

## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC**

**Adams Morgan**

### **Minutes of December 7, 2011**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on December 7, 2011 at Mary's Center. Chairman Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Approximately 35 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Commissioners Stacey Moye (1C01), Martis Davis (1C02), Gabriella Mossi (1C03), Olivier Kamanda (1C04), Steve Lanning (1C06), and Wilson Reynolds (1C07).

#### **FEMS REPORT**

Captain Larry Chapman provided Christmas tree fire safety tips. Holiday greenery must be kept watered because they dry out easily. They should never be kept near heat sources or electricity.

No MPD report.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Lucinda Babers, Director, DC Department of Motor Vehicles was the guest speaker for the evening. Ms. Babers reminded everyone that MPD, DPW, and DDOT do parking enforcement; DMV adjudicates tickets. Should someone get a ticket, they should contact the agency responsible for writing the ticket.

Ms. Babers reported that vehicle registration is no longer done in-person. For all transactions, Ms. Babers recommends visiting DMV's website, <http://dmv.dc.gov/main.shtm>, before coming to DMV's service centers because many other transactions may be done online.

Ms. Babers said that legislation to update DMV's processes is currently being drafted. If you have any comments about things that should be addressed in the rewrite, please send it to [Lucinda.babers@dc.gov](mailto:Lucinda.babers@dc.gov).

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Chairman Reynolds had no chairman's update.

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

Commissioner Reynolds moved for the approval of the November 2011 minutes as amended to include the text of the Tangier voluntary agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lanning, and approved by voice vote.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Boettrich was not present to give a financial report

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Kamanda said he was working with DDOT to make sidewalk repairs.

Commissioner Mossi announced that on December 15 there will be a hearing from 1 – 5 PM on community gardens in the DC Council. Contact Councilmember Tommy Wells' office to get on the witness list.

Commissioner Mossi announced that Mary's Center is holding a holiday toy drive and they are also collecting funds for low-income families. Mary's Center is also looking for volunteers for their holiday drive.

Commissioner Moye announced and passed out flyers for We Are Family. We Are Family is hosting its annual gift drive for low-income Ward 1 Seniors; they are looking for contributions and volunteers to help develop the gifts on December 24.

Commissioner Moye also announced that the Washington Humane Society is hosting its Santa Paws event on December 11 at the Hotel Monaco. Pet owners can have their photos with Santa Paws; proceeds benefit WHS.

Commissioner Davis thanked the Adams Morgan community for their donations of Thanksgiving turkeys for the Order of the Drumstick drive. All of the turkeys were delivered to Gospel Rescue Mission.

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

Denis James reported announced that the Kalorama Citizens Association holiday party will take place on December 15 at the Grill from Ipanema.

An audience member asked for an update on the residential parking program. Chairman Reynolds reported that DDOT is currently revising the regulations. The ANC will be allowed to weigh in when the regulations are released.

Chris Otten asked for an update on the July 2011 ANC resolution regarding DC FEMS. Commissioner Kamanda reported that we had just followed up; a response is expected by December 14.

Lisa Duperier announced that Small Business Saturday was successful. 32 businesses in Adams Morgan participated. A national organization helped promote it.

Matt Wexler of the Adams Morgan Historic Church Hotel announced that they have completed MOUs with the Office of Latino Affairs on the beautification of Unity Park and the Partnership with Greater Washington Latino Affairs to host job opportunity fairs. He will send the text of the MOUs to the ANC to be posted on the ANC's website.

## **18<sup>th</sup> STREET RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Mr. Pipkin provided an update on the 18th St. reconstruction and answered questions from the audience. The majority of the work is right now between Belmont and Kalorama.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## A. ABC & Public Safety

- Commissioner Lanning motioned and Commissioner Mossi seconded a motion in support of extended alcohol sales hours at Harris Teeter. It was discussed extensively. Commissioner Reynolds offered a substitute; the substitute failed. Commissioner Lanning motioned to table the resolution concerning extended alcohol sales hours at Harris Teeter. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis, discussed and approved via roll call vote:

Yea: Moye, Davis, Kamanda, Mossi, Lanning, Reynolds

Nay: none

Abstention: none

## B. Public Services and the Environment

- Commissioner Davis motioned in support of a grant of \$1000 to We Are Family in support of their holiday gift drive for low-income Ward 1 seniors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moye, discussed, and approved via voice vote.

## C. Planning, Zoning & Transportation

- Commissioner Reynolds reported that the Zoning Commission's November 5 hearing on the hotel is archived on ZC's website and a link has been added to the ANC website.
- Commissioner Reynolds motioned in support of the Rock and Roll Marathon:

*Rock N Roll USA Marathon*

*Motion is made that ANC 1C support the 2012 Rock N' Roll USA Marathon race and events within the boundaries of ANC 1C on Columbia Road, NW from Connecticut Ave., NW to 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW with the following conditions:*

- *No vehicle be removed, towed or relocated in any manner.*
- *All public entertainment will moderate sound in compliance with DC noise regulations.*
- *Extensive outreach be conducted to inform and prepare the public, including but not limited to;*

*a) Use of door hangers.*

*b) Electronic list serve messages.*

*c) Course signs be posted prominently.*

*e) Email flyers be distributed to ANC 1C and any other interested stakeholder in the community that identifies themselves.*

*f) Printed advertisements.*

- It was seconded, discussed, and approved via voice vote.
- Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID presented a program that to promote expanded street cleaning and educating residents about noise. Commissioners thanked Ms. Barden for presenting the program.

- Commissioner Reynolds motioned regarding BZA Application 18330 in re: 2337 Champlain; the motion was seconded and discussed:

*Motion regarding BZA application #18330 for construction on the parking lot at 2337 Champlain St., NW.*

*ANC 1C does support the Variances requested in case # 18330 including increase in FAR to 2.41; increased height to 50 feet; and an additional 4 feet 10 inches of rear yard setback.*

*Furthermore, ANC 1C does welcome the return of public space for street parking currently used as a curb cut.*

After much discussion, the ANC requested that the developers meet with neighbors and return to present at the February 6 PZT meeting. The motion was withdrawn.

- Commissioner Reynolds motioned in support of the Public Space Applications of Blaguard, Duplex Diner, and L'Enfant Café:

*Motion in Support of Public Space Applications of the Blaguard, Duplex Diner, and L'Enfant Cafe*

*ANC 1C does support the proposed plans for use of public space in the following applications:*

- a) Blaguard, 2003 18th St., NW*
- b) Duplex Diner, 2004 18th St., NW*
- c) L'Enfant Cafe, 2000 18th St., NW*

*as consistent with the minimum 12 foot passageway requested by ANC 1C's attached October 5 Resolution 'Proposed Guidelines for Use of Public Space Following New Streetscape Construction'.<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Oct. 5 Resolution

**Proposed Guidelines for Use of Public Space Following New Streetscape Construction**

Whereas, the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project, currently underway, will result in the construction of wider sidewalks on both sides of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NW between Florida Avenue, NW, and Columbia Road, NW, in Adams Morgan, and

Whereas, the additional sidewalks being constructed add approximately 4' to the width of the existing sidewalks on both sides of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, and

Whereas, there exists now a variety of pre-construction widths of sidewalk in this stretch of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (the 2000-2400 blocks), some as narrow as 2', and

Whereas, the large number of sidewalk cafes previously permitted in these blocks (25) have historically taken up large portions of the sidewalk preventing that space from being used by pedestrians, and forcing pedestrians to walk in the street at busy times, and

Whereas, one of the primary purposes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project was to provide adequate, safe sidewalks for residents and visitors alike.

It was seconded, discussed, and passed via voice vote.

- A representative from Historic Washington Architecture, Inc., presented in support of designating the Ontario Theater, 1700 Columbia Road NW, as a historic landmark. Commissioner Lanning motioned to reaffirm ANC 1C's opposition, passed via resolution on November 2, 2011, to landmarking the Ontario Theater:

***Supplemental Motion Regarding Historic Designation, Ontario Theater, 1700 Columbia Road NW:***

*In light of the presentation by a representative of Historic Washington Architecture, Inc., regarding the proposed historic application for the Ontario Theater, 1700 Columbia Road NW; ANC 1C does again oppose historic designation of this property also known as the Ontario Theater building.*

It was seconded by Commissioner Davis, discussed, and passed via roll call vote:

Yea: Moye, Davis, Lanning, Reynolds

Nay: none

Abstention: Kamanda, Mossi

## **NEW BUSINESS**

DC Water Community Liaison Emanuel Briggs provided an update on the small diameter water pipe replacement project. The project requires some night work that the ANC was required to approve. Commissioner Mossi motioned in support of DC Water doing night

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Now, therefore, to help create a set of guidelines for the issuance of future permits for new or amended cafes either for ABC restaurants or non-ABC restaurants or for other public space uses by business operators, ANC 1C hereby resolves to inform the Public Space Committee of the DC Department of Transportation of the following recommendations:

1. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a clear, uninterrupted pedestrian passageway of 12 feet wherever possible, and as close to 12 feet as possible where physical limitations occur.
2. Any existing sidewalk café or otherwise permitted use issued prior to the construction project shall be allowed to continue upon verification by DDoT of a valid public space permit.
3. That as much as possible, a uniform 12' wide pedestrian passageway be maintained on both sides of the street throughout the 2000 through 2400 blocks of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.
4. That any bulb-out or sidewalk extension leading to a mid-street crosswalk shall not be considered part of the clear, unobstructed pedestrian passageway. Accordingly, no application for any adjacent space close to such bulb-outs and crosswalks shall result in a reduction of the clear pedestrian passageway to a distance of less than 12' or as close to 12' as is physically possible.
5. That an expedited process be allowed by DDoT for public space patio applications after these guidelines are established.
6. No sidewalk cafés shall be within 15 feet of a bus stop, a bus shelter, or a Metrorail station entrance.

work starting at 9 PM on December 12 to 8 AM on December 13. It was seconded, discussed, and approved via voice vote.

Commissioner Kamanda discussed the possibility of ANC 1C getting staffing to assist with all of the ANC work. Commissioner Reynolds suggested that the proposal run through the Public Services Committee.

At 12:28 AM, Commissioner Moye made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and passed by voice vote.