

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of May 2, 2007

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Approximately 21 members of the public attended the meeting.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich moved for approval of the minutes from the April 4, 2007 regular meeting with the provision that the resolution regarding Harris Teeter one-way street is inserted. The motion was seconded by and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff from the D.C. Public Service Commission was on hand to discuss Pepco's proposed rate increases and to announce a series upcoming public meetings to discuss the increase.

Lisa Duperier from Adams Morgan Main Street Group discussed the Bow Wow Pow Wow. A request was made for artists for call boxes

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.

Mary Gomez requested information about the increase in graffiti and what might be done to correct it. Bridget Davis from the Mayor's office provided information and a phone number (727-1000) to report graffiti, especially gang-related graffiti.

Commissioner Shia reported that \$100,000 (citywide) has been requested by Councilmember Jim Graham for murals in the city. Commissioner Weise reported that this had left committee and was going to be voted upon by the full council.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Reynolds announced a Health and Public Safety Fair – in Spanish. Free health services will be provided by Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care. Free eye exams will be provided by the Hispanic Institute for Blindness

Prevention. Information on government services available to Latinos are provided by The Mayor's office on Latino Affairs. Free preparation of Children's ID kits by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. This event is being held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at the Sacred Heart School at 1625 Park Rd. N.W.

- Commissioner Mechner reported that a cleanup will be held for Pierce Park on May 5th. They are looking for volunteers to show up at 9 am. The Pierce Park cleanup will be followed by cleanup at Kalorama Park on May 12. This will be focused on cleaning up gardens – tools and mulch will be provided. There will be a neighborhood yard sale on May 19th in the Kalorama triangle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MPD Report

Sergeant Aceto provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. He noted that for the last year to year comparison, crime is up 13 percent. The last few weeks have been down between 7 to 13 percent. Theft from auto is down. 2525 Ontario continues to be a problem, including a gun found yesterday (May 2nd.) Floodlights have been installed for crime abatement starting on Monday, April 30. Earlier daytime seems to be a problem in this area (Ontario), so Sgt. Aceto has asked for some shift changes to accommodate this issue.

Good video has been obtained from some crimes that are progressing. Metropolitan Police has asked for access to apartment building because suspects have been running through these buildings. Aceto suggested that if citizens see people “hanging out” and wish to report it to the police, they should call 311. He suggested that the crime cameras have moved individuals from Euclid to Ontario and other streets.

Aceto reported that there was a water main break on 16th St., closing traffic in both directions for at least two to three days. Aceto reported that traffic was being redirected and the area is being patrolled. Access to side streets in Adams Morgan will be limited to those with proof of residence.

Question came up about the Adopt-a-Block program. Aceto recommended that people log onto the website for more information.

B. ABC & Public Safety

A meeting was held on April 10. The next meeting is scheduled on May 8 at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

C. Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the committee met on April 11. Agenda items included discussion of an issue about the replacement of disabled parking spaces by shared car parking. A second item was a review of the former Italian Embassy project. “Level Two” construction presented their ideas for open discussion.

The next meeting is May 9 at 7 pm. Agenda items for that meeting includes DDOT making a special presentation about disabled parking. A presentation will be made on the 30 percent completion of 18th St. The agenda also includes a proposal to improve the Marie-Reed Learning Center by improving the breezeway. Opening the breezeway, a mural and improvements to the school area will be discussed.

Former Commissioner Alan Roth presented as counsel for the ANC regarding Belmont Towers on the question of living space calculations for basements and top floors. The hearing was positive, according to Roth, but he is not predicting any outcome. Roth suggested that this case is significant in that ANC organizations now have a case to cite as an active participant. A motion was made to allow Alan Roth to represent ANC 1C in this matter. Motion was discussed and passed by voice vote.

D. Public Services

Commissioner Shia provided an update on the H.D. Cooke renovation. One question arose regarding the possibility that trash bags outside the building may contain asbestos. She reported on the costs of the translation (\$100) and the cooperation from neighborhood associations. She also commended Councilmember Graham and Chair Gray for their leadership on this matter.

Commissioner Mechner reported on the Kalorama Park meeting from April 21. Next steps are to conduct a formal online survey of the community. The survey is in the development phase.

The next meeting will be held on May 30 instead of the posted May 23rd date.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Shia received a request for a grant from H.D. Cooke Elementary School for a competition in Kings Dominion. Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC approve the request for \$1,500 from the Reed Cooke Neighborhood Association to support the H.D. Cooke Elementary School's band trip to Kings Dominion for a band competition. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC1C waive its grant guidelines to consider the original motion. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Mechner, Moretti, Logsdon, Reynolds and Boettrich
NAY: NONE

The original motion to support the grant for \$1500 was approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved the Redevelopment of the Brass Knob to the next meeting.

Commissioner Reynolds asked for the "No Left Turn" from parking garage be moved the PZT Committee for consideration.

Commissioner Weaver presented a resolution opposing the Sale of the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club. The motion was seconded and discussed. A roll call vote was held:

YEA: Weise, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Reynolds, Shia, Boettrich
NAY: NONE
ABSTAIN: Mechner

ANC IC Resolution Opposing the Sale of the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club

Whereas, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCGW) has decided to seek RFPs for the sale of the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club property at 3265 S Street, NW, and

Whereas, Jelleff Boys and Girls Club has provided valuable service for decades to youth who reside in Adams Morgan and throughout the city, and

Whereas, the Jelleff club has been an integral part of the entire Washington, D.C. community, serving youth since it's founding in 1931, and

Whereas, the Jelleff club has provided recreation, athletic, education, after-school and summer camp programs for more than 100,000 boys and girls since its inception, and

Whereas, Jelleff currently has over 6,000 boys and girls as members, far more than any other boys & girls club in the District under the supervision of BGCGW, and

Whereas, the Jelleff club has a highly diverse membership and welcomes boys and girls from all backgrounds, and offers scholarship free of charge for those in need, and

Whereas, the demand for use of the Jelleff Club by boys and girls continues unabated, including such programs as the Jelleff 900-kid winter basketball league, roller skating, baseball and football programs, use of the field by thousands of boys and girls for soccer and lacrosse, and the pool for summer day camp, and

Whereas, sale of the Jelleff property for private development would have a major disruptive impact on the lives of the thousands of boys and girls who utilize the Jelleff Boys and Girls club,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC is unalterably opposed to the closing and sale of property of Jelleff Boys and Girls, and

Be It Further Resolved that ANCIC urges the government of the District of Columbia to take whatever steps necessary — even invoking eminent domain — to ensure that not only the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club remains open, but that all Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington within the District of Columbia currently slated for closure and private development, remain open to all youth of this city.

A motion was made to protest the license renewal for the Left Bank for the reason of peace order and quiet. The issue was discussed and passed 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