

## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC**

### **Adams Morgan**

#### **Minutes of November 2, 2011**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on November 2, 2011 at Mary's Center. Chairman Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Approximately 35 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Stacey Moye (1C01), Martis Davis (1C02), Gabriella Mossi (1C03), Olivier Kamanda (1C04), Adian Miller, (1C05) Steve Lanning (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Kathie Boettrich (1C08).

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

ANC 1 C recognized the lifelong achievements and community service by former Commissioner Edward Jackson.

#### **FEMS UPDATE**

Captain Chapman provided an update and reminded people to check their smoke detectors this weekend and change the batteries.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Reynolds provided an update on a recent meeting on the internet gambling legislation.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Commissioner Boettrich moved for the approval of the October 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Boettrich reported on the October financial status.

#### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Commissioner Lanning thanked Commissioner Mossi for assisting in the Lanier neighborhood's Halloween event.

Commissioner Kamanda announced the National Walk-a-thon for the Homeless and request that individuals join. Kamanda also announced an initiative to organize artists in Adams Morgan.

Commissioner Boettrich announced the end of street sweeping and suspension of the parking restrictions and the beginning of leaf pick-up.

Commissioner Moye reminded the audience of a meeting by the Public Service Commission on Pepco's request for a rate increase. A public hearing is scheduled for

Monday, November 21 at 11 a.m. at the Columbia Heights recreation center. Moye also announced a Thanksgiving Basket Project that is sponsored by Local 36. Donations can be dropped off at any of the 33 firehouses across the city.

Commissioner Mossi shared a new DDOT public space look-up tool for permitting applications. Mossi also announced pro-bono legal help available for small businesses to be held on November 15 at Martin Luther King Library at 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Davis announced a holiday party to be held at the Public Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 30 at Kalorama Park Recreation Center. Davis also announced an annual turkey roast to benefit of the Gospel Rescue Ministry.

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. James reported on the recent meeting on Internet gambling.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Mr. Pipkin provided an update on the 18th St. reconstruction and answered questions from the audience. Mr. Jumper from Washington Gas presented progress and steps his company is taking in cooperation with the streetscape. Members of the public inquired about trees, parking and driving congestion.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. ABC & Public Safety**

- Commissioner Kamanda discussed an update on Operations Adams Morgan. He provided statistics on crime from the meeting.
- Commissioner Kamanda made a motion to adopt a cooperative agreement between Tangier Lounge, the Kalorama Citizen's Association and the ANC. It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.
- Commissioner Kamanda made a motion to protest a license extension for outdoor patio for El Tamarindo.

*Whereas, El Tamarindo has request a license extension for an outdoor patio, a motion is made to protest El Tamarindo's substantial change request in the order of peace, order and quiet, parking, pedestrian safety and traffic.*

It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

- MPD report: NO REPORT
- Next meeting is Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

### **B. Public Services and the Environment**

- Commissioner Davis announced amendments and updates to the grant proposal process. New rules will be offered in January.
- Commissioner Davis announced the next meeting will be at the Kalorama Recreation Center on November 30 at 7 p.m.

### **C. PZT Committee**

- Commissioner Reynolds provided a summary of last month's meeting and agenda for the Historic Review Board and their relationship.
- Next meeting is Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m. at Kalorama Recreation Center.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lanning made a motion to oppose the designation of the Ontario Theater as a DC landmark and requests the Historic Preservation Review Board. Ms. Adams, a local historian, presented on behalf of the Ontario Theater and asked for the ANC's support.

*Whereas the Ontario Theater was designated by John Zink, a noted theater architect, and his partner; Frederick Moehle, at the end of his career but was not important within the body of his design work;*

*Whereas the Ontario Theater does not reflect the architectural significance or stylistic clarity present in Zink's important theaters, such as Uptown, the Landmark Atlas Theater;*

*Whereas while the stainless steel canopy over the front entrance is an interesting architectural feature, it in and of itself cannot convey architectural significance to an otherwise undistinguished building;*

*Whereas changes to the exterior of the building, particularly in front entrance; where the original glass facade and ticket booth have been removed, and along Columbia Road, significantly detracts from the integrity of the building;*

*Whereas changes to the interior of the building, made to accommodate retail uses, have removed those features of the interior characteristic of a movie theater, further affecting the integrity of the building;*

*Whereas the design of the Ontario Theater failed to respond to changes in the movie business and that failure was reflected in its lack of sustained success;*

*Whereas the Ontario Theater does not rise to the level of significance required for property to be recognized as a D.C. Landmark and does not meet the criteria for listing in the D.C. Inventory of Historic Places;*

*And now therefore, a motion made to oppose the designation of the Ontario Theater as a D.C. Landmark and requests that the Historic Preservation Review Board to deny Landmark application #11-24.*

It was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote.

Yea: Moye, Davis, Mossi, Miller, Lanning, Reynolds, Boettrich

Nay: none

Abstention: Kamanda

At 10:20 Commissioner Moye made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and passed by voice vote.