

KCA NOVEMBER 17 MEETING

There will be discussion and a likely resolution to amend the current 5 year moratorium on ABC on-premise licenses in Adams Morgan. After the April, 2008 hearing, the ABC Board in its rulemaking implementing the current moratorium suggested that the petitioning parties come back to the Board halfway through the 5 year period to place a numerical cap on the total number of licenses that would be lower than the number currently in operation. This would have a prospective effect. In the future, licenses that are cancelled, revoked, or where the operator retires and ends the business, would cease to exist under certain conditions. Thus the total number of licenses would be reduced gradually over time. The KCA was one of the petitioners along with ANC 1C and the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association.

KCA is in discussions with the Urban Forestry Administration to establish a tree fence buy-in program for the newly expanded tree boxes on Kalorama, Wyoming, Cliffbourne, Biltmore and Columbia, so we'll be discussing that issue.

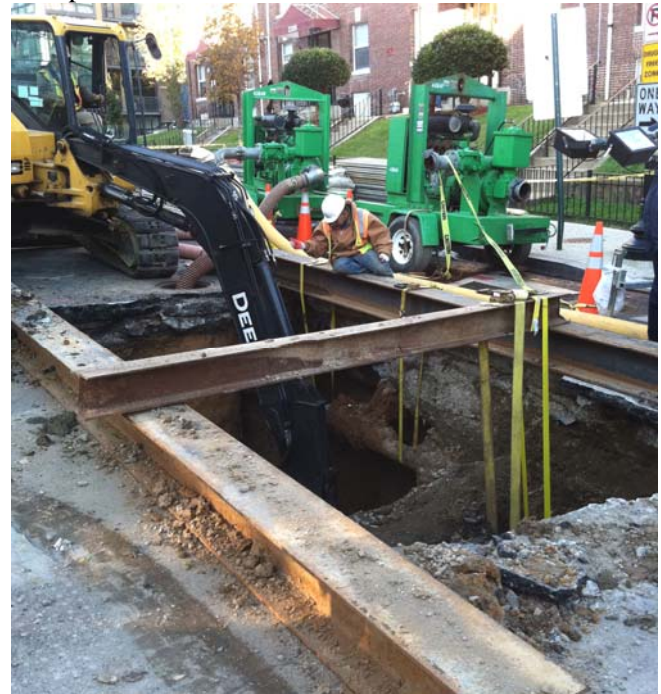
On our agenda last month were two items, closely linked, that time prevented us from dealing with. They were a pair of resolutions, one for each organization, the Adams Morgan Partnership Business Improvement District (AMPBID), the other, Adams Morgan Main Street Group (AMMSG) that would formally sever KCA's relationship with the two organizations. I propose this action so that KCA's voice can be clearly heard by City agencies, and not be muted or our message confused because of affiliations KCA never sought that now have little, if any, meaning. As an example, all three groups may comment to a city agency on a matter of local importance, but what is the reader of our commentary to think when he or she sees KCA's name, and yes, even my name, listed on the stationery or the website of these other groups, yet expressing an opposite opinion to how KCA has formally resolved? I hope members will understand and support this effort to strengthen KCA.

As usual, the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at Good Will Baptist Church, 1862 Kalorama Road. Go up the main front steps and bear right to the rear side door.

-Denis James

SINKHOLE CAUSES STREET CAVE-IN AT KALORAMA & CHAMPLAIN

On November 3rd, the driver of a car passing through the above intersection noted a small hole in the street. It turned out that erosion in the old, brick-lined aqueduct carrying water to the McMillan reservoir had caused the surrounding earth supporting the street to collapse.



Workers repairing the sinkhole. *photo: Mary Belcher*

KCA MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

[Note: These minutes were distributed as part of an earlier, electronic mailing to those members for whom we have e-mail addresses. We thought it important to also mail them in paper copy form to all members.]

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

President Denis James presented a resolution to protest a license change request by Heaven and Hell to add a "summer garden", outdoor space that would be 15 feet away from neighbors on the basis that it would lead to disturbance of the peace, order and quiet of the

surrounding neighborhood. ANC 1C has already protested this application.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 15 to 0 on motion by **Mary Belcher**, seconded by **Roger Teleschow**.

There was a discussion of whether people could pay their KCA dues at a meeting or the day of the meeting and vote at that meeting. **Denis** expressed his rule of thumb that KCA should not accept payments on the day of meetings.

There was a motion by **Mary Belcher**, seconded by **Joyce Douglas** that membership fees not be accepted at the meeting in order to avoid “packing” a meeting.

Wes Combs said that there not be any vote on the Church hotel project at this meeting because facts about the project had not been provided to the membership.

Adam Edinger thinks we should vote now. As long time member, he doesn't think it's right for anyone to walk in the door to vote.

Lacy MacAuley said she has been hearing for years about the hotel and has heard enough for a vote.

Shinko Watkins said that he had paid on line 15 minutes ago and there had been nothing online about not being able to vote.

John Cloud said that he doesn't think people should just be able to show up and pay dues to vote at the meeting.

Bonnie Roberts-Burke said that people should be allowed to join at any time, as a matter of neighborliness.

Jacques Morgan wondered how many are “new”?

Larry Hargrove said that if you live within the boundaries and have paid your dues, you should be entitled to vote.

Roger Teleschow said that there should be a decision one way or the other. If there is an ambiguity, there should be a rule.

Denis proposed that there be a “sense of the meeting” vote by everyone present, not limited to those who had paid memberships before today. Will we accept people who offer their money at the meeting as voting members? The “sense of the meeting” by a 15-12 vote was that anyone who paid at the meeting should be able to vote.

Discussion of the Church Hotel PUD Application

Denis gave a brief summary of the project and the reason for the timing of the resolution:

The developers are seeking relief from existing zoning regulations, including the Reed-Cooke overlay, rear and side yard requirements, height limits and use, and to change the building's address to Columbia Road.

He expressed concern that the project as proposed would set a precedent of a building too tall and massive for the site, leading to other very large future proposals which would lead to a loss of the human scale of Adams Morgan. The resolution is being presented so that KCA can make timely comment to the DC Office of Planning for a report they create on the application for a meeting with the DC Zoning Commission called a {“Set-down”

hearing: Whether a project has enough merit for the Zoning Commission to hold a full evidentiary hearing on the merits.

Denis suggested that due to the presence in Adams Morgan of one very large hotel, the Hilton Washington, we already know the negative effects such a 24-7 operation can have, and in this case it would be right in the heart of the very congested center of the neighborhood on very narrow streets.

At this point, **Denis** moved the resolution on the Church Hotel proposal, seconded by **Bob Ellsworth**.



Church Hotel site section looking east, from developer's PUD application, filed 7-29-2011. Three-story buildings in Washington Heights Historic District are in foreground.

Kalorama Citizens Association Resolution Expressing Concerns to the Office of Planning with regard to the Planned Unit Development Application for Construction of a Hotel at Euclid and Champlain Streets

Whereas, developers have proposed to build a 104' tall hotel, the “Adams Morgan Historic Hotel” at Euclid and Champlain Streets, N.W., on lots currently occupied by the Church of Christ, Scientist, and the City Paper/WPFW Radio building, and

Whereas, as soon as mid-October, the DC Office of Planning, which actively invites public participation, will present a report on this application to the DC Zoning Commission at a so-called “set-down hearing” at which the Zoning Commission will decide if this project has adequate merit to go forward to a full-blown Zoning Commission hearing, and

Whereas, KCA wishes to provide community input to that report, and

Whereas, the proposed hotel will contain up to 227 guest rooms and a 174-car underground garage; with pedestrian and vehicular entrance to the hotel on Champlain Street, N.W.; and

Whereas, the proposed site of the hotel lies within the boundaries of a zoning area known as the “**Reed-Cooke Overlay,**” which seeks to protect the residential nature of the neighborhood and which limits new building heights to 40 feet and prohibits within its boundaries bars and hotels,

while encouraging “small-scale business development that will not adversely affect the residential community” of Reed Cooke; and

Whereas, the developers of the proposed hotel project on July 29, 2011, filed with the DC Zoning Commission a “Planned Unit Development” (PUD) application to seek relief from Reed-Cooke Overlay restrictions; the current R-5B zoning of the Church; the current RC/C2B zoning of the other parcels and relief from rear and side yard requirements in order to construct a hotel that would exceed those restrictions; and

Whereas, DC has established a “Comprehensive Plan for the Capital City” to guide future land use, building construction, and other development, which states in city Policy Mid-City-2.4.5: “Protect existing housing within the Reed Cooke neighborhood, maintaining heights and densities at appropriate levels and energizing small-scale business development that does not adversely affect the residential community;” and, for the larger Adams Morgan area, in city Policy Mid-City-2.4.1: “Protect the historic character of the Adams Morgan community through historic landmark and district designations, and by ensuring that new construction is consistent with the prevailing heights and densities in the neighborhood;” and

Whereas, the members of KCA would like to see the Christian Science Church building preserved as part of a more moderately sized project than has been proposed.

Now, then, **be it resolved** that the members of the KCA wish to notify the Office of Planning that:

1. The hotel project as currently proposed seeks 2½ times the height allowed by the Reed-Cooke Overlay and, if approved such approval would run counter to the guidance for neighborhood development as laid out in the city’s Comprehensive Plan;
2. The height, density, and mass of the project as proposed, as well as the range of commercial activities it plans to host, is at odds with the residential nature of the Reed-Cooke neighborhood and will have negative impacts on the quality of life for residents of Champlain, Euclid and other nearby narrow neighborhood streets, including traffic congestion, residential parking demand and late-night events that will cause disturbance;
3. The height and overall scale of the hotel as currently proposed will visually overwhelm the historic row-houses along the east side of 18th Street, in the adjacent Washington Heights Historic District, as well as the row-houses and smaller apartment buildings along Champlain and Euclid Streets;
4. Approval of a project of this scale will set a precedent for other very tall, very dense projects, be they hotels or other uses that will greatly detract from the human scale of Adams Morgan, and further contravene the goals of the Comprehensive Plan as expressed above.

Upon approval by the KCA, this resolution, with cover letter, will be sent to the DC Office of Planning for inclusion in the project file.

Maureen Gallagher, President of, and **Billy Simpson**, a member of, the **Reed-Cooke Neighborhood**

Association, [RCNA] were then asked to talk about concerns that RCNA had with the proposal filed with the Office of Planning.

RCNA took a look at the project about 3 years ago, when the developer presented conceptual plans to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board [HPRB]. Exterior plans have changed, but the fundamental size and height have not. RCNA took the position then that it was ok with the concept of a hotel, but that the specific proposal was too large. The Reed-Cooke Zoning Overlay doesn’t allow hotels.

Before the “set-down” hearing, the Office of Planning [OP] will write its report, including whether the proposed development conforms with the comprehensive plan. RCNA will present feedback to OP about the noncompliance of the project as proposed. By giving feedback before the set down hearing, it hopes to signal to OP that the neighborhood cares about the decision.

Contrast the Courtland (an apartment building directly east of the project), which is 75 ft tall measured from Euclid. The proposed hotel would be at least 2 stories higher.

Bob Ellsworth pointed out that the drawings submitted by the developer are a gross distortion of those relative heights.

Adam Edinger believes that the neighborhood has definitely compromised by allowing a hotel. In contrast, the developer has followed a “take it or leave it” approach. If we chose not to “take it” what would be the alternative?

Billy Simpson said that RCNA has avoided those “what if” discussions, staying focused on what’s before us. The developer has approached the community as “this or nothing”. RCNA has refused to take that stance.

Maureen Gallagher pointed out that the developers’ first first proposal was a condominium project, which RCNA voted to support.

Wes Combs asked how tall the proposed condo would have been?

Billy said it was 75-80 feet.

Wes Combs then asked whether any other buildings in Reed-Cooke were the height of the hotel proposal?

Billy said no.

Tony Harvey said that, as part of an urban renewal plan, a library was considered as one of the options. When the condo project was proposed, it extended to the height of the church and brought the church into the Reed-Cooke overlay. The City Paper property was not included in those plans. The community was enthusiastic about it, but the project disappeared. Then came the hotel.

Maureen Gallagher said that the condo project was never actually put before the Zoning Commission, but OP staffers suggested there could be problems with dividing the building.

Chad Walter asked what incentives to the community were being offered by the developers?

Billy Simpson answered that the developers must provide public benefits for a PUD, but it's murky as to what that means. Preservation of the Church itself is claimed as a benefit, together with a 4000 square foot community meeting space, and an agreement with the Adams Morgan Youth Leadership Academy [AMYLEA] The proposal also claims there will be tax benefits for the District.

Chad asked whether the benefits included any development of Unity Park?

Billy Simpson noted that there was nothing in the proposal but that there would be an opportunity to have those discussions.

John Cloud: City Paper building and the studios of WFW are being sacrificed. We were told: "It didn't pencil out...we had to go bigger". That brings to mind Caesar Chavez, who said that when people talk about cost/benefit, you need to consider who pays the costs and who gets the benefits.

Billy Simpson: The Reed-Cooke overlay was added in 1989. There were light industrial buildings in the neighborhood. There was concern that nightlife was being pushed into residential areas. Its objective was to get incompatible uses out of the neighborhood and put in low rise residential. About 70-80 % of those incompatible uses have transitioned as intended by the overlay.

Roger Telschow said that he's in favor of a good development there. But there's a difference of opinion on how big the project should be. His reading of the resolution is that the proposal is too big. Development never gets more favorable to the neighborhood after it's approved. The time to comment is now.

Lacy MacAuley said that the point of the resolution that speaks to her is that this project would set a precedent that will be contrary to the scale of the neighborhood. There is no reason to compromise the Reed-Cooke Overlay. It keeps the scale of the neighborhood human.

Denis James said the Washington Heights Historic District goes to the alley adjoining the Church. The developers own elevation shows that the scale of the proposed hotel would loom over the neighboring 3 story buildings in Washington Heights and not respect their integrity.

Lisa Duperier expressed the wish that the developers could show us what the project would look like from street views like the Italian Embassy developers did. She said HPRB did vote for the project. She said the hotel will help with deterioration of the neighborhood, that it will change the demographics of the 18th Street crowd, setting an image. We lack an image-setter. The church has considered other projects, but no one else was willing to come forward with a proposal. She can't discuss financing. The proposal didn't address Unity Park because they were told that "politics" was involved with any changes to the park. She said the developers will be donating part of the property to the alleyway to eliminate its dogleg.

At this point, the question was called and the vote was 22 in favor; 6 against the resolution

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

-Ted Guthrie, Secretary

STREETSCAPE WORK PROGRESSES ON 18TH STREET

Here are a few photos showing the work on 18th Street as it moves into the Kalorama to Columbia phase.



2300 block of 18th Street, looking north toward Columbia.



2400 block of 18th street, looking south. photos: Ted Guthrie

OCTOBER 25, 2011 KCA MEETING MINUTES

President **Denis James** called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm and introduced **Shi Faust**, of At-large Councilmember Vincent Orange's staff, who was there to monitor the meeting.

Announcements

Mary Belcher announced she is working with high school teachers from Capitol City Public Charter School because they are using the African American and Quaker cemeteries at Walter Pierce Park as part of their

Civil War and local history curricula.

John Cloud announced a joint Department of Parks and Recreation/Fund for Kalorama Park meeting on continuing issues with the anti-erosion project at Kalorama Park. The meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 7:30 at the Kalorama Rec Center. John has been active in trying to get the project done correctly but will be unable to attend the meeting. He asked that KCA members attend the meeting, especially those aware of the history of the project. We need to know both what they think the remaining problems are and their planned solutions. If you attend, please get back to John afterward.

Denis then introduced the topic of US Post Office closure and offered the following resolution:
KCA Resolution in Opposition to Closure of Adams Morgan Post Offices

Whereas the United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced that both the Adams Morgan Post Offices, Kalorama Station at 2100 18th Street, NW and Temple Heights Station at 1921 Florida Avenue are under consideration for closure as cost-cutting measures, and **Whereas**, Adams Morgan and Ward One are the most densely populated areas of the city, and they contain many residents and businesses that depend on Post Office services, including non-profits and many immigrants who use the post office to send money “back home”, and **Whereas**, the two Adams Morgan Post Offices are heavily used and provide service in a walkable environment, and **Whereas**, much of the Postal Service’s budgetary woes may be traced to the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 that requires the USPS to prefund the cost of health benefits for retirees, current employees, and future employees over the next 75 years in just 10 years’ time, an unrealistic requirement that is demanded of no other company or agency in the U.S.; **Whereas**, H.R. 1351, the USPS Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011 (which has bipartisan support from 222 cosponsors), would repeal the 2006 mandate, put the USPS back on a better fiscal footing and help eliminate the need for forced closure of postal facilities.
Now therefore, be it resolved that the Kalorama Citizens Association objects to the possible closure of the Adams Morgan post offices and encourages passage of H.R. 1351, and authorizes the transmission of this resolution to the Postmaster General of the United States, and DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and other members of Congress as necessary.

Denis noted that he borrowed from the ANC 1C resolution moved by Commissioner **Stacey Moye** (SMD-01) and that, together with suggestions from member **Bonnie Tyler**, helped form this resolution.

Moved by **John Cloud**, seconded by **Joyce Douglas**, passed with 16 in favor 0 opposed.

Patrick Thibodeau was recognized to present and speak on a resolution on internet gambling:
Kalorama Citizens Association Resolution in Opposition to the Lottery Modernization Amendment Act of 2010

Whereas, a provision that would allow Online/Internet Gambling/iGaming, including computerized slots legislation, was inserted into the December 2010 DC budget without public discussion or public hearings, contrary to the principles of open and transparent government, and

Whereas the potential negative economic impacts and quality of life concerns associated with such online gambling supported and operated by the District of Columbia Government through a contractor, will likely include increased police protection, major impacts on alcohol beverage control operation and legislation, zoning changes and fire safety enforcement, and **Whereas**, specialized protection against hacking of the DC Government website and its gambling site, and increased gambling addiction treatment and other negative social impacts of gambling vastly outweigh the projected annual financial benefits to the District that might be realized by its implementation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Kalorama Citizens Association fully supports the immediate repeal of the “Lottery Modernization Amendment Act of 2010”.

Be it further resolved that any future legislation introduced on this subject be stand-alone legislation, with full and proper notice given to the public and public hearings held by the Council.

Patrick noted that ANC 1C passed a resolution to reconsider and repeal the new internet gambling provision. The law is the first in the country to allow gambling by internet from home and “hotspots”. It was approved as a budget rider, introduced by At-large Councilmember Michael Brown, rather than as a separate measure. People are opposed to the law because of the process by which the law was enacted, bypassing all public review. There was little news coverage.

There will be no oversight other than by the CFO and the Director of the Lottery. How you feel about gambling isn’t the issue. This would ask the Council to follow all the normal public processes. There is a wi-fi provision that would allow an establishment to put in a router whereby one could play poker, bingo and random number generated games (slots). You’d have to bring in your own device - terminals would not be permitted in establishments. Patrick thinks bars will be pressured to put in some such device. Hours of operation are 10 am-4 am. This could morph bars into gambling facilities.

“Problem or pathological gamblers” would be encouraged. No funding is provided for their treatment, unlike other states with casinos. There was no discussion of the kinds of gambling to be allowed. CMs Evans, Wells and Mendelson have put forth legislation to repeal the measure.

Tony Harvey noted that there was a specific proposal that they be put into libraries, because some have internet access only at libraries.

Denis said that the effect on ABC licensees could be detrimental, with reduction of restaurant activity in favor of gambling. As passed, the measure has no connection with ABC rules.

The resolution was moved by **John Cloud**, seconded by **Bob Ellsworth**. Passed by a vote of 17-0.

ABC license requests

Tangier Lounge, 2305 18th St., is seeking to transfer a CR license from “safekeeping” The license was last used by Granja D’Oro. ANC 1C has voted to protest.

Bob Ellsworth moved that KCA protest the request on the grounds of effect on the peace, order and quiet of the surrounding community. **Joyce Douglas** seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 16-0.

El Tamarindo, 1785 Florida Ave., seeks to expand its sidewalk café operation. **Kevin Lee**, attorney for **Ana Reyes**, owner, said that DDOT is holding the request to expand in abeyance. He said that they will be amending the placard. Denis said that any protest by KCA would be withdrawn if the application is in fact amended to include no changes.

John Cloud moved to protest the application placarded on the grounds of effect on the peace, order and quiet of the surrounding community. **Joyce Douglas** seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 15-1 in favor.

Development proposal at 1845 Kalorama Road

Denis then introduced the developer, **Sevan Topjian**, of **Brookland Homes**, and **Jeffery Lockwood**, architect, who have proposed a conversion of the single family home at **1845 Kalorama Road** to 8 condominium units.

Topjian said the proposal will preserve many features of the property. He said that the Taylor family interviewed potential buyers, with concern about how the property would be developed.

They’ve met with HPO staff about their proposal, which adds a 4th floor in front, setback from the street. In the rear, the garage will be razed and a new 4 floor structure built, setback 16 ft from the alley to create 2 parking spaces. The plan covers 74% of the lot. All units will have entry from the front. Allowable FAR is 3.5, this plan would have an FAR of 2.4. The building would be 53 ft tall, while zoning would allow a structure 90 ft tall. There will be no roof structures. The back building will be

three stories plus a cellar. Their original plan was for 13 units, which they lowered to 8 units. The center courtyard meets R5 requirements for light and air.

Joyce Douglas said that she thought they had to have adequate parking for residents. Extra cars will impact neighborhood.

Lockwood said that they are seeking a waiver to allow one less space than otherwise would be required.

Bob Ellsworth expressed concern about the neighbors’ experience on Mintwood Place, where a developer recently hired day laborers to extract dangerous materials. He asked what assurances the developer would give that it won’t happen here?

Topjian said that they are sediment containment certified and lead abatement certified. He doubts that there will be asbestos issues from what they’ve seen.

Janet Kegg said that she lives in an 8 unit building with two parking spots two doors down from the project. She asked how much construction disruption there will be and for how long?

Lockwood said that they are willing to provide estimates on timing, but currently estimate 8-12 months for construction.

Larry Hargrove noted that there is a cellar in the existing building and asked about the plans for basement level habitation.

Lockwood replied that there will be one cellar unit in each building.

Hargrove expressed concerns about the Zoning Administrator treating cellar units as habitable.

Charles Jenkins, next door neighbor to the project, who was unable to attend the meeting, said by letter read by Denis that he doesn’t support the proposal because the addition will block light and air from the west.

Lockwood responded that the developer will be meeting with neighbors to deal with these issues.

John Cloud said that it was very difficult to review these plans as provided. He applauded the developers for doing what appears to be a well thought-out development.

Benedicte Aubrun asked how they can put a new basement entrance into an historic development?

Lockwood responded that they are currently discussing the issue with HPO and are proposing putting a door where a window currently exists.

Larry Hargrove asked how much the building is set back from Kalorama Road?

Lockwood estimated the set back at 20 feet.

Elizabeth Makris asked what is it that KCA is doing about this project?

Denis replied that community groups with historic preservation as one of its purposes has the ability to comment on such matters in historic districts.

Mary Belcher had a question about the resolution. She wondered whether KCA wants to comment on individual projects?

Denis noted that the project will be reviewed at HPRB on November 17 and this would be KCA's only opportunity to comment for that hearing.

Joe Meier asked what facing material will be on the back of the building?

Lockwood said that it is generally brick and consistent with the existing building but, to lessen its impact, the top is different.

Motion was made by **Michael Carr**, seconded by **Elizabeth Makris** that we reject the proposed resolution and express our confidence in the developers and endorse the project.

Denis moved the originally proposed resolution as a "replacement resolution", seconded by **Joyce Douglas**.

Marilou Righini said that because this property has R-5-D zoning, it is a "by-right" project.

Larry Hargrove suggested amending the second whereas to include "and appears not to comply fully with zoning regulation and the building code" and to add to therefore: "and that any inconsistencies with zoning regulations and the building code be corrected."

John Cloud suggests that we defer the issue to our next meeting.

Arianne Bennett noted that although she's not a KCA member, people are not getting a chance to express their opinions.

The resolution as amended was read to the membership as follows:

Whereas, KCA members and neighbors nearby 1845 Kalorama Road are concerned that approval of the project as proposed will be detrimental to the integrity of the Washington Heights Historic District, and

Whereas, the project as proposed contains elements of height and mass out of keeping with other nearby properties in the WHHD and appears not to comply fully with zoning regulations and the building code, and

Whereas, the project as proposed will rob immediate neighbors of air and light in the mornings from the east and in the evenings from the west in the rear of their properties.

Now therefore, the KCA recommends to the developer a significant downsizing of the project to better create a design in keeping with neighboring buildings in the WHHD and that any inconsistencies with zoning regulations and the building code be corrected.

The motion was approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 7 opposed.

Discussion on amending KCA Constitution with regard to payment of dues and membership status

Denis noted that at our September meeting there had been a long discussion on what it means to be a KCA member, including payment of dues and whether someone paying dues the day of a meeting should be able to vote at that meeting. In order to address those issues, including

the concern that nonmembers might join to pack a meeting to vote on a particular issue, and to have clear guidance in the bylaws and constitution for the officers and membership, he presented the following resolution to the membership for discussion:

KCA Executive Committee Recommendation to the membership with regard to dues payments and amending the KCA Constitution (proposed)

Whereas, the KCA Executive Committee wishes to clarify the Constitution with regard to dues payments, be they new or renewing, and as to how members in good standing or otherwise may renew dues in advance of any particular meeting, at the same time protecting the organization against opportunistic manipulation over a single issue.

Now therefore, the KCA Executive Committee proposes that the following provisions be added to the Constitution in Article IV, Dues, which currently reads:

Article IV: Dues

[original in normal type, proposed changes in bold]

Section 1. Membership dues shall be determined at the November meeting for the following calendar year.

Section 2. Each member shall be sent notice of dues payable at least two weeks before his dues become in arrears.

New Proposed Section 2a. All members shall renew dues in the month of January. In accordance with Section 4 below, renewing members not having paid dues by April 1st of any given year shall be considered to be in arrears.

Section 3. No payments in addition to dues shall be levied without the sending of notice of the amount of the levy and its purpose to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the levy is to be voted.

Section 4. Members whose dues and levies are in arrears two months or more shall be suspended from membership until said deficiencies shall have been remedied and dues shall have been paid for the rest of the calendar year.

New Proposed Section 5

To be eligible to vote at any KCA meeting, dues of new members must have been paid by the previous month's meeting date.

Members otherwise in good standing but owing dues may pay at any time through the day before a regularly scheduled meeting to be eligible to vote.

Members not in good standing, but owing dues must pay 15 days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be eligible to vote.

No cash payments will be accepted by KCA for any dues payment. New and renewing members may use checks, money orders and/or a credit card through PayPal on our web-site to pay dues.

Michael Carr asked whether renewals would be due on a member's anniversary date of joining? How would it effect lifetime memberships?

Denis noted that lifetime memberships are \$375. After becoming a lifetime member, one would never be in arrears. He also said that in September, 2010, the membership had voted to synchronize all membership dues with a January due date.

Carr noted that another organization she was involved with, to increase membership, prorated their dues payments. They changed dues to \$24, with an easy proration by dividing by 12 and deducting \$2 per month after January.

Elizabeth Makris, who recently joined KCA because she's interested in neighborhood beautification, expressed concern that anything that would impede people from joining wouldn't be a good idea.

Jim Nixon asked whether we would shape the resolution by a vote tonight?

Larry Hargrove said that a proposed amendment to the constitution must be presented to the membership before it can be voted on at a meeting. He wondered whether we could make any edits to the proposal?

Ted Guthrie asked **Elizabeth Makris**, as a new member, whether it had occurred to her to ask for pro rating on her dues. She said it hadn't.

John Cloud suggests pro-rating with an annual dues amount of \$24. He doesn't think that provocateurs stacking a meeting is really an issue. We should make it easier to be a member, not harder.

Rob Wong said that he's opposed to pro-rating.

Bob Ellsworth: proposed removing the word "opportunistic" from the resolution.

Michael Carr asked whether KCA had ever assessed how many could be members vs. how many are?

Marilou Righini said that we should be encouraging as many people as possible, even at the danger of having someone take over a meeting. We should allow people to vote when they pay their dues. She disagrees with having to attend a meeting without being able to vote.

Mary Belcher noted that last month Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association had 32 membership applications handed in, paid with crisp new \$50 bills on the last day that would allow voting prior to a meeting where an important vote might have been expected. She suggested that a short waiting period might help protect the regular members.

Joe Meier asked whether there was a restriction that members be from neighborhood?

Denis said that voting membership was limited to those residing in Adams Morgan, except for the Reed-Cooke neighborhood.

Larry Hargrove said that the best policy is to be as liberal as you can. Allowing payment the day before would be appropriate, and no cash. People register to vote in elections because of an issue or candidate they want to

vote on. There's no reason to distinguish that from voting within an organization. He also had a technical question: What is a member "not in good standing"?

Denis said the KCA constitution provides that a member is not in good standing if he/she is in arrears on dues two months or more.

A question was raised whether there was still a quorum present. It was determined that there was, but rather than make any such significant decision with so few members present, it was suggested to postpone further discussion on the topic to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by **Joyce Douglas**, seconded by **Ted Guthrie**, passed by a vote of 8-3. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

-Ted Guthrie, Secretary

URBAN FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION ENLARGING SELECT ADAMS MORGAN TREE BOXES

The DC Urban Forestry Administration, an agency of the DC Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Office of Planning and the Department of the Environment is undertaking a program to enlarge 97 street tree boxes, and in 6 cases, to cut new ones on five neighborhood blocks in Adams Morgan.



Kalorama Rd tree-box after concrete removal. Photo: Ted Guthrie

Funded by the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the program has the following benefits:

1. Removal of impervious surfaces, which means less waste water is directed to Blue Plains;
2. Green Median Renovation. On Cliffbourne, some of the tree boxes will be merged into a continuous strip;
3. Tree Canopy Renovation: When new trees are planted, and as existing trees prosper better due to the increased area for roots and water retention, this will aid in improving the overall DC tree canopy.



Workers spread topsoil in an expanded tree-box on the 1800 block of Kalorama Road. *Photo: Steve Mckindley-Ward*

The following streets will see these improvements made:
 1800 and 1900 blocks of Biltmore, 36, expanded;
 1800 block of Cliffbourne, 12 expanded;
 1800 block of Columbia, 2 new, 5 expanded;
 1800 block of Kalorama, 3 new, 30 expanded.
 -*Denis James*

PLEASE CONTINUE TO RENEW DUES!

Thanks to all who have paid dues so far in 2011. To those with dues still outstanding, please take a moment now to drop a check in the mail. Send to KCA, PO Box 21311, Washington, DC 20009. Your support is very important and greatly appreciated. Contributions are tax-deductable to the extent allowed by law.

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Each fall now for many years, KCA has made a contribution to assist the students of Marie Reed Learning Center. Counselor Betsy Wendt uses our contribution to best help the students in need. Here is Reed’s population breakdown: Marie Reed currently has 374 students. Of that number, 71% qualify for the free or reduced price lunch. 22% of our students are African American; 66% are Latino. The remainder of the students are White or Asian. Our English Language Learner population accounts for 58% of our students.

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**The next three KCA meetings:
Thursday, November 17, 7 pm
Good Will Baptist Church
Amending the ABC license moratorium,
Tree fence program, KCA housekeeping**

**Thursday, December 15
Annual Holiday Party, location TBA**

**Thursday, January 19, 2012, 7 pm
First meeting of New Year
Good Will Baptist Church**