

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC
Adams Morgan**

Minutes of April 2, 2008

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on April 2, 2008 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Approximately 20 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Emily Mechner (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Kathie Boettrich (1C08).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Moretti, vice chair, moved the approval of the March 5, 2008 minutes and the minutes from the March 18 special meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reynolds, treasurer, announced that ANC1C has a current bank balance of \$69,709.86.

Commissioner Reynolds moved the approval of the approval of the FY '07 third & fourth quarterly reports and FY '08 first quarterly report. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Mechner announced a fundraiser for Kalorama Park Saturday, April 12 at Perry's from 11 – 1 pm and the Annual Kalorama Park Clean-up to be held on May 3 in the park anytime between 8 – 3.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adams Morgan Main Street announced the "BowWow PowWow" to be held on Sunday, April 27, 2008.

A Reed-Cooke walk through and clean up on April 4 at 10 am. Interested parties should meet across from 2525 17th St. N.W. – additional information available on the Reed-Cooke Web page.

Requests were made for street light replacement at 2354 and 2412 Ontario Rd.; passed along to a representative from Councilmember Jim Graham's office.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Priscilla Vasquez and Yesenia Sarabia-Peiker presented an overview about Mary's Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ABC & Public Safety

Commissioner Moretti announced the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14 at 7 pm at Kalorama Recreation Center.

MPD Report – Lt. Kutniewski requested volunteers to flyer cars and visitors to Adams Morgan Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, starting at 10 pm. Those interested should call him: 202-359-0914 or email at john.kutniewski@dc.gov

B. Public Services

Commissioner Shia offered a resolution to support Council Bill 17-0539 on Meal labeling. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Resolution to request the District of Columbia Committee on Health hold a public hearing on the Menu Education and Labeling Act of 2007 (B17-0139)

WHEREAS Councilmember Mendelson and Councilmember Barry introduced to the DC council the Menu Education and Labeling Act of 2007 (DC MEAL Act) March 6, 2007

WHEREAS DC residents will spend more than \$2 billion dollars purchasing food in restaurants in 2008

WHEREAS 43,000 district residents suffer from diabetes and 143,000 district residents suffer from hypertension

WHEREAS more than 300,000 DC residents (54%) are considered overweight or obese

WHEREAS providing nutrition information at the point of sale provides an opportunity for patrons to make informed choices

WHEREAS informed choices may lead to better nutrition and improved health

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC1c believes having nutrition information readily available at the point of sale is a consumers right

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC1c urges the Committee on Health to hold a public hearing on the Menu Education and Labeling Act of 2007 (B17-0139) so that the bill may be debated on its merits.

Commissioner Mechner made a motion to approve the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association grant for \$750 for transportation for the music program to a music competition. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC 1C write a letter of support for the Crafty Bastards event to be held in September at the Marie Reed School. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

C. PZT Committee

The April meeting has been cancelled, the next meeting of the PZT meeting will be held on May 14, at the 3rd District Police Station.

Harris Teeter is scheduled to open Wednesday, April 23.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution in support of Council Bill 17-0539 that would increase fines for failure to yield to a pedestrian. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

Yea: Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Boettrich, Reynolds
Nay: None

Support for Council Bill 17 – 0539, Pedestrian Safety

Whereas, the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department reports, on average, 600 pedestrian / vehicle encounters per year in the District of Columbia, and

Whereas, more than 20 pedestrians deaths were struck and killed by vehicles in the District of Columbia in 2007, and

Whereas six (6) of those pedestrian deaths occurred in Ward One, and

Whereas, according to the 2006 American Community Survey, 25 percent of District residents have no access to an automobile,

Whereas, Council Bill 17-0539, the “Pedestrian Safety Reinforcement Amendment Act of 2007” was introduced to the Council of the District of Columbia on December 11, 2007, and

Whereas, this bill will increase the penalties for civil infractions for certain moving violations by drivers that directly impact pedestrians, and

Whereas, Council Bill 17-0539 would increase penalties for failure to yield to a pedestrian from \$50 to \$500, and

Whereas, these penalties have not increased in 25 years and do not mirror the infraction of surrounding jurisdictions, and

Whereas, Council Bill 17-0539 would require signage indicating such fines be placed at strategic locations throughout the city, and

Whereas, the passage of this legislation would have no known negative impact on other pending pedestrian safety measures, and

Whereas, Council Bill 17-0539 was referred to Committee on Public Works and the Environment on December 13, 2007.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C calls on Councilmember Jim Graham, chair of the Committee on Public Works and the Environment to schedule public hearings and committee discussion on the proposed legislation, and

Be It Further Resolved that ANC1C urges Councilmember Graham and the other members of the committee, Yvette Alexander, Muriel Bowser, Kwame Brown and Mary Cheh, support this legislation, and bring it before the Committee of the Whole for a vote as soon as possible.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC 1C upholds and supports the 18th St. reconstruction and improvements to the streetscape and access beneath the Marie Reed Community Learning Center as crafted in the Mall on Adams Morgan Proposal (MAM Proposal) adopted by ANC 1C; and that this support includes the recommendations as a whole, not piecemeal. Last, ANC 1C expects that commitment made by the D.C. Department of

Transportation, and others require that no portion of the Mall on Adams Morgan (M.A.M.) shall be executed independently, especially the opening of the Marie Reed breezeway without the completion of the 18th St. reconstruction to begin immediately following the breezeway opening. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Shia, Wilson, Boettrich

NAY: none

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Shia made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm