

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of November 3, 2004

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004 at the Third District Police Headquarters. Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Approximately 15 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were Alan Roth (1C01), Nik Apostolides (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Andy Miscuk (1C05) and Josh Gibson (1C07).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, moved the approval of the Oct. 6, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Apostolides, treasurer, gave an update on the Commission's finances and reported a current bank balance of \$68,571.96, which included expenditures for monthly bills such as the storage space, the phone bill and a grant disbursement.

Commissioner Apostolides moved the adoption of the Commission's fourth quarter report for FY04 (see attached). The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolution was approved by unanimous consent:

Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Future Photocopying Expenses

Whereas, ANC 1C is a party-opponent in Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Case No. 17221, in which Montrose LLC is seeking a special exception for its roof structure at 1816 Belmont Road, and

Whereas, ANC 1C and the Kalorama Citizens Association have been required by the BZA to submit various pleadings and exhibits by November 19, 2004, and

Whereas, at least 25 copies will have to be made of those pleadings and exhibits, which will be extensive in length,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that ANC 1C agrees to reimburse Commissioner Alan Roth for any expenses incurred in photocopying and assembling said pleadings and exhibits for this BZA case, not to exceed \$300.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public requested information from the law enforcement officers present regarding MPD's policy on releasing information to the public about crimes that are happening as they occur.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC & Public Safety

Commissioner Weaver offered an amendment to a 1999 Voluntary Agreement with El Tamarindo. The amendment was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Amendment to ANC IC 1999 Voluntary Agreement with El Tamarindo

Whereas, the Applicant, El Tamarindo, 1785 Florida Avenue Northwest, desires to modify the terms of its 1999 Voluntary Agreement with ANCIC.

Whereas, the establishment still falls within the boundaries of ANC IC,

Whereas, El Tamarindo, prior to implementing the changes, needs to receive written agreement from ANC IC after a majority of Commissioners shall have voted in favor of changes at a full public meeting, a quorum being present,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved that ANC IC agrees to the proposed change in 1999 Voluntary Agreement with El Tamarindo ANCIC, provided the Applicant abides by the following conditions of operation.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings memorialized herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

Hours. The full service hours of operation, with alcohol service will be:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>11am-3am</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11am-3am</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>

Food Service will be available:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11am-2am</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>11am-5am</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11am-5am</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11am-5am</i>

Commissioner Moretti moved the approval of a Voluntary Agreement with Blue Fin Sushi. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Sgt. Jeter with the Third District provided the Commission with an update on crime in the neighborhood. He noted that since the October meeting, there had been seven armed robberies, four burglaries, 24 theft from autos and 14 stole autos in PSA 303.

Commissioner Weaver offered a Voluntary Agreement to support the conversion of a CR to a CT for the Angry Inch (application #21298) and renewal of the establishments license at 2450 18th St., NW. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Miscuk offered an amendment that was unanimously approved. The Voluntary Agreement, as amended, was discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson

NAY: Roth, Apostolides

Planning Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Gibson provided a report on the workings of the PZT and noted that the next meeting of the committee will be on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004. Topics to be discussed will be a report from Jubilee Housing about its renovations, an update on the Harris Teeter project, and an update on the former Italian Embassy at 16th and Fuller.

Public Services

Commissioner Miscuk announced that the Public Services committee did not meet in October due to a lack of business and that the committee will next meet on Monday, Nov. 29 at the Kalorama Rec. Center at 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Roth proposed that the featured topic for the Nov. 15 forum be on the impact construction equipment has on the neighborhood. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver offered a resolution honoring Officer Christos Ragavanis for his exemplary efforts while serving as an officer in the Third District. The resolution was seconded and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson

NAY: None

Commendation of MPD Officer Christos Ragavanis

Whereas, it is always a privilege to thank the brave men and women in uniform who go above and beyond the call of duty to bring honor and safety to the Nation's Capital.

Whereas, it is with bittersweet emotions that we would like to thank Metropolitan Police Officer Christos "Ragu" Ragavanis for his service to the Adams Morgan neighborhood, before his impending departure from MPD and the DC area.

Whereas, Officer Ragavanis and his partner Officer Wilfred Salas were responsible for initiating a plainclothes, undercover beat that netted numerous arrests and convictions in Adams Morgan -- a project that substantially cut car jockeying, theft from autos, home burglaries, and gang activity in our community.

Whereas, Officer "Ragu" also had a deep concern for youth in the neighborhood and was an organizer for MPD of the Hoopin' for Hope, a basketball tournament aimed at shutting down a drug market street and replacing it with portable basketball courts for the area youth.

Whereas, ANC IC wishes to thank a true community officer who made the sacrifices for the betterment of our community and our city. He truly distinguished himself from the crowd, and will not easily be replaced.

Therefore, let it be resolved by the ANC IC, by this resolution, we congratulate Officer Chris Ragavanis on his recent marriage and wish him and his wife Danielle Godspeed and best wishes in their future endeavors.

Commissioner Roth offered a resolution making further recommendations to the Zoning Advisory Committee. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Making a Further Recommendation to the Zoning Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the D.C. Office of Zoning has formed a Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) to review the Zoning Regulations and recommend appropriate revisions for consideration by the Zoning Commission, and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted at our October 6, 2004 meeting and transmitted to the ZAC by letter dated October 13, 2004, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C submitted several recommendations to the ZAC, and

WHEREAS, the October 6, 2004 resolution inadvertently omitted one significant recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C makes the following further recommendation to the ZAC for a revision in the Zoning Regulations:

Clarify in sections 3125 and 3205 of the Zoning Regulations that the conditions that may be imposed on the approval of a special exception, variance, or planned unit development include the satisfactory negotiation with the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission or other parties to a case of a construction and transportation management plan to ameliorate construction impacts on adjacent properties and to minimize the use of public space adjacent to the project so that the community is not endangered or unreasonably inconvenienced.

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution supporting the expansion plans for the Potter's House, located at 1656-1660 Columbia Rd., NW. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Regarding Potter's House Expansion

WHEREAS, Potter's House, located at 1656-1660 Columbia Road, NW (Square 2579, Lot 801), has filed Application 17178 with the Board of Zoning Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, after showing initial plans to neighboring building owners, Potter's House has slightly modified this initial plan; and

WHEREAS, Potter's House is a longtime contributor of social value to the Adams Morgan Community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports Potter's House's expansion application, provided that it is modified to reflect the details of revised plans dated November 3, 2004, and a letter from neighbor Herbert White with that same date (five foot east-side setback, painting off east wall white).

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution supporting the public space application for Café Toulouse at 2431 18th St., NW. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Regarding Café Toulouse Sidewalk Café Public Space

WHEREAS, Café Toulouse, located at 2431 18th Street, NW has filed an application with the Department of Transportation's Office of Public Space Management Administration; and

WHEREAS, this application reflects a reduction of the current sidewalk café (and a resulting four foot increase in public sidewalk space);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports the application for public space at 2431 18th Street, NW.

Mr. Robert K. Snow, Community Telephone Co. discussed his public space application for a pay phone located on 18th St. at Julia's Empanadas. Commissioner Miscuk moved that ANC 1C support the public space application. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Roth offered an amendment that the applicant be required to put current contact information on the pay phone. The amendment was unanimously approved. The motion, as amended was discussed and approved by voice vote.

The Commission discussed a proposed "Nightclub Tour" and its potential impacts on the neighborhood and whether the involved ABC establishments were violating their Voluntary Agreements. Commissioner Miscuk moved that ANC1C send a letter to the organizer, the involved establishments and ABRA stating that it is the opinion of ANC1C that this "Nightclub Tour" is a violation of the establishments Voluntary Agreement and that the establishments either withdraw their participation or be fined for violating the terms of their agreement. The motion was seconded and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Apostolides, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson

NAY: None

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Miscuk reminded those in attendance about the grant money available to neighborhood nonprofit organizations through the Public Services Committee.

Commissioner Weaver announced the upcoming ABC & Public Safety Committee meeting and the committee's plans to take up uniform sidewalk café closing times at the meeting.

Commissioner Gibson announced that the bulletin board had been installed at Champorama Park.

Commissioner Roth encouraged the Commission to come up with potential new meeting spaces for the upcoming year including possibly the auditorium at the new Sitar Center.

ADJORNMENT

Commissioner Moretti moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.