

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC

Adams Morgan

Minutes of May 6, 2009

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on May 6, 2009 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Approximately 20 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Stacey Moyer (1C01), Chris Otten (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Kathie Boettrich (1C08).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich made a motion that the secretary's report be accepted. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Weaver provided an update on the dedication of Walter Pierce Dog Park and recognized Commissioner Moretti's work on that park.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Shia announced that the market at Unity Park will hold a Mother's Day festival on May 15 and 16. 2525 Ontario Rd. had a ribbon cutting ceremony to reopen the Jubilee-renovated building.

Commissioner Otten announced a "Funk Fenty" concert to raise awareness of recent actions by the mayor's office. Otten also provided an update on the library renovation project.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Scott from Hard Training Club announced that he and his business partners were opening a new gym on Kalorama Rd., with an open house to be held on Saturday, May 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Lisa Duperier from Adams Morgan Main St. summarized the activities of the Bow Wow Pow Wow Festival for Dogs and Cats which was held on Sunday, April 26. Top Chef is planned for Saturday, May 9. There will be expanded parking hours in the parking garage.

Amy from the Washington City Paper announced the 5th annual Crafty Bastards Craft Fair to be held Saturday, October 3 from 10 p.m.- 5 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Nicolas Thorpe from Serve DC provided information on Citizen Corps and their training programs, which are planned at Tuesday and Thursday evenings. These classes are aimed at preparing citizens to respond to urgent and emergency situations in the community. Classes will begin in Ward 3 on May 14. Custom training programs are also available for specific community needs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

- **MPD Report** – no officers present.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

B. Public Services

- Commissioner Shia moved that ANC 1C send a letter of support for the use of the grounds of Marie Reed Community Learning Center by The Washington City Paper for their annual Craft Show and Fair, Crafty Bastards. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on Wednesday, April 27 at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

C. PZT Committee

- The meeting for May 27 will be cancelled unless any new agenda items are offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support bike lanes throughout the recently reconstructed intersection at Adams Mill/Lanier/Calvert St. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

- YEA: Moyer, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Reynolds, Boettrich
- NAY: none

Resolution in support for Bicycle Lanes and Accommodations Throughout the Newly Reconstructed Intersection of Adams Mill and Columbia Road

Whereas Ward One, and Adams Morgan in particular, has one of the highest concentrations of residents who ride bikes both for leisure and for community purposes; and

Whereas the reconstruction of the intersection of Adams Mill and Columbia Road is almost complete; and

Whereas the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) has not allotted for the extension of bike lanes on Calvert Street, nor Columbia Rd; and

Whereas DDOT has also made no accommodations for bicycles at one of the busiest and most dangerous intersections in the city.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) calls on the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to extend the bike lanes on Calvert Street to the renovated portions of Adams Mill Road and through the intersection with Columbia Road on both the east and west sides of Adams Mill; and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C calls on DDOT to extend the existing bike lanes on Columbia Road and 18th Street

Be It Further Resolved that DDOT works to provide accommodation for cyclists at each axis of the intersection as had been originally discussed when this project was initiated; and

Be It Further Resolved that DDOT commits to eventually installing bike lanes along the entire length of Columbia Road from 16th Street to Connecticut Avenue.

Commissioner Shia made a motion to approve a Public Space Permit for a space of 11 feet deep by 21 feet wide for Shwarma King at 1654 Columbia Road, N.W. The space will accommodate no more than four tables and twelve chairs. The hours are restricted to Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m – 12 midnight and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. It was seconded, discussed and passed by Roll Call vote.

- YEA: Moye, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Reynolds, Boettrich
- NAY: none

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support a four-week summer concert series at the newly created pedestrian plaza at Adams Mill and Columbia Rd. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

- YEA: Moye, Otten, Moretti, Shia, Reynolds, Boettrich
- PRESENT: Weaver

Resolution calling for Support for a Summer Concert Series

Whereas the Adams Morgan Partnership (BID) has applied for a public space permit for a summer concert series at the newly created pedestrian plaza at Adams Mill Road and Columbia Road, N.W.; and

Whereas the concert series will run for four to six consecutive Saturday s from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. beginning in June.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission supports the BID's public space application to hold a summer concert series at the newly created plaza at Adams Mill Road and Columbia Road, N.W.

Commissioner Moye made a motion that ANC 1C, under signature of the Chair, send a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment voicing no objection to the Academy for Educational Development's request for a variance to build another level to the existing pedestrian walkway located at 1825 Connecticut Avenue N.W. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Shia offered a resolution to support amending the D.C. Code to provide for protections for photographers and sound recorders. The resolution was seconded and discussed. The resolution, as amended through friendly amendments, was approved by roll call vote:

- YEA: Moye, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Boettrich
- ABSTAIN: Reynolds

Resolution to Support Amending D.C. Code: Chapter 3A of Division 1, Title 5

Whereas photographers and news gatherers are often asked and sometimes demanded by MPD and other police forces in Washington D.C. in public spaces not to take pictures or otherwise document what is happening,

Whereas this is a violation of First Amendment civil protections in the United States Constitution,

Whereas the city is at risk of spending thousands of dollars for unnecessary criminal trials and often times civil payouts when police violate these civil rights,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) would support DC Council's passage of legislation that would amend Chapter 3A of Division 1, Title 5 of the DC Code, titled FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND POLICE STANDARDS, to protect the first amendment of citizen journalists.

Commissioner Otten made a motion that ANC1C to write a letter to Mayor Fenty requesting an articulate explanation and rationale from Mayor Fenty regarding his recent decision to "RIF" (Reduction in Force) Department of Parks & Recreation staff, including longtime staff. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Otten offered a resolution requesting clarification of the Mayor's FY10 proposed budget that would privatize Parks and Rec Before and After Care Programs. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

- YEA: Moye, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Reynolds, Boettrich

Resolution Requesting Clarification of FY 2010 Mayor's Proposal to Privatize Parks and Recreation After School Programs

Whereas DC Mayor Adrian Fenty has announced the privatization of before and after school programs formerly staffed and administered by DC Dept. of Parks and Recreation staff; and

Whereas strong opposition to the mayor's proposal was raised by parents to the mayor at the April 16 meeting of the Kalorama Citizens' Association; and

Whereas few details were provided as to how this privatization is to be accomplished and

Whereas no details were provided as to what savings would accrue to the District Government as a result of this privatization;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

ANC 1C requests the following:

- *An explanation of the difference between “privatization” of these DPR services, as the Mayor has been referring to this as, versus the typical outsourcing of services that governments do.*
- *An explanation of the selection and administration process of the transfer of these programs to non-DPR entities.*
- *A listing by Ward and facility of which programs are to be privatized.*
- *A listing by Ward, facility, and program the number of DPR positions to be eliminated.*
- *Projected savings to the District of this privatization by individual Ward and facility in each Ward.*
- *Projected cost to the District of this privatization effort by individual Ward and facility in each Ward.*

Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C accept the 3rd quarter Finance Report. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.