

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

### Adams Morgan Minutes of July 2, 2008

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on July 2, 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 Brian Weaver (1C01), Emily Mechner (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Michael Logsdon (1C05), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Kathie Boettrich (1C08).

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Bryan Weaver, chair, reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Adams Morgan Basketball Tournament sponsored by ANC1C. The tournament will be Saturday, July 12 all day at Kalorama Park.

#### **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Moretti, vice-chair, made a motion that ANC1C cancel its regularly scheduled August meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Commissioner Boettrich, moved the approval of the June minutes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Representatives from the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics were on hand to do a demonstration of the city's voting equipment and to provide voter registration cards for anyone interested.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

MPD Report – Lt. Kutniewski - [john.kutniewski@dc.gov](mailto:john.kutniewski@dc.gov). – 2/359-0914 and Sgt. Carter 351-1389 provided an up-to-date crime report for the neighborhood.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday, July 14 at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

##### **Public Services**

Commissioner Shia reported that the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 24 at Kalorama Rec. Center.

## **PZT Committee**

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the PZT will be held on July 9, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Station.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC1C request a postponement of the HPRB review to allow for consideration by ANC1C and that the Historic Preservation Review Board take into consideration the location of current and future loading dock; to address the compatibility of these functions with the peace, order and quiet of the community in the HPRB review and designation process. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Weise offered a substitute motion — in the form of a resolution. The substitute motion was seconded discussed and approved. The original motion, as substituted was discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Mechner, Logsdon, Boettrich, Weaver  
NAY: Moretti  
ABSTAIN: Shia

*Whereas, the new owners of the Washington Hilton Hotel and Towers (the "Hilton") have announced plans for extensive renovations and development of an 11 story, 200-unit condominium,*

*Whereas, the Hilton has the legal right to construct a residential building on the residential building on the residentially zoned grounds, under matter-of-right zoning,*

*Whereas, ample space exists to relocate the relocate the loading dock, current and expanded, to the commercial portion of the property on T St. NW;*

*Whereas, despite recent efforts to address the situation by the new management of the Hilton, the egregious loading dock problems remain essentially the same;*

*Whereas, the addition of an 11 story, 200 new condominium units on the site will substantially add to the volume of docking and loading traffic,*

*Whereas, should these problems not be addressed as part of the major redevelopment and new construction now planned, they will likely plague the neighborhood for decades to come;*

*Whereas, the Hilton's current parking facilities do not meet current legal requirements for hotel parking,*

*Whereas, this project plans to discourage pedestrian friendly, public transportation friendly, residents in the proposed condominium project by providing excessive residential parking,*

*Whereas, this project exceeds Title 11, Chapter 21, Section 2101 residential parking standards in R-5-D zoning providing one parking space for every three units of residence;*

*Whereas, the Hilton's swimming pool and beautiful landscaped grounds have for many years served as a unique local resource for community and Hilton patrons, alike;*

*Whereas, the condo building as represented in the current concept plan will block light and air, and dwarf nearby residential neighborhood buildings alike;*

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

*Calls on the new owners of the Hilton to completely correct the past erroneous planning decisions that they have inherited that led to the current dangerous and unhealthy conditions at the Hilton's 19<sup>th</sup> St. loading dock, by relocating all loading docks to the commercial portion of the property on T St. N.W.;*  
*Calls on the Hilton to limit off street parking space for every three new units of residences as outlined in Title 11, Chapter 21, Section 2101 residential parking standards in R-%-D zoning.*

*Calls on the Hilton to increase parking for hotel patrons and to provide sufficient, affordable parking facilities to meet the needs of hotel staff,*

*Calls on the an embargo of all permitting and approvals by D.C. Agencies in a timely fashion to allow for the petition process calling for a DDoT Traffic audit for the environs of the residential portion of the 19<sup>th</sup> St., execute said audit and incorporate data and findings to further reduce vehicular congestion;*

*Calls on the Hilton to include public accessible parking for flexible car sharing services;*

*Calls on the Hilton to reduce the overall height of the new residential building to a size appropriate for the neighborhood;*

*Deplores the prospective loss of the Hilton's beautiful grounds and existing pool; and*

*Calls on the Hilton to preserve open green space to the maximum possible extent and continue to provide a community sized pool in an equally pleasant environment as is currently available.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Weaver made a motion that ANC1C approve a joint voluntary agreement between KCA, ANC1C and El Rincon for a substantial change to the establishment. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support the change of hours for Blaguard. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

*Whereas, 2 Blaguards, LLC t/a the Blaguard (Lic. #78509), located at 2003 18<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest wishes to apply to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for an extension of its daytime hours in order to serve breakfast/brunch/lunch on the weekends, and*

*Whereas, it has been the practice of ANC1C to support a change in license to allow for extended daytime hours to allow C/R licenses to serve more food, and*

*Whereas, the Blaguard is located within the boundaries of ANC1C.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C supports a change in hours for the Balguard to allow the establishment to open 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 ANC1C is in support of providing the establishment a stipulated license to accommodate these hours until formally applied for and approved by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.*

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to support the public space application for Habana Village. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution of support for the Tenant Town Hall. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

NAY: none

*Whereas, the Tenant Advisory Council (TAC), in conjunction with tenants and several tenants rights groups will hold a City-Wide Tenants Town Hall Meeting on Saturday July 12 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church; and*

*Whereas the purpose of the Town Hall is to seek meaningful solutions to the devastation of poor housing conditions or the lack of housing code enforcement by District of Columbia agencies; and*

*Whereas, tenants who have been forced to live in substandard housing conditions, mostly low and moderate income people, will have an opportunity to tell their stories to city officials and demand an end to constant water leaks, mold, pest infestation, inadequate heat and hot water, etc.; and*

*Whereas, support for tenants rights and livable conditions has long been a priority of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C fully endorses the city-wide Tenant Town Hall; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C will promote this event throughout the Adams Morgan community.*

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C support a grant for \$300 to assist LEDC with the previously supported Tenant Town Hall. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Reynolds offered a motion that ANC 1C authorize the expenditure of \$200 for posters, copying and postage for petition drive to collect resident signature to request D.C. Department of Transportation to initiate a Traffic Audit on the 2200 and 2300 blocks of Champlain St. N.W. The majority of these materials will be used for a July 12, 2008 petition drive on Champlain St. using volunteer. Motion 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 11:35 p.m.