

ANC 1C Meeting Minutes



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Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C February 26, 2001

The following are the approved minutes of the meeting of ANC 1C held on January 26, 2001.

A meeting of the Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1C was held at Marie Reed Learning Center on February 26, 2001. Chairperson Miscuk called the meeting to order as scheduled at 6:45 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present: Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Schott, Gibson, and Klempay (a quorum).

2. NOTICE

Notice of the meeting was duly provided to Commissioners and the community.

3. AGENDA PLANNING FOR MARCH 7, 2001 MEETING

Chairperson Miscuk gave notice of his intent to propose moving ANC meetings to the Festival Center or to discuss other possible locations, due to reluctance of the principal and custodian of Marie Reed to provide full public access to the building during ANC meetings.

Committee chairs were recognized to discuss potential agenda items for the next meeting, as follows:

Regulatory Affairs and Public Works - Per Commissioner Schott, the committee will meet on March 6th to discuss problems with Planet Aid clothing donation boxes, with possible action to be recommended to the ANC on March 7th. The committee (per agreement of ABC Chair Brody) will handle Ghana Cafe's public space application for an outdoor patio; the committee will visit the location and discuss the matter with the owner after tonight's ANC meeting.

ABC - Commissioner Schott (for Commissioner Brody) noted that protests had been filed on Stetson's, Dan's Cafe, and Cassava Cafe.

Public Safety - Commissioner Miscuk indicated his intention to suggest that the committee's regular meeting be held on the 4th Thursday of the month so as to coincide with and be convenient to persons attending the monthly 3rd District Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.

Grants - Commissioner Wright indicated that a draft of new grant guidelines might be ready for consideration by the ANC's April meeting.

Individual Commissioners were then recognized to discuss potential agenda items for the next (or a future) meeting, as follows:

Gibson (1C-07) - Reported on progress on cleanup and rehabilitation of Champorama Park and discussed grant application to third-party organization for same.

Roth (1C-01) - Possible resolution or discussion of potential traffic problems in Adams Morgan created by anticipated P Street Bridge closing and renovation.

Wright (1C-02) - Planning fire safety initiatives for consideration at future meeting.

Miscuk (1C-03) - Discussion of topic for March 19th community forum; miscellaneous traffic and transportation requests (for consent agenda); request that MPD increase alley presence on weekends (for consent agenda); request for MPD report to ANC on future plans for emergency phone services (for consent agenda); letter to School Board President Cafritz on difficulty in using schools as a meeting place (for consent agenda); consent agenda items deferred from February 7th meeting; proposal to create Yahoo e-group for all Commissioners.

Schott (1C-04) - Add crosswalks at 18th St. and Ontario Road (for consent agenda).

4. MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the ANC's January 3, 2001 meeting was deferred at the request of Commissioner Schott.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Roth asked unanimous consent to take up out of order the consent items deferred from the February 7, 2001 meeting and to approve them. Without objection, the items were approved. The items are as follows:

Reimbursement for lock changes at ANC office (Miscuk) - \$56.38

Reimbursement for photocopying 3rd and 4th Quarterly Reports (Miscuk) - \$5.60, \$3.08

Reimbursement for photocopying budget, agenda, and resolutions (Miscuk) - \$25.30

6. OPEN FORUM

Various members of the community were recognized to speak on issues of interest and concern to them, as follows:

- David Barrows announced two meetings regarding the closing of health clinics and DC General Hospital to inform Mayor Williams of the community's opinions.

- Gary Ward, representative of P.N. Hoffman, gave a construction update on the 18th Street/Champlain Street garage development.
- Mike Gould, president of the Kalorama Citizens Association, discussed the California St. halfway house issue, closing of the Marie Reed Clinic, and the permitting of billboards in Adams Morgan.
- Denis James complained of excessive noise emanating from several business establishments, including Astor, SavvyElle, DCCD, and Yogi Records, and suggested that the ANC pass a resolution to address the problem. Another resident complained of truck and microphone noise at the Exxon station at Adams Mills Road and Lanier Place.
- Chris Wells complained about the lack of DPW attention being paid to the Taft Bridge (trash, lights out, salt and sand barrels filled with trash, etc.). By contrast, he noted, the Duke Ellington Bridge looks much better than it previously did.
- Bill Falls, ANC 1C's webmaster, informed attendees of the ANC's website at www.anc1c.org.
- Julie Eisenberg expressed her view that Klinge Valley/Klinge Road should not be reopened to vehicular traffic.
- Sharon Dondero, resident manager of the Shawmut and Executive Vice President of the Adams Morgan Community Association, suggested that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of 19th St. and Columbia Road.
- Mary Pierce raised three issues:
 - Failure to include the Adams Morgan Business and Professional Association (AMBPA) in the planning of the Adams Morgan History project. (Chairperson Miscuk advised that the History Project was not an ANC-sponsored function.)
 - Moving the information kiosk now located on the traffic island at 18th St. and Columbia Rd. to Unity Park rather than the Suntrust Plaza when the kiosk is replaced with a public art work.
 - Suggestion that surveillance cameras be placed in the lights at Walter Pierce Park to help reduce crime and catch drug-dealers.
- Julie Eisenberg noted that three lights in Pierce Park are still out and need to be fixed, but that once the build-out of the new park design begins in approximately three weeks and the existing kiosks are removed, some of the crime problems cited by Ms. Pierce should be resolved. This led to a discussion of whether any of the Pierce kiosks could be reused in Unity Park or elsewhere, rather than be dismantled and disposed of.
- Chris Wells stated that zone parking signs seem to be disappearing more frequently.
- Mike Gould complained about illegal parking in alleys.
- Commissioner Schott noted the disappearance of the loading zone in front of the post office on 18th St., and suggested the loading zone should be replaced. He plans to contact

Councilmember Graham to pursue this.

- Mike Gould inquired as to the status of the AMBPA's initiative on trash collection. (Commissioner Gibson responded that he understood the association was working on a neighborhood Cleanup Summit.)

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cafe Aristide - Commissioner Gibson moved to recommend to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board that the ANC's existing voluntary agreement with Cafe Aristide be replaced with a revised voluntary agreement (distributed at the February 7th ANC meeting). The revised voluntary agreement would extend the establishment's closing times to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and with respect to all other issues would adopt the more restrictive of the establishment's current voluntary agreement or the ANC's current standard voluntary agreement. (This would include additional terms on noise, trash, and pub crawls not found in the establishment's current agreement.) Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

Commissioner Roth expressed concern with the motion and posed questions concerning the precedential effect of this motion on efforts by other establishments to revise their voluntary agreements to gain extended hours, especially if located off the 18th Street "strip" from Kalorama Road to Columbia Road, where residential properties were in closer proximity.

Commissioner Schott stated that his concerns regarding this establishment were not sufficiently resolved to enable him to vote for the motion.

Commissioner Wright argued that the main issue is whether residential impacts would be harmful. In the absence of such impacts, he would be able to support the motion.

Commissioner Miscuk responded to Commissioner Roth's concerns with three points: first, that no two licensed establishments were the same and that in fact all are different; second, that Cafe Aristide has been entirely above board in its dealings with the ANC on this issue; and third, that if any other establishment brings the same issue before the ANC, that establishment would be dealt with based on its particular circumstances.

By unanimous consent, the ANC approved the following amendments to the main motion: (1) that the ANC's letter to the ABC Board specify that the new hours provided by the revised voluntary agreement do not take effect until approved by the ABC Board and incorporated in the establishment's ABC license (offered by Commissioner Schott); and (2) that the ABC Board is asked to act expeditiously (offered by Commissioner Gibson).

The motion, as amended, was approved by voice vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wright moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibson and approved by voice vote. Whereupon, at approximately 8:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Alan Roth, Commissioner

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