

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**  
**Adams Morgan**

**Minutes of November 4, 2009**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on November 4, 2009 at Mary's Center. Chair Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Approximately 30 members of the public attended.

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

**CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Weaver reported on an event at Kalorama Park, which had street vendors, resulting in trash and crowds and traffic problems. These vendors were not included in the permit or ANC1C's support of the event.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

**COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Otten provided an update on the Mt Pleasant library; a petition is being circulated to address several ongoing issues.

Commissioner Boettrich provided a list of D.C.'s H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccination clinics; a public hearing sponsored by the Housing and Community Development (DHCD) on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Reeves Center; and the Public Service Commission is holding public hearings on the proposed rate hike by PEPCO at:

Hillcrest Recreation Center on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Service Commission Hearing Room on Friday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Lisa Duperier announced that the Fund for Kalorama Park will meet Monday, November 9 at 7 pm to discuss fundraising.

Barry Weise announced that DDoT/ WABA will provide free bike lights to the public on Thursday, November 5 at SunTrust Plaza.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. ABC & Public Safety**

- Sergeant Penn reported crime statistics for the period; compared to last year, violent crime and burglaries were up again. He addressed questions from the audience and commissioners.
- The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Kalorama Recreation Center. This meeting always includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> District PSA meeting at the same time – will address police and local bar issues.

**B. Public Services**

- The next meeting is planned for November 18 at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

**C. PZT Committee**

- Due to lack of agenda items, the committee did not meet in October. Next meeting will be at 1661 Crescent Place N.W.
- Commissioner Moyer provided an update about the board of zoning adjustment hearing on 2005 Columbia Rd.
- Moyer made a motion that *ANC 1C submit Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law jointly with the Condominium Party (the Oakland Condominium) to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with regard to BZA Case No. 17960, Application of Claudio and Lucia Rosan to obtain a use variance to increase their existing transient rooming house capacity from the current 8 units to 12 units.* It was seconded, discussed and passed by roll call vote:
  - YEA: Moyer, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Reynolds, Boettrich
  - NAY: none

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution on the National Park Service’s Environmental Assessment. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

***ANC1C Response to the National Park Service’s Environmental Assessment***

*Whereas, the National Park Service (NPS) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed stabilization and maintenance of a slope within Rock Creek Park; and*

*Whereas, the 2.5 acre project area is located within Reservation 360, Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway; and*

*Whereas, Reservation 360 is located within the boundaries of the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C); and*

*Whereas, according to the assessment, 20 percent of the slope is actively eroding and 60 percent of the slope is currently adversely affected by stormwater runoff; and*

*Whereas, the area in question is the site of a former 19<sup>th</sup> century Quaker and African American cemetery that is currently being surveyed; and*

*Whereas that erosion has exposed remains from the former Colored Union Benevolent Cemetery; and*

*Whereas those exposed remains as well as others still beneath the surface need to be protected; and*

*Whereas without remediation of the erosion problem, not only will remains continue to be exposed, but residents will lose valuable parkland as more and more of the hillside erodes.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) supports the conclusion of the Environmental Assessment Alternative B, the stabilization and maintenance of the slope through topsoil, vegetation and downed logs provided that:*

- a) National Park Service allow Howard University Professor Mark Mack and his team to complete their pedestrian survey of the impacted area and consult extensively with Professor Mack, his team and other impacted individuals prior to the execution of any proposed work; and
- b) In addition to the NPS-appointed archeologist, Howard University Professor Mark Mack or a designated member of his team be on hand throughout the remediation project; and
- c) Work with Washington Parks and People to ensure that once erosion remediation is complete, a permanent heritage trail is installed that will not only provide direct access to Rock Creek Park, but will serve as an educational tool for a significant cultural resource; and
- d) NPS will work with the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority prior to the commencement of the project to ensure that stormwater runoff issues on their adjacent properties are properly remediated to ensure that they no longer impact the slope into Rock Creek Park; and
- e) NPS work with the community to ensure that remediation work in Rock Creek Park will not impact daily activities in and uses of Walter Pierce Park.
- f) NPS keeps the community informed of the progress of the remediation, both through on-site signage and regular reports to the ANC, Friends of Walter Pierce Park, other concerned community organizations and Washington Parks and People; and
- g) NPS ensures that the hillside is continually maintained, patrolled and protected throughout the period of the remediation.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C support a two-day special exception for Napoleon (1847 Columbia Road, NW) for December 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010 to allow the establishment to erect a tent on its side patio (with no amplified music) to serve food and alcohol from 5 p.m. (December 31, 2009) to 1:30 a.m. (January 1, 2010). It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Reynolds offered a resolution to provide congestion relief to the 1700 block of Kalorama Rd., N.W. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Several friendly amendments were offered and accepted. The resolution was approved by roll call vote:

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

NAY: Moretti

***Resolution to Provide Congestion Relief to the 1700 Block of Kalorama Road, NW Between Champlain St., NW and 18th St., NW.***

*Whereas the Sorrento building at located at 2233 18th St., NW is a 31 unit, Jubilee Housing owned building; and*

*Whereas the Sorrento building is now at the beginning of a total renovation; and*

*Whereas this renovation has resulted in a construction fence being erected next to the Sorrento building on the 1700 block of Kalorama Road, NW; and*

*Whereas this fence protrudes into the public space in such a way as to cause traffic congestion; poses a threat to vehicular traffic and a serious impediment to first response vehicles; and*

*Whereas evening parking on the north side of the 1700 block of Kalorama Road, NW (Between Champlain St., and 18th St.) further constricts open roadway adding to congestion;*

*Now, Therefore be it Resolved; Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C calls upon the District Department of Transportation to inspect the construction fence abutting the Sorrento building*

*to insure right of way compliance; and*

*Further Resolves; to call upon the District Department of Transportation to remove parking on the north side of the 1700 block of Kalorama Road NW between Champlain St. and 18th St for the duration of the Sorrento building renovations; and*

*Further Resolves; to request Ward One Councilmember Jim Graham to support these actions by correspondence to the District Department of Transportation.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.