

## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC**

### **Adams Morgan**

#### **Minutes of April 1, 2009**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on April 1, 2009 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Approximately 25 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Stacey Moyer (1C01), Chris Otten (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Kathie Boettrich (1C08).

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Commissioner Boettrich made a motion that the secretary's report be accepted. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

#### **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Boettrich announced a neighborhood meeting to be held on April 20 at 7p.m. to discuss neighborhood issues associated with the Meridian International. The meeting will be held in the lobby of 1661 Crescent Place.

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Kristen Barden provided an update on the Circulator bus route that has just opened throughout Adams Morgan.

Lisa Duperier from Adams Morgan Main St. announced the Bow Wow Pow Wow Festival for Dogs and Cats to be held on Sunday, April 26.

Anna Pollock from the Adams Morgan Children's Clinic (The Family Place) announced children's nutrition classes to be held at 1420 Columbia Rd. All classes are in Spanish and held between 10 am and 12 noon on Fridays.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

A representative of DDOT provided an update on the Adams Mill Project, which is part of the city's hazard elimination spot improvement project.

Deirdre Ehlen announced an open house for the public art installation planned for 18<sup>th</sup> and Columbia. It will be held as a public comment and feedback period; scheduled for April 21 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the 1<sup>st</sup> Church of Christ the Scientist at 1770 Euclid St. (entrance on Champlain St.)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. ABC & Public Safety**

**MPD Report** – Officer Bradley provided an update on recent crimes in the neighborhood. Several officers from 3D joined the presentation to discuss daytime robberies. Crime was up in all categories: robberies, theft from autos, stolen autos and assaults.

Commissioner Moretti a motion to protest the substantial change (entertainment endorsement) for Kokopoolis due to its adverse effect on peace order and quiet. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

### **B. Public Services**

Commissioner Moye made a motion to send a letter with the ANC1C Chair's signature and the Public Services Committee's Chair signature in support of the Adams Morgan Bow Wow Pow Wow to the D.C. Public School Real Estate Office and the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on Wednesday, April 22 at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

### **C. PZT Committee**

The meeting for April 13 will be cancelled unless any new agenda items are offered.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Moye offered a resolution of support for Earth Day 2009. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

*Whereas April 22, 2009 is Earth Day; and*

*Whereas the need to educate Americans on environmental issues led U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin to organize the first Earth Day in 1970 with the goal of "shak[ing] up the political establishment and forc[ing] this issue onto the national agenda"; and*

*Whereas, the first Earth Day successfully raised public awareness about the importance of good stewardship of the environment and directly led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in addition to the enactment of federal Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species laws; and*

*Whereas Earth Day events have now grown in participation to over 1 billion people in 174 nations, making it the largest secular civil event on the planet; and*

*Whereas substantial air and water quality and other environmental problems persist in cities like Washington, DC; and*

*Whereas participating in Earth Day activities increases our understanding of how our every day individual decisions can have a negative or positive impact on the environment.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C supports the purposes and goals of Earth Day 2009; and*

*Be It Further Resolved, that ANC 1C encourages Washingtonians to lead by example by participating in one of the numerous Earth Day activities taking place in Adams Morgan and the in Washington, DC metropolitan area and to take positive actions to reduce their own environmental footprint; and*

*Be It Further Resolved, ANC 1C encourages the Government of the District of Columbia to continue to promote energy efficient and low environmental impact practices in government operations and when enacting public policy, thereby making DC a world-class “green” city and improving the quality of life for residents.*

Commissioner Moye offered a resolution of support for National Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

*Whereas, A civilized society does not condone cruelty to animals or the depiction of cruelty to animals; and*

*Whereas, Research has conclusively demonstrated that cruelty to animals is often a precursor to aggression and brutality towards people; and*

*Whereas, a 1997 survey of shelters for battered women in the United States found that 85% of women and 63% of children entering shelters witnessed incidents of pet abuse in the home and that threats of violence against a family pet often prevent domestic violence victims from leaving their abuser; and*

*Whereas, actions that help prevent cruelty to animals include spaying/neutering pets, adopting a pet from a shelter, preparing pets for disaster, providing food, shelter, medical assistance, and reporting acts of cruelty to law enforcement officials; and*

*Whereas, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has provided service to millions of people and animals across the United States since its founding in 1866 by Henry Bergh;*

*Whereas, the ASPCA helps animals in need and promotes humane animal care and treatment by encouraging participation in National Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month; and*

*Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that ANC 1C supports the designation of the month of April 2009 as “National Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month;” and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC 1C encourages schools, churches, clubs, and other organizations serving children to take advantage of free humane education programs offered by the ASPCA and other nationally-recognized organizations; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC 1C also encourages legal and law enforcement personnel to participate in humane education and training programs to more effectively investigate and prosecute animal cruelty.*

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution supporting Council Bill 18-180, the “Newborn Safe Haven Act of 2009.” The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

*ANC1C Support for Council Bill B18-180, the “Newborn Safe Haven Act of 2009”*

*Whereas starting in 1999, infant safe haven laws have been enacted as an incentive for mothers in crisis to safely relinquish their babies to designated locations where the babies are protected and provided with medical care until a permanent home is found, and*

*Whereas, safe haven laws generally allow the parent, or an agent of the parent, to remain anonymous and to be shielded from prosecution for abandonment or neglect in exchange for surrendering the baby to a safe haven, and*

*Whereas the National Safe Haven Alliance reports that more than 1,000 infants have been saved since 1999 through safe haven laws, and*

*Whereas all 50 states and Puerto Rico currently have safe haven laws, and*

*Whereas the District of Columbia does not have a safe haven law, and*

*Whereas At-Large Councilmember David Catania introduced B18-180, the "Newborn Safe Haven Act of 2009," on March 3, 2009.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) supports Council Bill B18-180, the "Newborn Safe Haven Act of 2009," and*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C encourages the Council of the District of Columbia to approve this legislation in an expedited manner.*

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution calling on Mayor Adrian M. Fenty to finally promulgate rules for Inclusionary Zoning. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

*Whereas, ANC1C finds that for almost 30 years, hundreds of cities and counties throughout the United States, including areas neighboring the District, have been using Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) to help meet their affordable housing needs and build vibrant, mixed-income communities.*

*Whereas, ANC 1C believes that mandatory inclusionary zoning is a critical tool for achieving the goals of producing affordable housing, discouraging displacement, creating opportunities for homeownership; and maintaining and creating mixed-income communities in the District by leveraging the expertise and capacity of the private market;*

*Whereas in February 2005, the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) voted unanimously to support text amendments to inclusionary zoning overlay; and*

*Whereas in October 2006 Commissioner Bryan Weaver testified on behalf of ANC1C in front of the Committee of the Whole of the Council of the District of Columbia in support of Inclusionary Zoning; and*

*Whereas, in 2006 the Council of the District of Columbia and the Zoning Commission passed rules to implement Inclusionary Zoning*

*Whereas, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, made mandating inclusionary zoning one of his campaign promises; and*

*Whereas Mayor Fenty has failed to implement inclusionary zoning; and*

*Whereas, the Council of the District of Columbia has passed several resolutions calling on the Mayor to fulfill his commitment to Inclusionary zoning and most recently the Council gave the Mayor a February 6, 2009 deadline to publish final rules, which he failed to comply with; and*

*Whereas, several development projects have gained approval without IZ, depriving our neighborhoods of needed housing for couples and families.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C calls on Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, in the strongest words possible, to finally implement Inclusionary Zoning as soon as possible.*

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution authorizing ANC1C to expend funds to conduct a survey of residents in Lanier Heights about a proposed historic district. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

*Whereas a Cultural Resources Survey of the Lanier Heights are of Adams Morgan has been conducted and is available for public review; and*

*Whereas, residents in Lanier Heights have expressed both opposition to and support for a potential historic designation.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C agrees to expend the necessary funding to conduct a survey of all property owners within in the potential designation area; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that those expenditures will not exceed \$3,500; and*

*Be It Further Resolved that the creation, distribution and collection of responses to the survey will be the responsibility of the affected ANC Commissioners in SMDs 04, 05, and;*

*Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C will consult with the affected ANC in Chevy Chase to discuss how they surveyed their residents in late 2008 regarding historic designation.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.