

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of March 5, 2008

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on March 5, 2008 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Approximately 35 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Barry Weise (1C01), Emily Mechner (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Nancy Shia (1C06), and Wilson Reynolds (1C07).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, vice chair, moved the approval of the February 5, 2008 minutes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reynolds, Treasurer, announced that ANC1C has a current bank balance of \$78,049.86.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion for reimbursement in the amount of \$60.43 for copying and taxi fares. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moretti announced that there will be an egg hunt on Saturday, March 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Walter Pierce Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerome Flores, the manager of the new Wachovia Bank at 1812 Adams Mill Road introduced himself to the neighborhood and announced that the bank is now open for business.

A member of the community voiced concerns about the late-evening kickball games taking place at Marie Reed and the noise they generate.

GUEST SPEAKER

Brian Friedman gave a presentation on the development plans for the First Church of Christ Scientist, including 150 hotel rooms, meeting space and small ballroom.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A ABC & Public Safety

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to increase the potential expenditures for future Restaurant to Tavern conversion cases by \$6,000 bringing the total amount allowed to \$26,000. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

The next meeting of the ANC1C ABC & Public Safety Committee, held in conjunction with the PSA 303 meeting will be Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at Kalorama Rec. Center.

B Public Services

The Public Services Committee did not meeting February due to a lack of business. The next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at Kalorama Rec. Center. Topics on the agenda for that meeting include a reduction in the use of plastic bags in neighborhood stores.

Commissioner Shia announced that DDOT and DCPS had finally come to terms on the temporary location of the bus stops for H.D. Cooke elementary during the renovations. The bus stop will be located on the South side of Columbia between 16th Street and Mozart Place.

C. Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the PZT Committee will be on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters. Topics on the agenda include small changes/fine-tuning the new one-way street play around Harris Teeter, discussion of the new proposed valet parking regulations and beginning discussion of the proposed development at the First Church of Christ Scientist.

Commissioner Reynolds gave an update on the status of the pending BZA cases involving Harris Teeter, which ruled in favor of the grocery store. The store is set to open on April 23.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to open a copying account for the ANC at a local copying center. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to Support Creating a Commission Account at a Local Copying Center

Whereas the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission has the frequent need to make multiple copies and prints of materials, and

Whereas certain monies are allotted each year to provide for reimbursement of these copies and printed materials.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission will open an account at a local copying center (preferably a locally owned business) to allow for Commissioner copying, printing, and mailing as necessary for ANC-related business, and

Be It Further Resolved that the amount allotted in the account for the remainder of FY08 shall not exceed \$1,000, and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C shall allot no more than \$300 for the first three months of FY09, and

Be It Further Resolved that any Commissioner using the account must provide a full accounting to the Treasurer within 30 days of said use; and

Be It Further Resolved that no Commissioner may spend more than \$100 in a fiscal year as allotted by D.C. statute, and

Be It Further Resolved that no Committee Chair may spend more than an additional \$150 in a fiscal year as allotted by D.C. statute, and

Be It Further Resolved that this account will cease to exist as of January 7, 2009 when this current commission ends its term.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support nominating Commissioner Shia to the ANC BID Board. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Appointment of ANC Representative to the Adams Morgan BID

Whereas, the structuring of the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District (BID) dictates that the ANC be provided a non-voting seat on the BID Board, and

Whereas, Commissioner Mindy Moretti has served in that capacity for the past two years, and

Whereas time constraints prevent Commissioner Moretti from continuing to fulfill that duty.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C appoints Commissioner Nancy Shia (ANC1C06) to serve as the ANC's representative to the BID Board, and

Be It Further Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C reappoints Commissioner Wilson Reynolds (ANC1C07) to serve as the alternate representative to the BID Board should Commissioner Shia be unable to attend a meeting.

Commissioner Shia made a motion for reimbursement of \$250 for a printer. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to postpone discussion of the reimbursement until the April meeting. The motion to postpone was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support a new liquor license moratorium in Adams for five years. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Mechner offered an amendment that would terminate licenses in safekeeping. The amendment was seconded, discussed and failed on roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Mechner

NAY: Weaver, Reynolds, Moretti

ABSTAIN: Shia

The original resolution was approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Reynolds

Request for a Liquor License Moratorium in Adams Morgan

Whereas, the current moratorium in Adams Morgan is set to expire on April 14, 2008, and

Whereas the levels of violence and mayhem plaguing Adams Morgan has only grown in the past four years, and

Whereas, under the current version of the Adams Morgan Moratorium four people have been murdered and several critically hurt stemming from incidents that occurred in the 2300 block and 2400 block of 18th Street, NW, and

Whereas the congestion and over-concentration of establishments has had a negative impact on parking throughout Adams Morgan, and

Whereas, without some limit on the number of C/R, C/T and C/N (as well as D/R, D/T and D/N) licenses, these violent incidents will surely continue unabated and the parking situation will only worsen, and

Whereas, the over saturation of licenses has made doing business difficult for many well-established bars and restaurants, and

Whereas, the over saturation of licenses has made it extremely difficult to entice new, non-ABC businesses to the neighborhood to provide much needed business diversity for the residents, and

Whereas, several C/R and C/T owners as well as non-ABC businesses support a liquor license moratorium.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANCIC) requests that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) institute a moratorium against the issuance of any new C/R, C/T, D/R and D/T licenses within the existing boundaries of the Adams Morgan Moratorium Zone, and

Be It Further Resolved, that ANCIC requests a complete moratorium on the issuance of all Nightclub licenses, be they new or a conversion, within the entire boundaries of ANCIC, and

Be It Further Resolved, that ANCIC calls upon the ABC to prevent the conversion of any existing C/R or D/R license to a C/T or D/T license, and

Be It Further Resolved, that ANCIC requests that the cap on tavern (C/T and D/T) remain at 10, and

Be It Further Resolved, that ANCIC requests that this moratorium be extended for a period of five (5) years from time of its enactment, and

Be It Finally Resolved, that ANCIC requests that the Board extend the provisions of the existing moratorium until it rules on this request and that no new applications be accepted while this request is pending.

Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANCIC write a letter of support for the 2nd Annual Bow Wow Pow Wow at Marie Reed with the stipulation that the organizers provide leash-law education at the event. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANCIC increase the monthly payments to Mary's Center for use of their facilities for ANC meetings to \$200 per month retroactive to February 2008. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to adopt the rental increase for Extra-Storage. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver handed the gavel to Commissioner Moretti and made a motion that ANC1C accept a joint voluntary agreement between the KCA and residents of 2424 18th Street with the Left Bank. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Moretti moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and the meeting ended at 9:48 p.m.