

## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC**

### **Adams Morgan Minutes of September 3, 2008**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on September 3, 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), 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 \$25,043.44.

Commissioner Logsdon made a motion to approve reimbursement of \$208.89 to Commissioner Shia for copy materials and printing supplies, the motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

#### **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Boettrich gave information about a "Joint Unity Discount Day" to be held to support Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. It is Tuesday, September 30, from 8am to 7pm.

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

Member of the public raised the issue regarding street trash in the Adams Morgan area. Commissioners provided recommendations regarding community service options.

Mary Belcher, Kalorama Citizens' Association, announced a Adams Morgan Walking Tour to be held Saturday, September 20. It is hosted by the D.C. Cultural Tourism and will focus on the anti-slavery movement and the Underground Railroad. It is held from 10am – 1pm.

Member of DCFD provided an update on current events, activities and special services from the D.C. Fire Department. Fire Prevention Week is coming up in October and will focus on Home Safety. Commissioner Moretti announced that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lanier Fire Station will be this fall. A representative of the Fire Department provided an update on the anniversary celebration, currently scheduled for March 8 or April 5, 2009.

Adams Morgan Day Festival will be Sunday, September 14.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Pamela Baker-Masson & Mark Muller from the National Zoo reported on the renovation and night construction. The zoo is updating all water lines throughout the zoo and will continue for at least another month. For noise complaints – please call the Zoo Police at 202-633-4111.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ABC & Public Safety**

MPD Report – Sgt. Jackson reported on major issues - theft from autos is a major problem. Burglaries are also a concern – Sgt. Jackson made suggestions on crime prevention and the Neighborhood Watch program.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

Commissioner Moretti moved that ANC 1C support the request for change in hours for Habana Village. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

*Whereas, Habana Village, located at 1834 Columbia Road N.W. wishes to apply to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for an extension of its daytime hours in order to open earlier for dinner service, and*

*Whereas, Habana Village would also like to apply to alter their Saturday and Sunday hours to open earlier for the service of lunch/ brunch, and*

*Whereas, it has been the practice of ANC 1C to support a change in license to allow for extended daytime hours to allow C/R licenses to serve more food, and*

*Whereas, Habana Village is located within the boundaries of ANC 1C.*

*Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC 1C supports a change in hours for Habana Village to allow the establishment to open at 5 p.m. for earlier dinner service, and*

*Be it further resolved that ANC 1C supports a change in hours for Habana Village for the service of breakfast/brunch/lunch on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and special occasions beginning as early as 10 a.m., and*

*Be it further resolved that ANC 1C is in support of providing the establishment as stipulated license to accommodate these hours until formally applied for and approved by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.*

### **Public Services**

Commissioner Shia moved that the ANC approve a grant for the *Fund for Kalorama Park* for \$1,700. It was amended by Commissioner Moretti to be for \$1,000, provided that the grantee provide a new budget to the Public Services Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. It was seconded, discussed and passed by roll call vote.

YEA: Weise, Weaver, Moretti, Reynolds, Boettrich

RECUSED: Mechner

The next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 24 at Kalorama Rec. Center.

### **PZT Committee**

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the PZT will be held on September 10, 2008, at Mary's Center at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Reynolds announced a special meeting of the PZT and WMATA Ruby May from DDOT addressed the ANC and provided an update about improving “connectivity” and the D.C. bus system.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Brian Freidman from the Adams Morgan Church Hotel Preservation project provided an update and results of the HPRB review committee. [FTP://FTP.BEZTAKCORP.COM](http://FTP.BEZTAKCORP.COM)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A representative of the Lithuanian Embassy project presented a request for a public space permit for 2622 16<sup>th</sup> St. for a 20-foot curb cut. It was seconded, discussed and denied by roll call vote:

YEA: Reynolds

NAY: Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Boettrich

Commissioner Weise offered a resolution for postponing HPRB’s consideration of the Revised Plan for the Washington Hilton. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

*Whereas on July 2, 2008 ANC 1C adopted a resolution concerning the proposed renovations and development proposed by the Washington Hilton Hotel and Towers (the Hilton)*

*Whereas in vie 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 basis of the concept plan for this project that the Hilton had made available, the July 2 ANC 1C resolution 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 tower on the landmarked building and grounds, the height and location of the new building, and parking issues;*

*Whereas, the condo building as represented in the current concept plan cannot cure the currently dangerous and unhealthy conditions at the Hilton’s 19<sup>th</sup> Street loading dock;*

*Whereas, the condo building as represented in the current concept plan will significantly block views of the now landmarked Hilton;*

*Whereas, the condo building as represented in the current concept plan will dwarf nearby residential buildings;*

*Whereas, the condo building as represented in the current concept plan will obliterate the Hilton’s beautiful , park-like grounds;*

*Whereas, the condo building as represented in the current concept plan contributes little, if anything, to resolving the long, lifeless zone along the T-street/ Florida Ave. berm.*

*Whereas, as series of meetings are now planned between the Hilton and representatives of the community to discuss problems such as those enumerated in the July 2 resolution, and the Hilton’s response to those problems;*

*Whereas, due to summer vacations, the first of these meetings could only be held on September 2, just one day before the regularly scheduled meeting of ANC 1C, and the second is scheduled for September 16, at which the Hilton is expected to present its responses to concerns raised by the community following the first meeting;*

*Whereas, prior to September 2, the Hilton had not presented any proposed revisions to its concept plan to ANC 1C;*

*Whereas, the next possible date for action by ANC 1C on a revised concept plan, after reasonable opportunity for consideration and formulation of a position, will be October 1, the date of the ANC's next scheduled meeting;*

*Whereas, it would be inappropriate for any Hilton concept plan to be considered by the HPRB on which ANC 1C has not had such reasonable opportunity for consideration and formulation of a position;*

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

*Now, therefore be it resolved that ANC 1C;*

*Calls on the Hilton to allow ample time for ANC 1C to consider and act upon any revisions to its concept plan, before submitting a revised concept plan to the Historic Preservation Review Board;*

*Requests the Historic Preservation Review Board not place on its agenda a Hilton concept plan, unless and until, ANC 1C has had the opportunity for proper consideration and action, and specifically not to schedule a hearing on a Hilton concept plan at the Board's September 25, 2008 meeting.*

John Cloud presented to the ANC a concern regarding tree cutting at Kalorama Park. John Thomas from D.C. urban forestry presented and answered questions.

Eric Colbert from Eric Colbert & Associates presented a plan for 2110 19<sup>th</sup> St. in advance of their presentation in front of the HPRB.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C sponsor a public forum about the potential historic designation of the Lanier Heights neighborhood on Wednesday, October 15 at 7 pm in a location to be determined. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion for ANC 1 C to support a stipulated license for the Grill from Ipanema.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to accept a cooperative agreement between KCA, ANC1C and Saki for a substantial change to their license. The motion was seconded; Commissioner Reynolds offered an amendment, the amendment was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The VA, as amended was 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 10:55 p.m.