

# **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**

## **Adams Morgan**

### **Minutes of March 3, 2004**

A scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2003 at the Third District Police Headquarters. ANC1C Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Approximately 20 members of the public attended the meeting.

Attending were Commissioners Alan Roth (1C01), Nik Apostolides (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Andy Miscuk (1C05), Andrea Broaddus (1C06), Josh Gibson (1C07) and Jeff Coudriet (1C08).

#### **NEW COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION**

Commissioner Roth, chairman, introduced Andy Miscuk as the new commissioner for ANC1C05. Commissioner Miscuk replaces Ken Levy who resigned from the ANC in October 2003.

Commissioner Roth offered a resolution requesting that the Board of Elections declare the vacancy of seat 1C05 filled. The resolution was seconded and approved by voice vote:

#### ***Resolution Filling Vacancy for Single Member District 1C05***

*WHEREAS, the office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 1C05 was certified vacant, and the Board of Elections submitted a list of qualified candidates to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C following the period for petition circulation and challenge pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-309.06(d); and*

*WHEREAS, only the name of Andrew J. Miscuk was certified as a qualified candidate by the Board of Elections; and*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-309.06(d), if there is only one person qualified to fill the vacancy within the affected single-member district, the area Advisory Neighborhood Commission shall appoint the qualified person to the vacancy at its next regularly scheduled meeting;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C requests that the Board of Elections declare the vacancy filled by Andrew J. Miscuk by publication in the District of Columbia Register; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, the Mayor, the Secretary of the Council of the District of Columbia, and Andrew J. Miscuk.*

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Commissioner Roth gave the Commission an update on the status of hiring an independent traffic engineer to perform a traffic study in the community. Corporation Counsel denied the ANC's expenditure and Commissioner Roth has enlisted the help of Councilmember David Catania.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Commissioner Moretti, secretary moved the approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2004 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Coudriet, treasurer, announced an account balance of \$63,763. Expenditures included a \$1000 grant check to Jubilee Housing and the monthly phone bill. Commissioner Coudriet also announced that this would be his last meeting because he was moving from the neighborhood and would be resigning his position.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kerri Washington, owner of Maggie Moo's commented about issues with too many taxi cabs, street lights not working and inquired how she could get the cross hatches painted in the crosswalks in front of her establishment. Wilson Reynolds announced the upcoming Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association meeting about the moratorium on March 9. Lisa Duperier gave an update on Main Street and introduced the group's new Executive Director, Gabriela Mossi.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ABC & Public Safety**

Commissioner Weaver announced that the next ABC & Public Safety Committee meeting would be on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center. He also gave an update on the status of a voluntary agreement with Spaghetti Garden.

Lt. Gottert gave an update on crime in the neighborhood and after inquiries from Commissioners said he would work with officers to address problems of graffiti, illegal parking and theft from autos.

### **Public Services Committee**

Commissioner Apostolides noted that not enough 501(c)3's were applying for ANC grants and that the Commission needs to do better advertising of the available money. The next meeting of the Committee will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at Kalorama Park.

### **Planning, Zoning and Transportation**

Commissioner Broaddus announced that the February meeting was canceled due to lack of business but that the March meeting would be held on March 24 at 8 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters.

Commissioner Weaver gave an update on the "Belmont Tower".

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Broaddus moved to postpone the Rabaut “Pigeon” Park discussion until the April meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Buffie Brownstein with the Casey Tree Foundation gave a presentation about the state of the trees in the District.

Bill Thomas, owner of the Blue Room discussed his plans to convert his liquor license from a C/R (restaurant) to a C/T (tavern). Commissioner Weaver made a motion to protest the conversion. The motion was not seconded and therefore failed.

Keith Vaughan with Vaughan Properties, LLC gave a presentation on his plans to redevelop the property at 1811 Ontario Place, NW. Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution opposing the curb cut. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Weaver offered a resolution to adjust the wording about the number of public parking spaces that would be lost. The amendment was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

The resolution, as amended, was then discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Broaddus, Gibson, Coudriet  
NAY: None

### ***Resolution Opposing a Curb Cut for 1811 Ontario Place, NW***

*Whereas Vaughan Properties, LLC. applied for a public space permit for a driveway and curb cut at 1811 Ontario Place, NW; and*

*Whereas, due to the configuration of the property the actual curb cut and driveway would be on Ontario Road, NW; and*

*Whereas, Title 24 of DCMR “Public Space and Safety” indicates that public space permits may be granted only if “the proposed additional use will not adversely affect the public interest;” and*

*Whereas, the 2900 block to 3100 block of Ontario Road, NW is an already extremely congested two-way street with parking on both sides of the street; and*

*Whereas, the proposed curb cut would remove public parking spaces to create private parking spaces; and*

*Whereas, Adams Morgan is already beyond its maximum logical capacity for automobiles;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC1C opposes the application for a curb cut at 1811 Ontario Place, NW.*

Kerri Washington, owner of Maggie Moo’s presented the Commission with her plans to create a small sidewalk café area adjacent to her business. Commissioner Weaver offered a resolution in support of a public space application for Maggie Moo’s Ice Cream. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Broaddus, Gibson, Coudriet  
NAY: Roth, Apostolides

***Resolution in Support of Maggie Moo's Sidewalk Café***

*Whereas, Kerri Washington has applied for a public space permit (application #04-004) for 2321 18<sup>th</sup> St., NW and will build a wall and repair property at 1800 Belmont Rd, Maggie Moo's and;*

*Whereas the project conforms to relevant regulations and;*

*Whereas Kerri Washington has taken care to discuss the project with the neighbors and the ANC:*

*Therefore let it be resolved that, the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports the public space application.*

Commissioner Miscuk offered a resolution recognizing the efforts of Adams Morgan resident Ibrihima Haidara who is currently serving in Iraq. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Broaddus, Gibson, Coudriet  
NAY: None

***Resolution Recognizing and Commending the Service of Ibrihima Haidara***

*WHEREAS Private First Class Ibrihima Haidara, also known as "Iby" grew up in Adams Morgan and is a resident of SMD 1C05 and;*

*WHEREAS "Iby" played basketball at Walter Pierce Park, rode his bike up and down the curbs of the streets, he was a long-time Urban Ranger and helped landscape Pierce Park and Columbia Road and;*

*WHEREAS "Iby" as a teenager worked in Adams Morgan's City Bikes and;*

*WHEREAS "Iby" received The Fredrick Douglas Award for Community Service and Exemplary Behavior while at Wilson Senior High School and;*

*WHEREAS "Iby" joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Wilson Senior High School and joined the United States Army after graduation to become a Military Police Officer and;*

*WHEREAS "Iby" assigned to the 615th Military Police Company of the 793<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade from Grafen, Germany was sent to Iraq in March 2003 to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom and;*

*WHEREAS "Iby" as part of his duties secured Baghdad Airport and trained Iraqi's to become police officers and;*

*WHEREAS "Iby" served a year in a combat zone on behalf the United States of America and;*

*WHEREAS "Iby" received an Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) for his action and two Certificates of Achievement for actions under hostile conditions and;*

*WHEREAS “Iby” suffered a ruptured eardrum in the performance of his duties due to hostile improvised explosives and;*

*WHEREAS Private First Class Ibrihima Haidara has brought honor and distinction upon himself, his unit, the United States Army, his neighborhood, his city and his nation;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANCIC) on behalf of a grateful neighborhood, recognizes and commends his service and extends our thanks to Private First Class Ibrihima Haidara for a mission well done and;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANCIC thank and recognize the sacrifice of Imani Haidara, “Iby’s” mother, during this trying time;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of ANC IC are authorized to take appropriate actions necessary to notify our councilmembers, our neighborhood and other interested parties.*

Commissioner Coudriet provided a snapshot of an Adams Morgan business survey conducted by Adams Morgan Main Street with the help of Americorps.

Commissioner Roth announced that the Council of Latino Agencies is no longer planning on being the lead agency in charge of Adams Morgan Day. Commissioner Roth noted that it is not the responsibility of the ANC to either run the festival or find someone to run the festival and he pointed out that if the festival will happen this year, that someone needs to step up to the plate quickly. Lisa Duperier announced Main Street’s plans to run the festival.

Commissioner Miscuk offered a resolution calling for the immediate repair of the “Quarry Steps”. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

***Resolution Regarding Maintenance of The Quarry Road Steps***

*WHEREAS concrete steps connect the 2400 block of Quarry Road to the 2300 block of Quarry Road on the south side of Lanier Place;*

*WHEREAS a second set of concrete steps on the northern end of Quarry Road connect Quarry Road to 18<sup>th</sup> Street;*

*WHEREAS these steps are commonly referred to as the Quarry Steps;*

*WHEREAS the Quarry Steps are a primary route through Adams Morgan;*

*WHEREAS many residents of Adams Morgan use these steps everyday;*

*WHEREAS it is important to keep our neighborhood pedestrian friendly;*

*WHEREAS The Quarry Steps are in terrible shape;*

*WHEREAS The Quarry Steps in the current state are a risk to the residents of Adams Morgan and our guests;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC IC) supports the immediate action of appropriate city agencies to rehabilitate The Quarry Steps;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C requests that a Needs Assessment of The Quarry Steps be completed by March 30<sup>th</sup> by the appropriate City Agencies;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of ANC 1C are authorized to take appropriate actions necessary to secure the support of Councilmember Jim Graham, Councilmember Carol Schwartz, other Councilmembers and the support and actions of any relevant city agencies to further this goal.*

## **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Broaddus announced a clean up scheduled for March 27 at Rabaut Park.

Commissioner Gibson noted the closure of the massage parlor on 18<sup>th</sup> St.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.