

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C

Adams Morgan

Minutes of May 2, 2012

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on May 2, 2012 at Mary's Center. Chairperson Wilson Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Approximately 25 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Stacey Moyer (1C01), Martis Davis (1C02), Olivier Kamanda (1C03), Gabriela Mossi (1C04), Adian Miller (1C05), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Kathie Boettrich (1C08).

FEMS UPDATE

Captain Chapman provided an update on existing regulations for BBQ grills for buildings in D.C.

MPD UPDATE

Lisa Sutter, a representative from MPD announced new traffic camera program. Her office is available to nullify tickets that have been improperly given (202-492-1150). Adjudication services is responsible for tickets that have been properly given, but are being challenged.

Sargent Green and Officer Balthazar reported on crime in the area over the last month. There were 12 robberies in April. They arrested one individual and closed one additional case.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Commissioner Reynolds provided an update on a meeting at DCRA he attended about "second-hand dealers licenses". The result was that establishments have an additional 45 days to comply.

He also reported on the results of the ABC task force. On May 8, Councilmember Graham will report on the findings of the task force.

Lastly, he reported on the Mayor's update. The extension of the alcohol hours was voted down in committee today.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich moved for the approval of the February 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich moved for the approval of the Q1 2012 financial. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Boettrich updated the commission on the current state of finances.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Miller announced the Community expungement summit -- June 1, 2012 - 801 Mt. Vernon www.pdsdc.org.

Commissioner Kamanda announced an event to be held on Saturday, May 19, Free family event with Alliance Francois.

Commissioner Kamanda also announced that Thursday, May 10, Mariam's Kitchen - fundraising gala.

Commissioner Mossi announced an event DHCD Housing Expo on June 2 (10-3) at the Washington Convention Center.

Commissioner Davis reminded the audience about joining a working group on developing a vision for Adams Morgan.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mary Belcher reported All Souls Church choir will be singing at Walter Pierce Park on 10 am on Saturday, May 5.

Kristen Barden updated people on the DCRA legislation regarding "second hand license" criteria; the attorney for Crooked Beat Records will ask for emergency legislation from the city council.

BID is sponsoring a bike to work day on May 18 --- pit stop will be available at Unity Park.

BID is reminding people to take the Circulator to Adams Morgan.

New Adams Morgan maps are available.

The DC Arts Center is is hosting Cuisine de Artist fundraiser at Meridian House on Thursday, May 10.

Steve McKibben, a co-op resident at 1736 Columbia Road NW, complained about Jubilee Jumpstart's noise problem and stated that they would be opposing the variance supported by ANC 1C.

Reed Cooke Neighborhood Association will be meeting on Thursday, May 10.

Kalorama Citizens Association will be meeting on Thursday, May 17.

Matt Wexler updated the Commission on the pre-hearing submission to the Zoning Commission of the Adams Morgan Hotel and introduced a new partner involved in youth services.

Bill Duggan from Madams Organ announced his restaurant's youth event. Contact Amy Vestal at madamsorgan@earthlink.net. There are spots open for the June trip to Dewey Beach. Youth 6-12 are encouraged to apply to attend.

Municipal Reports

Mr. Pipkin provided an update on the reconstruction. Some areas are being paved. The job is expected to be finished the middle of June.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Murrell from the United Planning Organization (UPO) housing program spoke about the housing program. They offer mortgage modification, mortgage assistance and rental assistance. Primarily focused on mortgages. 202-610-5861 numeral@upo.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

- Commissioner Kamanda provided an update on committee activity. Next month will continue discussion on ABRA enforcement.
- Next meeting is Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

B. Public Services and the Environment

- Commissioner Davis provided an update from the committee.
- Commissioner Moye made a motion in support of the Adams Morgan BID 2012 Summer Concert Series

Motion to support the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District's public space application to host the Fourth Annual Summer Concert Series in the Plaza to be held on six consecutive Saturday nights, starting June 2 to July 7 from 5 PM to 7 PM, in the northeast plaza at 18th St. & Columbia Rd. N.W.; and that correspondence be sent by the Chair of ANC 1C to the Department of Transportation, Office of Public Space and the Department of the Consumer and Regulatory Affairs in favor of such action.

The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved via voice vote.

- The next meeting is Wednesday, May 23 at 7 pm at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

C. PZT Committee

- Commissioner Reynolds announced that there was no meeting in April.

- The next meeting is Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at Kalorama Recreation Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation regarding a September wedding in Kalorama Park

Commissioner Kamanda made a motion to support a wedding in Kalorama Park.

ANC Commission 1C supports the planned wedding of Mary Katherine Gleaner and write a letter of support for the use of the park for their event.

Seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Mossi introduced a resolution in support of the Dream Act:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DREAM ACT S.952 and A DC DREAM ACT

Whereas, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (hereon referred to as the DREAM Act) was first introduced in the Senate in 2001, subsequently amended through the years, failed 5 votes short of reaching cloture on December 2010, and reintroduced to the United States Senate on May 11, 2011; and

Whereas, an estimated 65,000 undocumented students graduate every year from high schools in the United States; and

Whereas, the DREAM Act is intended for individuals who were brought to the United States as children and who shall not be punished for the alleged transgressions of their parents, deserving to be judged according to their own character and merit regardless of their country of birth or immigrant status; and

Whereas, immigrant students lacking legal U.S. residency have had no other means of legalizing their status and therefore, should now be given the chance to 'get-in line,' while pursuing post-secondary education, obtain legal status and become citizens of the country they call home, the United States of America; and

*Whereas, no one gains from the creation of a permanent underclass that would come about as a result of denying these students the opportunity to pursue higher education; and
Whereas, the United States of America needs young, educated and hard-working adults to compete in the global political economy; and*

Whereas, the federal passage of the DREAM Act would make it legally self-evident what is true "de facto"—that these undocumented students belong in our post-secondary institutions and are an American investment that we must not squander; and

Whereas, these students cannot afford to wait until Congress solves all the problems of our broken immigration system;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC1C stands in support of S. 952: Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2011, introduced in the U.S. Senate on May 11, 2011, a bill that will allow thousands of young students that have lived in the United States for years, and call it home, to realize their education dream and give them a path to legalizing their immigration status.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC1C also stands in strong support of a DC DREAM Act specific to DC that will allow DC young adults who live in the District of Columbia but because of their immigration status are not eligible for in-state tuition at the State College, to fulfill their education dream at the State University and Community College with the same privileges given to other DC residents.

The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

There was a presentation regarding Madam's Organ Public Space Application for outdoor cafe seating. Commissioner Boettrich offered a motion:

Motion on Patio Public Space Application for 2461 18th Street NW, #70855

Motion is made to support public space application for 2461 18th Street NW (Tracking #70855) but only if a 12 foot distance is maintained between the curb and edge of the patio in conformity with the Resolution passed by ANC 1C on October 5, 2011 to use Public Space on 18th Street in Adams Morgan.

And further moved that the Chair of ANC 1C is authorized to deliver this motion to the Public Space Committee as scheduled.

The motion was seconded, discussed, and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Moye motioned that ANC 1C submit testimony in support of B19-0716, the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Empowerment Amendment Act of 2012. The motion was seconded, discussed, and passed via voice vote.

At 11:24 Commissioner Boettrich made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and passed by voice vote.