

ANC 1C Meeting Minutes



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A meeting of the Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (the "ANC") convened at the Third District Police Station at 7:00pm on September 6, 2000.

1. ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present: Johnson, Miscuk, Schott, Softli, Wright
Commissioners absent: Faith, Letsinger, Llorente
At least 20 persons were present in addition to commissioners.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

Each Commissioner and the community received notice of the meeting.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER AND SECRETARY

Commissioner Softli presided, and Commissioner Wright kept Minutes of the meeting.

4. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS

After a quorum was achieved the Commissioners introduced themselves at 7:10pm.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Softli made Chair's Announcements regarding upcoming community events and elections. She also invited any ANC candidates in the audience to introduce themselves, to which two responded.

Commissioner Johnson announced a Utility Discount Fair for October 10, and a Public Service Commission hearing regarding the Master Meter Act set for October 4.

Commissioner Miscuk announced that the DC Auditor's Office verbally approved ANC 1C's grant to Friends of Marie Reed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION

Rent Control & Housing: Commissioner Johnson, Committee Chair, reported that

the Committee would hold a meeting on rental housing at the ANC office September 20.

Public Safety: Lt. Wm. O'Connor reported on a variety of crime prevention and related measures in the 3rd District, including the following highlights:

- PSA 301 has two new sergeants, and a number of new officers are out being trained;
- Lion's Den's license was suspended after six people were arrested there, and a license revocation hearing is scheduled at the ABC Board;
- Anyone arrested for drug crimes around H.D. Cooke School is subject to a double penalty;
- Chief Pickett of the National Zoo Police announced that the Latino Festival is scheduled on the Zoo grounds for Sep. 30- Oct. 1, will likely attract about 40,000 people; the event will include a parade that will result in closing a portion of Connecticut Avenue on that Sunday afternoon.

Licenses, Zoning & Permits: Comm. Schott reported that the Committee met Aug. 30 at 7:00pm., and he read both the report and a message from the Committee's Community Chair, Mark Petruzzi, aloud (the report is incorporated herein by reference).

Commissioner Schott moved the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Wright):

WHEREAS, Jegoll Ethiopian Restaurant located at 1841 Columbia Rd., NW, within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a renewal of its CR license (#30192), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that there are still some unresolved issues with respect to live music heard outside of the establishment, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the reissuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood.

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement to deal with issues related to this establishment, and that upon reaching a voluntary agreement, the ANC will drop its protest.

Resolution passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schott moved the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Miscuk):

WHEREAS, Ghana Cafe located at 2465 18th St., within the boundaries of ANC 1C has requested a new CR license (#50090), and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Permits Committee of ANC 1C held a meeting on this license request, and

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment was invited to attend this meeting, and

WHEREAS, said Committee learned that the establishment will have 2 stories, a restaurant on the first floor, a dance floor (with some snacks) on the second, and whereas all plans for the establishment, which is to be occupied by up to 199 patrons, have not yet been determined, and this is an entirely new license, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 1C, protest the issuance of a license for this establishment on the grounds that it interferes with the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood.

FURTHER, it is understood that the ANC 1C may enter into negotiations with the owner in an effort to work out a voluntary agreement to deal with issues related to this establishment, and that upon reaching a voluntary agreement, the ANC will drop its protest.

Resolution passed 4 yeas, 1 nay.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Softli gave a brief report on the upcoming Adams Morgan Community Festival. Comm. Softli also noted that there will be no Roosevelt's Arts Order/Stars War Update as shown on the agenda since Comm. Faith is out of town. Comm. Softli invited anyone interested to join the ANC's Arts Committee.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Softli announced that a letter will be sent to recipients of ANC 1C grants asking for a report on how the money was used.

Comm. Schott moved the following resolution (seconded by Comm. Johnson), including a friendly amendment from Comm. Miscuk:

WHEREAS, ANC 1C has clearly defined guidelines for the approval of grants, and

WHEREAS, ANC 1C now sends a letter to the DC Auditor, prior to the distribution of such funds, seeking a written opinion on the appropriateness of authorizing such a contribution, and

WHEREAS, the funds are often urgently needed by the groups requesting it, and

WHEREAS, response from the Auditor to our request can take such a long time that it causes hardship to the requesting group, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that if the Auditor does not respond within 60 days of the authorization of the dispersion of funds, the ANC release the funds; further, that a written opinion on this resolution be sought from the DC Corporation Counsel and DC Auditor.

Resolution passed unanimously.

Comm. Miscuk moved that the ANC's protest of Ghana Café's license be filed on the last possible day (seconded by Comm. Wright). Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Miscuk moved to have stop signs placed on Adams Mill Road at the intersection of Clydesdale, going both directions (seconded by Comm. Wright). Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Miscuk moved to have stop signs placed on Kalorama Rd. at the intersection of 19th, going both directions (seconded by Comm. Johnson). Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Miscuk reported on other traffic signs.

Comm. Wright moved that ANC 1C accept the request for a grant from the Fund for Kalorama Park (seconded by Comm. Miscuk). Mike Gould, president of the Fund for Kalorama Park, summarized the application. Motion passed unanimously (pending DC Auditor approval).

James Coleman reported on the activities of Friends of Marie Reed School, outlining the group's programs and thanking the ANC for its grant.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Comm. Miscuk presented the Treasurer's Report and responded, along with other commissioners, to a question about the ANC's bank balance.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Comm. Wright moved the approval (duly seconded) of minutes from the August meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

11. SMD REPORTS & COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Comm. Softli announced that she will hold a single member district meeting Tuesday Sep. 19th at 6:30pm in the Goodwill Baptist Church.

Commissioners Wright, Miscuk, and Johnson gave brief reports on their activities.

Public Safety Committee Community Chair Lisa Duperier invited people to join the committee.

Gary Ward, site manager for the planned mixed-use development in the parking lot on 18th St., introduced himself and provided his phone number (686-0010), but emphasized he is not the project's official spokesperson.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Wright, Secretary

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