



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**

### **Adams Morgan**

#### **Minutes of September 1, 2010**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on September 1, 2010 at Mary's Center. 1C Chairman Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Approximately 40 members of the public were in attendance at the start, growing to approximately 70 throughout the meeting.

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

#### **I. Officers Reports**

**Chairman's Report** Commissioner Reynolds reported on the successful outreach event at Harris Teeter in June.

**Secretary's Report** Commissioner Shia presented the June and July minutes for approval. Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC1c adopt the June minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted by a voice vote. Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC 1c adopt the July minutes for approval. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

**Treasurer** – Commissioner Boettrich made a motion that the July treasurer's report be accepted. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote. Commissioner Boettrich made a motion that the August treasurer's report be accepted. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

#### **II. Commissioner Announcements**

Commissioner Moye announced that early voting has started at the DC Board of Elections and Ethics. The Board of Elections has a website with excellent information about early voting.

#### **III. MPD and FEMS Reports**

Officer Daniel Baez reported for MPD. Sergeant Trinette Greene was called away to deal with an accident involving another officer. There was an arrest in the gang-style murder on Mozart Street. Commissioner Otten inquired about whether MPD was giving tickets to dog owners in Kalorama Park for off leash violations. Officer Baez responded that they have given some citations for this infraction, but not many. Resident Eddie Becker inquired about the presence of after-hours bars operating in the neighborhood. Officer Baez said he had not heard of any in PSA 303.

Captain Chapman of Engine Company #21 was unavailable to present a report.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

Lisa Duperier and David, an Adams Morgan Main Street intern reported on Adams Morgan Day. Eddie Becker inquired about how much money was raised in last year's Adams Morgan Day Festival and which neighborhood charities received contributions from the festival's earnings. Lisa informed that the festival barely broke even last year. Jim Nixon informed that he asked the same questions last

year and was informed that the information would be on the Main Street website, but he never found it there.

Adam Eiding, president of the Board of DC Patients Cooperative, encouraged the ANC to weigh in before the comment period on the proposed rules for medical marijuana dispensaries. The comment period expires on September 19<sup>th</sup>. He asked permission to give a more detailed presentation to the commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting in October.

Evan Waldt, a project leader for City Year, an Americorps nonprofit, announced a September 11<sup>th</sup> working day with the Marie Reed Learning Center. He has 100 spots for volunteers to fill for this event.

Maria Gomez, director of the Mary Center, welcomed everyone to Mary Center and thanked the ANC for supporting Mary Center.

A volunteer for Miriam's Kitchen in Foggy Bottom announced the annual Help the Homeless Walkathon, [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org).

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Moretti announced that the next meeting of ABC & Public Safety Committee will be Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center. Lieutenant Kutniewski is back.

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

1. Commissioner Shia announced the next meeting of the Public Services and Environment Committee would be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kalorama Recreation Center at 7pm
2. Commissioners Shia and Reynolds offered a motion regarding the use of Unity Park as a vendors' market.

*Resolution Regarding Office of Latino Affairs (OLA) Incubator Microbusiness Program at Unity Park*

*Whereas in October of 2008 ANC 1C voted in support of the Office of Latino Affairs establishing an incubator microbusiness program at [Unity Park in Adams Morgan](#); and*

*Whereas the District Department of [Parks and Recreation](#) has with great foresight and cooperation allowed this program to be established at the location known as Unity Park in Adams Morgan at the intersections of Columbia Road, Euclid Street and Champlain Street; and*

*Whereas this program has provided a legal, regulated, sanctioned program for vendors to become productive, compliant, and tax paying small businesses; and*

*Whereas this program provides affordable food and crafts of services to those of low income and others; and*

*Whereas, OLA is seeking community input to continue this program in FY 2011; and*

*Whereas, ANC 1C wishes to take a position on this program:*

*Now therefore be it resolved,*

*[Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C](#) does strongly support and encourage OLA to continue the Incubator Microbusiness Program at Unity Park; and Further Resolved,*

*Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C does strongly support and encourage the District Department of Parks and Recreation to continue cooperation with OLA to continue this program by renewing the [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) for FY 2011;*

*And Further Resolved, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C does request and advise OLA to adhere and provide assurance of the following:*

- 1) That [proper Department of Health](#) licensing and inspections, including the posting of such licenses are complied with;
- 2) Confirmation that vendors benefiting from this program are bone fide, confirmed District of Columbia residents.
- 3) Assurance that this is indeed an incubator program and not a permanent subsidy. That participation in this program carries clear objectives and time limitations to

vendors with the assurance that other, new people can be given the opportunity of the incubator microbusiness program.

*And Further Resolved.*

*Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C congratulates both the District Office of Latino Affairs and the Department of Parks and Recreation for the creation of a program that removes illegal vending operations and provides individuals and opportunity for entrepreneurial individuals to improve their lives while adding to the diversity of the [Adams Morgan Community](#); and Further Resolved*

*Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C does recommend to OLA that the success of this program be built on by seeking additional locations in Ward One to expand and establish other new and diverse continuing markets in other communities in Ward One; and be it Finally Resolved*

*This Resolution be communicated to the Mayor, the Office of Latino Affairs, DPR and Councilmember Jim Graham as an expression of support by ANC 1C for this program.*

*So moved:*

*September 1, 2010*

The resolution was seconded and opened for discussion. Commissioner Reynolds offered two amendments to the resolution.

- 4) *That trash removal would be instituted at the end of the workday, each day.*
- 5) *That the vendors' vehicles will adhere to DC parking regulations.*

A roll call vote was called on #4, the first of the two amendments, and was passed: 4 to 2, Moye, aye; Otten, aye, Moretti, no; Shia, no; Reynolds, aye; Boettrich, aye.

The resolution was discussed by commissioners, and then opened to the public. Pat Patrick, neighborhood real estate broker claimed the market is unfair to the businesses. Kathy, a resident, said where is the hard data to back up the assertions that businesses were losing money. Owner of Pollo Granjero spoke saying the government of DC is punishing him and other small business owners. Arianne Bennett, owner of Amsterdam Felafel, said, "There are better ways to train people to run a business; It's a bad model." Other speakers include, Ernesto Giron, owner of Churreria Madrid, Alex of Sarah's Circle, Oralia Puentes a neighborhood home owner, Brian Aviles, a neighborhood resident. Kristen Barden, director of the Adams Morgan BID, told about the stakeholders meeting, and said she will continue the process. Commissioner Shia requested that the next meeting not be disrupted by the same two individuals who continued to disrupt the meetings.

George Escobar, assistant director of the Office of Latino Affairs, spoke and explained the program, and its history, and said that the new agency to manage it is the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. They are working out the kinks with the parking and the garbage. We are all waiting on DPR to sign the MOU.

Commissioner Moretti called the question after an hour of discussion had passed. A voice vote was called and it was unanimous, 6 ayes, no nays. Voting: Cmsrs Moye, Moretti, Otten, Shia, Reynolds, Boettrich

After the question was called and the vote taken, Pat Patrick and Tony DePass objected and tried to reopen it. They left the meeting in a boisterous and disruptive manner, including threats.

3. Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC 1c support a grant of \$1,000 to Sarah's Circle to help pay for a rug in the common room where many a meeting happens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boettrich. The motion was passed by unanimously by a voice vote.

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

1. Commissioner Reynolds offered a motion in Support of BZA Case #18118 in re: 1711 Florida Avenue NW.

*Motion is made that ANC 1C support application for an animal boarding and grooming facility (Dogs By Day) at 1711 Florida Ave., NW. Furthermore, that this application satisfies the requirements of Sections 735, 736, and 3104.1 of the Zoning Regulations. ANC 1C grants this support with the*

following conditions:

1) Patrons arriving by automobile will be instructed of parking options, both public and private by:  
-Signage inside the premises.  
-Electronically, such as on a web site.  
-On a voice message machine.  
-In printed materials.

2) Lighting shall be limited to background area lighting and excluding the use of spot lights, neon lights or flashing lights.

So moved.

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

3. Commissioner Reynolds offered a resolution recommending alternatives for temporary placement of valet staging areas during the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction:

*Resolution Recommending Alternatives for Temporary Placement of Valet Staging Areas During the 18th Street Reconstruction*

Whereas, on May 5, 2010 ANC 1C did adopt a resolution regulating *Valet Parking* operations during and after the 18th Street reconstruction; and

Whereas the May 5 Resolution is included for reference in this Resolution (below); and

Whereas the Resolution adopted on May 5 did request that the Public Space Permit Branch of the *District Department of Transportation* to establish guidelines for provisional locations for displaced valet operations, due to construction; and

Whereas ANC 1C does support continued valet operations for at least one and preferably both sides of the 18th St. corridor during reconstruction; and

Whereas ANC 1C does wish to share recommended temporary locations as preferred locations for temporary valet operations on the 2300 and 2400 block of 19th St., NW, during reconstruction;

Now Be It Resolved;

ANC 1C does recommend the following locations for use as provisional locations.

West Side of the 2300/2400 block of 18th St.:

At 2446 18th St., NW or established Loading Zone on the West side of the 2300/2400 block of 18th St.

East Side of 2300/2400 block of 18th St.

2459 18th St., NW or established Loading Zone on the East side of the 2300/2400 block of 18th St.

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

## **VI NEW BUSINESS**

1. Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support location of a Smart Bike Kiosk at 18<sup>th</sup> and Columbia NW.

*Whereas the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) recently introduced Capital Bikeshare to the District of Columbia; and*

*Whereas Capital Bikeshare is a unique bike-sharing system that allows members to borrow and return bikes to different locations throughout the city; and*

*Whereas Capital Bikeshare replaces the successful SmartBikeDC and will be a regional system and provide more bikes from more stations (approximately 1100 bikes from 114 stations); and*

*Whereas, the stations are solar powered and use wireless technology to allow for easy installation and adjustments, and;*

*Whereas in October 2008 ANC1C supported locating a bike-sharing station in Adams Morgan; and*

*Whereas, the large public space, owned by the District of Columbia, at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> and Columbia is best suited for the placement of a bike-sharing station; and*

*Whereas, locating a bike-sharing station in Adams Morgan will help draw visitors to our neighborhood businesses.*

*Now Therefore be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission supports the DC Department of Transportation's plan to bring Capital Bikeshare to Adams Morgan; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1c supports the placement of the first bike-sharing station at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> and Columbia on the northeast side of the intersection (the kiosk plaza); and*

*Be It Finally Resolved that ANC1C encourages DDOT to find other additional locations within the boundaries of ANC1C.*

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

2. Commissioner Shia made a motion to support the Adams-Oyster 5k Run, scheduled to come through Adams Morgan on Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by a voice vote.

3. Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC1C protest the ABRA license application of El Nuevo Migueleno at 1721 Columbia Road, NW to have an outdoor café. Commissioner Moretti seconded it. The motion was discussed and passed by a voice vote.

4. Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution in support of MuralsDC Mural in Safeway Alley.

*Whereas, the alley that runs parallel to Columbia Road, NW and Lanier Place, NW has a long-standing problem with graffiti and crime, and*

*Whereas, MuralsDC is an effort to replace illegal graffiti with artistic works to revitalize sites within the community and to teach young people the art of aerosol painting; and*

*Whereas, murals have been known to deter graffiti; and*

*Whereas, the Safeway corporation has granted the city permission to paint a mural on its property, and*

*Whereas, as part of its outreach MuralsDC will survey the surrounding community gather their support/input for the project*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) supports locating a MuralsDC mural on the back wall of Safeway in the "Safeway Alley;" and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C's support is contingent upon the positive response from the public outreach.*

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

5. Commissioner Moye made a motion to support the Fifth Annual Walk for the Animals. It was seconded by Commissioner Boettrich and discussed. It will be Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Marie Reed Learning Center. It was passed unanimously by a voice vote.

6 Commissioner Shia made a

*motion that ANC 1C submit comment on the Medical Marijuana Program before the September 20, 2010 comment period deadline, stating that this program should be solely under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health; ABRA should have no control over the Medical Marijuana Program; and that licensing should be done on merit, rather than first come first served basis.*

It was seconded and discussed and passed by a voice vote: Moye, abstain; Otten, aye; Moretti, aye; Shia, Aye; Reynolds, nay; Boettrich, aye.

7. Commissioner Shia made a motion to receive reimbursement for \$35.54 for expenses incurred in posting flyers for the forum in June. It was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and the meeting ended at 10:12 p.m.