

# **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C**

## **Adams Morgan**

### **Minutes of February 7, 2007**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at Mary's Center. Chairman Bryan Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Approximately 25 members of the public attended the meeting.

In attendance were Barry Weise (ANC1C01), Emily Mechner (ANC1C02), Bryan Weaver (ANC1C03), Mindy Moretti (ANC1C04), J. Michael Logsdon (ANC1C05), Nancy Shia (ANC1C06), Wilson Reynolds (ANC1C07) and Kathie Boettrich (ANC1C08).

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bryan Weaver, chair, went over the ground rules for future meetings and informed the public and the commission, that per the ANC bylaws, everyone addressing the commission, as well as commissioners themselves, would be allotted two minutes to speak. Additional time can be provided at the discretion of the chairman.

Commissioner Weaver also gave an update on the workings of Tenacity, a development group that is working on projects in dozens of buildings throughout the Ward and in particular, the Savilla on Ontario Rd.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

In the absence of Commissioner Boettrich, secretary, Commissioner Moretti moved the approval of the minutes from the January 3, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Reynolds, treasurer, provided a financial report and announced that the ANC had a bank balance of \$79,279.63.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Bridget Davis, the new Ward One Services Coordinator introduced herself to the commission and the members of the public and spoke briefly about her responsibilities.

### **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Commissioner Reynolds announced that the February Planning, Zoning and Transportation Committee meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters, and beginning in March, the meetings would move to the second Wednesday of the month at the same time and location.
- Commissioner Mechner announced that Adams Morgan MainStreet will be holding a wine tasting on Feb. 13 at Toro Mato.

- Commissioner Moretti gave a brief report on the proposed Youth Court program in the Third District.
- Commissioner Shia announced that the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at Kalorama Rec. Center.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Denis James announced that the next meeting of the Kalorama Citizens Association will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Goodwill Baptist Church. The topic for this month's meeting is historic preservation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. MPD Report**

Lt. Gottert provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. He noted that overall crime is up 12 percent and that the largest spike in crime was theft. He commented that many purses were being stolen from bars that the increase in stolen purses correlates with the introduction of the smoking ban. There were 28 theft-from-autos in January and the stolen items largely remain iPods, laptops and suitcases/purses. Lt. Gottert also commented that there had been an increase in stolen bicycles.

### **B. ABC & Public Safety**

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to protest the application by Madam's Organ to convert their C/R license to a C/T license based on adverse effects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood as well as ANC1C's previously approved position to protest all new tavern conversions. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C write a letter to the Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy Lanier detailing some of the ongoing issues the residents of ANC1C have faced with MPD. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Shia made a motion to accept the joint Voluntary Agreement between ANC1C, the Kalorama Citizens Association and O'Tasty. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti announced that the next meeting of the ABC & Public Safety Committee will be on Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

### **C. Planning, Zoning and Transportation**

Commissioner Reynolds gave an update on the committee's actions on the proposed rulemaking changes to the Reed Cooke Overlay.

Commissioner Reynolds announced that the next meeting of the PZT Committee will be on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Third District Police Headquarters.

## **D. Public Services**

Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC1C call a special meeting about the planned renovations of H.D. Cooke Elementary and to specifically include Principal Rice and DCPS Project Coordinator Michelle Chen on the invitation list. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Mechner offered a resolution to change the grant guidelines to increase the granting ceiling to \$1,500. The resolution was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Moretti made a motion to postpone further discussion of this resolution until a future meeting to allow for more discussion at the committee level. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Shia offered a resolution to have new trash receptacle installed in the 2500 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

***Resolution Requesting the Installation of a New Garbage Can in the 2500 Block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW***  
*Whereas, the 2500 block of 17<sup>th</sup> St., NW is in the boundaries of ANC1C06, and under the jurisdiction of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C, and*

*Whereas, litter and garbage accumulating along the even-numbered side of the 2500 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street has been a serious problem for years, and*

*Whereas, the city trash bin in front of H.D. Cooke Elementary School at 2525 17<sup>th</sup> Street is the only trash bin on this block and is routinely full to overflowing, often filled with personal trash.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C requests the Department of Public Works to install another trash bin on the even numbered side of this street in the area where the trash most often accumulates on the street.*

Commissioner Shia gave an update on the recent community meeting about the changes to street patterns in anticipation of the new Harris Teeter with specific emphasis on the 2500 block of Ontario Rd., NW. Although no official action was taken at this meeting by DDOT or the ANC, Commissioner Shia reported that the community members in attendance came to a consensus that the 2500 blk. of Ontario Rd., NW should remain two-way.

Commissioner Shia announced that the next meeting of the Public Services Committee will be on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ben Hawley gave an overview of the D.C. Civil War Cadet Academy currently taking place during the after school program at Marie Reed Learning Center. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC1C write a letter to the mayor in support of the D.C. Cadet Program at Marie Reed. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti offered four resolutions en bloc to recognize the outgoing ANC Commissioners who served in 2005 and 2006. The resolutions were seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA:           Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds and Boettrich  
NAY:           None

***Resolution of Commendation and Thanks to Former  
ANCIC Commissioner and Chairman Alan Roth***

*WHEREAS, Alan Roth served on Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C as a Commissioner from January 2001 through December 2006, and*

*WHEREAS, during his service on ANC 1C, Commissioner Roth served as Court Jester from 2001 to 2002 and Chair of ANCIC from January 2003 through December 2006, and*

*WHEREAS, under Commissioner Roth's leadership as Chairman, ANCIC earned a reputation throughout the District government as being a well-run, no-nonsense organization, and*

*WHEREAS, under Commissioner Roth's leadership ANCIC maintained a strong fiscal responsibility, and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Roth served in these volunteer positions with distinction, integrity, and the best interests of the community in mind, and in addition worked on other neighborhood projects and organizations, and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Roth chose not to seek re-election in 2006, and*

*WHEREAS, his hard work and service to ANC 1C and the Adams Morgan community has been deeply appreciated and will continue to resonate long after his tenure is complete,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C commends Commissioner Roth for his devotion and dedication to the Adams Morgan community, thanks him for his service to ANC 1C, and wishes him every success in future endeavors.*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT ANCIC says cheers to Commissioner Roth and bottoms up on all the pink-girlie drinks he can drink.*

***Resolution of Commendation and Thanks to Former  
ANCIC Commissioner Lynn Taylor***

*WHEREAS, Lynn Taylor served on Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C as a Commissioner from January 2005 through December 2006, and*

*WHEREAS, during her service, Commissioner Taylor served as Chairperson of the Planning, Zoning and Transportation (PZT) Committee, and*

*WHEREAS, during her tenure as PZT Chair, she helped shepherd through many complicated, and often controversial development issues with infinite patience, wisdom and most importantly grace, and*

*WHEREAS, without her grace under pressure handling of these issues, the ANC as well as the entire Adams Morgan community could have been mired in mayhem, and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Taylor served in these volunteer positions with distinction, integrity, and the best interests of the community in mind, and in addition worked with other neighborhood and District organizations, and*

*WHEREAS, her work and service to ANC IC and the Adams Morgan community has been deeply appreciated,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC commends Commissioner Taylor for her devotion and dedication to the Adams Morgan community, thanks her for her service to ANC IC, and wishes her well in all future endeavors.*

***Resolution of Commendation and Thanks to Former  
ANCIC Commissioner Andy Miscuk***

*WHEREAS, Andy Miscuk served ANC IC as a Commissioner off and on throughout the entire 21<sup>st</sup> Century — as well as some of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, and*

*WHEREAS, During his tenure, Commissioner Miscuk at various times served as Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer of the ANC as well as Chair of the Public Services Committee, and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Miscuk served in these volunteer positions with distinction, integrity, and the best interests of the community in mind, and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Miscuk worked with other neighborhood and District organizations on countless community events to help unify, beautify and promote Adams Morgan, and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Miscuk chose not to seek re-election in 2006, and*

*WHEREAS, his hard work and service to the Adams Morgan community has nonetheless been deeply appreciated, especially his efforts to protect the Adams Morgan community from zombies,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC commends Commissioner Miscuk for his devotion and dedication to the Adams Morgan community, thanks him for his service to ANC IC, and wishes him every success in his future endeavors.*

***Resolution of Commendation and Thanks to Former  
ANCIC Commissioner Jon Canty***

*WHEREAS, Jon Canty served ANC IC as a Commissioner from January 2005 through December 2006, and as Treasurer from June 2005 to December 2006, and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Canty served in these volunteer positions with distinction, integrity, and the best interests of the community in mind, particularly by keeping the books and financial affairs of the Commission in good order, and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Canty chose not to seek re-election in 2006, and*

*WHEREAS, his hard work and service to the Adams Morgan community has nonetheless been deeply appreciated,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Advisory Neighborhood Commission IC commends Commissioner Canty for his devotion and dedication to the Adams Morgan community, thanks him for his service to ANC IC, and wishes him every success in his future endeavors.*

Commissioner Weaver offered a resolution to support full voting rights for the District of Columbia. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Weise, Mechner, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds and Boettrich  
NAY: None

***A Resolution Supporting D.C. Voting Rights***

*Whereas, each Commissioner on every Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) in the District of Columbia is a publicly elected official of the District of Columbia government, and*

*Whereas, the United States government recognized the importance of local representation of citizens of the District of Columbia by creating the ANCs in Pub. L. 930198, title VII Sec. 738 as amended, and*

*Whereas, the American Revolution and War of Independence was ultimately declared citing the principle “taxation without representation is tyranny” and there are nearly 600,000 taxpaying American citizens in the District of Columbia who have no federal voting representation in Congress, and*

*Whereas, Washington City, Washington County, and Georgetown were merged into Washington, District of Columbia in 1781, and*

*Whereas the District of Columbia is responsible for the functions of a city, county and state, including, but not limited to driver’s licensure, insurance and securities legislation, workers’ and unemployment compensation, food and drug inspection, weights and measures, operation of a district police force and district school system, and*

*Whereas, the District of Columbia is treated as a state in over 500 federal laws, and*

*Whereas the 590,000 residents of the District of Columbia pay approximately \$5 billion annually in local tax revenues plus \$3.5 billion in federal taxes, and*

*Whereas the federal government uses all the District of Columbia’s services, but exempts itself, foreign embassies, and others from taxes (41% of the District of Columbia’s property), and does not provide payment in lieu of taxes (PILT), and*

*Whereas the District of Columbia does not have a voting delegate in the House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate, and*

*Whereas, the United States Congress can override any local ordinance or resolution passed by the Council of the District of Columbia or referendum passed by its citizens, and*

*Whereas the per capita federal tax burden for the District of Columbia’s residents is second only to Connecticut’s, and*

*Whereas the District of Columbia has a higher Gross State Product (GSP) than 14 states according to the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, and*

*Whereas, the state of Wyoming, despite having a population smaller than that of the District of Columbia’s and paying less per capita in federal income taxes, has one voting member in the House of Representatives and two voting members in the Senate, and*

*Whereas Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified by the U.S. Congress and signed by the President, guarantees the right to equal suffrage and participation in national government through elected representatives, and*

*Whereas of the 117 countries in the world with elected national legislatures, the United States stands alone in depriving the residents of its capital a voice and a vote in our national legislative body.*

*Therefore Be It Resolved, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C opposes taxation without representation and urges the United States Congress to recognize the District of Columbia's constitutional right to basic democracy, through voting representatives, by granting full voting rights to the citizens of Washington, D.C. in both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and*

*Be It Further Resolved, that the Chairman of ANC1C will transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each Senator and Representative in Congress of the United States.*

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion that ANC1C protest the entertainment endorsement application for Spaghetti Garden based on adverse effects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion that ANC1C protest the entertainment endorsement application for Saki based on adverse effects on peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

Commissioner Boettrich offered a resolution to have a trash can installed in the 2300 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Stree, NW. The resolution was seconded, discussed an approved by voice vote:

***Resolution to Request Additional Public Waste Receptacle on the  
2300 Block (West Side) of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW***

*Whereas, the 2300 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW is in the boundaries of ANC1C, and*

*Whereas litter and garbage accumulating along the even-numbered side of the 2300 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Street (between Crescent Place and Florida Avenue) has been a serious problem for years, and*

*Whereas, this problem adds to the rodent population, and*

*Whereas, there are no trash receptacles along this long hill stretch of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and*

*Whereas, there are numerous newspaper boxes at a bus stop at the top of this hill with no trash receptacle in sight, and*

*Whereas the hill is often littered with newspapers.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved that ANC1C requests the D.C. Department of Public Works (DPW) to install a new trash bin on the even-numbered side of the 2300 block of 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW at a location selected by DPW as to be of the greatest services.*

Commissioner Boettrich made a motion that ANC1C write a letter to DDOT and the developers of Lot 33 requesting that they move the construction dumpster from the road on to the sidewalk. The motion was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Boettrich made a motion to withdraw her original motion; it was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.