



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of April 7, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on April 7, 2010 at Mary's Center. 1C Chairman Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Approximately 45 members of the public attended.

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

I. FEMS and MPD Reports

a. FEMS Report

Captain Larry Chapman, the new acting captain at Engine Company 21, reported there were 243 calls for service last month: 132 for medical, 14 for automatic fire alarms, 2 for fires not in the immediate area, and 42 miscellaneous calls; there were no significant fire incidents in Adams Morgan in the last 30 days. Captain Chapman gave some good tips for warmer weather: If you know someone who is elderly or has special needs, check on them in extreme heat. Use appropriate electrical equipment for air conditioners. Even with air conditioning on, keep car window open slightly in order to hear what emergency vehicles are around you. Captain Chapman also spoke of several services available to the community. FEMS is available to do blood pressure and blood glucose screenings and take vital signs at community events and gatherings. A CPR class is given on the first and fourth Thursdays of every month from 9am to 1pm at Blue Plains. For more information about CPR classes, contact Sergeant Michael Forrest at 202-673-6901.

b. MPD Report

MPD Sergeant Trinetta Greene introduced herself as the new MPD ANC liaison. She provided her background which is:

- Grew up in DC and has been a sergeant for MPD for four years. Sergeant Greene started her MPD career in Adams Morgan, and she's glad to be back here.
- Reports indicate that violent crimes are down 20 percent but property crimes are up 30 percent. Individuals are reminded to leave valuables in their vehicles. MPD has increased foot patrols.
- Greene addressed questions from the commission and the community. She will report back on unanswered questions re: "Mika" sellers.

The email for Sergeant Greene is trinetta.greene@dc.gov.

II. Guest Speaker Director of DC Department of Transportation Gabe Klein

- a. Director Klein said DDOT puts out an annual report on the website and spoke of a two-year action agenda. To access it fully, see www.ddot.gov
- b. Klein answered questions from the commission:

1. *Request for an update on the resolution that ANC1c passed last month, to include additional portions of Columbia Road, NW in the District of*

Columbia's Snow Emergency Routes.

Director Klein: DDOT is now looking at what happened this winter and building a contingency plan, including evaluating snow emergency routes. One of the biggest challenges were small streets with parked cars. DDOT is looking at significant changes regarding parking, and these changes will be big.

2. Update on the plans for commencement of 18th Street reconstruction, and specifically if the PEPCO part of the work has been incorporated into the schedule.

Director Klein: The plan is to start midsummer. DDOT has a schedule with PEPCO.

3. During the 18th Street reconstruction, what outreach will be conducted to prepare and inform impacted businesses not only by DDOT but by contractors too?

Director Klein: There will be a community relations team by next month. It will be the eyes and ears of the community. There will be a weekly contractor update on the website. DDOT will walk the site with businesses and discuss how to minimize the issues before construction begins on the block. DC government is taking a hard line on utilities and holding them accountable.

4. In December 2008, ANC 1c was presented with a citizens' petition and passed a resolution requesting a traffic Audit for the 2200 and 2300 blocks of Champlain Street, NW and alley between Champlain Street and 18th Street, NW.. May we please know when this Audit may be scheduled?

Director Klein: DDOT is looking at speed humps and other traffic calming devices, looking to do audits and implement the results over the next three years. They want to look at it as a whole system. Adams Morgan is scheduled to be done early next year.

5. ANC is now in the fourth year of waiting for an explanation by a decision of the DDOT Public Space Committee to grant a curb cut at 2351 Champlain Street, NW in 2007.

In February 2009, ANC 1c passed a motion to write a letter to the Public Space Committee requesting an Explanation in response to opposition to the granted curb cut. To date, we are still waiting for a response that addresses the issues raised by ANC1C in opposition:

- a) Removal of public space parking.*
- b) No need for additional parking as 4 parking spaces (for 8 residential units) were provided in the rear of the building.*

May we please know when the Public Space Committee will provide the explanation to the above objections?

Director Klein: We will commit to putting together a formal letter of response to ANC's letter moved at the February 2009 meeting.

6. What is the process for notifying residents on the duration and use of public space by contractors doing work? If extensions are given, who is notified of these changes and what is the public comment process?

Director Klein: There is a new detailed permitting system which gives DDOT more control over the contractors. If a contractor wants to take out a street, he will have to pay for every hour of parking. DDOT has 46 inspectors for public space. With questions, email directly to Aaron.rhone@dc.gov.

7. What has DDOT done to hold snow removal contractors accountable for moving snow onto already shoveled sidewalks, into bus stops, and over already shoveled out hydrants and driveways?

Director Klein: I admit that it happened, but because the blizzards happened so quickly. They were not given specific directions about where to put the snow. DDOT is designing a pedestrian and bus stop plan for an abundance of snow to be implemented before the next snow season. A lot of lessons were learned from the February blizzards, and will be implemented in the next one.

- c. Klein answered questions from the public

III. Presentation of Report Commissioned by ANC1C on the Mount Pleasant Library

Mr. Nichols presented his report, which can be found on the ANC 1C web site. He summarized the report and answered questions from the commission and audience.

Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC 1C adopt and transmit the Report on the Mount Pleasant Library Renovation Project to the City Council and DCPL. It was seconded and discussed:

Motion is made to accept Mr. Nichol's expert Report on the Mount Pleasant Library Renovation Project, and;

Further Moved to: Authorize the Chair of ANC 1C to send correspondence to share the information of the Nichol's Report on the Mount Pleasant Library Renovation with DCPL, the Board of Library Trustees, the Mayor, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Graham and FEMS and any other appropriate agency and;

Further Moved that: ANC 1C recommend that the objections raised in the Nichol's Report be abated by DCPL and/or be subject to Council action.

It was passed by a voice vote.

III. Officers Reports

Secretary – Commissioner Shia moved *that the minutes of the March 2010 meeting be accepted*, with the inclusion of the recycling motion to be read into the minutes. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Treasurer – Commissioner Boettrich made a motion *that the treasurer's report be accepted*. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote. She reported that she participated in training session with Gottlieb Simon's office.

IV. Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Boettrich reported she and Commissioner Reynolds attended Councilmember Yvette Alexander's meeting for ANC commissioners from Ward 8 and Ward 1.

Commissioner Moye thanked members of the Commission and public for bringing in recyclable bags to give to the organization WE ARE FAMILY, who makes food deliveries to seniors in Ward One. We gave over 300 bags to Marc Anderson, director of We Are Family.



Commissioner Shia announced a Cherry Tree Planting celebration at the H.D. Cooke on Friday April 9th. Three cherry trees were donated to the school by the National Cherry Blossom Foundation, and several members of the HD Cooke student body were marching in the Cherry Blossom Parade April 10th.

Commissioner Reynolds announced the Metro Access Plan meeting on April 19th.

Commissioner Otten reported there would be a meeting with DPR in Kalorama Park on April 12th.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. ABC & Public Safety

Commissioner Mindy Moretti announced the next meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee will be on April 14th at 7pm at Kalorama Recreation Center.

b. Public Services Committee

1. Commissioner Shia made a *Motion to approve the grant application, provided an attachment of the IRS exemption is submitted, for the Adams Morgan Leadership Academy to plant a garden at Champorama Park at the corner of Kalorama*

It was discussed and passed by a voice vote.

2. Commissioner Shia made a Motion to support a film festival in Adams Morgan put on by the DC Film alliance. It was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Moretti made a friendly amendment to the amendment:

Motion that ANC1C support, in principle, the D.C. Film Alliance's plans to bring a

summer film festival to one of the three community parks (Walter Pierce, Kalorama or Marie Reed) in Adams Morgan. The support is contingent upon the submission of a complete plan including staging for vendors, set up and clean-up and addressing any safety or traffic issues that may arise as part of the film festival. ANC1C reserves the right to revoke its support if this information is not provided in a timely manner in advance of the start of the film festival.

3. Commissioner Moye made the *Motion for ANC 1C to spend up to \$1,250 to host an Adams Morgan community recycling day on April 24, 2010 from 11 am to 2 pm in the HD Cooke Elementary School parking lot.*

It was seconded, discussed and adopted by voice vote

c. Planning Zoning and Transportation Committee

Commissioner Reynolds attended a presentation on March 8th about the hotel project. The developer Brian Freedman is filing for a TIF, tax incremental financing, where the city floats a bond based on future tax revenues. Once that is approved, the project will move to zoning. It is still at 90 feet with the rooms numbering 165 to 178.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Moretti offered an amendment to L'Enfant's Voluntary Agreement:

Motion that ANC 1C accept amendments to a Voluntary Agreement between L'Enfant, ANC 1C and the Kalorama Citizens Association to allow for an entertainment endorsement and additional hours both inside and on the patio. Further moved that ANC 1C supports stipulated license for the establishment during the licensing process.

It was seconded and adopted by a voice vote.

- b. Commissioner Weaver offered an amendment to Exhale Voluntary Agreement

Motion that ANC1C amend the existing Voluntary Agreement between ANC1c, the Kalorama Citizens Association and Exhale (currently in safe-keeping) to allow a change in capacity to 99 should an application to transfer the license to 2420-22 18th Street be applied for and approved by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

The motion was seconded and adopted by a voice vote, with two abstentions.

- c. Commissioner Moye offered an Earth Day Resolution.

ANC 1C
Resolution in Support of Earth Day 2010

WHEREAS, April 22, 2010 is the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was organized in 1970 by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson and has grown to include participation by over 1 billion people in 174 countries; and

WHEREAS, participating in Earth Day activities increases Americans' awareness of how our individual decisions can have a dramatic impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the government of the District of Columbia is conducting energy audits of all of its facilities to identify potential energy savings, has installed green roofs at its facilities at the Reeves Center and Judiciary Square, has been planting over 4,000 trees annually, requires that all new DC government buildings and privately constructed buildings meet LEED certification standards for environmental performance, has expanded the SmartBike program, and recently enacted a highly successful 5 cent tax on plastic bags.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1C supports the purposes and goals of Earth Day 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C encourages the residents and businesses of Adams Morgan to actively participate in Earth Day celebrations in DC and look for ways to take action to reduce their own environmental footprint; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C is supportive of the DC government's efforts to operate in a more environmentally sensitive manner and encourages the expansion of DC's recycling program, more investments in mass transit, and that improvements be made in the administration of DC's energy rebate program.

The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by a voice vote.

d. Commissioner Moye offered the following resolution

*ANC1C
Resolution Congratulating the Adams Morgan Winners
of the 2010 Best of DC Readers Poll*

WHEREAS, the Washington City Paper annually asks its readers to vote on the best establishments in a variety of categories in the District of Columbia for their "Best of DC" poll; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Washington City Paper also provide their picks; and

WHEREAS, many hundreds of readers participate in the "Best of DC" poll.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 1C congratulates Adams Morgan winners and runners-up in the Washington City Paper's 2010 Best of DC Readers Poll:

Best Karaoke – Peyote Café (runner-up)

Best Place to Buy Vinyl – Crooked Beat

Best Rooftop Bar – The Reef

Best Vintage Clothing Store – Meeps

Best Reason to Visit Adams Morgan on the Weekend – Angles Bar & Billiards

Best Chocolate Chip Cookie – Tryst Coffee House Bar and Lounge

Best Music Store – Crooked Beat (runner-up)

Best Coffee House – Tryst Coffee House Bar and Lounge

Best Ethiopian Restaurant – Meskerem (runner-up)

Best Italian restaurant – Pasta Mia (runner-up)

Best Middle Eastern Restaurant – Mama Ayesha's (runner-up)

Best Neighborhood Bar – The Black Squirrel (runner-up)

Best Billiards – Bedrock Billiards (runner-up)

Best Festival – Adams Morgan Day Festival (runner-up)

Best Bike Shop – City Bikes (runner-up)

Best Mani/Pedi – Joy's Spa (runner-up)

Best Public WiFi – Tryst Coffee House Bar and Lounge

Best Neighborhood for Nightlife – Adams Morgan (runner-up)

Best Alternative to ChurchKey – The Black Squirrel

Best Use of Cashews – Himalayan Heritage

Best place to Take Visiting Punk Rockers – Smash! Records

Best Head Shop – Capitol Hemp

Best Drunk Eats – Amsterdam Falafelshop and The Diner (runners-up)

Best Greasy Spoon – The Diner (runner-up)

Best Specialty Store – Yes! Organic Market (runner-up)

Adopted by Roll Call Vote: 7-Aye; 0-Nay; 0-Abstentions

e. Commissioners Reynolds and Boettrich made a Motion Requesting Office Space From the District of Columbia

ANC 1C Resolution Requesting the Mayor for Office Space

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Resolved at a duly noticed meeting of ANC 1C.

In accordance with section 1-309.13(q) of the D.C. Code, ANC 1C requests that the Mayor provide the Commission with suitable office space in a District-owned or leased building located within the Commission's boundaries.

This resolution was adopted by ANC 1C by a vote of _____, with _____, with Commissioners of the Eight Commissioners of ANC 1C present, constituting a Quorum.

At its properly noticed meeting on April 7, 2010.

Chairperson

Secretary

Wilson Reynolds

Nancy Shia

cc: Director Robin-Eve Jasper, Department of Real Estate Services

D.C. Official Code § 1-309.13

(q) Upon the request of a Commission, evidenced by a properly adopted resolution signed or transmitted by the Chairperson and secretary, the Mayor shall provide that Commission with suitable office space in a District-owned or leased building. The Mayor shall acknowledge receipt of the resolution within 15 days and shall provide the Commission with a list of available office space within 45 days thereafter. The space shall be a minimum of 250 square feet and shall be the sole office of the Commission. The space shall be located within the Commission's boundaries. If no such space is available, then the space shall be located within the ward boundaries of the Commission. If District-owned or leased office space cannot be provided, the Mayor may seek to reprogram funds up to \$600 per month to cover the rental of office space for the respective Commission. Furnishings, equipment, telephone service, and supplies for the office space shall be provided from the Commission's funds. There shall be a written lease between the Mayor or District agency and the Commission, which shall specify what operating costs, such as utilities, janitorial services, and security, shall be paid by the Commission.

Adopted by Voice Vote.

f. Commissioner Boettrich made a motion to support of B18- -0720, The Equal Access To Employment For All Act of 2010.

ANC1C Resolution in Support of Council Bill B18-0720, the Equal Access to Employment for All Act of 2010

Whereas, the District of Columbia has an 11.77 percent unemployment rate in February 2010, which is higher than the national average and;

the District of Columbia has a demographically diverse population and;

good credit is not needed in many cases to perform a function effectively and,

a job for individuals with negative credit is one step is solving credit problems and,

requiring credit checks for jobs in which it is unnecessary may disproportionately discourage or otherwise affect minority populations in pursuing or attaining employment.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC1C) supports Council Bill B18-0720, the Equal Access to Employment for All Act of 2010.

Adopted by Voice Vote.

g. Motion Regarding ANC 1C Special Forums in June and July of 2010 and the Financing of Rental of Venues for said Forums.

Motion is hereby made for ANC 1C to authorize a Special Forum in June of 2010 to invite Council Chairman Vincent Gray to engage with the residents of ANC 1C.

And further Moved that ANC 1C authorize a Special Forum in July 2010 to invite the Mayor to engage with the residents of ANC 1C.

And further Moved that ANC 1C authorizes the expenditure of up to \$275 for payment for each Special Forum to pay for rental space and audio equipment at a venue

suitable to host each event, or a combined amount for both events not to exceed \$550.

Adopted by Voice Vote.

h. Commissioners Moretti and Weaver offered a

Resolution in support, but with Amendments, of Council Bill 18-0716 "Open Government is Good Government Act of 2010"

Whereas, D.C. Code 1-207l.42(a) provides that: "All meetings (including hearings) of any department, agency, board or commission of the District government, including meetings of the Council of the District of Columbia, at which official action of any kind is taken, shall be open to the public. No resolution, rule, act, regulation, or other official action shall be effective unless taken, made or enacted at such meeting."; and

Whereas, in the current D.C. Code, "at which official action of any kind is taken," is not defined, and is generally interpreted to refer only to meetings where decisions are made and votes taken; and

Whereas Councilmember Muriel Bowser (D-Ward 4) has introduced Council Bill 18-0716, the Open Government is Good Government Act of 2010;

Whereas, while Council Bill 18-0716 attempts to make D.C. government more open, it also creates a list of exceptions and loopholes to the open meetings requirements that have the potential to render the legislation ineffective and meaningless.

No Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC1C) supports Council Bill 18-0716 the "Open Government is Good Government Act of 2010" provided that the following exceptions and loopholes are removed from the legislation:

- A) Section d(2)(B) — Contract negotiations for acquisition or sale of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease;*
- B) Section d(2) (C) — Negotiating incentives relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the District of Columbia, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body; and*
- C) Section d(2)(E)—Planning, discussing or conducting specific collective bargaining negotiations;*
- D) Section d(2)(J)—Discussion of disciplinary matters by the D.C. Board of Medicine, unless the licensee requests an open meeting; and*
- E) Section d(2)(L)—Discussion of any proprietary or confidential information; and that ANC 1C will submit a statement on behalf of 1C*

Therefore be it Finally Resolved that; ANC 1C provide written testimony to explain and amplify why these exceptions and loopholes should be removed from their legislation.

Adopted by Roll Call Vote: Aye-7; 0-Nay; 0-Abstentions

i. Commissioner Shia offered a *Motion to authorize Chris Otten as the ANC1c alternate to the BID*. The motion was seconded and discussed, and adopted by a voice vote.

j. Commissioner Shia offered a *Motion to protest Shwarma King's application for an alcohol license based on peace, order and quiet*. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Shia made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and the meeting ended at 11:34 p.m.