



KCA TAKES DECEMBER OFF

NEXT MEETING: JAN. 21, 2010

RENEWALS SOUGHT

This December, the Executive Committee decided to take a break to recharge our batteries, so KCA will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Meeting topic and/or guest speaker will be announced in the January newsletter early next year.

In the meantime, I would like to make a final plea to those who have not renewed dues for 2009 to take this opportunity and write a tax-deductible check to KCA for 2009 dues, 2010 dues in advance, and/or a contribution to one of our ongoing programs such as the Biltmore Triangle Garden, or the award-winning Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project. Contributions beyond dues to our General Fund are also always welcome, as they help cover publication of this newsletter, costs of the web-site, KCA liability and Directors Insurance and typical office costs. As always, we greatly appreciate your participation and financial support.

Also, in this season of giving, please note the following article from Adams Morgan mainstay Katie Davis on behalf of Urban Rangers.

Best Holiday wishes to all!

-Denis James

TEXT MESSAGES FROM COLLEGE

Hi! lvn college! learning bout new things, people and me! hate to ask but need \$ for next smstr...cn u help?B4N

Fifteen years ago we told the members of the Urban Rangers Youth Corps to work hard, go to college and we'll be there for you. (We are an Adams Morgan

nonprofit that gives kids tools for life and education.) We made this promise when they were in elementary school and now a dozen neighborhood kids are the first in their families to attend college. They got there through sheer grit and great mentors. They go to a wonderful array of schools, highlighting their different interests: Guilford College, Bennett College, Wells College, St. Johns University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Lake Forest College, Montgomery Community College, and UDC.

Chances are you've crossed paths with these young people who have lived most of their lives in Adams Morgan. For years they have helped at park clean-ups, spring celebrations, building the Pierce Park playground and other community activities. They are the children of working families who must stretch small salaries a long way and the Urban Rangers Education Fund is keeping our promise. We are there for the long haul by paying for many essential items: books (\$500 a semester), scientific calculators, flash drives, a train ticket home, a computer, and for some help with tuition. We try to provide what each student needs and we invite you to invest in these young people. For more information, please contact KDavisdc@aol.com. Tax deductible gifts can be made out to: The Urban Rangers, 1751 Lanier Place, NW, Washington D.C. 20009.

Please help us be part of the solution in Adams Morgan.

-Katie Davis

ABC BOARD RESPECTS ADAMS MORGAN MORATORIUM

On December 9, 2009, the DC ABC Board forged a compromise solution to a difficult problem. Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) staff had mistakenly allowed an application from Locolat, a non-ABC restaurant within the Adams Morgan Moratorium Zone (AMMZ), including the placement of legal notice placards at the restaurant. The Adams Morgan ANC had taken a broad-brush approach endorsing "carving out" the 1700 block of Florida Avenue from the AMMZ to allow

any number of DR (beer & wine, on-premises) licenses there. At our November meeting, KCA resolved against that action, citing sections of the ABC Code that would forbid it. But the Board has much discretion, and crafted a compromise to allow just Locolat to apply for a DR license and nothing further. On behalf of KCA, I appreciate the Board essentially defending the moratorium in a difficult circumstance. To view the Board's decision, go to: <http://www.kaloramacity.org/news>

-Denis James

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009 KCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

KCA President **Denis James** called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. The minutes of the October, 2009 meeting were approved.

Community Announcements

Lisa Duperier announced that the Festivus Pole, based on a Seinfeld show, would be going up again at the 18th & Columbia kiosk.

Presentation by At-Large City Councilmember David Catania (I)

Councilmember Catania has been chairman of the Council's Health Committee since 2005. During that time, the proportion of DC residents who have no health insurance has been reduced from 13% to 8.5%, because of the expansion of the public funding system. He has managed to combine a number of available programs. Proud of his work with children, Catania noted that DC, along with Massachusetts, has one of the lowest rates of uninsured children. The largest remaining groups of uninsured are adult children and those at 200% of the poverty line. He supports having this group pay a monthly premium for insurance. In addition to expanding coverage, he is also promoting better coverage, e.g., expanding dental benefits, which would ultimately save public money.

He is also focusing on quality as it relates to the entire system, and has done an overhaul of all the health boards and commissions, to make sure they are staffed. He has also worked on better regulation of doctors, and it is now possible to get the history of any doctor in DC online. There is now a reporting system for adverse ("never") events, things that shouldn't happen at clinics and hospitals. The resulting data will be studied, then shared.

With regard to children, all schools now have full-time nurses. They deal with problems of pregnancy, HIV, obesity, substance abuse, etc. He is working with the public health program at GWU to develop a public health curriculum for DC schools. Catania noted that half of DC's 16 largest employers are hospitals, and we should be working pro-actively with these resources.

In response to a question about assets, Catania said he has worked on removing the asset test so that people who can't afford private insurance but own a house, will be allowed to receive help. He has set 3% of income as the cap on what people have to pay.

In response to a question, Catania noted that 28 % of the DC budget comes through his committee, which is one of ten standing Council committees. The questioner also asked where the Director of the Department of Health was, since Catania seems to be performing that function. Catania noted that DC government has good people right next to people who are doing no work. He noted that when he started in 2005, there was no grants management, though there were many grants managers. DC government was paying anybody as a vendor, including companies without addresses. There were no epidemiology data, and no one to even talk to about the lack of such data. We now have better, prioritized, grants management. Some of the scandalously nonperforming vendors noted recently in the newspapers are no longer with us. And we have better epidemiology data, although there are still holes.

To a question about where the Executive Branch has been, Catania noted that the whole bureaucracy sees itself to be in "victim" mode. He has worked on trying to make DC government a place where people want to come to work. Many people have been fired—he is seeking qualified people. HIV/AIDS is an exciting area now. We are working on getting people who are the best in this area.

In response to a question about the loss of federal money, Catania said he has talked with the federal community planning people. In response to their request, he will be giving them all the documentation they ask for in response to the whistle blowing lawsuit and in regard to grantee payroll costs. And DC will do the requested audit. He said the best policy is to open up everything. His committee holds hearings every Friday.

In response to a question, Catania noted that he has corrected the contracts with DC's managed care providers. They will try to deny or deflect claims, but DC is now requiring more in their contract, including providing an annual physical for all clients. When the smaller managed care companies tell him they don't have the resources to do this, he tells them they shouldn't be in business. With regard to the national health debate, Catania noted that serious reform in DC is years away. He would merge Medicare and Medicaid into a single payer plan and expand that. He suggested that Obama made a mistake by making an agreement with the pharmaceutical companies up front that they would lower their costs. They are now busily raising their costs so that any "lowering" will keep costs the same.

In response to a question about the long-term care situation in DC, Catania said there would be hearings on a bill to regulate the infrastructure of long-term care. In DC, there are many skilled nursing facilities, but not much long-term care. We should have studies of ambulance use by nursing homes, since a huge and very expensive proportion of ambulance calls are to long-term care facilities.

He is interested in legislation allowing home care to be paid the same way nursing home care is paid. Home care is \$25,000 per year, compared to \$65,000 per year for nursing home care. We have not thought through whether nursing home admissions are temporary or permanent. If a resident loses his home to go into a nursing home, there is very little chance of getting it back. We need to look at more options. We are also looking at licensing nursing homes and nursing home workers. There is an Aging and Disability Resource Center in DC government which people can call to ask about getting help for aging friends and neighbors: (202) 464-1513,

<http://www.dccaregivers.org>

Resolution On National Park Service Plans for Soil Erosion Work Adjacent to Walter Pierce Park

Mary Belcher presented a resolution opposing the National Park Service's recently published Environmental Assessment of a soil erosion plan for its hillside adjacent to Walter Pierce Park. Mary said the NPS plan does not provide for collaboration between NPS Rock Creek Park (RCP) personnel with the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Team; does not acknowledge that human remains are exposed on the hillside; does not provide a plan for the repatriation of exposed remains; and does not recognize the site as ethnographically important. She would like NPS to realize this is not a simple landscaping job, but should involve experts from universities and churches, and descendants of those buried. Mary noted that NPS was invited to the meeting, but had no representative in attendance.

The resolution indicated that it was the sense of the KCA that the NPS and RCP should engage with the Walter Pierce Park Team to create a plan to protect the graves; NPS/RCP should present detailed work plans to KCA; NPS/RCP should permit the Archaeology Team to complete ground-penetrating radar on the site; and Archaeological Team members should be on site to monitor any work done within the boundaries of the African American and Quaker cemeteries. The resolution was approved.

Resolution in Opposition to ANC 1C's Resolution to Amend the Adams Morgan Liquor License Moratorium

Denis said that KCA was not consulted on this issue, which would carve the 1700 block of Florida Avenue out of the Adams Morgan Moratorium Zone. There are 12 possible premises in this area that would be eligible for a DR license, which allows consumption of beer and wine on premises. Denis noted that the action was taken to benefit one business, Locolat, 1781 Florida Avenue, which had been mistakenly allowed to apply for a license by Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) staff. **Mindy Moretti**, Vice Chair of ANC 1C and Chair of its ABC Committee, said that the ANC had consulted with the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association. The license would not be able to be transferred or converted. Mindy said that new DR license holders would have to meet the food requirement. **Ann Hargrove** noted that the moratorium is a planning

mechanism to try to get more diversity in the area, and pieces should not be carved out of it. There was a brief discussion about whether the area in question was in the official Reed-Cooke area or in the official KCA area. It may not be in either one. The resolution, which called on the DC ABC Board to reject ANC 1C's petition to amend the Adams Morgan Moratorium Zone regulations, was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

-Linda Ingram, Secretary

ROBERT E. MALAKOFF

On October 13, Robert E. Malakoff, 84, passed away at George Washington University Hospital after a stroke.

A long-time Adams Morgan resident and KCA member, Robert was a staff member on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee in the 1970's and 80's, who helped write federal housing laws.

Born near Pittsburgh to Russian-Jewish immigrants, he once took dance lessons from future dancing great Gene Kelly.

During World War II, he served in the Merchant Marine in both the Atlantic and Pacific and was an Army medical orderly at a POW camp during the Korean War.

He studied economics at the University of Chicago and history at American University. He worked for the Bureau of Labor Statistics and later the War on Poverty program.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Grace Swigart Malakoff of Washington, and their three children, Mara A. Malakoff, Mart Malakoff and David A. Malakoff, a sister and four grandchildren.

On November 14 a celebration of his life was held at the Residences at Thomas Circle.

Donations in Robert's memory can be made to DC Habitat For Humanity, PO Box 43565, Washington, DC 20010.

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- Here's my \$_____ contribution for plants and supplies for the Biltmore Triangle Garden.
 - I support the Walter Pierce Park Archeology Project. Enclosed is my \$_____ contribution to help pay project costs.
 - For a minimum \$25.00 contribution to the Walter Pierce Park Archeology Project, get an Adams Morgan T-shirt.
 - Here's my \$25 dues for 2009. Here's my \$25.00 dues for 2010.
 - I want to save a stamp and envelope, so here's my \$50.00 dues for 2009 and 2010.
 - I've corrected the mailing label below. Here's my e-mail address for new updates: _____
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**NEXT KCA MEETING: THURSDAY
JANUARY 21, 2010 7:00**

TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED

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