

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

Adams Morgan

June 1, 2005

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at Mary's Center. Chairman Alan Roth called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Approximately 35 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were: Alan Roth (1C01), Jon Canty (1C02), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Andy Miscuk (1C05), Graham King (1C06), and Josh Gibson (1C07).

ELECTION

Commissioner Miscuk nominated Commissioner Canty to serve as the new Treasurer of ANC1C. The nomination was seconded, discussed and Commissioner Canty was elected by a voice vote.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Commissioner Roth, chairman, made a motion to approve the migration to a larger post office box and to spend up to \$150 extra per year to accommodate the move. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, secretary, made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded and discussed. The minutes were approved by voice vote with the caveat that any corrections found by any Commissioner later would be approved at the July meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Canty, treasurer, provided the Commission with a financial update. As of June 1, 2005, the Commission had a balance of \$75,350.07 with no checks outstanding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A member of the public made an inquiry into the previous year's balance of the ANC's bank account and from where the Commission receives its money.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Miscuk announced an upcoming fundraiser for Hoops Sagrado on June 9, 2005 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chloe.
- Commissioner Roth announced an Adams Morgan Main Street event, Crossroads 2005, at the Hilton on Monday June 6th.
- Commissioner Gibson announced an upcoming clean up and replanting for Champorama Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC & Public Safety

Commissioner Moretti asked for and obtained unanimous consent to move two items under New Business on the agenda up to the ABC & Public Safety Committee report.

Sgt. Aceto with the MPD Third District provided a crime update for PSA 303. Sgt. Aceto noted that crime in the PSA was up 1 percent from last year, but that was mostly due to theft from autos and theft of autos. He said MPD has made several arrests recently that have lead to the closure of a significant number of cases. He also provided a brief update on the status of the new parking regulations on Friday and Saturday nights on the west side of 18th St.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to protest the conversion of a C/R (restaurant) to a C/T (tavern) for Bukom Café based on the adverse affects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to support amending the voluntary agreement with Columbia Station to allow them to open at 11 a.m. for lunch. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to support the amended noise provision in the ANC's voluntary agreement with the Pharmacy Bar. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to approve the public space application for Pharmacy Bar to allow for an unenclosed sidewalk café featuring three tables of two. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Canty, Moretti, Miscuk, King, Gibson
NAY: Roth

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to accept the voluntary agreement between Pharaoh's Rock and Blues Bar, the Kalorama Citizens Assoc. and ANC1C. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to strike a portion of the agreement. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Gibson offered a friendly amendment to Comm. Miscuk's amendment, which was accepted by unanimous consent. The amendment, as amended, struck from the agreement the limitation of live music to two specific genres, blues and classic rock, and was approved by voice vote. The voluntary agreement, as amended was then approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Canty, Moretti, Miscuk, King, Gibson
NAY: Roth

Commissioner Gibson announced that Commissioner Weaver had taken it upon himself to reschedule the next ABC & Public Safety Committee for Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center. Commissioner Moretti was not amused.

Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Gibson offered a resolution to support Jubilee Housing's grant application to the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution of Support for Jubilee Housing's Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Community Development

WHEREAS, the preservation of affordable housing is a critical community concern in Adams Morgan and throughout the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of a culturally, racially, and economically diverse Adams Morgan depends on the success of preserving affordable housing for those of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, for almost thirty years, Jubilee Housing, a faith-based nonprofit, has purchased, developed and maintained affordable housing for those of low and very low income; and

WHEREAS, the experience of Jubilee Housing has contributed to the Adams Morgan community through the creation of programs in job training, child care and after school programs and programs for youth in the arts; and

WHEREAS, the renovation of the housing stock owned and maintained by Jubilee Housing in Adams Morgan will improve the living conditions of residents of Jubilee Housing while enhancing the quality of community life; and

WHEREAS, up until this point, Jubilee Housing has neither sought nor received public funding for its programs; yet, facing a clear need for extensive renovation of all buildings, has after careful deliberation decided to seek such funding for the first time; and

WHEREAS, Jubilee Housing plans to substantially rehabilitate its buildings located at 2418 17th St, NW, 1630 Fuller St, NW, 1650 Fuller St, NW and 1631 Euclid St, NW; and

WHEREAS, Jubilee Housing has applied to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for funds totaling \$8,886,000, such funds being allocated from Housing Production Trust Fund, Community Development Block Grant program, HOME program funds, the District Affordable Housing Production Program, and Low Income Housing Tax Credits; and

WHEREAS, this substantial rehabilitation project will result in preserving 118 units of housing affordable to persons and families with low and extremely low incomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C endorses Jubilee Housing's DHCD application to DHCD and strongly encourages their Loan Project Review Committee to approve such funding without delay.

Commissioner Roth noted that DDOT had provided the Commission with a list of all the upcoming street and alley repaving projects for the next several years. He encouraged Commissioners to convey their priority suggestions to Commissioner Gibson before the June 7th PZT meeting so the ANC could take action on the priorities at the July meeting.

Commissioner Gibson announced that the next meeting of the PZT Committee will be on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters.

Public Services

Commissioner King made a motion to approve a \$1,000 grant for Urban Rangers for its neighborhood history museum, with the caveat that if possible, the materials produced with the grant be put on CD or other digital format for reuse in the future. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve a \$1,000 grant to Adams Morgan Main Street for supplemental supplies for new trees planted in neighborhood tree boxes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve a \$1,000 grant to the MPD Reserve Corps Mountain Bike Patrol Fund for the purchase of a bike and the necessary supplemental equipment, with the caveat that the bike remain in the Adams Morgan community and make an appearance every six months at an ANC meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve a \$1,000 grant for the Capital City Public Charter School for a book project on homelessness in D.C. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to waive the ANC’s grant priority requirements. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Canty, Moretti, Miscuk, King, Gibson
NAY: None

The grant was then approved by voice vote.

Commissioner King discussed the parameters of ANC1C’s upcoming Youth Summit on Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. Comm. King made a motion to move the summit from the ANC’s regular meeting space to Kalorama Park. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner King announced that the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be Monday, June 27th at Kalorama Rec.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Gibson provided an update on the status of the 12 outstanding issues from the Memorandum of Understanding between ANC1C, Harris Teeter and the developer of the Citadel site. Commissioner Miscuk made a motion that ANC1C withdraw its support of the Citadel project and ask the zoning commission to move forward with the application but refrain from voting so ANC1C can conclude negotiations with the applicant. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Roth moved to amend Commissioner Miscuk’s motion with a substitute motion that ANC1C file a motion in Zoning Commission Case No. 04-30 requesting the ZC to continue the hearing on the PUD application beyond the currently scheduled June 6, 2005 hearing date and further requesting that another hearing date not be set for 90 days or until ANC1C advises the

ZC that the ANC has successfully completed negotiations with the applicants and Harris Teeter on a comprehensive MOU to govern the project, whichever occurs sooner. In the alternative, the ZC will be asked to suspend the June 6th hearing prior to presentation of the ANC's case and to allow the ANC to postpone cross-examination of the applicant's witnesses until a continued hearing date. Should the ZC not grant ANC1C's above motion for continuance on June 6th, then ANC1C shall oppose approval of the PUD application unless the applicants and Harris Teeter are ordered as a condition of any ZC approval to enter into a comprehensive MOU with ANC1C (and such other affected local parties as may wish to join the ANC's agreement) that include all heretofore agreed-upon terms of the applicant's and Harris Teeter's April 28th proposal and, in addition meets the ANC's requirements—as determined by the ANC — as to the 12 issues enumerated in its May 4th resolution. Comm. Roth's amendment was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Canty, King, Gibson
NAY: Miscuk, Moretti

The original motion, as amended was discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Roth, Canty, King, Gibson
NAY: Miscuk, Moretti

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution supporting historical landmark designation (HPRB Application No. 04-10) for the firehouse at 1763 Lanier Place, NW. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Supporting Historic Landmark Designation for Lanier Place Firehouse

Whereas an application (#04-10) has been filed with the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) requesting historic landmark designation for the firehouse located at 1763 Lanier Place, NW, and

Whereas the firehouse at 1763 Lanier Place, NW (D.C. Engine Company No. 21) falls within the boundaries of ANC1C, and

Whereas the firehouse at 1763 Lanier Place, NW was built in 1908 by architect Appleton P. Clark, and

Whereas the Mission Revival-style architecture of the firehouse — finished in stucco and ornamented with contrasted brick molding in an American interpretation of Mediterranean architecture — is credited with influence on later development of some of the row houses along Lanier Place, NW, and

Whereas the firehouse has played an integral part in the history of the Lanier Heights neighborhood, and neighbors in Lanier Heights have rallied together throughout the years to save the firehouse on several occasions from closure, and

Whereas the Engine Company No. 21, located in the firehouse at 1763 Lanier Place, NW continues to serve as a focal point for not only Lanier Heights, but all of Adams Morgan.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANCIC supports the application for historical landmark designation (Application #04-10) for Engine Company No. 21 located at 1763 Lanier Place, NW.

John Holmes with Adams Investment provided an update on several of their projects including the status of the reconstruction of the alley surrounding the Colortone building at 17th and Kalorama. Mr. Holmes also gave an update on the project slated for 2426-2430 Ontario Rd. NW. Mr. Holmes said review D.C. agencies indicated that the buildings could not structurally be saved.

Commissioner King offered a resolution to support the Sitar Center's grant application to the Department of Housing and Community Development. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Prior to the vote, Commissioner Gibson, who serves on the board of the Sitar Center made the announcement that he would be abstaining from voting on the issue. The resolution was approved by voice vote:

Resolution of Support for the Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Community Development

WHEREAS, the Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts was founded in 1998, with its doors opening in January of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Sitar Center is a multi-cultural community arts center located in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Sitar Center states that "by providing a safe, structured, and nurturing environment for exploring music, dance, drama, writing and visual arts, the Sitar Center serves as a catalyst for the imagination and enhances the cognitive and life skills of children, youth, and families;" and

WHEREAS, the Sitar Center currently serves approximately 300 students, over 90 percent of whom are members of minority groups; and

WHEREAS, in late 2002, the Sitar Center received the Mayor's Arts Award for Outstanding Contributions to Arts Education; and

WHEREAS, the Sitar Center's previous space, a 2,500 square foot windowless basement, was proven insufficient for its operations resulting in a significant waiting list for Center programs; and

WHEREAS, the Sitar Center has a contract to buy a 10,700 square foot commercial condominium space at 1700 Kalorama Road, NW; and

WHEREAS, this space will allow the Sitar Center to increase its enrollment to 500 students by the end of 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Sitar Center has undertaken a \$3.3 million capital campaign to fund the renovation of this space; and

WHEREAS, the Sitar Center has applied for a \$975,000 grant from the DC Department of Housing and Community Development to purchase the space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C fully supports the Sitar Center's application for \$975,000 in DCHD grant funding.

Commissioner Miscuk made a motion to approve a grant of \$1,000 to Help D.C. Help D.C. to support an upcoming clean up and replanting at Champorama Park. The motion was seconded and discussed. Because of their involvement in the project, Commissioners Gibson and King had to recuse themselves. In light of this, the Chair ruled that for purposes of this grant application that a quorum was not present and therefore a vote could not be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.