



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of May 5, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on May 5, 2010 at Mary's Center. 1C Chairman Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Approximately 40 members of the public attended.

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

I. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Shia showed Washington At Home, a book about Washington neighborhoods, including Adams Morgan, recently published by the director of DC Cultural Tourism.

Commissioner Reynolds reminded the commissioners of the planned "meet and greet" outside Safeway on May 15th from 11 to 2 pm.

Commissioner Otten announced that ANC1B was meeting the following day at the Reeves Center; 1D meets on the 18th at La Casa in Mt. Pleasant; the DC Social Forum meets on the 15th from 9:30-4:00 at the Plymouth Congregational Church; and at noon on the 17th. DC Jobs with Justice is having a rally to make banks pay their full share.

II. MPD and FEMS Reports

a. MPD Report

Acting Lieutenant Trinette Greene reported violent crime is down and property crime is up, especially theft from autos.

She reported that there is a big investigation under way regarding the fake ID sellers, and two people were arrested today May 5th. She could give no more details due to the ongoing investigation.

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

b. FEMS Report

Captain Larry Chapman reported an increase in activity in the past 30 days with 260 alarms. Captain Chapman informed the public about fire extinguishers and the need to have them in the home. Water extinguishers are better with rapidly burning material; the other type is dry power or CO2 extinguishers. He suggested giving the extinguisher a little shake each month; by giving a shake, you keep the powder moving. Also keep an eye on the gauge and be sure it's in the green.

Captain Chapman said the Fire Department will inspect and install child safety seats.

III. Public Announcements

Linda Softli announced that the Census is still in progress and the enumerators are out knocking on doors to complete forms for households not

responding.

A representative from the Office of the People's Council announced that by September 2010, there will be no more use of old Pepco meters; the new digital "smart" meters will be in use. Digital meters help monitor usage on a daily basis, and readings are done remotely. Citizens can call the Office of the People's Counsel to get a presentation from PEPCO on the new meters. The phone number is 202-727-3071.

IV. Guest Speaker Department of Parks and Recreation Acting Director Jesus Aguirre

Acting Director Aguirre said that this is the busiest time of year for DPR repairing summer camps, swimming pools, and preparing for other recreational needs for the summer. Pools will open on Memorial Day weekend, and open daily after schools close in June.

Question #1: Regarding the lack of equipment upkeep at the Columbia Heights Recreation Center. The Senior Wellness Class has been stymied by broken equipment. Dir. Aguirre said that DPR is looking into a comprehensive citywide response to this problem. DPR will be purchasing a citywide contract for the upkeep of equipment in all fitness centers. He said the Columbia Heights Recreation Center equipment was supposed to be fixed today, but will be fixed no later than tomorrow.

Question #2: Happy Hollow, the small toddler swimming pool in the Marie Reed Complex. Director Aguirre said Happy Hollow will be back on line this summer.

Question #3: Exterior improvements to the Parks and Recreation facilities. Donny Gonzalez from OPEFM (Office of Public Education Facilities Management) reported that his office is looking at replacing the doors of the DPR Recreation Center at Marie Reed, and is trying to identify the funds now.

Question #4: Will there be fenestration (windows) returned to the Marie Reed Pool? Dir. Aguirre said yes there will be.

Question #5: The playing field at Marie Reed kicks up a tremendous amount of dust in a good wind, and the entire field needs to be repaired. Donny Gonzalez answered that this will cost a tremendous amount of money, and they plan to fix it when the school gets modernized in more than a few years from now.

Question #6: Kalorama Park. Commissioner Otten expressed frustration with the lack of DPR's institutional memory, i.e., Aguirre is the 9th director in 10 years. Director Aguirre admitted there is more money for capital improvements than there is for maintenance, and Kalorama Park needs more maintenance.

Question #7: Commissioner Moretti asked the acting director how he could assure promises made now will be upheld when a new director comes in. Director Aguirre said as far as he's concerned, he's here to stay, and he tries not to make promises that don't make sense.

The Acting Director Aguirre then took a few questions from the public.

V. Presentation by WASA

Mr. Mujahid Ali (sp?) of WASA is the supervisor of construction for DC WASA (Water and Sewer Agency). He introduced his team that will be working on a project in the neighborhood starting in June that will impact heavily on SMD 04. As part of a capital improvements program, twelve inches and smaller water mains are being replaced with modern material to make the system stronger and more reliable. They will be installing new pipes on Adams Mill Road from Clydesdale to Lanier. They will have a traffic plan, the closing of streets and some restrictions on parking. Construction will start in mid June, after permits are finalized. A project information sheet will be delivered to homes and

businesses in the area, and there will also be a public notice to come out two weeks before construction. Three days before parking restrictions go into effect, there will be notices posted. There will be 48-hour advance notice when the water will be turned off. WASA requests to be informed when and if the contractor is not performing well.

They will request a small staging area, depending on what DDOT allows. There are no road closure plans. However, they reach out to them and understand what impact the construction will have on Engine Company 21.

Alan Roth, a Board Member of WASA, expressed hope in the outreach planned for this project. He said this is part of a \$3.7 billion project, and there are substantial rate increases to come.

VI. Officers Reports

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

Treasurer – Commissioner Boettrich made a motion *that the April financial report be accepted*. It was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Boettrich made a motion that the second quarter of 2010 quarterly report be approved. It's all in order. It was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Boettrich made a motion to replace the current signatories on the second BB&T account with the 2010 members of the executive committee. We will keep the account "just in case". The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

VII. Committee Reports

a. ABC & Public Safety

1. Commissioner Mindy Moretti announced the next meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee will be on May 12th at 7pm at Kalorama Recreation Center.

2. Commissioner Moretti made a motion to protest the entertainment endorsement of Muzette (2305 18th Street, NW), based on adverse affect of peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by a voice vote.

b. Public Services Committee

1. Commissioner Nancy Shia announced the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be on May 26^h at 7pm at Kalorama Recreation Center.

2. Commissioner Shia offered a motion to support the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District Saturday Afternoon Concert Series

Motion to support by a letter from the ANC1c Chairman the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District Saturday afternoon Concert Series to be held during six weeks from early June through mid July in the southwest plaza at 18th & Columbia, contingent on support from the commissioner whose SMD lies wherein the series is planned.

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

3. Commissioner Shia offered a resolution to put trashcans for recyclables along the 1600 –1800 blocks of Columbia Road.

Whereas Columbia Road Northwest in Adams Morgan has a large number of carry out and eat in establishments.

Whereas, these establishments sell a lot of beverages in recyclable containers;

Whereas these containers often end up on the street or commingled with general trash containers on the street;

Now therefore be it resolved that Adams Morgan begin recycling street trash, with the installation of appropriate recycling containers, installed by the Department of Public Works to recycle bottles and cans, glass, aluminum and plastic.

Be it further resolved that the new recycling containers will be maintained by the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District;

And be it further resolved that to facilitate the AMPBID's ability to service the recycling cans, the Mayor of the District of Columbia continue to fund the Business Improvement District (BID) Litter Cleanup Assistance Fund Establishment Act of 2007 authorized under the Budget Support Act Resolution, Subtitle J, Section 6091 and funded through the Department of Public Works (DPW), to its full funding for fiscal year 2011.

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

c. Planning Zoning and Transportation Committee

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee will be on Monday May 7th at the Kalorama Recreation Center at 7pm. They will look at speed bumps, pedestrian safety with representatives of DDOT.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioners Boettrich and Moye presented a resolution in opposition of the Second Amendment enforcement Act.

WHEREAS, S. 3265/H.R. 5150, the Second Amendment Enforcement Act, was introduced by Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Jon Tester (D-MT), and Rep. Travis Childers (D-MS), and would eliminate the ability of the D.C. government to regulate guns; and

WHEREAS, the bill sponsors argue that the purpose of the measure is to "ensure" that D.C. enforces the 2008 U.S. Supreme Court decision District of Columbia v. Heller, which overturned D.C.'s longstanding handgun ban, but also declared that states and localities could regulate gun ownership as long as those regulations were not unduly burdensome to individuals; and

WHEREAS, the D.C. Council passed new legislation to comply with the Heller decision, including a gun registration system, a requirement that guns kept in the home be stored unloaded and secured, and banned some semiautomatic weapons;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s new laws have thus far withstood legal challenge in federal court and are supported as common sense by a majority of DC residents; and

WHEREAS, Senators McCain and Tester and Rep. Childers are not residents of the District of Columbia and would likely be strongly opposed to any attempts by elected officials in D.C. to impose any kind of gun controls in their respective states; and

WHEREAS, Senator McCain was actually a supporter of gun control for many years before switching to his current position of no regulation over guns; a switch that happens to coincide with McCain's tough reelection battle in Arizona this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C opposes McCain/Tester/Childers measure and supports maintaining the common sense gun regulations enacted by the D.C. Council in response to the Heller decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C respectfully requests that Senators and Representatives withdraw their respective bills and respect the right of the people of the District of Columbia – as we respect the people of Arizona, Mississippi, and Montana – to be free to choose their own gun regulations.

It was seconded and adopted by a voice vote.

- b. Commissioner Moretti offered a motion to protest Timerhi alcohol license substantial change

Motion that ANC 1C protest the Entertainment Endorsement for Timerhi (2439 18th Street, NW – the basement level) based on the adverse affects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood.

It was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

- c. Commissioner Shia made

A motion to accept the voluntary agreement between Shawarma King (1654 Columbia Road, NW) and ANC1C.

The motion was passed by a voice vote, and the agreement was signed immediately between the Shawarma King's owner and ANC1c by Commissioner Shia.

- d. Commissioner Reynolds offered a resolution to suspend valet parking on the 2300 and 2400 blocks of 18th Street, NW during reconstruction of 18th Street, NW.

Reconstruction of 18th St., NW.

Whereas; the reconstruction of the Adams Morgan portion of 18th St., NW is scheduled to commence in July, 2010, and

Whereas; the reconstruction of the 2300/2400 portion of 18th St., NW is scheduled to commence in December, 2010, and

Whereas; one valet license is registered to 2424 18th St., NW on the 2400 block of 18th St., NW; and

Whereas; a second provisional license is registered to 2477 18th St., NW on the 2400 block of 18th St., NW, and

Whereas; the reconstruction of 18th St., NW on the 2300/2400 block of 18th St. will require valet operator to cease valet parking, and

Whereas; the new design of the 2300/2400 block of 18th St. will be reconfigured, and

Whereas; this new design may pose unforeseen obstacles or impediments to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and

Whereas; Valet Parking Licensing is administered by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDoT); Public Space Permit Branch,

Now be it Resolved; Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C of Adams Morgan Requests the District Department to Transportation; Public Space Permit Branch to establish guidelines for the suspension and possible resumption of valet parking permits in the 2300/2400 block of 18th St., NW, and

Further Resolved; that valet operations, permanent and provisional be allowed to operate until notice of revocation is provided to the valet permit holder, and

Further Resolved; Once construction for the 18th Street Streetscape Project commences on the 2300/2400 block of 18th St. all valet parking permits will be revoked by DDOT, and

Further Resolved: That this resolution approves that District Grill at 2477 18th St., NW shall be allowed to operate valet service until notice of revocation, and

Finally Resolved; that these guidelines contain the following components:

- 1) Written notification when a Valet License shall be revoked and date when valet operations are suspended, if the two dates are not the same.*
- 2) Written notification to ANC 1C in a timely manner to approve or deny resumption of any valet operation in the 2300/2400 block of 18th St., NW.*
- 3) Written notification to the Valet License owner granting permission or denial to commence operations.*

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

- e. Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution isponsored by Commissioners Moretti and Weaver in Opposition to Arizona Immigration Law

Whereas, on April 23, 2010 Gov. Jan Brewer signed into law Senate Bill 1070; and

Whereas, SB 1070 allows Arizona's police officers (state and local) to specifically profile Latino residents and request proof of residency, whether or not the person in question is accused of committing any crime; and

Whereas, this new law will have a tremendously negative impact on not only immigrant populations — both legal and illegal — but also on U.S. citizens who may look a certain way; and

Whereas, Councilmember Michael Brown has introduced a "Sense of the Council Arizona Divestment Resolution of 2010"; and

Whereas, under this resolution the District would limit its business dealings with the state of Arizona and no employee or contractor with the District of Columbia would use District funds to travel to Arizona; and

Whereas, the District of Columbia has strong ties to its own Latino community; and

Whereas, 39 percent of Latinos living in Washington live in Ward One.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) expresses its greatest opposition to the new Arizona law; and

Be It Further Resolved, that ANC1C urges the Council of the District of Columbia to approve the "Sense of the Council Arizona Divestment Resolution of 2010" as quickly as possible;

Be It Further Resolved, that ANC1C urges the Council of the District of Columbia to include a provision in the resolution preventing the city from doing business with Arizona-based companies; and

Be It Further Resolved, that ANC1C urges the Mayor and all District agencies to implement this ban as quickly as possible; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that ANC1C urges residents of Adams Morgan, Ward One and all of D.C. to consider limiting their personal business with the state of Arizona or companies doing business in the state of Arizona.

It was seconded, discussed and passed voice vote.

- f. Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution sponsored by Commissioners Moretti and Weaver: *Resolution to Temporarily Amend Voluntary Agreements for 2010 World Cup.*

Whereas, the 2010 World Cup is scheduled for June 11- July 11; and

Whereas, due to the time difference between the District and the host nation of South Africa, games will be played at 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and

Whereas many ABC establishments within the boundaries of ANC1C have Voluntary Agreements with ANC1C, or joint Voluntary Agreements with the Kalorama Citizens Association and/or the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association that limit hours of operation; and

Whereas ABRA is allowing establishments to apply for one-day substantial changes throughout the entire tournament.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) agrees to temporarily amend all of its existing Voluntary Agreements, that limit hours, from June 11 through July 11 to allow establishments to open as early as 7 a.m. (alcohol service beginning at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday), provided the following:

1) The establishment applies for the required special exceptions with the Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration;

2) For establishments that have food requirements, either via license class or through an existing VA, make every effort to serve food; and

4) This temporary amendment does not apply to any outdoor seating areas, which will remain governed by the provisions in the existing Voluntary Agreements.

It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote

- g. Commissioner Mindy Moretti proposed a resolution sponsored by Commissioners Moretti and Weaver; that ANC1C support Council Bill "Secure Communities Act of 2010"

Whereas, the Council of the District of Columbia, on May 4, 2010 introduced the "Secure Communities Act of 2010" (no bill number yet assigned); and

Whereas, the Bill would prevent the Metropolitan Police Department from transmitting arrest data—personal information and fingerprints—to Immigration and Customs Enforcement under authority of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and

Whereas, on February 3, 2010 the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) unanimously approved a resolution opposing the District of Columbia 's participation in the "Secure Communities" program; and

Whereas, Secure Communities sets the stage for racial profiling. As the program is currently designed, a police officer can make a pre-textual arrest and later drop the charges, but an individual could still be placed into deportation proceedings; and

Whereas, in fact the vast majority of those identified under the program are people arrested for minor violations. During its first year, DHS reported that it "identified more than 111,000 criminal aliens in local custody," but of those, 100,000 were charged or convicted of level 2 and 3 crimes, which includes property crimes and traffic offenses; and

Whereas, in an immigrant-rich community like Adams Morgan MPD will be view by local immigrant residents as immigration agents, and could have a chilling effect on local public safety. Few immigrants will report a crime, or cooperate as a witness, when they or a loved one might be deported for doing a good deed.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) reaffirms its extreme opposition to the District of Columbia 's participation in the Secure Communities program; and

Be It Further Resolved, that ANC1C supports the "Secure Communities

Act of 2010” and encourages its swift passage through the Council of the District of Columbia; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor of the District of Columbia sign the approved legislation into law without delay; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that should Mayor veto the legislation, ANC1C strongly urges the Council of the District of Columbia to act with haste to override the mayoral veto.

It was seconded and discussed and passed by a voice vote.

h. Motion to Purchase Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C Banner

Commissioner Reynolds offered the motion that that ANC 1C approve the expenditure of up to \$300 for the purchase of a banner identifying Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C. Banner is for use at indoor and outdoor ANC 1C sponsored events and Public Forums to identify participation and or sponsorship by ANC 1C. Banner to read: ‘Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C of Adams Morgan’.

It was seconded and passed by voice vote.

i. Motion For Reimbursement for Copy Services for Library Study

Motion by Commissioner Reynolds is hereby made to reimburse architect Robert Nichols \$121.66 for copying expenses incurred in reproducing ANC 1C Library Study based on submitted invoice.

It was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Boettrich made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and the meeting ended at 9:58 p.m.