



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

### Adams Morgan

#### Minutes of March 3, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on March 3, 2010 at Mary's Center. 1C Chairman Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Approximately 17 members of the public attended.

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

#### I. MPD and FEMS Reports

MPD Sergeant Penn reported crime statistics for a 30-day time period. Property crime is down from 36 to 32. Sergeant Penn is leaving PSA 303 (Adams Morgan) for PSA 302 (Columbia Heights). Sergeant Trinette Greene, the new evening shift sergeant for 303, will replace him.

Captain Larry Chapman, the new acting captain at Engine Company 21, made a presentation. Captain Chapman responded to a question from the February ANC meeting regarding termination of recruits who failed to pass the FEM test. None of the current recruits were terminated. They attempted to terminate some, but the labor organization representing them stopped the terminations.

During the blizzards in February, the Fire Department saw it coming and had additional staff in place, additional ambulances were brought on to be ready. During the storm they were staffed 24/7. Fleet maintenance was staffed around the clock. The DC Fire Department responded to over 8,000 incidents, such as structural fires, medical calls, motor vehicle collisions, and several births happened with the assistance of the fire fighters. During the height of the storm, the fire department was the only agency operating on the street. Captain Chapman expressed thanks to the community for digging out the fire hydrants and sidewalks.

#### II. Officers Reports

Chairman – Commissioners Reynolds and Boettrich attended the retirement dinner for Commander McCoy. ANC 1C had the best plaque the former commander received.

Secretary – Commissioner Shia moved *that the minutes of the February 2010 meeting be accepted*. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Treasurer – Commissioner Boettrich reported that the ANC1c quarterly report was filed successfully. She then made a motion *that the treasurer's report be accepted*. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

#### III. Consent Agenda

After one item was taken from the consent agenda and put in the new business agenda at the request of Commissioner Weaver, Commissioner Wilson *made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.*

##### 1 Reimbursement of Commissioners

- a. Motion to reimburse Commissioner Moye for \$7.00 for postal charges related to the duplication of a key for the ANC post box.

- b. Motion to reimburse Commissioner Boettrich for \$100.00 for payment to Extra Space Storage costs.
  - c. Motion to reimburse Commissioner Boettrich for \$8.00 for bank fees related to a cashier's check for Dakota Upshur related to the "Willow Fund."
  - d. Motion to reimburse Commissioner Shia for \$36.12 for frames, special paper for awards and award holders.
  - e. Motion to reimburse Commissioner Moye for \$1.22 postage charges related to mailing.
2. Motion to cancel the ANC 1C Verizon Phone.

#### **IV. Commissioners Announcements**

Commissioner Otten, at the request of Commissioner Moye, announced that DC Green Connection is asking everyone to take symbolic action on March 27<sup>th</sup> by turning off the lights at 8:00 pm for one hour. It is called Earth Hour, and was begun in Sydney, Australia in 2007. By 2009, over 2,000 cities did it.

Commissioner Weaver reported he went to testify on behalf of ANC1C's resolution on medical marijuana. There were more than 60 participants waiting to testify. Commissioner Weaver reported he testified at the Department of Transportation hearing about our ongoing battle with developer Dennis Lee.

#### **V. Public Comments**

Kristen Barden, the executive director of the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District, announced the re-issuance of "The Pocket Guide." It is a directory of Adams Morgan businesses, reprinted quarterly.

Lisa Duperier, the President of Adams Morgan Main Street, announced Dining Out for Life on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>, a benefit for Food and Friends taking place at select restaurants in Adams Morgan. Lisa also reminded of the Memorial for Marwan Burgan taking place on Saturday in Kalorama Park.

#### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **a. ABC & Public Safety**

Commissioner Moretti announced that the next meeting of ABC & Public Safety Committee will be Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

##### **b. Public Services Committee**

Commissioner Shia moved that the Commission send a letter to DCPS on behalf of Crafty Bastards supporting the Crafty Bastards festival in the Marie Reed Learning Center front yard. The motion was passed by a voice vote. Commissioner Otten gave a report on the Mt. Pleasant Library Study. The study is due back to ANC1C by March 20<sup>th</sup> and will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Commissioner Shia announced the next meeting of the Public Services and Environment Committee will be Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Kalorama Recreation Center.

##### **c. Planning Zoning and Transportation Committee**

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the DC Council voted to oppose the new billboard rules, which designated a category of "special signs," created to get around the old billboard rules. Reynolds provided a summary of the PZT Committee's letter to Councilmembers. Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Transportation meeting will be held on Wednesday March 8th at 7pm at the Kalorama Recreation Center

#### **VII NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Commissioner Shia offered a Resolution:**

Resolution recognizing the Gospel Rescue Ministries Adams Morgan Clean team with a Certificate of Appreciation for their work during the blizzards of February.

*RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION*

*WHEREAS, the City of Washington DC faced an unprecedented two back-to-back blizzards in February 2010; and*

*WHEREAS, the Adams Morgan Clean Team of the Gospel Rescue Ministries, hereinafter called The Clean Team, faced an unprecedented amount of snow and refuse to clean up in the neighborhood after the two blizzards; and*

*WHEREAS, the Clean Team did their job cheerfully, thoroughly and well during the aftermath of the storms;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this third day of March 2010, the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C does hereby commend and express gratitude to The Clean Team.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C is pleased to present this Certificate of Appreciation to The Clean Team.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution of Appreciation be entered into the permanent minutes of Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C.*

It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

**b. Commissioners Moretti and Weaver offered a resolution in support of the D.C. resident employment trade stimulus:**

*Resolution in support of Council Bill 18-650*

*“District Resident Employment and Trade Stimulus Amendment Act of 2010”*

*Whereas, the current unemployment rate in the District of Columbia is 12.1 percent which is almost double that of Maryland (7.5 percent) and Virginia (6.9 percent); and*

*Whereas, in some areas of our city, the unemployment rate is closer to 30 percent; and*

*Whereas, Councilmembers Michael Brown (I-At-large) and Harry Thomas (D-Ward 5) have introduced Council Bill 18-650, the “District Resident Employment and Trade Stimulus Amendment Act of 2010”; and*

*Whereas, this proposed legislation would require that government-assisted construction projects over \$200,000 have in place increased residency standards for employees; and*

*Whereas, the proposed legislation makes the important distinction between construction projects subsidized by the city and other projects that fall under the first source agreement which have limited ability to realistically exceed the required residency goals; and*

*Whereas, this legislation sets up a differentiated expectation for specific construction positions which allows for a realistic approach to ensuring that hundreds of millions of dollars the city spends each year on construction projects, directly translates to real jobs with living wages and full benefits for our city’s residents.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) supports Council Bill 18-650, the “District Resident Employment and Trade Stimulus Act of 2010”; and*

*And Be It Further Resolved, that ANC1C urges the Council of the District of Columbia to support this legislation and to move it forward in a timely and efficient manner.*

It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

**c. Commissioners Moretti and Weaver offered a resolution on expanding DC’s snow emergency routes to include Columbia Rd. N.W.**

*Resolution to include additional portions of Columbia Road, NW in the District of Columbia’s Snow Emergency Routes*

*Whereas, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation has a series of “snow emergency routes” throughout the city that are intended to be clear for travel when the Mayor of the District of Columbia declares a snow emergency; and*

*Whereas, those snow emergency routes have not been updated since 2004; and*

*Whereas Columbia Road, NW from 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW to Michigan Ave., NE (northbound side only) is an existing snow emergency route; and*

*Whereas, 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Connecticut Avenue, NW are also existing snow emergency routes; and*

*Whereas including Columbia Road, NW from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Connecticut Avenue would connect two pre-existing snow emergency routes; and*

*Whereas Columbia Road, NW is a major east-west artery not only for residents and businesses, but also for emergency personnel.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission calls on the District Department of Transportation to include Columbia Road, NW from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Connecticut Avenue in its scheme of snow emergency routes; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C calls on DDOT to review its snow emergency routes to see if existing snow emergency routes continue to meet the needs of the residents and businesses of the District of Columbia.*

It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

**d.** Commissioners Weaver and Moretti offered the following resolution of support for participation in new Google hi-speed fiber network.

*Support for participation in Google's new  
fiber-optic ultra-high speed broadband infrastructure pilot program*

*Whereas, Google, Inc. has announced a pilot program to build fiber-optic, ultra-high speed broadband infrastructure in selected communities throughout the United States; and*

*Whereas, Google is accepting feedback from government officials and members of the general public to determine where to deploy the pilot; and*

*Whereas, as chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, with oversight of the Chief Technology Officer, Councilmember Mary Cheh (D-Ward 3) has expressed her desire to see the District participate in this program; and*

*Whereas, the Chief Technology Officer of the District of Columbia has expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of the District's participation in the program; and*

*Whereas, the proposed fiber-optic network proposed by Google would allow consumers to access data at speeds more than 100 times faster than most other connections; and*

*Whereas, the new network would offer additional choices to Internet consumers; and*

*Whereas, participation in this program would be a unique opportunity for the District to be in on the cutting-edge of broadband Internet access.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) fully supports the District's participation in Google, Inc. fiber-optic, ultra high-speed broadband infrastructure pilot program; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that should the District become a participant in the pilot program, that communities within the District that are currently underserved by broadband infrastructure be the first selected to participate in the program; and*

*Be It Finally Resolved that should the District be chosen to participate in the pilot program that any installation of broadband infrastructure have no impact whatsoever on the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Redesign.*

It was seconded, discussed and passed by a roll call vote:

YEA: Moretti, Weaver, Reynolds, Boettrich

NEA: Otten

ABSTAIN: Shia

**e.** Commissioners Moretti and Weaver offered a Resolution of opposition to the use agreement between the Maret School and Jeleff

*Whereas, the District of Columbia on January 7, 2010 announced the purchase of three former Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington facilities, including the Jelleff Boys & Girls Club branch at 3265 S Street, NW in Georgetown,*

*Whereas, this is a matter of concern to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC 1C) as Jelleff has a highly diverse membership that includes several hundred from Ward One and,*

*Whereas, Jelleff offers local scholarships free of charge for those from Jubilee Housing programs, as well as discounted fees to students in the Adams Morgan Youth Leadership Academy,*

*Whereas, the demand for use of the Jelleff Club by boys and girls continues unabated, including such programs as the Jelleff 900-kid winter basketball league, roller skating, soccer, baseball and football programs, use of the field by thousands of boys and girls for soccer and lacrosse, and the pool for summer day camp, and*

*Whereas, following the acquisition of this facility, it was announced that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) entered into agreements with Maret School which provide the school certain exclusive periods of use of the Jelleff field for 10 years, in exchange for the school providing a new artificial-turf field and a renovated swimming pool.*

*Whereas, no competitive bidding was used to award the exclusive easement to Maret, and*

*Whereas, these agreements, were entered into behind closed doors, without attempts by DPR to solicit community input or engage in a more competitive process; and*

*Whereas, no one in the general public had been consulted as to the advisability of such a use agreement, nor had there been any public discussion of it, or of the future of the Jelleff site in its new status as a DC DPR facility, and*

*Whereas, there are other groups who were and remain prepared to contract with the District government for a use agreement at Jelleff on terms and conditions that are much more advantageous to the youth and general public of the District, and Whereas, this sets a dangerous precedent for all DPR land to be leased out for a long term to private entities, and*

*Whereas, now more the ever the District Government must be focused on a process of accountability, transparency and inclusiveness.*

*Now therefore let it be resolved, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C, strongly objects to the lack of outreach from DPR and the absence of an opportunity for meaningful community involvement while these agreements were being considered*

*Let it be further resolved, ANC 1C demands that the government of the District of Columbia and the Maret School dissolve the agreement in question; that they open to public discussion the matter of the future of the entire Jelleff facility including building, outdoor pool and playing field; and that any agreement for the use of the facility be the result of a full and open competitive process*

It was passed by a roll call vote:

Yeas: Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Reynolds and Boettrich

Nays: None

Abstentions: Shia

**f. Commissioners Moretti and Weaver offered a resolution in support of Winter Sidewalk Safety:**

*Resolution in support of Council Bill 18-0596 the  
"Winter Sidewalk Safety Amendment Act of 2009"*

*Whereas, the District of Columbia has the second highest percentage of public transit commuters in the country; and*

*Whereas, according to a 2008 American Community Survey 89,000 District residents walk to work; and*

*Whereas, most D.C. school children walk to school or use mass transit; and*

*Whereas, the city's current laws governing sidewalk clearance following a snow/ice weather event are weak and barely enforceable; and*

*Whereas, every time there snow/ice weather event, countless residents and many businesses fail to properly, if ever remove snow and ice from the sidewalk abutting their properties; and*

*Whereas, these uncleared sidewalks create a hazard not only for pedestrians, but also for drivers who must avoid pedestrians who have been forced to walk in the streets; and*

*Whereas, Councilmembers Mary Cheh (D-Ward 3) and Tommy Wells (D-Ward 6) have introduced the "Winter Sidewalk Safety Amendment Act of 2009" (B18-0596).*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) supports the "Winter Sidewalk Safety Amendment Act of 2009" (B18-0596); and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C would support the following amendments to the legislation:*

- a) Increase the fine on residential properties to \$50;*

- b) *Include a provision that will fine District contractors \$1,000 for blocking intersections and crosswalks with mounds of plowed snow; and*
- c) *Create a provision that while property owners may be fined multiple times for failure to comply, they are provided a timeframe to complete compliance once the initial infraction has been issued;*
- d) *Create a program to temporarily hire D.C. residents at a living wage to shovel sidewalks abutting District properties — many which rarely get shoveled*

It was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

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**h.** Commissioners Moretti and Weaver made a motion for a better recycling program in D.C. and stricter enforcement for haulers to meet a standard of recycling approved by the D.C. Government.

It was discussed and passed by a voice vote.

**i.** Commissioner Shia proposed a Resolution of Appreciation for two Adams Morgan businesses, Casa Lebrato and Kalorama Deli, for their hard work during the blizzards.

It was discussed and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Shia made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and the meeting ended at 8:51 p.m.