



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of December 1st, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on December 1, 2010 at Mary's Center. 1C Chairman Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Commissioners Stacey Moye (1C01), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), Chris Otten (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03) Mindy Moretti (1C04) and Kathie Boettrich (1C08). There were approximately 30 members of the public in attendance

FEMS Report

Captain Larry Chapman of Engine Company #21 reported for the Fire Department. The staff changes reported on last month have changed again. There will not be an additional engine company at #21. There will be one additional ambulance in addition to the new one Engine Company #21 received last month, the one that came with a skunk inside.

Captain Chapman's seasonal safety tips include: When burning candles, use common sense; do not leave them unattended or burn near flammable items. Keep Christmas trees moist all the time. They are like bombs when ignited. Do not use a lot to extension cords, and do not put them under carpets or furniture.

Commissioner Otten asked about the different colored rings around fire hydrants. The color refers to the flow capacity. Many hydrants are being retrofitted by DC WASA to a standard fire hydrant thread. Blue means 1500 to 200 gallons per minute or greater; orange means 1000 to 1500 gallons per minute; red means a thousand or less gallons per minute.

Captain Chapman informed that a green band around a hydrant means the hydrant is in service but maintenance is required. A red band means the hydrant is not usable.

MPD Report

The Metropolitan Police Department report was given by Officer Enis Jevric, a patrol officer in PSA 303 (Adams Morgan). Officer Jevric reported that crime trends in the past 30 days show

an overall reduction of 3 percent. Robberies are down.

Commissioner Otten inquired about any update on the police shooting of the dog on Adams Morgan Day. Officer Jevric admitted to no personal knowledge of a report, and said the investigation is still pending. Sergeant Green was detailed out and unable to attend the ANC meeting.

Officers Reports

Chairman Wilson Reynolds reported that this was our last meeting of this commission, and it was his honor and privilege to work with the sitting commissioners.

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

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Treasurer Kathie Boettrich moved to approve the 4th Quarter Report. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Otten announced two holiday parties for local nonprofits, one for Jobs with Justice and one for the Washington Peace Center

Commissioner Moyer wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Weaver announced he met with the construction team about the Italian Embassy project and said they were open and receptive to getting construction jobs and trade jobs for young people in the community. Weaver said between twenty and thirty percent of the people in Jubilee Housing are unemployed. Commissioner Weaver thanked neighborhood resident John Zottoli for his help in this endeavor.

Commissioner Weaver reminded the commission that last month we supported a variance to allow Jubilee Housing to move forward with the BZA hearing regarding 2438 18th Street, NW. He noted that the comment period for this project remains open until December 8th.

Commissioner Moretti reported on her day at ABRA (Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration) today dealing with the issue of Stroga's use of their space as a nightclub. Commissioner Moretti reported on the reopening of the DC9 establishment, where several employees chased down a patron, beat him, and he later died. DC9 will be allowed to reopen under stringent conditions, including the presence of an RDO (reimbursable detailed officer) whenever they are open.

Public Comments

Commissioner-elect Olivier Kamanda informed everyone that over the next few months he will be working with volunteers to craft questions, to do a survey in the neighborhood. If anyone would like to help or has any questions to add, please send them to kamanda@gmail.com.

Larry Homeland spoke about the MetroVoice Youth Entrepreneurs Program, Inc, and asked for support to help identify families and teens who want to participate. For more information,

Metrovoice.com.

Kristen Barden, Executive Director of the Adams Morgan BID, announced the beginning of the Festivus this weekend at the kiosk at 18th and Columbia. This is the third year the BID has done Festivus, where people can post their grievances on 3 sides of the kiosk. On Saturdays at noon, there will be an airing of grievances with town crier. On the second Saturday of the month, the town crier will be Channel 4 Reporter Tom Sherwood.

Lacy Macauley announced the Really Free Market event at the Festival Center on Tuesday, December 14th from 7pm to 10pm. There will be free books, clothes, massage and consultations, sponsored by an organization looking for alternate ways to celebrate the holidays.

Bill Thomas, owner of Bourbon Tavern, thanked Bryan Weaver and Mindy Moretti for their service to the community. Commissioner Reynolds agreed and acknowledged both commissioners extensive work before ABRA on behalf of 1C.

Commissioner Reynolds introduced Alma from Council Member Michael Brown's office. The council member was there at 6pm to address the commission. He is willing to return after the holidays at the appropriate time.

DDot UPDATE ON 18th STREETSCAPE

Tom Pipkin, DDoT's community liaison for the Adams Morgan Streetscape project reported. The reconstruction meeting has not taken place yet. The contract was officially awarded a week and a half ago. The best resource for updates is: AdamsMorganStreetscapeproject.com. There is a box where you can sign up for updates and newsletters.

DDoT has been distributing a flyer, along with PEPCO to most of the businesses on 18th Street. Groundbreaking has not happened yet. The project's office will be in the Old DCCD space, next to the driveway, in the same building as the consignment shop. You will be able to drop in and see the renderings of the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC & Public Safety

The next meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee will be on December 8th at 7pm in Kalorama Recreation Center.

Three ABC establishments are attempting to vacate their voluntary agreements in order to escape the food sales requirement.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C protest the substantial change for Heaven & Hell, which would vacate its existing voluntary agreement based on adverse effects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded and passed by a roll call vote:

Moye (1C01), aye;

Otten (1C02), aye;

Weaver (1C03), aye;

Moretti (1C04), aye;

Shia, (1C06), abstain;

Reynolds (1C07), aye.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C protest the substantial change for the Towne Tavern, which would vacate its existing voluntary agreement based on adverse effects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote:

Moye (1C01), aye;

Otten (1C02), aye;

Weaver (1C03), aye;

Moretti (1C04), aye;

Shia, (1C06), aye;

Reynolds (1C07), aye.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C protest the substantial change for The Reef which would vacate its existing voluntary agreement based on adverse effects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote:

Moye (1C01), aye;

Otten (1C02), aye;

Weaver (1C03), no;

Moretti (1C04), aye;

Shia, (1C06), aye;

Reynolds (1C07), aye.

Owners of Saki and The District currently are running two separate but contiguous businesses and would like to put their ABC license for The District into safekeeping and merge Saki with The District. Saki's license is for a tavern and The District's license is for a restaurant.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) protest the substantial change in license to Saki and The District based on adverse affects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood.

The motion was seconded and passed by a roll call vote:

Moye (1C01), no;

Otten (1C02), aye;

Weaver (1C03), aye;

Moretti (1C04), aye;

Shia, (1C06), no;

Reynolds (1C07), aye.

In order to help ANC 1C handle the legal work involved in the aforementioned motions, Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC 1C allot up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for attorney's fees to help deal with the ABC licensees applications to vacate their voluntary agreements.

The motion was seconded and passed by a roll call vote:

Moye (1C01), aye;

Otten (1C02), aye;

Weaver (1C03), aye;

Moretti (1C04), aye;

Shia, (1C06), aye;

Reynolds (1C07), aye.

Public Services Committee

The next and last meeting of the Public Services Committee of this commission term will be held on December 15th at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC 1C support the National Marathon and the marathon's route through Adams Morgan on March 26th, 2011. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Commissioner Moretti presented the following resolution:

Resolution to Request a Catered Site Protest Hearing for 1808 Adams Mill Road

Whereas, since late September 2010 1808 Adams Mill Road, NW has been hosting catered events every Friday night, most Saturday nights and the occasional Sunday afternoon and weeknight; and

Whereas, during many catered events at 1808 Adams Mill Road, NW, large crowds amass and block the public sidewalk in front of the location for other citizens to use; and

Whereas, caterers and bands have created an safety hazard by blocking the public alley in order to load and unload their vehicles; and

Whereas, the frequent events at the location employ live music until as late at 3 a.m. With no restriction; and

Whereas, large crowds gather on two outdoor balconies until late into the night carrying on loud conversations and on occasion being witnessed dropping items onto the sidewalk below; and

Whereas, using this location each and every weekend night for catered events creates an adverse effect on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) respectfully requests that the Alcohol Beverage Control Board convene a Catered Site Protest Hearing for 1808 Adams Mill Road, NW.

The Resolution was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

2 Commissioner Moretti made a motion to accept the joint voluntary agreement between ANC 1C, the Kalorama Citizens Association and Wok 'n Roll at 1801 Kalorama Road, NW.

The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

3 Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to protest the Public Space committee decision regarding the Hilton Hotel ramp. The motion was seconded, and after a long discussion of how ANC 1C got to the position to need this motion, the motion was passed by a voice vote.

4 After a long procedural discussion about the development of the Christian Science Church into a boutique hotel, Commissioner Weaver made a motion that ANC 1c have a business mtg with 7 days notice regarding the private development of the Church of Christ Scientist. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

5 Commissioner Weaver made a motion that ANC 1c ask the DC Council Committee Of the Whole for a delay in the vote until issues regarding the amount, length, and issues around first source hiring are told to the AM Community.

The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote

6 Commissioner Boettrich made a motion that ANC 1C approve up to \$250 to pay for the space for the special meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

7 Commissioner Otten made a motion that ANC 1C send a Freedom of Information Request to the Department of Real Estate Services of the Department of Parks and Recreation seeking information about the contracts and contractors who have done work in Kalorama Park. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Moretti. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 PM.