

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of December 1, 2004

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at the Third District Police Headquarters. Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Approximately 20 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were: Alan Roth (ANC1C01), Bryan Weaver (ANC1C03), Mindy Moretti (ANC1C04), Andy Miscuk (ANC1C05), and Josh Gibson (ANC1C06).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, moved the approval of the Nov. 3, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Commission approved Commissioner Roth's motion that the Commission inform DDOT's Public Space office that it has no objection to the application of Community Telephone Co. for the continuation of a pay telephone on the sidewalk in front of 1731 Kalorama Road, NW (Nery's Car Service).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gabriela Mossi with Adams Morgan Main Street reminded those in attendance about tax-free shopping in the District and encouraged people to shop in Adams Morgan.

A member of the public expressed her concerns about low-income tenants being displaced from many places in Adams Morgan, in particular the Dorchester House.

Bill Falls reminded everyone about ANC1C's Web site (www.anc1c.org).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services

Commissioner Miscuk gave an update on the status of the Public Services Committee and moved the approval of a \$1,000 grant request from Sarah's Circle for security equipment. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

ABC & Public Safety

Sgt. Jeter provided a crime report for the month of November and noted that there had been eight robberies, four assaults with a dangerous weapon, 20 thefts from auto and six stolen autos. Sgt. Jeter also provided the Commission with information about serious crime incidents at several ABC establishments including a stabbing at Tom Tom and an assault with a box cutter at Timerhi.

Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Gibson announced that the PZT Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters. The November PZT meeting focused on the ongoing issues of the proposed Harris Teeter. At the time of the ANC meeting on Dec. 1, there was nothing on the agenda for the PZT meeting on the 15th.

Commissioner Roth discussed his participation in a Ward One Transportation Planning Committee meeting that centered around allowing car-sharing companies to use public curb space to park their vehicles throughout the city.

Commissioner Gibson gave an update on the first meeting held about the potential redevelopment of the Marie Reed site.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution thanking outgoing Commissioner Apostolides for his service to the ANC. The motion was seconded and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson
NAY: None

Resolution of Commendation and Thanks to ANCIC Treasurer Nik Apostolides

WHEREAS, Nik Apostolides served Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C as the Commissioner for Single Member District 1C02 from January 2003 through December 2004, and as the ANC's Treasurer from March 2004 to December 2004, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Apostolides served in these volunteer positions with distinction, integrity, and the best interests of the community in mind, particularly by keeping the books and financial affairs of the Commission in good order, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Apostolides chose not to seek re-election to the ANC in the November 2004 election, and

WHEREAS, his hard work and service to the ANC and the entire Adams Morgan community has been deeply appreciated, and he will be missed in the next ANC term,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C commends Commissioner Apostolides for his service and devotion to the Adams Morgan community, thanks him for his work on ANC 1C, and wishes him every success in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to approve the variance from the Cafritz Foundation to add a second level to skywalk between the Universal South and the Univesral North buildings. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to oppose a public space request from the Nextel Corporation. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson
NAY: None

Be it resolved that ANCIC opposes any Public Space application in the area of Euclid and Champlain for the purpose of erecting an antenna or any other attachment to any building in that area until such a time that ANCIC has a chance to review the plan and has an opportunity to comment further.

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution concerning the transportation plan created to accommodate the construction of 1701 Kalorama Rd., NW. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

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

Resolution Regarding 1701 Kalorama Road Transportation Plan

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2004 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC 1C) supported an application for a development project at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW; and

WHEREAS, that resolution included the following "Resolved" clause: "Further resolved that this support is contingent on FCD Development working with ANC 1C to develop a construction staging, parking, and transportation plan that minimizes the impact of their work on the community;" and

WHEREAS, FCD Development has worked with Commissioner Gibson from Single Member District 1C07, where the project is located, as well as other community members and adjoining developers, to negotiate such a plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 1C authorizes Commissioner Gibson to communicate to DDOT that the ANC supports the plan agreed to by the developer and the community; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioner Gibson will monitor adherence to this plan on an ongoing basis, and the developer will keep him and other community members updated continuously on their progress.

Commissioner Roth moved that the ANC approve the proposed text of a flyer calling on residents and businesses to eliminate food sources for rats, improve their trash disposal practices, and call 727-1000 to report rat infestations, and that up to \$50 be authorized for photocopying the flyer. Copies of the flyer will then be distributed to Commissioners and any other interested parties in the community for taping to overflowing trash cans and dumpsters. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved by voice vote. Commissioner Roth also indicated an interest in having the flyer translated into Spanish for the reverse side. During discussion of the motion, Gerard Brown of the Rodent Control Office in the DC Health Department and residents who had worked with Mr. Brown spoke about his office's activities and availability. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution urging WMATA to implement transit signal prioritization in Adams Morgan. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Roth offered an amendment to insert “carefully and effectively designed” in the first Resolved clause and to add a second Resolved clause. The amendment was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The resolution, as amended was discussed and approved by voice vote:

***Resolution Urging WMATA and DDOT to Implement
Transit Signal Prioritization in Adams Morgan***

Whereas Transit Signal Prioritization (TSP) is an operational strategy that facilitates the movement of in-service transit vehicles through traffic-signal controlled intersections; and

Whereas studies have found that TSP results in reductions in transit travel times, schedule unpredictability and impacts on cross-street traffic, and

Whereas studies have also shown that when effectively designed, TSP may positively benefit other/non-transit vehicles traveling in the same direction, and

Whereas WMATA (Washington Metro Area Transit Authority) already uses TSP in areas of Northern Virginia and DDOT has already endorsed the use of TSP in the District of Columbia, and

Whereas Adams Morgan has a notorious problem with traffic and congestion along all of its major roadways, and

Whereas Adams Morgan is served by 10 bus lines and includes two of seven corridors that have been chosen for further study for light rail or bus rapid transit, and

Whereas anything to reduce the congestion in Adams Morgan, particularly along 18th Street, NW can be seen as having a positive impact on the community,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANCIC encourages WMATA and DDOT to implement a carefully and effectively designed Transit Signal Prioritization in the Adams Morgan Community and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mayor Williams, Council Member Graham, WMATA Chairman Robert Smith or CEO Richard White, and DDOT Director Dan Tangherlini.

And Be It Further Resolved that prior to implementation, that WMATA and DDOT will present their plans to the ANC for community feedback.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to support a stipulated license to allow East Meets West Café to switch from a class D/R to a class C/R license. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

YEA: Roth, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson

NAY: None

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution welcoming the newest member of the Adams Morgan community to the neighborhood. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, Gibson

NAY: None

***Resolution Welcoming
Sebastian Mauricio Weaver Cardona***

Whereas the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Washington, D.C. is a vibrant and diverse community, and

Whereas, despite our occasional differences in thought and philosophy, Adams Morgan welcomes all newcomers, and

Whereas the members of ANCIC were duly elected by the community to represent the best interests of the residents and to serve as a voice for the people,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that on behalf of the entire neighborhood, ANCIC officially welcomes Sebastian Mauricio Weaver Cardona to the Adams Morgan community on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 5:15 p.m. — just in time for happy hour.

And Be It Further Resolved, that ANCIC wishes young Sebastian a life filled with good friends, good health, good grades, good games of basketball and of course good cheer.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.