

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC

Adams Morgan

Minutes of May 7, 2008

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on May 7, 2008 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Approximately 15 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).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Commissioner Bryan Weaver, chair, gave an update on the ANC's ongoing dispute over a curbcut at 2351 Champlain. The proposal is currently with the BZA which put over a hearing until June.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich, secretary, moved the approval of the April 2008 minutes. 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 \$55,298.85.

Commissioner Reynolds moved approval of the FY '08 second quarterly report. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Shia announced a Seniors' Exercise class is held at Columbia Heights Recreation Center at 10-11:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additionally, Empower DC will have a forum on DC rights at the Reeves Center.

Commissioner Boettrich announced a Health Awareness Clinic will be held at Harris Teeter on May 20 from 10 am – 1 pm and 2 pm – 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Mechner announced a park clean up at Kalorama Park from 10-2 on Saturday, May 10.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Adams Morgan Main Street announced that the new Adams Morgan Directory is available. There will be a "Green" wine tasting – at HooplaDC on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 – 8:30. (\$25 donation.)

Mrs. Jackson announced that there will be a tree planting and a plaque posted.

Miss Pixie's location is available for lease – 1700 sq ft.

Dennis James announced that the Kalorama Citizens' Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 15 – at the Goodwill Baptist Church. Speaking will be the DDOT director and Councilmember Kwame Brown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC & Public Safety

- MPD Report – no representative
- Commissioner Moretti moved that acceptance of the amended voluntary agreement between Heaven & Hell, the ANC and the KCA. The motion was seconded discussed and approved by voice vote.
- The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

B. Public Services

- Commissioner Shia moved to waive the grant guidelines in the grant application for Columbia Road Health Services Grant. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed by roll call vote:

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

NAY: none

Commissioner Shia moved to approve a \$1000 grant for Columbia Road Health Services Grant. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote.

- Commissioner Shia moved to waive the grant guidelines in the grant application for Write from the Heart. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed by roll call vote:

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

NAY: none

Commissioner Shia moved to approve a grant for Write from the Heart. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

- Commissioner Shia offered a resolution to ban non-recyclable plastic bags at chain stores in the District. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to direct the DC City Council to pass an ordinance titled: Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance banning the use of non-compostable plastic bags, while promoting the use of compostable plastic bags, recyclable paper bags and reusable checkout bags in large grocery stores, pharmacies and chain stores in its jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, the City of Washington, D.C. has duty to protect the natural environment, the economy, and the health of its citizens.

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of plastic shopping bags and their typical disposal creates an impediment to landfill diversion goals.

WHEREAS, plastic shopping bags create significant litter problems in Washington D.C.'s neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, plastic shopping bags have significant environmental impacts each year, including felling over 14 million trees and use of over 12 million barrels of oil for bags in the U.S., as well as the death of over 100,000 marine animals from plastic entanglement and over one million marine birds from ingestion of plastic.

WHEREAS, governments in several countries have banned or taken action to discourage the use of plastic bags, including the Republic of Ireland, which has achieved a 90 percent reduction in plastic bag usage.

WHEREAS, the City of San Francisco has successfully implemented a curtailment of plastic bags.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that D.C. City Council Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs and the Committee on Public Works and the Environment address this issue and formulate an ordinance intended to limit the use of plastic non-compostable shopping bags.

AND, BE IT RESOLVED that any person who violates the ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction and upon conviction thereof, said person shall be fined.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C urges the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs and on Public Works and the Environment of the D.C. City Council to take up this issue and pass this ordinance as quickly as possible.

- The next meeting will be held Public Services Committee will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 28 at Kalorama Rec. Center.

C. PZT Committee

- Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the PZT will be held on May 14, at the 3rd District Police Station.

NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Moretti made a motion to oppose El Rincon's request for a change in entertainment on the basis of adverse affects on peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
- Commissioner Weaver offered a resolution in support of public input and transparency, with regard to the budget for the D.C. public schools. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:
YEA: Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Wilson, Boettrich
NAY: none

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Columbia, at the request of the Mayor, has introduced legislation (Section 4031-678) that would repeal D.C. Code 38-917;

WHEREAS, D.C. Code 38-917, which was overwhelmingly approved by citizen initiative in 1987, requires the Mayor to prepare a draft budget prior to submitting a budget to the at the start of the budget process, and a Mayoral hearing to be held after the draft budget has been submitted to the Mayor;

WHEREAS for the past 20 years, budget hearings have served as an opportunity for parent and community involvement at critical junctures in the budget process;

WHEREAS major decisions pertaining to public schools should be made only with the full benefit of public input, with information released and input invited early in the decision-making process;

WHEREAS according to a recent Washington Post article, the U.S. Government Accountability Office's director for education urged at a Senate oversight hearing on March 14, 2008: "Bring in stakeholders not just to comment or hear about plans but to be at the ground level developing the plans."

WHEREAS during the 2008 fiscal year, for the first time, the executive office refused to release a detailed proposed budget before the mayor's budget hearing, arguing that it is no longer required to do so.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 7th day of May 2008, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C, during our monthly meeting, approved this resolution to respectfully urge the Council of the District of Columbia to reject the Mayor's proposal to end Mayoral and Chancellor budget hearings for D.C. Public Schools (Section 4031 of the Budget Support Act); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC1C respectfully urges the Council of the District of Columbia to enact the District of Columbia Public Schools Budget Submission Requirements Clarification Act of 2008, to clarify that the level of detail that has been required of the Board of Education's proposed budget is now required for the Chancellor's budget and future submitted budgets.

- Commissioner Reynolds offered a motion to support, in concept, the construction of town homes on the property known as the old Italian embassy, at a height not to exceed fifty feet and with a parking facility with one combined entry and exit, to accommodate not more than 28 parking spaces. Further, this endorsement is conditional upon any area variances limited to rear yard or side yard requirements.

The resolution was moved, seconded and passed by roll call vote:

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

NAY: none

- Commissioner Weaver offered a motion to protest the substantial change for Napoleon based on the adverse affects on peace order and quiet. 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 9:35 p.m.