



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of February 2, 2011

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on February 2, 2011 at Mary's Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Present were Commissioners Stacey Moye (1C01); Marty Davis (1C02); Olivier Kamanda (1C03); Gabriela Mossi (1C04); Steve Lanning (1C06) and Wilson Reynolds (1C07). Approximately 40 members of the public were in attendance.

FEMS Report

Captain Larry Chapman of Engine Company #21 reported that the correct web address for FEMS is <http://www.fems.dc.gov>. Captain Chapman reported that there was one very serious call in Adams Morgan recently where an HVAC system overheated. Captain Chapman said that this is a big problem in the wintertime and recommended that everyone take care to maintain their HVAC systems.

Captain Chapman will give a longer presentation in March on how FEMS responds to emergency calls.

Officers Reports

Chairman Wilson Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2010 Special Forum meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

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MPD Report

Officer Jevric reported for MPD that in January 2011 there were 3 robberies, 10 burglaries, 16 thefts, 3 stolen autos. There were 41 total property crimes for the month. Officer Jevric reported that the PSA 303 meeting will be moved from February 9 to February 10.

In response to a question to Commissioner Kamanda about how the new noise law will be enforced, Officer Jevric indicated he would request information about it from MPD. Commissioners proposed posting the new regulations on the website and requested additional information be provided at the March meeting.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Mossi reported that the Department of Employment Services is looking for assistance working on the National Mall. The name of the contracting firm is Guest Services, Inc.; interested persons should visit the DOES website for more information.

Commissioner Kamanda requested that residents in 1C03 please participate in his online issues survey. The cut off date for participation is March 7.

Commissioner Davis introduced resident Chris Wells as a new PSC Committee volunteer, distributed US Census data sheets on our area's demographics, and reminded attendees of an upcoming neighborhood online survey.

Presentation by Councilmember at Large Michael A. Brown

Guest speaker Councilmember Michael A. Brown addressed the meeting. He discussed the following topics:

-Council recently closed a 160 million dollar gap in the FY 2011 cycle.

-Projected deficit for 2012 is currently at \$600 million, with all likelihood of facing again a mid cycle shortfall. In short, the city is realistically facing between \$750 to 800 million budget gap for the upcoming 2012 budget.

-The budget will be closed using three tools: Shrinking the overall size of government; tax increases; program budget cuts.

-No special treatment: All agencies will be reviewed, including DCPS; MPD and FEMS.

-Councilmember M. Brown discussed employment for city residents. A new downtown convention hotel will provide both construction jobs and permanent jobs. This and other projects receiving DC Government tax help (i.e., exemptions or abatements) will be under greater scrutiny to employ DC residents.

-First Source legislation has been passed by Council to insure a percentage of construction jobs go to DC residents. New legislation is being considered to insure a percentage of permanent jobs go to DC residents.-A hearing on the enhanced First Source bill will be held March 7 at 2:00 PM at Council. To participate in the hearing, please contact the Committee at 724-8105.

- Current Tax Abatement legislation and steps to provide additional vetting of the community benefits packages before and after the abatements are awarded.

-ANCs can be of service to the Council by being pro-active and responding to current issues generating public comment, such as the proposed tax on gyms and yoga studios.

-CM M. Brown will host a brown bag summit to highlight and seek creative opportunities to encourage and promote the arts.

-Education:

1) We must recognize that we have lost families in the District. School population has decreased from 170,000 to 50,000. There is a lack of capacity in middle schools and high schools.

2) Quality of education must be addressed. 70% of DC high school graduated that go on to UDC

need remediation.

3) There must be a level playing field where facilities are presentable; schools are safe; chronic truancy is addressed.

-CM M. Brown Chairs the Re-Districting Committee at Council. CMs Evans and Mendelson are the other members. Wards must have a minimum of 70,000 residents. July 14 is the deadline for presentation of new Ward boundaries. End of 2011 is the deadline for presentation of new SMD boundaries for ANCs.

Questions and comments from Commissioners included an observation from Commissioner Davis regarding the disconnect between middle and high schools and job recruiters. He suggested there be a permanent position perhaps at the Assistant Chancellor level to address the issue. CM Brown said he would bring it up with Interim Chancellor Henderson. He also explained how the decrease in DC middle and high school populations has affected policy and programs at that level.

Other questions and comments included: truancy and how to get children back in school and how this relates to issues of neighborhood safety; small business employment and small business incentives to hire local; Office of Contracts and Procurement regulations and how they penalize start-up enterprises; equal footing for nonprofits the government contract bidding; current regressive tax system in DC; improving methods to collect fines owed to the District, such as parking.

CM Brown provided his contact information: (202) 724-8104 and mbrown@council.gov.us

Public Comments

Lisa Duperier announced a fundraiser for the Fund for Kalorama Park on Monday, February 7 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Grill from Ipanema at 1858 Columbia Road, NW.

JuanCamillo Barragan from the Mayor's Community Outreach Office introduced himself and invited residents to contact him regarding constituent concerns. Sedrick Muhammad is the second Ward One liaison. Mr. Barragan may be contacted at juancamilo.barragan@dc.gov or 202-538-0313.

Kristen Barden invited the public to help themselves to new free pocket guides/maps and pointing out that Adams Morgan businesses are advertised in them.

Representatives of the Italian Embassy project announced that the Historic Preservation Review Board approved the plans for the renovations of this project and a Planned Unit Development would be filed in February.

Chris Otten reported that the BZA case regarding the Mt Pleasant Library was heard on February 1 and a decision is expected on March 1.

Lisa Duperier appealed for help to secure a location for a Very Cherry Adams Morgan Pop Up Shop. If a space is secured, this temporary retail space would be open for a two-week period between March 28 and April 11.

Update on 18th Street Reconstruction—DDOT Community Liaison Tom Pipkin

DDOT Community Liaison Tom Pipkin reported that a kick-off community meeting on the construction phase of the project will be held Tuesday, February 8 from 6:00PM to 7:30 PM at the 3rd District Police Station at 1640 V St., NW.

The community outreach office for this project is open at 2314 18th St., NW, Second Floor (upstairs

from Smash! Records). Public office hours are Mondays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Thursdays, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and an appointment may be scheduled to meet at other times. Pre construction activity will commence on February 22. Actual work will start in March, weather permitting. PEPCO is scheduled to complete their work on 18th Street in March.

The project website is www.adamsmorganstreetscapeproject.com. Residents may sign up for updates on the website. Tom Pipkin may also be reached at 202-642-6774.

Update on DC Water Lanier Heights Small Diameter Water Main Replacement Project

DC Water Project Manager Maria Gigova reported on the status of this project and the mail outreach they had conducted to date. No Parking signs have been replaced to reflect the 72 hours notice. Currently 500 ft. of parking will be off line on Adams Mill Road. No Parking areas will move around with the project. The project will replace over 2300 feet of water lines. In response to a request that that signs be posted on light posts directing residents to information points about the project, Ms. Gigova said she would report back. Ms. Gigova distributed an updated information sheet on the project. She may be reached at 202-787-7621 or maria.gigova@dcwater.com. The information sheet is available at www.anc1c.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC & Public Safety

Commissioner Kamanda reported that the next meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee will be on February 9 at 7pm at the Kalorama Park Recreation Center. He also reported that he has been trying to come up to a resolution to the situation at Stroga that is acceptable to the ANC, Stroga, and surrounding neighbors.

Commissioner Kamanda offered a resolution that ANC 1C retain legal counsel for ABC matters.

ANC 1C RESOLUTION TO RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, ANC 1C has an interest in employing Voluntary Agreements to preserve peace, order, quiet, and safety in the community;

WHEREAS, ANC 1C seeks to formalize retention of legal counsel with experience in D.C. alcohol beverage licensing law for advice and representation in upcoming negotiations with alcoholic beverage license holders which seek to modify or terminate their voluntary agreement ("VA") with ANC 1C or pursue substantial changes to the use of their licenses;

WHEREAS, ANC 1C has solicited letters of representation for legal counsel since December 2010 through recommendations from other Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, ABC lawyers, and legal practitioners;

WHEREAS, ANC 1C, in December of 2010 voted to expend up to \$20,000 for counsel to negotiate and/or contest alcoholic beverage license holders who seek to modify or terminate their voluntary agreement;

WHEREAS, ANC 1C, in January of 2011 voted to expand the use of legal counsel to include negotiations and/or contest of any substantial changes by alcoholic beverage license holders to the

use of their licenses;

WHEREAS, ANC 1C has drafted and distributed a statement of work;

WHEREAS, ANC 1C has received letters of interest from only two candidates for counsel;

WHEREAS, candidates for counsel have been evaluated on the basis of experience in ABC matters, technical understanding of ABRA procedures, access to legal resources, and cost;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1C votes to retain as counsel Ms Julie Dymowski of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP as legal counsel to ANC 1C for the purposes of ABC matters and further to authorize payment on an hourly option.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lanning and passed by a voice vote.

Commissioner Kamanda made a motion that ANC1C protest the substantial change to the Voluntary Agreement requested by Rendezvous at 2226 18th St., NW.

ANC 1C ABC & Public Safety Committee Motion to Protest Café Dallul's Request to Modify It's Voluntary Agreement

The following motion was voted and approved unanimously out of the January 12, 2011 meeting of ANC 1C ABC & Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, modification of Café Dallul/Rendezvous's Voluntary Agreement poses possible violations of peace, order and quiet to the community; increased parking pressure and threats to pedestrian safety;

Motion is made to protest modification of Café Dullul/Rendezvous's Voluntary Agreement provided the proprietor of the establishment has been duly invited to the February 2, 2011 ANC 1C monthly meeting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moye and passed by a voice vote.

Public Services and Environment Committee

The next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Park Recreation Center.

Unanimous consent was given to move PSC New Business under the Committee report.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion waive the ANC 1C Grant Guidelines to allow consideration of a grant in February. Commissioner Reynolds reminded the Commission that such a motion requires 2/3 of the votes in approval. The motion to waive the Grant Guidelines was seconded by Commissioner Mossi and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve a grant of \$1,000 for CHIME.

A Proposed Motion to Support a Grant of \$1,000

Motion that ANC 1C grant to the CHIME music program, based in Adams Morgan, in the amount of

\$1,000 in support of their efforts to bring music performers and music education to HD Cooke Elementary School and to other DC public schools.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lanning and passed by a voice vote.

Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the next meeting of the Planning, Zoning & Transportation Committee will be on Monday, February 7 at 7:00 pm at the Kalorama Park Recreation Center.

Commissioner Reynolds offered a resolution that ANC1C oppose BZA case #18167 for proposed modifications at 2329 & 2335 Champlain St., NW.

Resolution in opposition to proposed modifications to premises at 2329 & 2335 Champlain St. N.W., BZA Case 18167; and request to reopen said case

Whereas, in 2006 and 2008 the Board of Zoning Adjustment did grant adaptive reuse of the above named premises, and

Whereas, the applicants have allowed five years to pass yet the building remains unused, with no significant change from November, 2006, and

Whereas, ANC 1C now supports balancing new construction with limitations of one parking space for every two units of construction, and storm water management facilities, and

Whereas, the proposed new modifications;

Provide no affordable housing,

Provide no storm water management facilities

Provide parking for 20 vehicles with 31 proposed units of residence,

Provide excessive space devoted to 'Penthouse' construction.

Provide no accommodations for bicycles or car sharing.

Provide no assurance for hiring District residents during construction or comply with First Source employment requirements.

Now, therefore be it Resolved, ANC 1C calls upon the Board of Zoning Adjustments to reopen case #174131, and 17431-A, and

Further resolved, ANC 1C will exercise its standing, and

Further resolved, ANC 1C calls upon the developer of 2329 & 2355 Champlain St. N.W. to enter into negotiations for a Voluntary Agreement to provide affordable housing, reduced parking, included bicycle parking and car sharing, and a penthouse structure in conformity with DCMR 11, and

Finally resolved that ANC 1C stand in opposition to the proposed modifications proposed in Case #18167.

The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Kamanda, discussed and failed by roll call vote.

Aye: Reynolds. NO: Moye, Kamanda, Lanning. Abstain: Davis, Mossi.

Commissioner Reynolds offered a motion that ANC1C conditionally support BZA case 17395 for the conversion to residential use of the second floor of 1631 Kalorama Road, NW.

Motion in Support of Conversion to Residential Use of Second Floor of 1631 Kalorama Road, NW (Citadel Building), BZA Case 17395;

Motion is made that ANC 1C transmit to the Board of Zoning Adjustment the conditional support of the Commission for residential modifications requested in case #17395, and

Than the support of ANC 1C is given with the following conditions and request of consideration by the BZA, as appropriate that the developer;

Provide affordable housing.

Provide accommodations for bicycles and car sharing.

Provide assurance for hiring District residents during construction and comply with First Source employment requirements.

Provide assurance that construction will adhere to allowed hours and days and assure mitigate noise.

Provide for some multi bedroom units to attract families.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lanning and passed by a voice vote.

New Business

Brief discussion took place regarding ANC 1C having representation at the BID meeting on February 10 as Commissioner Mossi will not be present for the meeting. Commissioner Davis volunteered to represent the ANC at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Moye and seconded by Commissioner Lanning. The motion to adjourn was passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM.