

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of November 7, 2007

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Approximately 25 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Barry Weise (1C01), Emily Mechner (1C02) Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Katherine Boettrich (1C08). Absent: Michael Logsdon (C105).

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Commissioner Weaver opened the meeting with a discussion of health, safety and welfare of the residents in 2359 and 2401 Ontario Road, N.W. and the ANC's activities on this matter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich moved that the minutes for September 5 and October 4 be accepted. It was seconded, discussed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reynolds, treasurer, announced that the ANC had a current balance of \$67,191.10. Reynolds moved that the bank account for ANC 1C be moved from Bank of America as soon as possible. It was seconded, discussed and approved.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to authorize ANC 1C to advertise in print in the publication Street Sense commencing in November, 2007 through September 2008 consistent with allotted advertising budget of ANC 1C for FY 2008. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Anne Marie Bairstow from Adam's Morgan Business Improvement District announced a meeting on dealing with reducing the impact of rodents. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 2 pm at Perry's. The focus will be on the 1800 block of Columbia Rd north and south.
- Denis James announced the next meeting of the Kalorama Citizen's Association will be held at 7 pm on November 15 at the Goodwill Baptist Church. Speakers are expected to be from MPD and ABC administration. The focus will be on the nightlife in Adams Morgan and the affect on life on the side streets.
- Lisa Duperier from Adams Morgan Main Street Group announced a holiday open house to be held on December 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The location is TBD and will be posted on the ANC website. She also announced a new "Family Friendly Promotion," which includes family happy hours and brunches on Tuesday and Wednesday at eight restaurants.

- Barry Weise announced a D.C. Council meeting on December 10 at 2 pm on the Avalon fire and the Emergency Resolution. They will address fire and emergency services and the fire hydrant.
- Tarek Bolden introduced himself as the new Ward One planner – from the Office of Planning and Development. He can be reached at tarek.bolden@dc.gov or 202-442-7619.
- Eddie Becker provided an update on his experience with MPD following a complaint regarding disorderly behavior in his neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A ABC & Public Safety

No representative was available from the 3rd District to provide an update.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to support a stipulated license for Cashion's. It was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to protest El Tamarindo's request for substantial change to their license on the basis of peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to support a stipulated license for Bobby Lews for earlier hours to serve more food. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

The next meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee is on November 19 at 7 pm at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

C. Planning, Zoning and Transportation

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC 1C supports the proposed design addition of the Dorchester House apartment building (2480 16th St. N.W.) as compatible with the character of a Historic District, and limits such support to the historic district relevance of this review. ANC 1C reserves the right for further comment on the impact of this expansion upon existing and future tenants. The motion was seconded, discussed failed by roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Reynolds
 NAY: Weaver, Moretti, Boettrich, Shia

Commissioner Reynolds offered a motion:

ANC 1C supports the proposed design addition of the Dorchester House apartment building (2480 16th St., NW) as compatible with the character of a Historic District, and limits such support to the historic relevance of this review. ANC 1C reserves the right for further comment on the impact of this expansion upon existing and future tenants.

The motion was voted on by roll call:

YEA: Weise, Reynolds, Weaver, Boettrich, Moretti
NAY: none
ABSTAIN: Shia

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC 1C supports the design changes and rehabilitation of the premises located at 1840 and 1846 Vernon St., N.W. as compatible with the historic character of the Washington Heights Historic District. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

D. Public Services

Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC1C waive its grant guidelines in order to consider a grant from the Sitar Center. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Reynolds, Weaver, Shia, Boettrich, Moretti
NAY: none

Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC1C approve a grant for \$1000 for the Sitar Center to cover costs of art supplies for fall/winter classes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michelle Chin, project manager from DCPS and representatives from the HD Cooke renovation project (Quinn Evans Architects) provided an update on the project design. Asbestos remediation has been completed. Some restoration is underway at the same time as the design phase. A change from the earlier design is that they will preserve the 1960 addition instead of demolishing it. This building is designed to meet the LEED standard at the level of "certified." Student capacity is 442. A representative from DCPS teachers presented a petition from the teachers showing their support of the project design. It was agreed that a separate, informal meeting with Commissioner Shia with the architects would be scheduled to discuss the green building /environmental aspects of the building. An outstanding question was left regarding traffic flow and possible elimination of parking spaces on Mozart. Ms. Chin agreed to investigate the DDOT traffic flow study and report back to ANC 1C.

Commissioner Shia moved that ANC 1C vote to support the new design of HD Cooke Elementary. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Weaver, Moretti, Reynolds and Boettrich
NAY: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to support construction and renovation of Jubilee Housing at Ontario Court. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion for reimbursement of up to \$600 to Commissioner Weaver for materials for the 2359 Ontario Rd. housing restoration project. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to write a letter opposing a curb cut at 2351 Ontario Rd. It was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moretti moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and the meeting ended at 10:19.