

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of April 4, 2007

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Approximately 15 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were: Barry Weise (1C01), Emily Mechner (1C02) Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), J. Michael Logsdon (1C05), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Katherine Boettrich (1C08).

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teresa Lopez inquired about a reported rape at a construction site on Spring St. N.W. Commissioner Weaver volunteered to follow up on this inquiry.

A member of the public inquired about how meeting notices for the ANC 1C meetings are circulated. Commissioner Moretti addressed the question.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich moved the approval of the minutes from the March 7, 2007 regular meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reynolds, treasurer, submitted his report and moved for approval. It was second by Mechner and approved by voice vote.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Moretti announced the next meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee will be held Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m.
- Commissioner Reynolds announced the next meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at the Third District Metropolitan Police Headquarters.
- Commissioner Shia announced that the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at the Kalorama Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MPD Report

Sergeant Aceto provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. He noted that most crime is down, including a 56 percent drop in theft from auto. The significant drop is possibly linked to the incarceration of a suspect, currently being held in Virginia. He provided information on arrests, thefts and burglaries in the area and answered

questions from the public and commissioners about shots fired in the area, gang violence and car alarms.

Aceto answered questions about bike thefts and provided tips on avoiding having bicycles stolen. He also answered public questions regarding the push for visibility with uniformed officers in the area.

B. ABC & Public Safety

Commissioner Moretti requested notification of any restaurants or bars with problems.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C accept the joint voluntary agreement between ANC1C, the Kalorama Citizens Association and the Angry Inch for the establishment's entertainment endorsement. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

C. Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Reynolds offered the resolution regarding the change to the traffic pattern of Reed-Cooke in advance of the Harris Teeter. It is scheduled for discussion as part of new business. Reynolds yielded the balance of his time.

D. Public Services

Commissioner Shia discussed the special meeting of the H.D. Cooke renovation project. Translation was provided for \$100, including equipment. The next meeting, planned for April 12, will require translation, as well. Commissioner Shia moved for approval of an expenditure of \$100-200 for the meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved.

Commissioner Mechner made a motion to write a letter of support for the Bow Wow Pow Wow on Sunday, April 29 from 11:00 – 5:00. It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Mechner offered a resolution to support the "Bicycle Registration Reform Act of 2007." It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Supporting Council's Bill, "Bicycle Registration Reform Act of 2007"

WHEREAS the ownership and use of bicycles in the District of Columbia contributes positively to the urban quality of life and the health and fitness of District residents, as well as mitigating air pollution and traffic congestion when such use substitutes for car use, and

WHEREAS the existing bicycle registration law in the District of Columbia is prohibitively difficult to comply with, and has been used to harass and intimidate bicycle users without contributing satisfactorily to the recovery of stolen bicycles or bicycle safety, and

WHEREAS bicycle registration is potentially useful in property recovery and crime prevention, and

WHEREAS ANC1C's jurisdiction includes a relatively great concentration of bicycle owners and users, including many who rely on their bicycles for daily transportation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC1C supports the above named act repealing the District's existing mandatory bicycle registration law and establishing a system of voluntary registration using the National Bicycle Registry.

Commissioner Mechner offered a resolution to support the "Bicycle Commuter and Parking Act of 2007." It was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Weise offered a friendly amendment. The resolution, as amended, was discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution Supporting Council's Bill, "Bicycle Commuter and Parking Act of 2007"

WHEREAS the ownership and use of bicycles in the District of Columbia contributes positively to the urban quality of life and the health and fitness of District residents, as well as mitigating air pollution and traffic congestion when such use substitutes for automobile use, and

WHEREAS the use of bicycles for daily commuting and other transportation needs as well as recreation is encouraged by the availability of secure and convenient bicycle parking opportunities both at people's homes and at the destinations to which they may travel for work or other errands, and

WHEREAS the accessibility of government buildings to bicycle users sets an important example for other business and building owners, and

WHEREAS ANC1C's jurisdiction includes a relatively great concentration of bicycle owners and users, including many who rely on their bicycles for daily transportation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC1C supports the above named act providing for the installation of secure and convenient bicycle parking near government buildings and in new residential construction, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC1C recommends amending the bill to require a larger number of bicycle parking spaces than the bill currently calls for, namely

- Section 2(2) At the Wilson Building: 8% of the number of automobile parking spaces or 30 (thirty) public bicycle parking spaces, whichever is larger;
- Section 3(2) Other government facilities: 8% or of the number of automobile parking spaces provided or a number that is estimated to accommodate 8% of employees and visitors to the facility in question, whichever is greater;

- Section 4 Residential buildings: 8 spaces (one per unit for the smallest buildings covered by the requirement) or 20% of the number of units in the building or 50% of the number of automobile parking spaces provided, whichever number is greatest.

Commissioner Mechner offered a resolution to support reseeded the Oval and Adjacent Areas in Kalorama Park. It was seconded and discussed. Commissioner XXX offered an amendment that ANC1C closely monitor the area. The amendment was seconded discussed and approved by voice vote. The resolution, as amended was approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Boettrich, Reynolds, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, and Weise
 NAY: Mechner

Resolution to Support Reseeding Oval and Adjacent Areas in Kalorama Park

Whereas Kalorama Park is heavily used by the surrounding community and represents a significant recreational amenity to the people of Adams Morgan, and

Whereas the presence of grass in the park landscape enhances the enjoyment of all who visit and is desired by the entire community, and helps prevent erosion by wind and water and other damage to the soil and plantings, and

Whereas several lawn areas of Kalorama Park are denuded of grass or in an advanced state of turf degradation and in urgent need of grass restoration, and

Whereas the restoration of lawns in that condition requires restoration and amendment of the soil in order to provide organic material and nutrients; protection from all traffic and disturbance during the period in which the grass is reestablished; and appropriate, regular irrigation in order for the grass to grow and become healthy, and

Whereas the need for regular mowing and irrigation, and periodic reseeded, fertilizing, and other appropriate maintenance continues as long as you have a lawn, and

Whereas the Fund for Kalorama Park, being the official adoptive friends-of group for Kalorama Park, has tirelessly lobbied the Department of Parks and Recreation to perform the above described renovation and maintenance of park landscape and regularly contributes its hard-raised funds for the support of the same, and

Whereas Kalorama Park falls within the jurisdiction of ANC1C.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C supports the temporary fencing of the upper oval and adjacent areas of Kalorama Park to allow for the reseeded and renovation of these areas

And be it further resolved that ANC1C urges the Department of Parks and Recreation to

- Make sure the renovation and reseeded succeed, by providing ALL the elements of this renovation, including soil amendment and fertilizers, without which the rest of the investment is likely to be wasted, and
- Provide a maintenance plan for the long-term care of the reseeded areas to the ANC, the Fund for Kalorama Park and the staff at Kalorama Park for review. The maintenance plan should include how the Department of Parks and Recreation plans to maintain the newly reseeded areas in times of draught, excessive rain, and approximate times and frequency of routine fertilization and cutting, and
- Place bilingual signage on the temporary fencing explaining the purpose of the fence and the renovation process, providing an approximate date for the removal of the temporary fence and providing contact information if any members of the public should they require additional information, and
- Following removal of the fencing, take appropriate steps to protect the lawns thus renovated from overuse and damage, including (as necessary) limiting the days and hours during which the lawns may be used. Post any use restrictions with bilingual signage including an explanation of purpose and contact information for the appropriate channels through which to report violations.
- Carefully monitor unfenced areas of the park for signs of overuse and intervene to prevent degradation of those areas, including imposing temporary use restrictions in those areas as needed.

And Be It Further Resolved that should the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation fail to fulfill any element of this plan for the restoration of the lawns at Kalorama Park, ANC1C reserves the right to revoke its support of this project at any time.

Commissioner Mechner made a motion to support conducting a survey of community opinion about Kalorama Park. It was seconded and discussed. A friendly amendment was added to approve the use of up to \$350 for an unscientific survey with a completion date of July 17, 2007. It was approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti offered a motion to support a Sidewalk Café Application for Old City Café. It was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call.

YEA: Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Reynolds and Boettrich
NAY: Shia

Commissioner Mechner made a motion to approve a \$1,000 grant request from the Sibayne Mentor Program for their D.C. Civil War Cadet Academy's bus transportation to NPS Petersburg National Battlefield. It was seconded and discussed. A friendly

amendment was offered to limit the grant to \$800. The amendment was accepted and approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Reynolds offered a motion to support a one-way street to allow a change to Citadel/Harris Teeter Truck Management Plan and Traffic Pattern for Reed Cooke Community. It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to Recommend Change to Citadel/ Harris Teeter Truck Management Plan and Traffic Pattern fo rReed Cooke Community

WHEREAS: ANC 1C, the Department of Transportation (DDOT), Faison Associate, (on behalf of Douglas Development, Inc.), and the planned full service grocery store Harris Teeter have negotiated certain traffic patterns to facilitate the deliveries of up to 40 trucks Monday through Saturday, and up to 15 trucks on Sundays, no longer than 40 feet in length, to the Harris Teeter (H/T) grocery store within a building known as "The Citadel" at he intersection of Kalorama Road and 17th St. N.W., (Square 2572, Lot 36), and

WHEREAS: These negotiations resulted in a Truck Management Plan (TMP) established in December 2005 with the following elements:

- 1600 block of Kalorama Rd. NW to be One Way to 17th St. NW
- 2400 block of 17th St to be One Way to Euclid St. NW
- 2500 block of 17th St. NW to be One Way to Columbia Rd, and

WHEREAS: ANC 1C has expressed great concern, and performed much work in the development of this project, by example of motions passed by the full ANC on May 2005, November 2005, and participation in The Citadel's application for Board Zoning Adjustment variances, case 17395, on November 25, 2005, and

WHEREAS: Meetings held with stakeholders in the community and; DDOT, Councilmember Jim Graham, members of ANC 1C, and the Planning, Zoning and Transportation (PZT) Committee of ANC 1C in the fall of 2006 and winter of 2007 made clear the desires of the community to maintain in place the current traffic pattern in the adjacent residential streets surrounding the above named streets included in the TMP, and

WHEREAS: In the process of these meeting it was deemed necessary to keep the 2500 block of 17th Street as two way street to facilitate access by parents to the H.D. Cooke Elementary School, and to provide a southbound entry into the Reed Cooke community from Columbia Road, and

WHEREAS: An alternative proposal to establish the 1600 block of Euclid Street toward 16th Street was deemed an effective solution to providing an exit to the planned 40 (Mon. – Sat.) and 15 (Sun.) delivery trucks per week, supplying the Harris Teeter grocery store, and

WHEREAS: The turning radius needed by the planned 40 (Mon. – Sat.) and 15 (Sun.) delivery trucks, six days a week, exiting from 17th Street on to Euclid Street pose severe challenges to oncoming traffic, congestion, and pedestrian safety, and

WHEREAS: Many of these challenges are mitigated by converting the 1600 block of Euclid Street from Two Way to One Way toward 16th Street NW and that this change was supported by DDOT at a community meeting held by the PZT Committee on March 21st, and

WHEREAS: At the community meeting on March 21, 2007, approval was expressed for the planned installation of a traffic light at the intersection of 16th St. NW and Kalorama Rd. NW,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: ANC 1C does support to recommend change the TMP for Harris Teeter, and does recommend to DDOT that the 1600 block of Euclid Street NW be designated as One-way towards 16th Street NW and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That consistent with past agreements, and continued community support, ANC 1C does support DDOT's plan to install a traffic light at the intersection of 16th Street and Kalorama Road NW and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that DDOT is requested to install appropriate signs prohibiting all through trucks over 1 ¼ tons from entering:

- The 2500 block of 17th Street NW
- The 1700 block of Euclid NW
- The 1700 block of Kalorama Rd. NW
- The 1600 block of Belmont Street NW

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That DDOT take all appropriate action to make reasonable adjustments from time to time to control through truck traffic as may be needed in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That DDOT request a letter of confirmation from Harris Teeter grocery store to confirm that written notice is given to suppliers making deliveries to use only designated, allowed streets for transit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chairperson of the PZT Committee of ANC 1C is authorized by PZT 1C to transmit this resolution to DDOT, Councilmember Jim Graham and any and all appropriate Agencies and Offices of the District of Columbia government.

Commissioner Weaver discussed the Mayor's change in "fight backs" Weaver described the changes, which included that only police can arrange a "fight back," rather than any city agency. Weaver offered a motion to have a public forum on the topic in June with an immediate letter to the Mayor, the motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm