

## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC**

### **Adams Morgan**

#### **Minutes of October 1, 2008**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on October 1, 2008 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Approximately 50 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Barry Weise (1C01), Emily Mechner (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), 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 \$23,205.00.

Commissioner Logsdon made a motion to approve reimbursement of \$226.59.89 to Commissioner Reynolds for materials for the traffic study. It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. Commissioner Logsdon moved for approval of the FY09 Budget. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

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

Lillian Perdomo asked for public support for her candidacy for School Board of the District of Columbia.

Commissioner Weaver introduced guests from AED (Association of Educational Development) International Exchange Program.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Josh Gibson, former ANC1C Commissioner discussed the history behind a proposed project for art installation at 18<sup>th</sup> and Columbia on behalf of the D.C. Commission on Arts and Humanities. Lionel Thomas, executive director of the D.C. Commission on Arts and the Humanities explained the process for development of the project. It is estimated that the art will be commissioned and completed in 2010.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **ABC & Public Safety**

Sgt. Michael Penn from MPD presented the latest statistics and answered questions from commissioners and the public. For unresolved issues - 202-276-7462 Watch Commander

##### **Public Services**

Commissioner Shia reported that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Commissioner Shia made a motion to approve a grant for Urban Rangers in the amount of \$970.00. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Shia made a motion to give the Washington Peace Center \$1,000 for a composting project. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to waive the grant guidelines. It was passed by roll call:

YEA: Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds,  
Boettrich

NAY: none

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to give the Young Playwrights \$1,000. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Mechner moved that the ANC consider the Karlisima Murals tonight. It was seconded and discussed and failed approval due to a tie vote:

YEA: Moretti, Weaver, Logsdon

NAY: Shia, Boettrich, Mechner

### **PZT Committee**

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 8 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Dept. at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Weise made a motion to reject the HPRB reject the Hilton's concept plan. Scott Hammond and Jeff Griffiss represented the Hilton and addressed the ANC and the public.

*Whereas on July 2, 2008 and September 3, 2008, ANCIC adopted resolutions concerning the proposed renovations and development proposed by the Washington Hilton Hotel and Towers (the Hilton)*

*Whereas on the basis of the concept plan for this project that the Hilton had made available at the time, these resolutions called on the Hilton to correct a number of significant problems presented by that plan in relation to the configuration of loading docks, the effect of the condo building on the landmarked building and grounds, the height and location of the new building, and parking issues;*

*Whereas the neighboring community remains committed to expeditiously working in good faith with representatives of the Hilton to resolve these many problem;*

*Whereas, in view of the status of the present Hilton building and grounds as an historic landmark, the Hilton must present plans for its project to the Historic Preservation Review Board*

*Whereas, on the September 2, 2008, the Hilton presented to community representatives the details of its current concept plan;*

*Whereas, the condo building as representatives on September 2, 2008, will dwarf*

*nearby residential neighborhood buildings;*

*Whereas, the condo building as represented on September 2, 2008, will obliterate the Hilton's beautiful, park-like grounds;*

*Whereas the condo building as represented September 2, 2008 contributes little, if anything, to resolving the problem of the long, lifeless zone along the T-street/ Florida Ave. berm.*

*Whereas the numerous meetings over several months between the Hilton and representatives of the community to discuss these problems have thus far, only resulted in minor "tweaks" and changes to the Hilton's concept plan.*

*Now therefore be it resolved that ANCIC:*

*Calls on the Hilton to refrain from submitting any concept plan to the Historic Preservation Review Board until it thoroughly resolves the many problems raised in the July 2, 2008, September 3, 2008, and this resolution;*

*Requests the Historic Preservation Review Board reject the Hilton's concept plan as presented to community representatives in the September 2, 2008 meeting, unless and until the concept plan resolves the issues of 1) blocking the view of the landmarked Hilton, 2.) dwarfing nearby residential neighborhood buildings, 3) obliterating the Hilton's beautiful, park-like grounds, and 4) the problem of the long, lifeless zone along T street/ Florida Ave. berm.*

YEA: Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds,  
Boettrich

NAY: Moretti

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that the ANC make a recommendation based on Alternative one or two and transmit that to DOT. It was seconded. Alternative two was chosen based on roll call vote:

### **Alternative One:**

YEA: Weaver, Reynolds

NAY: Weise, Mechner, Lodgson, Shia, Boettrich

ABSTAIN: Moretti

### **Alternative Two:**

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

NAY: none

Commissioner Weaver made a motion on the consideration of Champlain St. opening options. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote

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

NAY: none

*Reiteration of ANCIC's Position on the Opening of Champlain St. N.W.*

*On September 5, 2007, ANCIC voted to support the reopening of the breezeway portion of the Marie Reed Community Learning Center to allow controlled vehicular transit.*

*The primary concern of ANCIC was and still is that this new roadway and all surrounding design elements should be created to enhance the uses of the Community Learning Center. In addition the design must provide elements that create a safe environment for the children, families, staff and neighbors that the Community and Learning Center serves.*

*While much of the proposed plans insure the safe pedestrian transit of children being brought to and collected from Marie Reed, the current plans from the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) do little either enhance the usage of the community center, for the benefit of the neighborhood, or do nothing to increase the physical safety and well being of its potential users.*

*A year ago ANCIC was promised by Councilmember Jim Graham and his staff that \$500,000 was specifically line-itemed in the budget to address the basic safety needs, improvement and enhancements to the facility beyond the scope of the opening of the roadway.*

*ANCIC requests that the budgeted dollars from Councilmember Graham and his staff for facilities improvement are used toward but not limited to the following areas:*

*Construction of solid waste collection area using two trash chutes into a dedicated collection point on the South portion of the breezeway—the chutes are needed for the safety of the late night custodial staff of the school, who have been the victims of assaults while taking trash out of the facility;*

*A lay-by or curb-cut from Old Morgan School Place for easy removal of the trash dumpsters;*

*That at least one mural be included on the west side of the Marie Reed School;*

*Removal of the brick that covers the windows of the aquatic center;*

*Replacement of the solid green doors with doors that provide a more welcoming entrance to the community center;*

*Bilingual signage indicating where the community center, gymnasium and pool are located along with the hours of operation;*

*Refurbishment and maintenance of the area surrounding Happy Hollow walk-to-pool and a commitment that the pool will open each summer and remain open for the same period as other D.C. walk-to pools*

*A second wheelchair ramp on the east side of the learning center to allow those approaching the Community of Hope clinic from the south to access the clinic directly and without needing to go around to the north side for wheelchair access.*

*Establishment of a bike lane on the east portion of the roadway.*

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support locating two SmartBikeDC stands in Adams Morgan. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

*Resolution to Support SmartBikeDC Locations in Adams Morgan*

*Whereas the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) recently introduced SmartBikeDC to the District of Columbia; and*

*Whereas SmartBikeDC is a unique bike-sharing system that allows members to borrow and return bikes to different locations throughout the city for a small yearly fee; and*

*Whereas SmartBikeDC has over 800 members, and is growing at about 100 per week, with approximately 150 trips per day; and*

*Whereas Ward One has the highest bike-to-work rate in the city; and*

*Whereas there is currently only one SmartBikeDC location in Ward One, but plans to place more stands in other Ward One neighborhoods;*

*Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) supports locating two SmartBikeDC stands in Adams Morgan.*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C supports locating a SmartBikeDC stand in Adams Morgan on the newly created plaza at the re-designed intersection of Lanier/ Adams Mill/ Calvert; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C supports locating the second stand at a site to-be-determined closer to the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> and Florida, N.W.*

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to have Chairperson Weaver or the Chair of the Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee represent ANC1C on the DDOT on curb cut regulations. It was seconded, discussed and passed 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 10:43 p.m.

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