

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of the March 15, 2004

A scheduled public forum of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Monday, March 15, 2004 at the Third District Police Headquarters. ANC1C Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Approximately 50 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), and Josh Gibson (1C07).

TREASURER ELECTION

Commissioner Gibson nominated Commissioner Apostolides for the position of Treasurer. The nomination was seconded and approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Upon becoming Treasurer, Commissioner Apostolides moved that Commissioner Miscuk become Chair of the Public Services Committee. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

WEB LIAISON

Commissioner Moretti nominated Commissioner Gibson to serve as the Web liaison. The nomination was seconded and approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

The topic of discussion for the public forum was the current liquor license moratorium that is set to expire in Adams Morgan in mid-July. The current liquor license moratorium prohibits the issuance of new Class A, B, and C licenses within a specified geographic range.

Denis James, on behalf of the Kalorama Citizens Association, spoke in favor of renewing the moratorium.

Constantine Stavropoulos, on behalf of the Adams Morgan Business and Professional Association, spoke in opposition of renewing the moratorium.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- * Stephen Greenleigh — discussed the difficulty in bringing daytime businesses to the neighborhood.
- * Lida Skryzypchek — is in favor of the renewal and discussed the high rents that prevent daytime businesses from locating in the neighborhood.
- * Mabamma Bawa — local business owner who commented on what exactly is the right mix of businesses for the neighborhood.

- * Eleanor Johnson — supports the moratorium and discussed its connection with the Reed-Cooke Overlay
- * Pat Patrick — opposes the moratorium and spoke about daytime traffic.
- * Wilson Reynolds — commented on the noise and congestion in the neighborhood.
- * Teresa Lopez — opposes the moratorium and talked about the lack of parking and affordable housing in the neighborhood.
- * Matt Foreman — supports the renewal of the moratorium and believes daytime businesses would come with a freeze on liquor licenses.
- * Stan Tzenkov — suggested lifting the moratorium and revisiting the idea in a year.
- * Grace Malakoff — supports renewing the moratorium and believes that three years has not necessarily been long enough.
- * Bill Thomas — opposes the moratorium and noted that the neighborhood has made strides, but that more people need to become involved.
- * Rick Massumi —the moratorium depresses the market in the neighborhood.
- * Ann Hargrove — supports the renewal and noted that the moratorium will not be a miracle cure for what ails the neighborhood.
- * Lisa Duperier — simply commented that in a survey by Main Street that there is a commonality of problems between business owners and residents.
- * Tony Opare — believes that there should be an independent study to see if the moratorium really worked or not.
- * Larry Hargrove — said that he was glad to see people talking, instead of arguing and commented that the moratorium is not necessarily the answer to the problems.
- * Julie Eisenberg — noted that things have not changed since the moratorium was put in place three years ago.
- * Suzanne Benda — supports the renewal and said it needs more time to work.
- * Mark Lee — opposes the renewal and said the moratorium was too drastic a step.
- * Phil Hough — opposes the moratorium and supports freedom.
- * Leslie Delagran — supports the renewal and said that residents shouldn't have to clean up the messes left by patrons at local businesses.
- * Joe Meier — supports the renewal and noted that 18th St. looks shabby.
- * James Coleman —wonders if there is some possibility of a compromise.
- * Bill Duggan — opposes the renewal and said there needs to be more enforcement of the laws already in place instead of creating new laws.
- * Victor Moran — opposes the moratorium and he too thinks existing laws need better enforcement.
- * Rob Halligan — Dupont Circle ANC Commissioner noted that the moratorium affects his constituents as well.
- * Al Jirikovic — the moratorium stifles creativity.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti called for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.