commissioner Graham King for his work for the ANC. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by a roll call vote:

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

***Resolution of Commendation and Thanks to Former
ANCIC06 Commissioner Graham King***

WHEREAS, Graham King served on Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC as a Commissioner from January 2005 through August 2006, when he was required to resign due to a move outside the Commission boundaries, and

WHEREAS, during his service, Commissioner King served as Vice Chairperson of the ANC and as Chairperson of its Public Services Committee, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner King served in these volunteer positions with distinction, integrity, and the best interests of the community in mind, and in addition worked with other neighborhood and District organizations, particularly including Help DC Help DC, which he created prior to his service on the Commission, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner King was particularly well-known for his interest in the welfare of Adams Morgan’s and D.C.’s youth, as reflected in his frequent admonitions to colleagues and community members during ANC meetings that we should all try to become more engaged in the lives of the children in our community, and

WHEREAS, his work and service to ANC IC and the Adams Morgan community has been deeply appreciated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC commends Commissioner King for his devotion and dedication to the Adams Morgan community, thanks him for his service to ANC IC, and wishes him well on his move to Columbia Heights and in all his future endeavors.

Commissioner Roth gave an update on the status of hiring an attorney to represent the ANC at the tavern moratorium hearing; and noted that because the ABC Committee was not able to come up with an attorney, that the ANC would represent itself at the upcoming hearing.

Bill Duggan and Matt Blakey gave the Commission a “brief” review of their plans for the old DC/CD space at 2423 18th St., NW. Commissioner Miscuk made a motion that the ANC commit the discussion to the Public Services Committee on Oct. 25 and bring it back before the Commission at the November meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Roth, chairman, turned the gavel over to Commissioner Miscuk, vice chairman and offered a resolution with regard to the new valet parking regulations. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

NAY: None

Resolution on Proposed Valet Parking Regulations

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has invited public comment by October 10, 2006 on proposed valet parking regulations published in the September 8, 2006 issue of the D.C. Register, and

WHEREAS, a number of valet parking services operate in and around Adams Morgan, giving Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC (ANC IC) significant experience with the issues related to such operations, and

WHEREAS, ANC IC supports appropriate licensing and regulation of valet parking services but has several suggestions for changes in those regulations before they are finalized,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC IC respectfully requests that DDOT consider changes to the proposed regulations to effectuate the following policies:

1) In neighborhoods where numerous restaurant, bar, and similar establishments are located within close proximity of each other, the regulations should expressly provide for and favor an application from the relevant neighborhood business association, Business Improvement District, and/or multiple establishments acting jointly for valet parking permits that serve the entire business community, rather than serving only a single establishment or small handful of establishments.

2) The regulations should more explicitly provide for consideration of the views and recommendations of the affected and, where applicable, immediately adjacent ANCs. Public safety considerations should also explicitly include the potential impact of a proposed valet parking zone on bus passengers using nearby Metrobus stops.

3) Given that such valet parking zones are intended primarily to serve the interests and convenience of a narrow group of private parties, the public space rental fee for a valet parking zone should more closely reflect market rates for the use of all public space involved, not a deeply discounted fee calculated solely on the basis of linear footage.

4) Limits on the use of valet parking zones should be applicable only during approved valet parking hours. The zones should be available for other public uses at other times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C suggests the attached language to DDOT for its consideration, in order to effectuate the policies recommended above.

Commissioner Roth made a motion to approve a Voluntary Agreement with Awash. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. Commissioner Miscuk returned the gavel to Commissioner Roth.

Commissioner Weaver distributed information about inclusionary zoning to the Commission and gave a brief update on where IZ stands within the District. He noted that the city's plans for IZ include the fact that affordable units would remain affordable throughout the life of the project.

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion that ANC1C approve a tree removal request by Adams Investment at 2426 Ontario Rd., NW. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Miscuk made a motion that the tree removal request be committed to the Public Services Committee meeting on Oct. 25. 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 10:07 p.m.