

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC

Adams Morgan

Minutes of June 6, 2012

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on June 6, 2012 at Mary's Center. Chairperson Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Approximately 25 members of the public attended.

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

MPD UPDATE

Officer Balthazar reported on crime in the area over the last month. There were 21 robberies in May. They closed nine cases.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Commissioner Reynolds reported on the Mayor's quarterly meeting. Of significance, the new 311 telephone app is not working consistently.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Lanning updated the commission on the "open mic night" at Potters House which ended in disruptive activity. Future events have been cancelled.

Commissioner Moyer announced the Community Shredding Event on June 30.

Commissioner Boettrich reported that the planned Capital Bikeshare location at 16th and Euclid has been moved to 15th and Euclid, following repairs to the embassy which is behind the planned space.

Commissioner Davis announced that Catholic University students and faculty will be assisting the Public Services Committee on the formulation of a vision for Adams Morgan.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Member of the public announced a petition in support a referendum to limit corporate donations to political campaigns.

Matt Wexler of the Adams Morgan Church Hotel announced a new partnership with D.C.'s Hospitality High School.

Kristen Barden shared plans for the Adams Morgan concert series and provided information about the new maps.

Denis James voiced concern about the timing of the July community forum on the planned church hotel.

Municipal Reports

Mr. Pipkin provided an update on the reconstruction. The job is expected to be finished the end of June (two weeks later than announced in May). Mr. Pipkin took questions from the audience.

Guest Speaker

Sylvia Robinson, Director, Georgia Ave. Community Task Force presented on the Georgia Ave. community plan and took questions from the audience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

- Commissioner Kamanda reported on the public safety implications of immigration issues. Commissioner Mossi elaborated on the implementation of "Secure Communities Act," which has potential considerable impact on ANC 1C and the city at large.
- Next meeting is Wednesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

B. Public Services and the Environment

- Motion to support approve a grant of \$1,000 to All Souls Church Archives project. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.
- Motion to support an ANC 1C Shred Day on June 30, 2012. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.
- Commissioner Davis provided an update from the committee.
- The next meeting is Wednesday, June 27 at 7 pm at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

C. PZT Committee

- Commissioner Reynolds provided an update from the committee.

- Commissioner Boettrich made a motion *to oppose public space application for 2309 18th St. NW (Tracking 70856) unless a 12 foot distance is maintained between the curb and edge of the patio in conformity with the Resolution passed by ANC 1C on Oct. 5, 2011 to use Public Space on 18th St. In Adams Morgan.*

And further moved that the Chair of ANC 1C is authorized to deliver this motion to the Public Space Committee as scheduled. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

- The next meeting is Wednesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. at the First Church of Christ the Scientist.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Reynolds offer the following motion: Motion Regarding BZA Application 18388 for Special Exception at 1849 Ontario Place, N.W.

- *Motion is made that ANC 1C does support the application for a special exception to allow an accessory garage structure under Section 223, relief from lot occupancy (section 403) rear and side yard (404) requirements in a R-5-B District for the premises at 1849 Ontario Place, NW, Square 2584, Lot 314. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.*

B. Commissioner Lanning offer the following motion: Motion in Support of Marie Reed Learning Center June 12 Graduation Ceremony

- *Motion is made to authorize the expenditure of \$404.17 to support the graduation ceremonies at the Marie Reed Elementary School on June 12, 2012. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.*

C. Commissioner Lanning offer the following motion: Motion in Support of H.D. Cooke School Graduation Ceremony

- *Motion is made to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200 to support the graduation ceremonies at the H.D. Cooke Elementary School in June 2012. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.*

D. Commissioner Mossi offer the following motion: Motion in Support of the Reconstruction of Lanier Heights Alleys

Resolution in Support of the Reconstruction of Lanier Heights Alleys 2012

WHEREAS, various alleys in the Lanier Heights section of Adams Morgan are severely deteriorated mostly beyond repair and requiring reconstruction namely the 1700 block of Lanier Place, NW-north and south alleys, the 1800 block of Ontario Place, NW-north and south alleys, and 18th Street, NW-alley between Summit Place and Quarry Road.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned alleys have not been fully repaired in 30 years and Councilmember Jim Graham and Lanier Heights residents have been working with city officials and agencies requesting alley improvement for the past five years.

WHEREAS, the current conditions include severe erosion; wide potholes; impassable conditions for cars, bicycles and pedestrians especially after precipitation; the accumulation of large puddles of water that harbor harmful insects and disease; and deep rat burrows and infestation.

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) finalized in April 2012 a complete inspection which included both estimates and options addressing two brick alley segments totaling 13,500 square feet (900 ft. by 15 ft.); specifically, a) the alley between 1700 Lanier Place and Ontario Place, NW also known as Firehouse Engine 21 alley, and b) the alley between 1700 Lanier Place and Columbia Road, NW aka Safeway Alley.

WHEREAS, DDOT stated in correspondence of April 9, 2012 to Councilmember Jim Graham, ANC1C Commissioner Gabriela Mossi, residents and business owners of the community that these two alley segments could be reconstructed during the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, in said correspondence DDOT listed several options and costs for ally reconstruction, members of the Lanier Citizens Association voted on May 8, 2012 that the Lanier Place, NW alleys be reconstructed with the "red faux brick" option which is actually concrete dyed and plated to assume the "look" of brick. This option was chosen for its durability, lower cost and aesthetic appearance as it is the closest to what was once used for these alleys. Currently, the original materials only exists in patches and fragments.

WHEREAS, the Lanier Citizens Association also voted to request that DDOT repair both Ontario Place, NW alleys using a "hot patch" to provide an affordable and appropriate mid-term repair option for the alleys.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 1C supports the efforts of the Lanier Citizens Association, Councilmember Graham, residents business owners, and DDOT to have these alleys repaired this year to improve the traffic and safety of residents and businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C authorizes the Chair of ANC1c to communicate this support and request of alley reconstruction to the appropriate DDOT office.

It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

E. Motion in Support for Two Year use of Public Space for Installation of Banners in Commercial Area of Adams Morgan

- *Motion is made made for ANC 1C to support installation of decorative banners promoting Adams Morgan in the commercial corridors of:*
 - i. *Portions of Th. 1600, 1700, 1800 blocks and the 1900 blocks of Columbia Rd. NW; 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2400 blocks of 18th St. NW;*
 - ii. *1800 block of Adams Mill Rd. NW; 1700 block of Florida Ave. NW;*

iii. 1700 block of California St. NW, 1700 block of Lanier Place NW
and

iv. 1900 block of Wyoming Ave. NW

And, further moved that ANC 1C does support the installation of these banners for a period of two years to be installed and maintained at the expense of the Adams Morgan Partnership BID.

And further moved that the Chair of ANC 1C is authorized to communicate this support to the appropriate office of the District Department of Transportation.

- It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

F. Motion in Support of DCRA Amended Rules Concerning the Sale of Second Hand Goods

- **Resolution in Support of DCRA Amended Rules Concerning the Sale of Second Hand Goods**

WHEREAS, in early April 2012, law enforcement officials raided several longtime retail establishments in Adams Morgan that sell vintage and used goods and threatened to close them for not having a second-hand or pawn shop license;

WHEREAS, representatives of the various affected businesses met with Ward 1 Councilmember Jim Graham, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs officials, and officials from the Office of Mayor Vincent Gray to try to negotiate a solution that would not result in these small businesses being driven out of the community;

WHEREAS, a solution was reached with DCRA officials, whereby DCRA agreed to suspend enforcement of licensing infractions of these stores until amended regulations governing the licensure of some businesses that sell second hand goods are adopted;

WHEREAS, on June 1, DCRA issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that exempts businesses with a general business license that sell the following types of second-hand goods from needing a secondhand business license:

- 1. books, magazines, vinyl records, cassette tapes, compact discs, VHS videos or DVDs*
- 2. pianos*
- 3. rugs or tapestries*
- 4. used clothing*
- 5. garage sales or yard sales*
- 6. paintings, sculptures, drawings, etchings or engravings*
- 7. merchandise that was accepted or received as a return, exchange, or for credit or refund if such merchandise was originally purchased as new merchandise from the person accepting or receiving it; or*

8. the firstsale, at retail, of merchandise that has been rebuilt by the manufacturer originally manufacturing it.

WHEREAS, DCRA has indicated that home furnishings, architectural salvage, photographs, and jewelry that does not contain precious metals or any precious or semi-precious stones will be added to the exemption list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 1C supports and applauds the efforts of business representatives, Councilmember Graham, DCRA officials, and other DC government officials working together to reach a positive and expeditious resolution in this matter so that these longstanding members of Adams Morgan retail community may stay open and continue to operate in a legally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C supports the adoption of DCRA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and supports the inclusion of DCRA's additional provisions exempting the secondhand sales of home furnishings, architectural salvage, photographs, and jewelry not containing precious metals or any precious or semi-precious stones.

- It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

G. Motion to hold July 18 ANC 1C Special Forum on Church Hotel

- *Motion is made that ANC 1C does approve convening a Special Forum on Wednesday, July 18 for the purpose of consideration of recommendations from ANC 1C on the Proposed Planned Unit development in Zoning Case #11-17 for the proposed Adams Morgan Hotel project in conjunction with the redevelopment of the First Church of Christ Scientists at 1770 Euclid St. NW.*
- *And further moved that this meeting be convened at 7:00 PM at the Third District Metropolitan Police Headquarters at 1624 V. St. NW.*
- *And, finally moved that AN 1C does authorize the expenditure of up to \$300 to promote this Special Forum.*
- It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

H. Motion to Reschedule ANC 1C July 2012 Meeting to July 9

- Motion is made to amend the July 2012 meeting date for ANC 1C adopted on January 4, 2012 and to schedule the meeting date for Monday, July 9, 2012 at either 2355 Ontario Rd. N.W. or 1624 V St. NW. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

- I. Announcement was made by a member of the public about a free health screening to be held on Saturday, June 23 at Marie Reed School from 11 am - 4 pm.

J. Announcement was made by Dianne E. Waters about a free health screening to be held on Saturday, June 23 at Marie Reed School from 11 am - 4 pm. Discussion was held regarding the request to close 18th St. on a Saturday for 5 hours. Suggestions were made for alternative solutions.

K. Commissioner Kamanda made a motion regarding “The Duchess and the Queen”:

Whereas the establishment will have seating capacity of 160 and maximum occupancy load of 280,

Whereas the establishment has a standing request for a sidewalk cafe with 12 seats and an entertainment endorsement and,

Whereas the establishment is on property currently zoned for mixed commercial and residential use,

Whereas the operations pose harm to peace order and quiet,

Be it therefore resolved that ANC 1C protests the ABC application.

At 10:45 p.m. Commissioner Moye made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and passed by voice vote.