

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of September 2, 2009

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on July 1, 2009 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Approximately 20 members of the public attended.

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

MPD Report

Sgt. Michael Penn provided the commission and the community with a crime update and indicated that since mid-August crime had been on the upswing in the neighborhood including violent crime (16 robberies and two ADW).

DCFD Report

Battalion Chief Saunders provided the community with fire safety tips and advice.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer Michael Logsdon, Commissioner Moretti made a motion to approve the FY10 DRAFT Budget. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to approve the Minutes from July. The Motion was seconded and discussed. Due to questions, Commissioner Moretti made a motion to table the Minutes until the October meeting. The motion was seconded discussed and approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Maria Gomez, executive director of Mary's Center announced the center's annual fundraiser Noche Tropical to be held at the Mandarin Hotel on October 8.

Lisa Duperier announced several events including a concert by Asbury United Method Church, the monthly meeting of the Fund for Kalorama (Sept. 14) and the annual Adams Morgan Day Festival (Sept. 13).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

- The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

B. Public Services

- The next meeting is planned for September 23 at Kalorama Recreation Center.

C. PZT Committee

- Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that following three meetings by the Planning Zoning and Transportation Committee regarding BZA Case #17960 (2005 Columbia Rd., NW), the PZT recommends that: ANC1C oppose the application to expand the number of Transient Accommodations from 8 units to 12 units at 2005 Columbia Rd., NW as proposed by case #7960; and prepare correspondence to the Board of Zoning Adjustment expressing such opposition; and designate a representative of the commission to testify before the BZA. The motion was seconded discussed and approved by voice vote.
- The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 6 at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moyer offered a resolution in opposition to a ballot initiative on the definition of marriage. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

Yea: Moyer, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Boettrich
Nay: Reynolds

Resolution in Opposition to Ballot Initiative to Define Marriage

Whereas, the District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977 explicitly prohibits discrimination based upon sexual orientation; and

Whereas, rules pertaining to ballot initiatives and referenda in the District of Columbia expressly ban ballot questions concerning the DC Human Rights Act; and

Whereas, the District of Columbia Board of Elections and the DC Superior Court ruled that a recent attempt to use the ballot initiative process to invalidate DC Council legislation enacted in May recognizing same-sex marriages performed in jurisdictions outside of the District of Columbia was a violation of the DC Human Rights Act; and

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners swear an oath of office to uphold the laws of the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, in June 2009, ANC 1C unanimously passed a resolution supporting the enactment of legislation allowing marriage equality in the District of Columbia.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that ANC 1C affirms that marriage equality is a basic human right and supports upholding existing DC laws that ban the use of ballot initiatives to subject basic human and civil rights, such as the right to marry, to a plebiscite.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC1C support a historic designation for 1740 Euclid Street, the Euclid Apartments. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

Yea: Moyer, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Boettrich, Reynolds
Nay: None

Commissioner Otten offered a resolution about fire-safety procedures and accessibility in the redesign of the Mount Pleasant Library. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Regarding the Mount Pleasant Library Project

Whereas, the D.C. Public Library (DCPL) is planning to renovate and expand the Mount Pleasant Library with a budgeted cost of more than \$10 million; and

Whereas, the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) passed a resolution February 2009 seeking better engagement between DCPL and the public regarding this important community project; and

Whereas, DCPL has redesigned their plans and presented more fully developed images to the public on June 3, 2009; and

Whereas, Ward One residents expressed both support for the changes, but also serious concerns about some elements of this redesign at the meeting and since that meeting; and

Whereas, concerns raised by Ward One residents include fire safety and fire official access to thousands of Ward One residents living in the corridor of apartments adjacent and to the rear of the proposed library expansion; and

Whereas, the new proposed disabled access ramp leading into the rear of the building coming up along the northwest side of the library is more than twice as long and three times the incline as the current access ramp into the front of the building; and

Whereas, DCPL has not seriously engaged the D.C. Fire Department officials, nor any Ward One disabled/senior service agencies as of the date of this resolution to discern if these concerns have merit and adjust the plans to address them.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C):

Declares that fire safety and welcoming access to the library must be made a priority to help shape the Mount Pleasant Library plans going forward; and

Requests that DCPL enjoin in collaborative public meetings with D.C. Fire officials, Ward One seniors and disabled residents and associated service agencies, ADA compliance officials, and the greater Ward One community to address fire safety and library access concerns as soon as possible; and

Requests DCPL, the Board of Library Trustees, and the D.C. Council Committee on Libraries halt the Mount Pleasant Library design process and halt any construction plans until such collaboration between DCPL and Ward One is established.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to oppose the elimination /privatization of DPR-run Before and After Care programs. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

Yeah: Moye, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Shia

Nay: Reynolds

***Resolution Opposing the Elimination of Department of Parks and Recreation-run
Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time Programs***

Whereas the Department of Parks and Recreations (DPR) has provided Early Childhood Education services since 1974 and has achieved gold standard accreditation for its centers; and

Whereas Mayor Adrian Fenty's (the Mayor) FY2010 Budget eliminated funding for more than 20 Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time programs;

Whereas the Mayor has stated his goal to privatize these programs; and

Whereas the funding eliminated for these programs came from the federal Head Start and Child Care Development Block Grant monies, not local tax dollars; and

Whereas, the Council of the District of Columbia (the Council) approved emergency legislation that requires the Mayor to deliver substantial analysis of what impact the closings and proposed privatization would have on residents and workers; and

Whereas the Mayor and DPR Acting Director Ximena Hartsock have defied Council legislation by failing to deliver any analysis as required; and

Whereas the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Office of the State Superintendant of Education, who operate the programs under a Memorandum of Understanding, are under Council investigation for their budgetary handling of the programs; and

Whereas, the proposed closings are the subject of a lawsuit filed August 28, 2009 by a local chapter of the American Federation of Government Employees that alleges the agency heads made an 'unapproved and clandestine' decision to move funding away from DPR; and

Whereas as if the Mayor's plan to close the facilities proceeds, as of September 25, 2009 at least 160 city employees will be without jobs and hundreds of District families will be without childcare; and

Whereas, while a majority of these programs are in Wards 6, 7 & 8, the Adams Out-of-Time Program and Oyster Out-of-Time Program are either located within the boundaries of ANC1C or directly impact residents of ANC1C.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) demands that Mayor Adrian Fenty immediately restore FY2010 funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation-run Early Childhood and Out-of-Time Programs so there is no disruption in service; and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C calls on the Council of the District of Columbia to take whatever actions are necessary to ensure that the FY2010 funding is fully restored, that the Mayor complies with approved Council legislation.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution of support for the annual Adams Morgan Basketball Tournament. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to support funding for annual Adams Morgan basketball tournament

Whereas a basketball tournament has been held in the Adams Morgan community for more than 40 years; and

Whereas in recent years the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) has once again taken on the responsibility of organizing and running the tournament; and

Whereas this long-time community event will not occur without the support of the ANC.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) commits to spending up to \$3000 to host the annual Adams Morgan basketball tournament tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in October.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to authorize additional funding for plantings at Adams Mill/Calvert/Lanier. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to authorize funding for plantings at Adams Mill/Calvert/Lanier

Whereas the reconstruction of the intersection at Adams Mill/Calvert/Lanier has created two new bulb-outs on Adams Mill with the potential for additional greenspace; and

Whereas the adjacent residential buildings have made commitments of time and money to plant and maintain the new greenspaces; and

Whereas ANC1C has already committed to and created a greenspace at the intersection; and

Whereas these new potential greenspaces would be a continuation of and compliment to the new greenspace; and

Whereas ANC1C has long made a commitment to the greening of the community.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C will expend up to \$500 to assist with the planting of the two new additional greenspaces at the intersection of Adams Mill/Calvert/Lanier.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C, under signature of the ABC & Public Safety Chair write a letter to ABRA requesting a one-month extension of Harris Teeter's extended operating hours in order for the licensee, ANC1C and the affected parties to discuss the issue and come to terms for an amended voluntary agreement. Should an agreement not be reached by midnight, October 7, the terms of the original voluntary agreement are in effect. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C write a letter of support for the Koman Breast Cancer 3-Day scheduled for the weekend of October 9-11 and traversing portions of ANC1C (sidewalks only on Connecticut Avenue from Calvert Street to Columbia Road) on Sunday, October 11.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.