

ANC 1C Meeting Minutes



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Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C October 15, 2001

The scheduled monthly agenda and forum meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on October 15, 2001, at the 3RD District Police Station. A quorum being present, Chair Miscuk called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Attending were Commissioners Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Jovanka, Johnson, Gibson, Brody and Klempay. Approximately twenty members of the public also attended the meeting.

Chair Miscuk offered a schedule of meetings of ANC1C through December, 2002, the schedule being attached hereto. The schedule was adopted by consent approval.

Treasurer Gibson reported an account balance as of 10/15/01 of \$37,805.75. The Treasurer offered the following resolution:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Funding Approvals, October 15, 2001

Be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C approves the following expenditures:

\$68.19 for Verizon
\$85.00 for storage

The resolution was adopted by consent approval.

Secretary Klempay offered the Minutes of the September 20, 2001 meeting for approval. The offer of Minutes was seconded and the Minutes approved by voice vote. The Secretary also offered a draft of the Minutes of the October 3, 2001 meeting for review by the Commissioners prior to offering these Minutes for approval at the November 7, 2001 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Roth of the Public Works Committee reported on matters before the Committee including: 1759 U Street, NW; Ellington Bridge and Adams Mill Road; The Citadel (application for variance withdrawn) and a Curb Cut at 2019 19TH Street.

Commissioner Brody, Chair of the ABC Committee, reported on matters before this committee.

Commissioner Gibson, Chair of the Communications and Information Committee reported a meeting of this committee on November 13, 7:30 am, at The Diner.

Commissioner Wright, Chair of the Grants Committee, reported that the updated guidelines for grants have been posted on the ANC1C web site.

PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioner Wright introduced Messrs. Tersh Boasberg, Chair, and T. Luke Young, Architectural Historian, of the Historic Preservation Office of the District of Columbia, who presented a description of the Office, its functions and procedures. A public discussion of preservation issues followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Miscuk raised the issue of appointment of Commissioner Wright as the Point of Contact with the historic Preservation Office, which had been proposed at the October 3, 2001 meeting of ANC1C. Commissioner Wright was approved by a roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Gibson, Brody, Klempay
NAY Jovanka, Johnson

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Roth offered the following resolution:

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C RESOLUTION ON CURB CUT APPLICATION AT 2019 19TH STREET, N.W.

WHEREAS, the owner of the property at 2019 19th Street, N.W. has applied to the Public Space Permits and Records Branch, District Division of Transportation (hereinafter "Public Space"), for permission to install a curb cut and driveway on his property; and

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C's Committee on Public Works and Regulatory Affairs held a public meeting on Monday, September 10, 2001, which was attended by the owner/applicant and several neighbors of the property, to discuss the proposed curb cut; and

WHEREAS, following said Committee meeting and discussion, the owner informed the ANC on or about September 20th that he intended to withdraw his pending application; and

WHEREAS, based on the owner/applicant's stated intention to withdraw the application, the ANC took no action on the application and, by letter dated September 21, 2001, requested the Public Space similarly to take no action; and

WHEREAS, the owner as of this date has failed to withdraw the application and Public Space

requires an approval or disapproval from the ANC to have its views considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C objects to the curb cut application for the following reasons:

1. Owner's alleged reason for needing curb cut - establishment of "bed & breakfast" - is not supported by existing zoning regulations or the property's certificate of occupancy, nor is it backed up by any business plans, architect's drawings, or other evidence that owner intends and actually would be able to establish a "B&B";
2. Owner acknowledges that existing tenant does not need parking, and tenant is not currently using property anyway;
3. Property is located on a narrow street, across from an elementary school, and curb cut/parking there would pose potential dangers to other drivers, pedestrians, and young children;
4. Curb cut would require destruction of an existing sidewalk tree; and
5. Property's neighbors strongly object to application.

The motion was seconded and approved by a roll call vote:

YEA Roth, Wright, Miscuk, Gibson, Brody, Klempay
NAY Johnson
ABSTAINING Jovanka

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Peter L. Klempay
Secretary ANC 1C

Approved November 19, 2001

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