

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC

Adams Morgan

Minutes of March 7, 2012

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on March 7, 2012 at Mary's Center. Chairperson Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Approximately 40 members of the public attended.

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

FEMS UPDATE

Captain Chapman provided an update on new regulations for sprinklers for residential buildings.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Commissioner Reynolds provided an update from a meeting that Mayor Gray convened a meeting of all ANC chairs on February 13. He provided a report on the state of the D.C. projected budget.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich moved for the approval of the February 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich moved for the approval of the Q1 2012 financial. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Boettrich updated the commission on the current state of finances.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Moyer announced that Pepco is providing free trees to District residents in honor of Arbor Day. Information is on their website and in the back of the room.

Commissioner Boettrich reminded the community about SunTrust Marathon to be held on March 17.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Member of the public questioned the times and service of Adams Morgan cleaning services from the BID. Kristen Barden will address this issue personally.

William Simpson from RCNA announced the dates of the annual spring walk through with city administrators.

Dennis James announced that the KCA and RCNA are jointly hosting a forum at its March 22 meeting for all at-large Candidates Forum.

Member of the public made a statement about people loitering outside on Columbia Road.

Jeff Wilkes announced a community effort planting trees on Friday, March 16 and a grant was received to enhance the grounds and stormwater management for H.D. Cooke school.

Representative from the Office of People's Counsel provided an update on Pepco, DC WASA and Verizon.

Lisa Duperier reported that Adams Morgan businesses were chosen by American Express in their ad campaign.

A representative from Councilmember Vincent Orange's office made a statement about Emancipation Day. She asked for volunteers to walk in the parade.

Municipal Reports

Mr. Pipkin provided an update and announced that the new traffic signal has been activated on Florida Ave. The initial tree planting as started. Most of the work is at the 2400 block. Work is moving quickly. Paving is planned for next week. Sidewalk work has begun at the Brass Knob building.

Kalorama Road is closed due to a Pepco problem. It is expected to continue at least 2 weeks. It is on schedule - but has a series of delays. It is due to be completed on May 31. Mr. Pipkin answered questions from the community.

Several issues were raised regarding the trees that were chosen and the short period of time for pedestrians crossing the street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

- Commissioner Kamanda discussed an update on the actions of the committee.
- Commissioner Kamanda made a motion to protest an ABC application for an entertainment endorsement by Bistro 18, 2420 18th St., NW.

Motion to Protest Bistro 18 ABC Entertainment Endorsement

WHEREAS Sami Restaurant, LLC, t/a Bistro 18, 2420 18th Street, NW., is in close proximity to residents of ANC 1C03;

WHEREAS dancing at Bistro 18 poses possible violations of peace, order and quiet to the residents of the community;

ANC 1C moves to petition Sami Restaurant, LLC, t/a Bistro 18's application for an entertain endorsement.

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

- Next meeting is Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

B. Public Services and the Environment

- Commissioner Davis provided an update from the committee.
- Commissioner Mossi made a motion for a Grant to Chime. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

ANC 1C Resolution in Support of Grant Application by CHIME (Community Help in Music Education)

Whereas, CHIME is an Adams Morgan-based and volunteer-run nonprofit founded in 1997 that has reached over 25,000 D.C. Students with its Music around the World program and its on-going instructional instrumental and choral programs,

Whereas, this spring renowned World Musician Bill Jenkins has agreed to give three programs and follow-up workshops over five days at the Adams Morgan H.D. Cooke Elementary School during the school day, as agreed with the principal and faculty.

Whereas, the honoraria, video-taping, creation of an on-going educational tool and other costs greatly exceeds the maximum grant guideline amount of \$2,000,

And, whereas, funding for music education programs has diminished considerably in the past year,

Therefore, be it resolved that the ANC1C Public Service Committee requests a grant be awarded to CHIME for its Music around the World Program and, given the objectives and needs of the program that the grant amount awarded by \$2000.

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

- The next meeting is Wednesday, March 28 at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

C. PZT Committee

- Commissioner Boettrich made a motion in support of BZA case #18-326:

ANC 1C08 write a letter of support in support of BZA application #18-326, requesting for 223 Special Exception in the construction of a single deck.

It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

- Commissioner Boettrich made a motion in support of BZA case #18-330; request for variances and relief.

ANC 1C08 write a letter of support of BZA application #18-330, requesting variances and relief.

It was seconded, discussed and passed by roll call vote:

Aye: Moye, Mossi, Miller, Lanning, Boettrich

Nay: Davis

Abstain: Reynolds

- The next meeting is Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at Kalorama Recreation Center.

Commissioner Reynolds made the following motion:

March 7, 2012 Resolution Regarding ANC 1C Position on HPRB Concept Review at 1770 Euclid St., NW Comparing the First Church of Christ Scientist and a Proposed Addition of a New Structure to be Used as a Hotel.

Whereas ANC 1C does wish to comment on the HPRB Concept Review and the relationship of the existing First Church of Christ Scientist and proposed construction of a hotel; and

Whereas ANC 1C has been presented with plans incorporating alterations to the proposed new structure that will be in direct proximity to the existing First Church of Christ Scientists; and

Whereas ANC 1C does not, at this time, wish to comment on height, density, lot occupancy or any other zoning issues;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved: In concept the design presented to ANC 1C is in greater harmony with the church building and represents real progress from previous designs; and

Further Resolved: The proposed materials, doors, windows and roof shape of the proposed new design of the hotel are sufficiently different as to provide a suitable contrast from the presentation and character of the First Church of Christ Scientists; and

Further Resolved: ANC 1C encourages the developer to continue to work with HPRB to further refine the height, width, and proportions of the new design to seek greater compatibility with Historic Preservation Guidelines; and

Finally Resolved: ANC 1C wishes to go on record as fully supporting all appropriate action to place the First Church of Christ Scientists under complete District and Federal Historic protection without prejudice to approval or denial of the proposed hotel structure.

A substitute motion was made:

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It was seconded, discussed and amended, failed by a tie roll call vote:

- YEA: Davis, Kamanda, Mossi, Lanning
- NAY: Moye, Miller, Reynolds, Boettrich

The original motion was seconded, discussed and failed by a tie roll call vote:

YEA: Moye, Miller, Reynolds, Boettrich
NAY: Davis, Kamanda, Mossi, Lanning

NEW BUSINESS

At 11:24 Commissioner Boettrich made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and passed by voice vote.