

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**  
**Adams Morgan**

**Minutes of December 3, 2008**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on December 3, 2008 at Mary's Center. Vice Chairman Mindy Moretti called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Approximately 20 members of the public attended.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Logsdon, treasurer, announced that ANC1C has a current bank balance of \$38,098.75, following a deposit \$6,104.60 and two checks for \$1,000.

**COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Shia announced that December 21 is Homeless Persons Memorial Day. Shia also announced that her hearing following her arrest would be held on December 11.

Commissioner Moretti announced that the taxicab \$1.00 surcharge for gasoline was rescinded, effective Thursday, December 4 at 12:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Haji, owner of several restaurants in Adams Morgan, would like to thank Commissioner Reynolds for his help in restoring power to one of his buildings. Reynolds was invaluable in working with PEPCO.

Tony DePaz complained about trash and rodents at the Cuban Embassy. He requested that the ANC follow up with the Cuban Interest Section.

A representative from the Fire Department announced increased efforts from the department regarding fire safety, including a smoke detector give-away (one per residence – 727-1624), home fire safety inspections and business fire safety inspections. He made recommendations for fire safety in the home – cleaning fireplaces, watch storage of flammable materials.

A member of the Adams Morgan BID announced a new initiative – international brunches, which will be highlighted both Saturday and Sunday on the first weekend of the month. 30 restaurants will be serving special menus and parking will be discounted. More information is available on HYPERLINK “<http://www.adamsmorgannow.com>”

Monica Raye from the Department of Transportation with a follow up on the connectivity study for Adams Morgan. The results will be announced at a community meeting to be held at the Trinity Zion Church, 3505 16<sup>th</sup> St. from 6:30 p.m. on December 11. To gain more information about connectivity, the hotline is open at 561-3700.

Kristen Barden from the Adams Morgan BID introduced herself as the new director.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ABC & Public Safety**

MPD Report – Sgt. Michael Penn provided an update. Crime statistics show another month with significant improvements over the last 30 days. New permanent foot patrol has been stationed at the corner of Kalorama Rd. and Ontario Rd. is believed responsible. Penn addressed issues brought up by members of the community. Penn announced the new alcohol beverage serving hours for the inauguration week.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

### **Public Services**

Commissioner Shia reported that there would be no meeting in December.

### **PZT Committee**

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting is Wednesday, December 10 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Dept. at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Reynolds offered the following resolution regarding BZA Case #17431. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

***Resolution in opposition to proposed minor modifications to premises at 2329 & 2335 Champlain St. N.W., BZA Case 17431; and request to reopen said case***

*Whereas, on May 6, 2006, the Board of Zoning Adjustment did grant adaptive reuse of the above named premises, and*

*Whereas, the recently proposed changes are in violation of 11 DCMR Section 3119.3, whereby modification to approved changes in the BZA Order faced a deadline of November 28, 2006, now past, and*

*Whereas, the applicants have allowed two years to pass yet the building remains unused, with no*

*significant change from November, 2006, and*

*Whereas, ANC IC now supports balancing new construction with limitations of one parking space for every two units of construction, and no storm water management facilities,*

*Whereas, the proposed new modifications;*

*Provide no affordable housing,*

*Provide storm water management facilities*

*Provide one parking space for every new unit of residence,*

*Provide excessive space devoted to 'Penthouse' construction.*

*Now, therefore be it Resolved, ANC IC calls upon the Board of Zoning Adjustments to reopen case #174131, and*

*Further resolved, ANC IC will exercise its standing, and*

*Further resolved, ANC IC calls upon the developer of 2329 & 2355 Champlain St. N.W. to enter into negotiations for a Voluntary Agreement to provide affordable housing, reduced parking, included bicycle parking, and a penthouse structure in conformity with DCMR 11, and*

*Further resolved that ANC IC stand in opposition to the proposed minor modifications proposed on October 31, 2008.*

## **New Business**

Commissioner Reynolds offered a resolution regarding a traffic study for Champlain Street, NW. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

### ***Resolution in Support of Champlain Street, NW Traffic Audit and Additional Recommendations***

*Whereas, Champlain Street, N.W. is a residential street immediately next to a commercial district, and*

*Whereas, Champlain Street, N.W. ends at a major District roadway, and*

*Whereas, Champlain Street, N.W. has been the site of six new condominium residences built since 2000, and*

*Whereas, Champlain Street, N.W. has does face heavy traffic on Thursday, Friday, Saturday evening from revelers seeking parking, and*

*Whereas, the First Church of Christ Scientist will someday face development, adding further to vehicle traffic, and*

*Whereas, in responding to this continued increases in traffic the majority of residents of Champlain N.W. have signed a petition requesting a District Department of Transportation (DDoT) Traffic Audit and the construction of appropriate traffic calming measures.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANCIC does support and request DDoT conduct a Traffic Audit and institute appropriate traffic calming measures, and*

*Be It Further Resolved that this Traffic Audit include the 2200, 2300 and 2400 blocks of Champlain, with attention paid to the installation of a Stop Sign on Columbia Rd., NW at the intersection of Columbia Rd., NW and Champlain Street, and*

*Be It Further Resolved that this Transportation Audit include analysis and any appropriate traffic calming measures for the alley separating Champlain Street, NW and 18<sup>th</sup> Street.*

Commissioner Weise offered a resolution calling for DDOT to remain on schedule for the opening of Champlain Street and the redesign of 18<sup>th</sup> Street. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Moretti offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted. The resolution, as amended was approved by voice vote:

***Resolution to Councilmember Jim Graham and DDOT to proceed with the currently scheduled start dates for the reopening of Champlain Street and the redesign of 18<sup>th</sup> Street***

*Whereas, on October 3, 2007, ANCIC unanimously endorsed the reopening of the Champlain*

*Street “breezeway”, and a comprehensive redesign of 18<sup>th</sup> Street between Florida Avenue and Columbia Road, affectionately dubbed the “Mall on Adams Morgan”, and*

*Whereas, the recommendations of ANCIC would provide a reinvigorated, safer, pedestrian friendly, shopping, restaurant and entertainment district for Adams Morgan residents and visitors alike, and*

*Whereas, the redesign would eliminate narrow sidewalks, rush hour traffic lanes, a meandering roadway, weekend taxi traffic jams, and unsafe intersections and pedestrian crossings, and*

*Whereas, the redesign would significantly enhance 18<sup>th</sup> Street with wide, 14-16 foot sidewalks, ample bicycle racks and signage, new street lamps, additional trees, bus shelters and benches, raised intersections and crosswalks to increase pedestrian safety, a straightened and reconstructed 18<sup>th</sup> Street roadbed with two traffic lanes designed to be shared with bicycles, a third center turn-lane and parallel on-street parking, and*

*Whereas a reopened Champlain Street would relieve both vehicular and pedestrian traffic loads, especially during 18<sup>th</sup> Street construction work, and*

*Whereas, in its current state, the “breezeway” portion of the Marie Reed campus is poorly used, neglected and poses a level of risk to public safety, especially in the evening, and*

*Whereas a reopened Champlain Street will not merely provide for vehicle transit, but will also encourage pedestrian use, and will contribute to public safety by providing more “eyes on the street.”*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that ANCIC urges Councilmember Jim Graham and the District Department of Transportation, in the strongest terms, to proceed with the currently scheduled start dates for the reopening of Champlain Street and the redesign of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, from Florida Avenue all the way to Columbia Road, of Spring 2009 and September 2009 respectively, and*

*Be It Further Resolved, that ANCIC, once again and in the strongest terms possible, reminds the Councilmember and DDOT of the promised funds--\$500,000 to be exact—to provide enhancements to the recreation center and areas surrounding the breezeway.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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