

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
November 1, 2000**

A meeting of the Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (the “ANC”) convened at Marie Reed School on November 1, 2000.

1. ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present: Johnson, Llorente, Miscuk, Schott, Softli, Wright

Commissioners absent: Faith, Letsinger

Approximately 30 persons from the community 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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05pm by Commissioner Softli. Commissioners introduced themselves and described their SMD boundaries.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

Chairperson Softli reminded everyone to vote in the Nov. 1st general election.

The Chair also welcomed a visiting delegation of 15 city councilmembers from the country of Georgia, which was attending the ANC meeting as an educational experience in local governance. Representatives of the delegation spoke later in the meeting and asked questions about local democracy in D.C.

Mitch Story gave the Public Safety Committee report and updated the Commission on the status of the Committee’s public safety e-mail newsletter. Lt. Wm. O’Connor gave the police report, noting recent crimes in the area and related news. The Lieutenant’s e-mail address is psa301lt@hotmail.com, and his phone is 673-6821.

Ed Elder, representative of Councilmember Jim Graham, reported that the 18th Street mixed use development is moving ahead in the next couple of months.

Gail Black (www.repairklingleroad.org) reported on the status of efforts to reopen Klinge Road, and outlined the options being considered for the road by the Department of Public Works and Mayor Williams.

Residents from the Madrid Condo gave a presentation on the electric gate they want to install to control access to the condo’s parking lot.

Daphne McBride, candidate for an at-large city council seat, addressed the meeting and asked for people to vote for her.

Neighborhood Service Coordinator Jose Sueiro introduced himself, and invited residents to contact him at 202-345-4116.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Johnson moved that a stop sign be installed at 17th Street NW and Columbia Road NW. Motion seconded by Comm. Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Schott moved to recommend that rumble strips be installed on Lanier Place between Ontario Road NW and Harvard Street NW. Motion seconded by Comm. Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Wright moved the following resolution, duly seconded:

WHEREAS, the parking operation currently occupying the southwest corner of Biltmore Street, NW and Columbia Road, NW consistently constitutes a public hazard during weekend (and some non-weekend) nights, often threatening the peace, order, quiet and safety of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of the land on which said parking operation is located is public space; and

WHEREAS, said parking operation continuously and neglectfully fails to fulfill the requirements of District of Columbia Municipal Regulations that govern parking lots (including sections of DCMR 2303.1 and 2303.2); and

WHEREAS, violations of law and hazardous operation of motor vehicles by said parking operation have persisted according to witnesses in the neighborhood, despite repeated attention from MPD Third District officers; and

WHEREAS, Biltmore Street residents who live near said parking operation have complained repeatedly over a period of years about public safety, noise, trash, and vector control problems stemming from said lot and its operation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C requests that DCRA immediately and permanently revoke the Certificate of Occupancy it issued to the individual(s) and/or entity(ies) responsible for said parking operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 1C request the DC Council to explore measures that would result in the consolidation of the entire property now devoted to said parking operation under District of Columbia ownership as public space, and that said public space then be converted to a metered self-park facility.

Motion passed with 4 yeas and 2 nays.

Comm. Johnson moved a resolution urging the Mayor to repair and reopen Kingle Road, without further delay; text of the entire resolution incorporated herein by reference. Motion seconded by Comm. Wright. Comm. Johnson accepted a friendly amendment from Comm. Wright to recommend striping the road to include a bicycle lane. Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Schott moved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports the Madrid Condominium Association's plans to build an attractive fence to enclose their parking lot which abuts Kalorama Road. The fence is needed to keep the public out of the parking lot area. We will work with the Madrid and nearby residents to assure that the project meets all zoning requirements and fits in with the aesthetics of the area. Motion seconded by Comm. Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Wright moved the following resolution, duly seconded:

WHEREAS, new approaches would be useful in exploring options for enhancing residential and visitor parking availability within the boundaries of ANC 1C; and

WHEREAS, such approaches would build on the excellent work already done by the Parking & Transportation Task Force organized by Ward 1 Councilmember Jim Graham, as well as on subsequent efforts of many people in the community to address parking needs; and

WHEREAS, the parking relief measures suggested in this resolution could have unforeseen consequences and impacts that would only be identified by extensive discussion and study.

THEREFORE, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C will adopt a study period of at least one month, but not more than six months, to consider the following measures. During that period the ANC will circulate these measures to Councilmember Jim Graham, to citizens associations, and for general public debate within ANC 1C. Based on feedback at the end of that period, the ANC will consider voting on one or more resolutions to recommend these measures (in their original or revised form) for consideration by the D.C. Council.

- 1) Offer residents who live and own a motor vehicle in a "High Density Parking Area" (definition proposed for Title 18 DCMR, Chapter 24, Section 2425.1 as "a residential area in the District where a chronic parking problem persists due to a limited number of parking spaces and an inordinate number of motor vehicles as determined by the Department of Public Works") and who have no residence-related off-street parking, a \$1,000 per year DC income tax credit in return for freeing an on-street space by disposing of their DC-registered vehicle; appropriate proof of qualifying vehicle ownership and disposal, and appropriate enforcement mechanisms, to be determined.
- 2) Levy an annual surcharge of not less than \$1,800 on each out-of-state-tagged vehicle parked on the street in a "High Density Parking Area" for three or more days, initiated after issuance of a second warning citation by MPD or DPW Parking Enforcement; said surcharge to be administered with the assistance of Maryland MVA and Virginia DMV through a revenue

sharing agreement that divides the proceeds from each surcharge between the governments of the District of Columbia and Maryland, or Virginia, respectively.

- 3) Offer a tax credit to owners of commercial parking facilities in or near a "High Density Parking Area" that make spaces available at a significantly discounted rate to residents of the nearest "High Density Parking Area".

Comm. Wright accepted friendly amendment from Comm's. that ANC 1C would consider the above measures in at least one month but no more than six months from today; also, that Comm. Wright would be responsible for coordinating communication and related outreach details. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from the September meeting of ANC 1C were accepted without changes and approved unanimously.

Minutes from the October meeting of ANC 1C were approved unanimously with corrections noted thereon.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Wright, Secretary