

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IC
Adams Morgan

Minutes of February 4, 2009

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on January 7, 2009 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Mindy Moretti, vice chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Approximately 20 members of the public attended.

In attendance were Stacey Moye (1C01), Chris Otten (1C02), Bryan Weaver (1C03), Mindy Moretti (1C04), Michael Logsdon (1C05), Nancy Shia (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07) and Kathie Boettrich (1C08).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commissioner Boettrich made a motion that the secretary's report be accepted. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moretti announced that the Lanier Heights Cultural Survey was released. The ANC has not received it yet; but will post it when it is available.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Commissioner Weaver announced the arrest in the homicide of Derrell Goins. Weaver announced the continuation of the Willow Fund, which will support and education of Goins' daughter. Funding can be sent to P.O. Box 21009, Washington, D.C. 20009 or directly to the Willow Fund at the BB&T bank.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Logsdon, treasurer, announced that ANC1C started the month with a bank balance of \$37,561.20. After checks and fees, the current balance is \$34,427.96.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Pedro Aviles representing the D.C. Public Library announced a request and period of public comment and survey and encouraged participation.

Lisa Duperier from Adams Morgan Main provided an update on recent press coverage and activities.

Merideth Bergan introduced herself and her new role with Councilmember Graham's office as a bicycle liaison.

Jim Nixon, an 18th St. business owner (Toro Mato), expressed his concerns about ABC licenses and alcohol consumption in Adams Morgan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution for Lump Sum Payment to Mary's Center for Monthly Rent

Whereas on January 7, 2009 ANCIC entered into a one-year lease with Mary's Center for the use of the Kalorama Room for ANCIC monthly meetings, and

Whereas the monthly rent for the Kalorama Room is \$200, and

Now Therefore Be it Further Resolved that ANCIC will write a check to Mary's Center for \$2000 that will cover the remaining 10 months of the lease (February 2009 through January 2009 – ANCIC does not meet in August), and

Be it Further Resolved that this one-time lump sum payment does not include any additional payments that may need to be made to Mary's Center for quarterly forums or other special meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC & Public Safety

MPD Report – significant reduction in crime in past 30 days. Statistics provided.

A robbery that occurred at 17th and Columbia had a good video will be released for viewing. Sgt. Penn answered questions from commissioners and the public. Sgt. Penn provided information about a registered sex offender who recently moved into the neighborhood. Details are on the DC MPD website.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at the Kalorama Rec. Center.

Public Services

Commissioner Shia announced a non-profit mixer to be held January 24 at Fidmi Mi Tierra from 6 – 8 p.m.

Shia reminded any organizations requesting grants that all completed applications must be in to the committee by the 10th of each month.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on February 25 at the Kalorama Recreation Center.

PZT Committee

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at the 3rd District Police Station. That meeting will address the final discussion of the Breezeway conversion at the Marie Reed Learning Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to support the Suntrust National Marathon. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Whereas, the SunTrust National Marathon is scheduled to occur on Saturday, March 21, 2009; and

Whereas the course of the National Marathon is currently slated to run through Adams Morgan, entering the neighborhood at Connecticut Ave. and Columbia Rd. and exiting the neighborhood at Columbia Rd. and 16th St.; and

Whereas the race organizers anticipate the elite runners will enter the boundaries of ANCIC at the approximately 8:40 a.m.; and

Whereas the organizers only anticipate rolling street closures during this time; and

Whereas, the organizers of the National Marathon have worked to alleviate concerns raised during the 2007 event.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANCIC) supports the SunTrust National Marathon route that includes the Adams Morgan community.

Commissioner Moretti offered a resolution to support the funding of the new green space at the Adams Mill/Calvert/Lanier Intersection. The resolution was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Whereas Ward One is the most densely populated ward in the city with precious little greenspace, and

Whereas, at the request of the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANCIC).; and

Whereas with the efforts of the ANC, this area would have simply been paved over with sidewalk.; and

Whereas at the June 7, 2008 meeting of ANCIC, the commission approved payment to former Adams Morgan resident Molly Scott for the creation of a design for the newly created greenspace; and

Whereas, the design is now complete and the area for the greenspace has been created.

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANCIC) will remit \$6,105 to McHale Associates for the installation of plants and groundcover at the newly created greenspace at the intersection of Adams Mill/Calvert/Lanier.

Commissioner Shia offered a resolution on the renovation and expansion of the Mount Pleasant Library. The resolution was seconded. Several grammatical friendly amendments were offered. The resolution, as amended was discussed and approved by roll call vote:

YEA: Moye, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds, Boettrich

Recusal: Otten

Whereas the Mount Pleasant Library is the only D.C. Public Library in Ward One, and

Whereas, the Mount Pleasant Library serves the constituents of ANC1C; and

Whereas the Mount Pleasant Library is planned to be closed relatively soon for renovations; and

Whereas the District of Columbia is seeking to expand both physical space and library programming for Ward One residents; and

Whereas, the cost of this renovation will exceed \$7.5 million taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, D.C. Public Libraries has not approached or communicated with ANC1C regarding the plans to renovate and expand the Mount Pleasant Library; and

Whereas the government of the District of Columbia is required to give great weight to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1C) receive from the D.C. Public Library leadership and the Board of Library Trustees timely information on the progress of the renovation and expansion of the Mount Pleasant Public Library; and

Be it further resolved that this timely information include but not be limited to: A transparent and open oversight of the library project; regular substantive consultation with Ward One Neighborhood Commissions including timely and specific responses to correspondence from all Ward One Advisory Neighborhood Commissions; regular updates to the D.C. Public Library Website (HYPERLINK "<http://www.dclibrary.org>"www.dclibrary.org) of current library design plans, line-item budgets, construction progress, including permit requests and grant thereof; and

Be it further resolved that this information further include: a 30-day notice in writing to ANC1C of anticipated changes or updates in library design plans, associated construction permits, and planned dates of heavy construction.

Be it further resolved that D.C. Public Library commits to having an official representative at the March 4, 2009 regularly scheduled ANC1C meeting.

Commissioner Shia made a motion that ANC 1C initiate an ad hoc Ward One DCPL community watchdog committee, and reach out to other Ward One ANCs, Ward One organizations to participate on this committee. It was seconded, discussed and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to allow ANC 1C to sign a lease with Crystal Realty for office space at 1744 Columbia Rd. for a two year period for the ANC1C office. It was seconded, discussed and passed by roll call vote:

YEA: Moye, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Boettrich

NAY: Reynolds

Commissioner Weaver made the following motion that was seconded, discussed and approved by voice vote:

Pursuant to D.C. Code 1-309.13, to request the use of your good offices to provide office space within the boundaries of ANC1C, or funds of up to \$600.00 per month to cover the rental of such space.

We understand that furnishings, equipment and services shall be provided from our own ANC funds. Furthermore, we understand that a lease will be entered into between the Executive and the Commission outlining such operating costs to be paid by the Commission.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to allow the Chair to write a letter to the Public Safety Committee requesting an explanation for the decision to override the great weight of a unanimous ANC motion opposing a curb cut 2351 Champlain St in March 2007. It was seconded, discussed and passed by roll call vote.

YEA: Moye, Otten, Weaver, Moretti, Logsdon, Shia, Reynolds,
Boetrich

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to allow the Chair, or the representing ANC Commissioner to write a letter of support on behalf of Bobby Lew's to the ABC board. It was seconded, discussed and passed 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 9:08 p.m.