

# **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**

## **Adams Morgan**

### **Minutes of March 7, 2007**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Approximately 20 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were: Barry Weise (1C01), Emily Mechner (1C02) Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), J. Michael Logsdon (1C05), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Katherine Boettrich (1C08).

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Commissioner Boettrich moved the approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2007 regular meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Reynolds, treasurer, provided a current and fourth quarter financial report. He reviewed each and moved for approval of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2006 Financial Report, and further moved that such report be transmitted by the Treasurer of ANC1C to the DC auditor for review, approval and application for release of funds for ANC1C. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to increase the monthly rental feeds paid to Mary's Center for Maternal Care of an additional \$50.00 per month, for a total monthly payment of \$150.00 per month for the balance of the period provided in the approved 2007 budget. In addition, he further moved that the motion be made retroactive to include approval of \$50.00 increase for the month of February 2007. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Amy Ward from the Executive Office of the Mayor spoke briefly about "DC Citizen Corps' program for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. This program provides individuals or groups with emergency preparedness training. She presented the program schedule, answered questions and offered training courses for citizens in ANC1C.

### **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Commissioner Reynolds announced that the February Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee meeting would be Wednesday, March 14 at the Third District Police Headquarters.
- Commissioner Moretti announced a clean up behind the Walter Pierce Park. The clean up will be held March 31, 2007 at 9 a.m.

- Commissioner Shia announced a meeting about the future of H.D. Cooke School to be held on April 5 at the Festival Center. She also announced a cleanup on March 11 and March 18 on 17<sup>th</sup> St. from 10:30 am – 12 noon. Participants should meet at the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Euclid.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Ms. Mauuso representing the American Clergy Leadership and the Peace King Center at 1610 Columbia Road invited ANC1C residents to a “Prayer Brunch” on Saturday, March 24 at 10 am.
- A representative of Casey Trees announced a tree planting at Marie Reed School on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Interested participants should meet at the school at 9:00 am.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. MPD Report**

Lt. Gottert provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. He noted that most crime is down, but car theft and car break-ins are up. Gottert requested that car owners are more vigilant in keeping items in their cars out of sight or in the trunk. This will reduce the possibility of car break-ins. There have been two arrests for theft from auto. An arrest was made on March 7 in the robbery at 2525 Ontario Rd.

Gottert answered questions about the recent shooting on Euclid St. Commissioner Weaver requested that Gottert investigate the possibility that the stolen car involved in the shooting be returned to the owner as soon as possible, Gottert will investigate its return.

Gottert reported on the number of officers on duty during the evening and responded to questions about the rumor that there were fewer officers on duty. Gottert explained that there are at least 13-14 uniformed officers on duty, including seven additional officers assigned for the “power shifts.”

Gottert mentioned the deadline of March 14 for citizens to respond to a police survey. It can be accessed online at [www.mpdc.gov](http://www.mpdc.gov).

### **B. ABC & Public Safety**

Commissioner Weaver announced that the PSA meeting was cancelled due to the ice storm on Tuesday. He announced the next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 pm at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

Commissioner Moretti remarked that Saturday, March 17 marks both St. Patrick’s Day and the first weekend of March Madness and requested awareness of the possibility of increased street traffic during that period.

Commissioner Weaver reported that he testified at Councilmember Graham’s ABRA oversight hearing on tavern licenses. Weaver encouraged citizens to send a note to Councilmember Graham encouraging enforcement and public safety.

**C. Planning, Zoning and Transportation**

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the February meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

**D. Public Services**

Commissioner Mechner made a motion to endorse the Washington City Paper’s “Crafty Bastards” Arts and Crafts fair. This event is held at the Marie Reed School. This event is being held on Sunday, September 30. The motion was seconded discussed and approved by voice vote

Commissioner Mechner made a motion to write a letter of support for the Washington Area Bicycle Association (WABA) and Washington City Paper’s “Singles’ Ride and Bike-in Movie” at the Marie Reed School and for event organizers to show in support of their various permit applications. The event is planned for Sunday, May 12. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Mechner made a motion to approve a \$1,000 grant request from the Sibayne Mentor Program for their D.C. Civil War Cadet Academy’s bus transportation to NPS Petersburg National Battlefield. Her motion included the condition that the money be provided only upon receiving an itemization of the proposed expenses to be covered by the ANC grant, as required. The motion was seconded and discussed. Further discussion was postponed until the April meeting.

Commissioner Shia made a motion to authorize spending \$100 to rent a public meeting room at the Festival Center on April 5 for the previously approved special meeting of ANC1C on the H.D. Cooke renovation project. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Shia made a motion that, pending approval by the D.C. Auditor’s office, that ANC1C be authorized to spend up to \$650 for Spanish translation and interpretation services for the special ANC meeting about H.D. Cooke Elementary School. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Weiss offered an amendment, to reduce the authorization to \$200. The amendment was seconded, discussed and failed on roll call vote:

YEA: Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, and Boettrich  
NAY: Weise, Reynolds

The original motion passed by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Shia announced that the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be on Wednesday, March. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Reynolds provided an update on neighborhood curb cuts for residential properties. In particular, the decision of the Public Space Committee to grant a curb cut for 2351 and 2357 Champlain St., NW despite repeated opposition of the ANC.

Commissioner Reynolds offered a motion to support appealing the decision by the Public Space Committee (D.C. Department of Transportation) on February 22 that allowed the construction of a curb cut at 2351 Champlain St. N.W. Reynolds further moved that this appeal include the request for a new hearing by the Public Space Committee, or other appeals. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote.

YEA: Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds and Boettrich  
NAY: None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Reynolds offered a motion to support a special exemption to allow a rear addition to an existing single family row dwelling for premises located at 2729 Ontario Rd. N.W., filed under BZA Application #17584. He further moved that the Chairperson of the Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee of ANC 1C is authorized to prepare and transmit correspondence of such approval to all appropriate D.C. agencies. The motion was seconded discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution restating ANC1C's support of the pilot dog exercise area at Walter Pierce Park and calling on DPR to "grandfather" the park in if it does not meet all the proposed rules and regulations. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds and Boettrich  
NAY: None

### ***Resolution in Support of the Dog Exercise Area at Walter Pierce Park***

*Whereas, the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) on Friday, March 2, 2007 published in the D.C. Register the proposed rulemaking for dog exercise areas (DEAs), and*

*Whereas, the community has 30 days to respond to these proposed rules, and*

*Whereas, the DEA at Walter C. Pierce Community Park (Pierce Park), is an approved pilot project of DPR, and*

*Whereas, the DEA at Pierce Park has received ongoing support from the surrounding community since it was first created, and*

*Whereas, the DEA at Pierce Park was supported by ANC1C in previous resolutions, and*

*Whereas it appears that the DEA at Pierce Park may not meet some of the proposed regulations and guidelines for citing set forth by DPR.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANCIC restates its continued support for a dog exercise area at Walter C. Pierce Community Park, and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANCIC supports “grandfathering in” the dog exercise area at Walter Pierce Park should it not fully meet the guidelines set forth by the District Department of Parks and Recreation for citing a dog exercise area.*

Commissioner Moretti made a motion requesting ANC 1C to allow Moretti to speak on the ANC’s behalf at an upcoming hearing on dog parks. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Shia discussed the lack of funding for street art, citing unfinished projects in the neighborhood. This will be carried over as new business at the April meeting.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution welcoming the newest member of the Adams Morgan community. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

YEA:           Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds and Boettrich  
NAY:           None

***Resolution Welcoming Maya Luna Weaver Cardona***

*Whereas, the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Washington, D.C. is a vibrant and diverse community, and*

*Whereas, despite our occasional differences in thought and philosophy, Adams Morgan welcomes all newcomers, and*

*Whereas the members of ANCIC were duly elected by the community to represent the best interests of the residents and to serve as a voice for the people.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that on behalf of the entire neighborhood, ANCIC officially welcomes Maya Luna Weaver Cardona to the Adams Morgan community on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 12:55 a.m.—just in time for last call at the end of Mardi Gras.*

*And Be It Further Resolved, that ANCIC wishes little Maya Luna a wonderful life filled with good health, good friends, not too many moments that cause her father stress, perhaps a pony, and most certainly good cheer.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.