

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan Minutes of June 7, 2008

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on June 4, 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 Wiese (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

Commissioner Bryan Weaver, chair, gave background on a former afterhours club, in which alleged illegal activity had been taking place. Information appeared recently in a *City Paper* article.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Commissioner Mindy Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C allot up to \$3,000 to sponsor the Adams Morgan basketball tournament at Kalorama Park on July 12. It was seconded and passed by voice vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich, vice chair, moved the approval of the May 7, 2008. 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 \$48,927.24.

Commissioner Reynolds announced his resignation as treasurer. Chair Weaver called for nominations for the position of treasurer. Commissioner Wilson nominated J. Michael Logsdon. It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Mechner announced a BBQ and park clean up at Kalorama Park Saturday, June 21.

Commissioner Moretti reminded members that the new metered taxi plan does not allow for any additional fare to be added to the metered fare by taxi drivers during rush hour (it is already included in the metered rate). Taxi complaints should be sent to dctc@dc.gov.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Nigel Okunabe of Adams Morgan Youth Leadership Academy (AMYLEA) announced a *Community Clean-up* initiative. It will take place on June 23, 25, and 27. It will include a Green Space Initiative and will focus on garbage cleanup and gardening in community parks.

Lisa Duperier of Adams Morgan Main Street announced that the annual Adams Morgan Summer Sampler will take place on June 11 from 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Ms. Jackson announced that three public meetings will be held to discuss the City's pedestrian plan. The meetings held by Mayor Fenty, will be held in Wards 3, 5 and 7.

GUEST SPEAKER

Two representatives of DDOT address the Commission about the intersection of Lanier/Adams Mill and Calvert. Contact for the duration of the project will be Karyn Le Blanc, DDOT, 202-671-3490 (office) or via email: karyn.LeBlanc@dc.gov

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

MPD Report – no representative

Commissioner Weaver provided an update on several crimes in the neighborhood.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday, June 9 at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

B. Public Services

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to waive the grant guidelines for SED Center and Mary's Center. It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C approve a grant for \$1,196 for SED Center in order for their entire class of 80 students to attend a trip to the Baltimore Aquarium. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C approve a grant application for Mary's Center for \$1,000 for site upgrades. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C approve a grant application for D.C. Coalition for Housing Justice for \$1,000 to support the purchase of a computer and printer. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support a culturally diverse marketplace at Unity Park. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed by roll call vote:

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

NAY: none

WHEREAS, the recent lifting of the 1998 D.C. Council-approved moratorium on the issuance of street vending business licenses has yet to allow an opportunity for new entrepreneurs to vend legally in Ward 1.

WHEREAS, the community represented by ANC 1C requests greater diversity in the quality and quantity of products made available by street vendors in the community.

WHEREAS, a livelier street vending community in Adams Morgan will attract more pedestrian traffic during daylight hours to its commercial corridors and thus promote greater economic opportunities for the businesses located herein.

WHEREAS, an outdoor marketplace functioning multiple days during the week would create a legal vending opportunity for new entrepreneurs in the community and provide a diverse array of products available to the ANC 1C constituency in an attractive and clean environment.

WHEREAS, the marketplace would be run in accordance with all relevant health and safety regulations.

WHEREAS, the marketplace organizer would vet and respond to community concerns and suggestions on a regular basis.

WHEREAS, the market reflects and highlights the cultural diversity present in the community through its selection of vendors and products.

WHEREAS, the market organizer is a non-profit entity that will provide financial literacy and small business development training to marketplace participants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1C supports the creation of a culturally diverse marketplace at Unity Park on Columbia Road to be run as a pilot project.

The next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 25 at Kalorama Rec. Center.

C. PZT Committee

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the PZT will be held on June 25, at the 3rd District Police Station.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion in support of the 1802 Vernon Street public space application. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Boettrich made a motion to oppose the raze permit, requested at 2360 – 2366 Champlain St. It was seconded, discussed and passed by roll call vote:

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

NAY: none

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation (PZT) Committee of ANC 1C recommends that the hotel modules be redistributed to accomplish a reduction of height and mass and to propose that this recommendation be adopted by the full commission. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Moretti offered an amendment to strike the previous motion and to support, in concept, the construction of a hotel on the FCCS site and abutting properties that preserves in full the FCCS. Further this endorsement does not prevent the ANC from continuing to work with the developer and from continuing to provide its great weight with relevant agencies and especially with regard to the Reed Cooke

Overlay PUD application and allows the ANC to enter into an MOU as this process proceeds. This also allows the chair of ANC 1C or the chair of the PZT committee to testify on this project before city agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

Members of the new Hilton ownership team provided an update on the status of the plans for a new residential unit and historic application for the building. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to commit the topic to the Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee for further discussion. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution requesting DDOT to recalibrate the signals at 18th and Columbia to provide for safer passage for pedestrians. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution requesting the implementation of elements of the Pedestrian Master Plan at the Intersection of 18th and Columbia

Whereas the intersection at 18th and Columbia is currently ranked by the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) as the third most dangerous intersection in the city; and

Whereas on May 20, 2008 DDOT released the Pedestrian Master Plan that called for better timing of traffic signals including the implementation of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI), and

Whereas a pilot LPI program at 15th and U Streets, Northwest which holds red for approximately four (4) seconds has made a marked improvement for pedestrians crossing through that intersection, and

Whereas the Pedestrian Master Plan also calls for the implementation of a Right Turn on Red (RTOR) prohibitions at certain intersections throughout the city, and

Whereas according to the Pedestrian Master Plan, LPI programs and RTOR prohibitions are frequently used in conjunction at dangerous intersections; and

Whereas, Adams Morgan is home to more than 16,000 people and is visit by thousands of people each week, and

Whereas, the intersection of 18th and Columbia falls within the boundaries of ANC1C.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C requests the District Department of Transportation implement a Leading Pedestrian Interval program at the intersection of 18th and Columbia

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C also requests that DDOT implement Right Turn on Red prohibitions in all directions at the intersection of 18th and Columbia,

And Be it Finally Resolved that ANC1C requests that both of these elements of the Pedestrian Safety Master Plan be implemented at the intersection of 18th and Columbia within 90-days of the passage of this resolution.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C write a letter in support of the BID in their quest to obtain at grant from the city for litter control. The motion was seconded, discussed an approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C spend up to \$300 to employ the architectural design services of Molly Scott to help with plans for the Lanier/Adams Mill/Calvert intersection. The motion was seconded, discussed and 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 11:35 p.m.