



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of November 3, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on November 3, 2010 at Mary's Center. 1C Chairman Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Approximately 40 members of the public were in attendance.

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).

MPD and FEMS Reports

Officer Balthazar reported for MPD. Robberies and ADWs are up. Officer Kurtz made an arrest for forged documents. MPD has increased patrols at Girard and 14 Streets and at 17 and Euclid Streets, after the murder near U Street. MPD is still looking for a second person they believe was involved in the murder. The MPD gang intelligence unit believes the 1-7 crew is under 30 members. Update on the vehicular homicide at 18 & U, the driver has been charged with negligent homicide as well as DUI.

Captain Larry Chapman of Engine Company #21 introduced Battalion Chief Rob Callahan. Captain Chapman reported that Engine Company #28 near Porter Street and Connecticut Avenue will be relocating to Engine Company #21 while their station gets renovated. The renovations will last from 12 to 24 months. That will put some parking pressures on the neighborhood, and Captain Chapman says that if anyone has problems, please go to Captain Chapman. He also mentioned the 16th Street fire at Sarbin Towers and was aware of the deaths involved. He mentioned the safety of the firemen are also a priority and spoke of the ideal situation for fires is to have a fire truck at the front and rear of the building. An investigation of this fire is ongoing.

Captain Chapman's words of wisdom for this month were: The time changes this weekend. That means it's time to change the batteries in your smoke detector. With the colder weather coming on, know that kerosene heaters are illegal, and when using space heaters, keep them away from flammable materials. When having your fireplace cleaned, be sure it is by a

professional.

Officers Reports

Chairman Wilson Reynolds reported on a successful recycling day on October 23rd at the Marie Reed Learning Center. There was a new participant this time, the Fat Worm, a composting service.

Secretary Nancy Shia moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Otten announced two events at the Belmont House.

Commissioner Weaver recognized three commissioners-elect in the audience, Olivier Kamanda (1C03), Marty Davis (1C02), and Steve Lanning (1C06).

Commissioner Moretti spoke about complaints about the noise coming from the National Zoo, and the Zoo has issued a formal apology.

Update on 18th Street Reconstruction—DDOT Community Liaison

Karyn LeBlanc with DDoT introduced Tom Pipkin, the DDoT Liaison to the 18th Streetscape Construction project and Monica Hernandez, who works for DDoT overseeing public outreach. There will be an office on 18th street. DDoT is also working on the website for the project. Their goal is to be as open and transparent as possible. The website is www.adamsmorganstreetscapeproject.com. The contract has been awarded to CKI Associates.

Public Comments

Neighbor of Stroga told of the nightclub atmosphere of the yoga studio. Commissioner Moretti said that ABRA and MPD are working on the situation because they know it is a huge problem. The caterer has a license. Commissioner Weaver noted that the front is being used as a balcony, and they are building a deck with no building permits. The building itself is designated historic and they have not gone through historic preservation in making changes to it. Commissioner Reynolds noted that the people using Stroga for a nightclub were also running a valet parking service out of a public traffic area.

Kristen Barden, Director of the Adams Morgan BID, announced new postcards with the BID cohosting a video installation event on Friday and Saturday night in back of the Suntrust bank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC & Public Safety

The next meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee will be on November 10 at 7pm in Kalorama Recreation Center.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C accept the joint voluntary agreement between the Kalorama Citizens Association, ANC1C and Muzette as agreed to by the parties involved. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C protest the substantial change to the license at 1801 Belmont Road for Wok and Roll, License No. 085783 based on adverse effects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to amend the voluntary agreement cooperative agreement concerning transfer and substantial change of ABC License for sale of alcoholic beverages. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Public Services and Environment Committee

The next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be on November 30th at 6:45 PM. The Committee will be holding a Forum on Rats on the same evening at the Festival center at 1640 Columbia Road NW.

Commissioner Shia made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$100 for the Forum on Rats, to pay for the room at the Festival Center and for publicity for the Forum on Rats. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC1C support BZA application #18141 and recommends approval of application by Jubilee Housing LLC, pursuant to 11DCMR. Section 3103.2 for variance from the floor area requirements under Section 771.2 to construct additions to the existing building and to use the entire building and additions for office use at 2448 18th Street NW. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Moye, yes

Commissioner Otten, yes

Commissioner Weaver, yes

Commissioner Moretti, yes

Commissioner Shia, yes

Commissioner Reynolds, yes

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC1C recommend to the DDoT Public Space Committee opposition to any use of public space on the 1900 block of 19th Street, NW for the construction of an ADA lift or for any other purpose and also to oppose the removal of any trees on that block. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

New Business

1 Commissioners Moretti (1c04) and Weaver (1c03) offered the following resolution:

Resolution of appreciation and support for

Howard University Anthropology faculty and students

Whereas, Howard University President Sidney A. Ribeau, Ph.D., has recommended that the University close its anthropology major and stop granting anthropology degrees, and University officials will make a final decision on this matter in December 2010; and

Whereas, since 2005 Howard University Anthropology Professor Mark Mack and Howard University anthropology students have worked with the Adams Morgan Community to preserve and protect two nearly forgotten cemeteries in Walter C. Pierce Community Park, including a small Quaker burial ground founded in 1807 and the Mt. Pleasant Plains Cemetery, where more than 8,000 African American citizens were buried between 1871 and 1890; and

Whereas, the Walter Pierce cemeteries were once honored burying grounds that became dishonored in the 20th Century as a result of economic-development pressures and social injustice; and

Whereas, Professor Mack and his students have raised public awareness of the importance of the cemeteries through extensive anthropological fieldwork, historic research, and regular public events; and

Whereas, the grassroots-driven, academically-supported Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project has been covered by The Washington Post, Current Newspapers, National Public Radio and other media outlets; has received support from the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C), Washington, D.C. Humanities Council, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, Friends of Walter Pierce Park, Washington Parks & People, and the Council of the District of Columbia; has been granted the D.C. Mayor's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation; and has been recognized by the American Anthropological Association as a unique, public-service-oriented effort; and

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Whereas, Professor Mark Mack and his students through non-invasive means have identified the exposed remains of at least nine individuals in Walter Pierce Park, have located vulnerable graves in other parts of the park, and have documented the names of 8,428 burials in the Mt. Pleasant Plains and Quaker cemeteries; and

Whereas, the protection of African American and Quaker graves in Walter Pierce Park could not be accomplished without the expertise and dedication of Professor Mark Mack, his students and other Howard University anthropologists; and

Whereas, the central participation of Professor Mark Mack and his anthropology students in the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project fulfills Howard University's core mission of "sustaining a cadre of faculty who, through their teaching and research, are committed to the development of distinguished and compassionate graduates and to the quest of solutions to human and social problems in the United States and throughout the world;"

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission expresses its sincere appreciation for the public service performed by Professor Mark Mack, his students and other Howard University anthropologists working on the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project since 2005; and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C urges Howard University President Sidney A. Ribeau, Ph.D., to reconsider his recommendation that the University discontinue its anthropology program; and

Be It Finally Resolved that ANC1C supports the continuation of anthropology as a major field of study at Howard University and for it to continue granting anthropology degrees, given the University's unique qualifications for researching and interpreting African American culture both past and present, particularly in the city of Washington, D.C.

The resolution was passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1c strongly urge ABRA to work with the community to come up with a solution to the situation at 1808 Adams Mill Road. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Otten made a motion that ANC 1C write a letter and submit a Freedom of Information Act request to the Department of Real Estate Services about the Kalorama Park contract, what is the completion date, who are the parties and what is the budget. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Brief discussion about ANC1c having a presentation/forum on the hotel project in the Christian Science Church at Euclid and Champlain Streets. Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1c conduct a forum on the hotel in December. The PZT will undertake selecting a date for the forum. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by everyone and seconded by Commissioner Moye. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 PM.