

## MAYOR VINCENT GRAY IS KCA GUEST SPEAKER ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17 AT 6:30

I hope you can be with us Thursday when Vincent Gray makes his first visit to KCA since being elected Mayor last November. Vince has been KCA's guest previously when he was a candidate for Chair of the Council, and twice thereafter as Chairman. Please bring your questions and concerns for Mayor Gray.

Also on the agenda after the Mayor's segment will be a presentation by the George Washington Cancer Institute, Citywide Patient Navigator Network, which helps with cancer screening and locating quality care for District residents.

Dr. Steven Patierno, the Director of the GW Cancer Institute, and Lisa Schmitt, the Outreach Screening Navigator, will be on hand to talk about this important subject. Other agenda items may be added between this writing and the meeting.

*-Denis James*

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NAMES TARA D. MORRISON TO LEAD ROCK CREEK PARK

A veteran of the African Burial Ground in New York has been chosen as the new superintendent of Rock Creek Park, the National Park Service has announced.

Tara D. Morrison, who will begin her job at Rock Creek on March 13, has been superintendent of the African Burial Ground National Monument in lower Manhattan since 2006. Before 2006, she helped develop the creation of the Monument and its visitors' center, coordinating communications between the public and the federal government. Her park service career also includes working with NPS's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program and at the Boston African American National Historic Site.

Ms. Morrison holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in African American Studies from Northeastern University in Boston (1994). She earned a Graduate Certificate in Museum Management in 1997 and completed the coursework required for a Master of Science degree in Anthropology, both from the University of South Carolina.

Ms. Morrison replaces the Acting Superintendent of Rock Creek Park, Cynthia Cox, who will return to her position as Deputy Superintendent. Ms. Cox last year worked with the Kalorama Citizens Association and the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project to allow Howard University team members to monitor soil-erosion-mitigation work on the NPS-owned west slope of the historic African American and Quaker cemeteries at Walter Pierce Park. KCA and the archaeology project are grateful for Ms. Cox's efforts in that regard.

Ms. Morrison is a colleague of Howard University Anthropology Professor Mark Mack, the lead investigator of the KCA-supported Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project. Professor Mack was the laboratory director of the New York African Burial Ground Project and continues to curate its archaeological collection for the National Park Service.

The New York African Burial Ground is remarkably similar in size and density to the African American and Quaker cemeteries at Walter Pierce Park, but the New York site is much older, dating to colonial times. As many

as 10,000 people were buried in the 6.6-acre burial ground in New York. The Walter Pierce burial ground is 6.7 acres, and the archaeological team has documented 8,428 burials there between 1871 and 1890. The quarter-acre Quaker cemetery at Walter Pierce was a burial place from 1807 to 1890.

*-Mary Belcher, community liaison to the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project, [maryjbelcher@comcast.net](mailto:maryjbelcher@comcast.net)*

## THE ADAMS MORGAN ANC 1C-03 COMMUNITY SURVEY IS ONLINE!

Take a moment to fill out the ANC 1C-03 community survey and help shape the future of our neighborhood. This is your opportunity to let the ANC know what's working and what's not working in Adams Morgan. Affordable housing, cleanliness, parking, and public safety are just a few of the topics covered. Your responses will determine our community's needs, priorities, and goals for the next two years.

This is the first step in a longer process in setting a vision for our community--one that reflects our strengths while addressing our challenges head on. As we work to make our neighborhood the best it can be, we need all of your suggestions, ideas, and your energy to make our vision a reality.

The survey is here: <http://tinyurl.com/5rkf6r4> A Spanish version is coming soon. Responses must be submitted by March 2nd. If you have questions, email me at the address below.

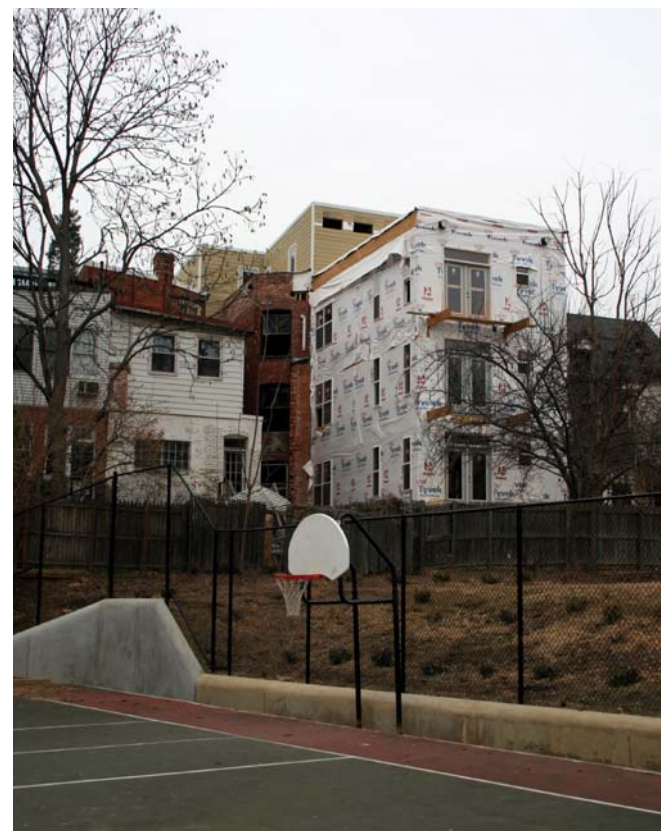
*-Olivier Kamanda, ANC 1C Commissioner for SMD 1C-03 [olivier@kamanda.org](mailto:olivier@kamanda.org)*

## COMPLAINTS ABOUT MINTWOOD PROJECT GO UNANSWERED

Mintwood Place neighbors and KCA have inquired to the District's Historic Preservation Office as to why the "pop-up" addition shown above at 1852-54 Mintwood Place is visible from the public space. A basic tenet of the way the DC Historic Preservation Law and Historic Preservation Review Board policy has been applied is that such additions not be visible from the public space and be constructed from compatible materials.

The front view clearly shows the addition in a photo taken from the public sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. The rear view, taken from Kalorama Park, which is also public space, shows the massive intrusion this project will have on the appearance of the rear of the Mintwood houses visible from the park.

*-Denis James*



Front and rear views of 1852-54 Mintwood Place.  
*-Photos by Mary Belcher*

## RETURN ENVELOPE BIG HIT, PLEASE CONTINUE TO RENEW DUES

The inclusion of a small return envelope in the January 2011 KCA newsletter has been helpful in our membership renewal program, in which we have asked the membership to take care of their dues in January. If you haven't yet had a chance to drop us a check, please go back to the January edition of the newsletter and use that envelope soon, and thanks to all who have already done so.

# BEYOND STORM DRAINS, FALLEN TREES & TRASH COLLECTION: THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE OF ANC 1C

No one can deny that the smooth function of public services are vital to the well being of a community and no one will be more committed to seeing those services continue to improve during our current term of office than your elected ANC Commissioners.

In concert with fellow Commissioners Stacey Moye and Gabriela Mossi, who also sit on the Public Services Committee, we will do everything in our power to improve the delivery of public services in ANC 1C. Our mandate not only covers issues of public services but also those related to the environment, an important factor in this era of global concern about the role each of us can play in making this a more eco-friendly environment.

Our committee has still another unique role: that of grant maker. Each ANC can make small grants to organizations that can have a large impact on the social and cultural health and well being of Adams Morgan. This is an obligation that we truly enjoy, though it will be a challenge choosing among the many worthwhile programs that can enrich our community.

None of this can we do alone. We want to build a collaborative community experience with all of us attempting to make this community the best it can be. To that end, our first task will be to find ways to better support non-profit organizations, and artistic and cultural groups who add to the vitality and diversity of our community.

We want and need your ideas, your vision for this community, and more importantly, your leadership to make Adams Morgan great. Together we can do it. Change begins Wednesday Feb 23 at 7:00pm at the Kalorama Recreation Center. We hope to see you then.

**-Marty Davis, ANC 1C Commissioner for SMD 1C-02**  
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## JEFF COUDRIET, 48

Washington, DC is a poorer place with the passing of Jeff Coudriet February 5<sup>th</sup> after a year-long battle with lung cancer.

I first got to know Jeff when he served as an Adams Morgan ANC Commissioner in 2003 and 2004, representing the area around his home on Seaton Street. At that time, he was employed by Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans. Prior to that he had worked for Ward 6 Councilmember Sharon Ambrose, where a major project was the 2000-2001 re-write of the DC ABC Code. Jeff

went on to be the Director of Operations at the DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration from 2004-2007, where his professionalism and understanding of community concerns helped ABRA be seen as one of the better City agencies. In 2007, Jeff returned to the City Council as Committee Clerk to the Committee on Finance and Revenue under Jack Evans's Chairmanship. He remained there until his passing.

Earlier in his career, Jeff worked on Capitol Hill for Rep. Matthew F. McHugh (D-NY) and for Rep. Maurice Hinchey, (D-NY) from 1993-1999.

Jeff's DC activism included service as President of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance (1992-95), where he played a major role in the repeal of DC's sodomy laws. He was a Past President of the DC Gertrude Stein Club.



**Jeff Coudriet on Election Day 2008**

*Photo courtesy of Joel Lawson*

In 1996, Jeff was an elector for DC on the Electoral College for the presidential election.

Jeff was a board member of the Logan Circle Community Association and a past member of the KCA.

I'm so glad KCA honored Jeff in 2007, in our own little way, for his service at ABRA, with a certificate of appreciation.

**-Denis James, with kind appreciation to Joel Lawson, the Washington Blade and the Washington Post**

## KCA MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2011

KCA President Denis James convened the meeting shortly after 7 pm. About 55 people were in attendance.  
Announcements: ANC1C Chair Wilson Reynolds

announced that the ANC Public Services Committee would meet on Wednesday, January 26, at 7 pm at Kalorama Park Recreation Center.

Mary Belcher announced that some KCA members had expressed an interest in hosting block parties. To host a block party, neighbors apply for a temporary street closing permit from the DC Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency 15 working days in advance of the event. In addition to the application, which is available on-line at [www.dccema.dc.gov](http://www.dccema.dc.gov) organizers need written approval on petition forms from at least 51% of the neighbors and businesses on a block. Mary invited those interested to contact her at [maryjbelcher@comcast.net](mailto:maryjbelcher@comcast.net).

Motions: After discussion, Denis moved that KCA protest a request by Café Dallul, t/a Rendez Vous, at 2226 18<sup>th</sup> Street, to modify its ABC Voluntary Agreement with KCA. Rendez Vous is asking that its sidewalk café be allowed to operate later hours. KCA's grounds for protest are that the request would lead to disturbance of the peace, order and quiet of the community.

Members present and constituting a quorum approved the motion 9-3.

Presentation on the History of Lanier Heights Laura Trieschmann of EHT Traceries presented the findings of the KCA-sponsored historic survey of the Lanier Heights neighborhood, which was conducted in 2007 and 2008. Ms. Trieschmann described the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and 20<sup>th</sup> Century development of the neighborhood, which is bounded by Quarry Road, Columbia Road, Calvert Street, Adams Mill Road and Rock Creek. The fully illustrated, written report is available on the KCA website news page. Scroll 10 stories back. KCA received a grant from the DC Historic Preservation Office and subcontracted with Traceries to help produce the report. Many KCA volunteers researched and photographed the neighborhood for the survey.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*-Mary Belcher took minutes as Secretary Ted Guthrie was ill.*



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**THE NEXT KCA MEETING  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17  
SPECIAL TIME: 6:30 PM**

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