



HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY AT GRILL FROM IPANEMA, DECEMBER 15 HAPPY HOUR AT 6, DINNER AT 7

Please make your reservations now for the annual KCA Holiday Dinner, held for the 2nd year now at The Grill From Ipanema, 1858 Columbia Road. Owner Alcy De Sousa has put together a great menu for KCA again this year. For just \$25.00, choose an appetizer, an entrée and a dessert. Tip and tax not included. Cash bar. Menu in full is shown below. Make your choices at the restaurant. I hope you can join us for this KCA tradition.

Either call me at 202 232-8829 or e-mail to denisjames@verizon.net with your reservations.



KCA Holiday Dinner at The Grill from Ipanema, Thursday, December 15, 2011
Happy Hour in the bar at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm
Special price of 25.00 for 1 appetizer, 1 entrée and 1 dessert

APPETIZERS

- 16=COXINHA DE GALINHA: Brazilian croquette stuffed with chicken and cheese, lightly breaded and fried, served with a spicy sauce.
- 17=BOLINHO DE BACALHAU: Cod fish croquette served with a spicy sauce.

18=MEXILHOES A CARIOCA: Half shell jumbo mussels in a leek, watercress, garlic, and butter sauce.

19=FRANGO A PASSARINHO: Crispy chicken pieces on the bone marinated in olive oil, garlic, and basil.

20=MANDIOCA FRITA COM CARNE DE SOL: Cubes of sun-dried beef with fried yucca, served with a **spicy** sauce.

21=ABACATE MARAJA: Half an avocado stuffed with shrimp, tomato, cilantro, onion, green pepper, and our house dressing.

22=SALADA VERDE: House green salad with lettuce, tomato, cucumber and olives.

ENTREES

25=FRANGO À COPACABANA: Grilled **chicken breast** served with farofa, rice, black beans, vegetables and fresh vinaigrette sauce

26=FRANGO CABO FRIO: **Chicken breast** sautéed in a light cream sauce with capers, onions, and parsley, served with rice and vegetables.

27=FRANGO VINÍCIUS DE MORAES: **Chicken breast** sautéed with five cracked peppers (**very spicy**) served with rice and vegetables

28=CHULETA A MINEIRA: Grilled **pork chops** served with rice, black beans and yucca flour pure and collard greens.

29=BIFE ACEBOLADO: Grilled **beefsteak sirloin** topped with sautéed onions and served with black beans, rice and vegetables.

30=LINGUINI A CABO FRIO: **Linguine with chicken breast** sautéed a light cream sauce with capers, onions, and parsley, served with rice and vegetables.

31=MEXILHÃO COM LINGUINE: Large half shell green **mussels** with *linguine*. Prepared in a Wonderful leek, watercress, butter and garlic sauce.

32=SALMAO GRELHADO: Grilled fresh **salmon filet** in a white wine, green peppercorn, and asparagus sauce, served with sautéed vegetables, rice, and mush potatoes.

33=FEIJOADA: The Brazilian National Dish, A rich stew of black beans, dry beef, pork, sausages, and smoked meat served with rice, collard greens, farofa, and orange.

34=SALADA MISTA COM PEITO DE FRANGO: Hearts of palm, Bermuda onion, orange, tomato, avocado, Romaine and spring mix lettuce, topping with **grilled chicken breast**.

DESSERT

- 36=PUDIM DE COCO: Coconut flan. – 37=PUDIM DE LEITE: Sweet caramel flan – 38=MOUSSE DE MARACUJA: Passion fruit mousse – 39=MOUSSE DE QUEIJO C/ CRÈME DE GOIABADA: Brazilian cheese mousse topped with melted guava sauce – 40=MOUSSE DE MANGA: Mango mousse.

NOVEMBER 17, 2011

KCA MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by President **Denis James**.

While awaiting a quorum, Denis gave an update on the Historic Preservation Review Board action that day on the application to develop 1845 Kalorama Road, which KCA resolved on at the October 25th meeting. ANC 1C took no action on the proposal. Affected neighbors and KCA gave written and verbal testimony with concerns about the height, density and mass of the proposal. The Board told the developers to come back with something less massive that did not overwhelm the existing historic resource.

Shi Faust from At-Large Councilmember Vincent Orange's staff attended the meeting.

Announcements

Lisa Duperier announced "Small Business Saturday" on November 26. Adams Morgan will be the focus of regional efforts to promote main street businesses in the DC area. American Express is sponsor for the event, with \$25 cash cards to give away, concentrating on retail. The event focuses on new businesses or places you might not think about as gifts. It is also the 40th anniversary of the Farmer's Market.

October Meeting minutes: Noting that a quorum had been achieved, Denis moved to approve, seconded by **Bob Ellsworth**, unanimously approved.

Amending the Adams Morgan Moratorium on ABC Licenses

Denis gave an historical review of the various moratoria since 2000. First, there was a 3 year moratorium on all licenses except Beer/Wine Restaurant (DR) or hotel: (CH,DH). In 2004, that was renewed, but allowed new restaurants and no nightclubs. Unfortunately, there was no restriction on restaurants converting to taverns. During that time, the neighborhood went from 3 long term tavern licenses to 14 applications for conversion; currently there are 50 restaurants, 15 tavern and 0 nightclubs, with 8 restaurant licenses in ABC "safekeeping"; Avignone Freres, for example, has been in safekeeping since 2001. These licenses can be sold. The most recent sale was Granja D'Oro to Tangier Lounge. Denis distributed a list of the licenses currently in safekeeping. Since 2008, there have been two licenses cancelled by the ABC Board and 11 transfers, out of 50 restaurant licenses. Currently, none of the C licenses is permitted to change license class.

In its 2008 rule-making, the Board suggested that the petitioners return halfway through the current moratorium (which is now) and set a lower number of actual licenses than currently exists, to be worked down to over time. The

subject had arisen at the October 19 meeting on Operation Adams Morgan, where **Councilmember Graham** suggested that perhaps it was time to scale down the number of licenses in Adams Morgan.

Bob Ellsworth asked why is a liquor license considered "property", thus subject to sale? Can you sell your driver's license? It's a permission to you; a privilege, not a right.

Arianne Bennett said that there's a difference because liquor licenses are limited in number.

Amy Bowman said that most businesses bought their licenses, at a cost of between \$45,000 and \$70,000. She suggests that the proposal will only keep things the way they are. She said that she understands that the neighborhood has concerns, but that she is concerned about other licensees.

Arianne Bennett, who owns the Amsterdam Falafel Shop, lives in the neighborhood and is on the AMPBID Board, said that she understands the issues of noise and disrespect for property in the neighborhood but that changing the rules on licensing doesn't address those issues. If things had gotten better with the moratorium or had gotten better in Georgetown, there might be an argument for the proposed change. She says that AMPBID wants to participate more with residents to make this better. For example, the BID is planning to increase the area subject to cleaning for another half a block, to reduce the impact of litter.

Dennis Dean said that he got involved in the Operation Adams Morgan meeting. Police can't solve the fundamental problem of the impact of the volume of people. Legitimate restaurants and businesses aren't the problem. We can name the businesses that are the problem. But given our system, it's difficult to go after them. If AMPBID has other constructive suggestions, that would be great. But whether this proposal is the solution or not, it looks more promising than doing nothing.

Kristin Barden said that the Georgetown moratorium is more restrictive and the business community had a challenge in bringing new restaurants to the neighborhood. The moratorium there was modified to allow for 7 more licenses which are all under application. They have crime, noise and trash; moratoriums don't solve it. You need licenses available to bring in new businesses.

Denis replied that he'd studied the situation in Georgetown. They had 11 nightclubs/taverns. Their moratorium provided there would be no further licenses until the number of nightclubs falls below 6. Applicants now come forward as restaurants; the number had been reduced to the point that they're now adding licenses.

Al Jirakowic, of Chief Ike's Mambo Room, in response to Dennis Dean, said those who are out late at night find kids who come and sit in cars and are not patrons. They are the ones causing the troubles, not patrons. And, as far as his license being "property", his

bank loan is based on collateralization of his liquor license.

Matt Cronin, of the District restaurant, said crime was taken down by Operation Adams Morgan. If patrons were the problem, it wouldn't have gone down while all the businesses were open. The majority of crime is not done by patrons. Licenses are attached to leaseholds. This proposal would affect landowners through no fault of their own. If you want to reduce licenses, let it be done by the liquor board. It's one thing to have a business go under, especially in these tough times, it's another to lose an asset like the value of a license.

Jim Nixon asked how would this resolution affect the hypothetical where a license holder sells the business, would the license go with the business?

Denis said that restricting transfer of licenses with the business is not what's intended by the proposed change. There should be a period after "44"; then new sentences.

Matt Cronin asked "What about 'with a no transfer' "? Let's assume that a CT owner needs to sell. The proposal seems designed to convert CTs to CRs. He says that he gets that this resolution is to bring the number of tavern licensees down.

Denis read from the ABC Board's 2008 rulemaking: "having lower cap would be helpful".

Matt Cronin asked whether we will just have operators coming in under CRs?

Bob Ellsworth noted that there has been a strong correlation in the historical change from restaurants to effectively bars, this will reduce that change.

Kay Rigby addressed whether the moratorium was "successful", noting the dramatic change in the number of drunks, public urination and trash. It is better than it was in the early 1990s. It's not ideal because of lack of consistent ABC enforcement over the years. Every community is in a state of flux. In the 70s, there were few bars. Adams Morgan became a hot spot as restaurants began acting like bars. Operators may talk about wanting money for their licenses, they went to the ABC board and lied saying that they'd be restaurants. If some people are hurt, "sorry!" but we've been struggling with this problem for 20 years. If landlords are invested, then act as a partner, and fix the problem. I don't worry about them either, the way rents have been jacked up. It's about numbers; there is a critical mass. Group dynamics change dramatically when you get larger numbers. There's a big difference between 20 and 100 drunks. With greater numbers, they feel they have a license to misbehave. Total number reduction is absolutely right.

Chad Walter said he's lived here for 15 years. During that time, there's been a change he's unhappy with. He came to the meeting to hear from his neighbors but the members of the business community have been doing all the talking. He said that he understands that they have a right to contribute to the meeting, but he feels that there's been a constant barrage from the owners rather than hearing from the neighbors.

Al Jirakowic said that since the 90s all population has gone up and what's happened in Adams Morgan isn't singular.

Marilou Righini asked about other the situation in other historic districts.

Denis said that although it's described in the Code as an historic district in Georgetown, the area is not contiguous, as it is in Adams Morgan. [did I miss your point here?] Capitol Hill hasn't gotten a moratorium. He used "6" in the proposal due to similarities with Georgetown and its precedential value.

Arienne Bennett said that she knows that this is a hot topic. One of biggest problems is parking shortage; a similar situation might be to set limits on cars. Denis said that with ABC occupancy in the moratorium zone over 6000 and over 16,000 residents, parking is tight.

Jim Nixon said that if we're only talking about reducing numbers without interfering with transfers, maybe there can be a transfer fee available to help folks move out of neighborhood.

The resolution was moved by Bob Ellsworth and seconded by Kay Rigby

KCA Resolution to Amend the Adams Morgan Moratorium With a Cap on the Total Number of licenses

Whereas, on April 17, 2009, the DC ABC Board published a final rulemaking approving a 5 year moratorium on the issuance of the following licenses in the Adams Morgan Moratorium Zone: CR, DR, CT, DT, CX, DX;

Whereas, the Board maintained the rule that no further CT/DT (Tavern) licenses be issued until the number falls below 10;

Whereas, the Board also suggested that half way through the 5 year period that the petitioners file a request "to place a cap on the number of restaurant licenses that is intended to decrease during the moratorium period the number of these establishments located in the Adams Morgan Moratorium Zone.";

Whereas, there are currently 50 CR (restaurants), 15 CT (taverns) and 0 CN (nightclubs) operating in the moratorium Zone, plus 8 CR's in safekeeping, for a total of 58 CRs and 15 CTs that could potentially operate in the moratorium zone;

Whereas, the Board noted that a lower number of restaurant licenses would help alleviate the status quo of the peace, order and quiet problems and parking and traffic safety problems for residents, and the Board further noted that by comparison, the Georgetown historic district has a codified limit on the number of taverns and nightclubs of 6,

Now therefore, to help alleviate the problems described above and in the Board's moratorium rulemaking, the

KCA members present and constituting a quorum do hereby vote to petition the ABC Board for a prospective reduction in the total number of restaurant licenses from 58 to 44, for a period of 5 years. No further CT licenses shall be issued until the total number of CT licenses is reduced from 15 to 6, with a no transfer stipulation in the code.

The resolution passed by a vote of 13-0.

Potential KCA Tree Fence Program

On 5 neighborhood streets, Biltmore, Cliffbourne, Columbia, Kalorama and Wyoming, DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration has expanded the size of 97 tree boxes. Denis suggests starting a tree fence program. But many of the boxes are so large that fencing them would be prohibitively expensive. He has spoken with the director and staff about whether it would be possible to put a fence around less than the whole box. He's asking permission from the membership to put together a proposal working out with the UFA that could offer a fence program to residents.

Marilou Righini asked what happened to all the existing tree boxes?

Dennis Dean said that "current standards" are 18" or 2' high, but now without the lower boundary that kept in mulch. He suggested that an edge be added.

Bob Ellsworth noted that a major hazard for trees is putting too much mulch or soil over the roots. He would hate to increase damage to trees.

Denis suggested that might be solved by an educational component to the tree box program.

Chad Walter noted that trees get their nutrients through feeder roots that can be quite a distance away from the trunk.

Bonnie Tyler said that too much mulch can be a harbinger of disease.

Wendy Dean moved to pursue a tree fence program, seconded by Kay Rigby. Approved by a vote of 10-0.

Resolution to withdraw KCA from the Adams Morgan Partnership BID

Denis suggested that this issue be considered in a discussion mode: rather than initially moving the resolution, he would like to talk about it. We're a neighborhood residential group. When we resolve something, the AMPBID sometimes takes a position that's contrary to KCA's position and as a non-voting Board seat-holder, listed on their website and stationery, KCA's message to city officials and others is diluted. He said that he attended BID board meetings for the first two years, and that Bob Ellsworth attended on behalf of KCA three times. This BID is about businesses, not residents. It's about maintaining the status quo in the business areas, which causes residents so many problems. The current BID Board members either operate or are landlords to 15

of the ABC licenses in the neighborhood, with the current BID co-presidents controlling 5 licenses between them. There is no incentive for the BID board as currently constituted to seek the kind of change many residents would like to see. As someone very familiar with the situation, Denis recommends KCA withdraw formally so that our voice can be heard clearly on issues.

Kay Rigby said she thinks that severing relations is a good idea. She appreciates hearing the BID and business owner's participation at KCA meetings.

Bob Ellsworth said he supports the resolution and, with respect to the chance to communicate, the BID meetings are open to the public.

Larry Hargrove thinks it's a bad idea to sever relations for two reasons: he's lived here for 50 years and can't conceive of a situation where KCA's ability to be clear on an issue is hampered by the position of the BID. It's a liaison relationship and the moratorium issue is illustrative: to see an evil is to impute too much knowledge of minutia than any public official will understand. Second, it would impair the reputation of KCA by looking like we're passing judgment or giving voice to personal grievances. BID legislation envisions this kind of relationship. If not working, make it work better. Observe and report. You're not going to reduce conflict by reducing interaction. He thinks severing projects the image of not cooperating.

Denis noted that we can pick the issues we work on together without being "part" of the BID.

Dennis Dean said that for the Adams Morgan neighborhood to be successful, it needs to meld our interests. He doesn't think we want to drive wedge between KCA and the BID. It's symbolic perhaps, but he doesn't see anything to be gained.

Bonnie Tyler asked can we ask that the KCA name be taken off their letterhead?

Kristin Barden, Executive Director of the BID said that the BID would have to change its bylaws and letterhead.

Kay Rigby asked what harm has been done?

Jim Nixon, owner of Toro Mata, offered an example: Ward One Councilmember Graham wrote the Reimbursable Detail law. KCA said it was a conflict of interest to have reimbursable detail due to the appearance of conflict. The legislation got passed, the police detail in Adams Morgan was reduced. Operation Adams Morgan was needed to fix the problem. The BID's activities are not supposed to supplant city provision of services. What do we get by being part of the BID?

Arienne Bennett said that the BID organization included nonvoting members to ensure that they'd hear from others. If some KCA member was there, it would foster communication. Business owners want to get input from KCA to help resolve problems. She's been coming to these meetings and KCA doesn't get the background to hear the basis for BID decisions. Having someone attend BID meetings would get better information to KCA

members on what the BID is up to. The BID's perception is that there wasn't adequate police presence prior to the BID providing additional officers through the Reimbursable Detail program, which is funded 50% by taxpayers, 50% by those who hire the officers (BID or ABC licensee) they pushed for police staffing, there was accountability to be sure that they were here. She said that she's submitted a written statement and asked that KCA members consider it.

Amy Bowman, owner of the Black Squirrel and Toledo Lounge said that when they hired an RDO, he was designated to keep the sidewalk clear in front of the business. But they stopped using RDOs because the officer would be called away to deal with other problems.

Jim Nixon said that there is no written Memorandum of Understanding covering the RDOs. The police department was in violation by going below agreed staffing levels. Most BID decisions are made before the meetings. There is confusion from the letterhead including KCA. He would like to see some cooperation, like Operation Adams Morgan. But the BID is too narrowly focused.

Joanie Yoshiwara asked how long until we vote? The question was called, which passed 11-0.

Denis moved the BID-secession resolution. The motion was seconded by Bob Ellsworth. It passed by a vote of 10-3.

Resolution of the Kalorama Citizens Association to Sever Relationship with the Adams Morgan Partnership Business Improvement District (AMPBID)

Whereas, there exists in Adams Morgan an entity known as the Adams Morgan Partnership Business Improvement District (the AMPBID), and

Whereas, the AMPBID's foundation documents provide for a non-voting Board seat for the Kalorama Citizens Association (KCA), and

Whereas, the AMPBID has its own concerns, and areas of interest, which are largely of a business nature, and

Whereas, the KCA has its own concerns and areas of interest, which are exclusively the interests of residents as described in our Constitution, and

Whereas, the KCA is desirous of having its voice be clear in the interest of residents, particularly when addressing the government of the District of Columbia, and

Whereas, the KCA views continued participation in the AMPBID as being in direct conflict to our goal of having our voice heard clearly and unequivocally.

Now therefore, the KCA hereby votes to sever its ties with the AMPBID and authorizes the president to communicate with AMPBID officials to take the necessary actions to complete this task.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

-Ted Guthrie, Secretary

JANUARY IS DUES RENEWAL MONTH

Thanks to all who have paid dues so far in 2011. To those with dues still outstanding for 2011, please take a moment now to drop a check in the mail.

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-Denis James

THE NEXT THREE KCA MEETING DATES

KCA will meet on Thursday, December 15th at the Grill From Ipanema for our annual Holiday Dinner Party, then at Good Will Baptist Church on Thursday January 19, 2011, and February 16, 2011, also at Good Will Baptist for our first two regularly scheduled monthly membership meetings of the new year. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

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