

OCTOBER 21 MEETING: ANC 1C COMMISSIONER-CANDIDATES FORUM, PLUS SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL

KCA will hold a candidates forum for Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 1C) commissioner-candidates October 21st at Good Will Baptist Church, 1862 Kalorama Road at 7:00 pm so that candidates can become known to potential voters and share their thoughts and positions on public issues.

Advisory Neighborhood Commissions are a community's elected, non-partisan, unpaid representatives to advise DC agencies, boards and commissions on matters such as zoning, transportation, historic preservation and alcoholic beverage control, among others. Each single member district (SMD) is drawn to contain approximately 2,000 persons. Adams Morgan contains 8 SMDs. (See map below.) Here is a listing of those who will appear on the ballot November 2:

ANC 1C Candidates

- SMD 1C-01 Stacey Moye
- SMD 1C-02 Marty Davis
Bill O'Field
- SMD 1C-03 Adam Eidinge
Olivier Kamanda
Jose Sueiro
- SMD 1C-04 None
- SMD 1C-05 None
- SMD 1C-06 Steve Lanning
Raymond Mosley
- SMD 1C-07 Wilson Reynolds
- SMD 1C-08 Kathie Boettrich

Please take this opportunity to participate in DC governance at its most local.

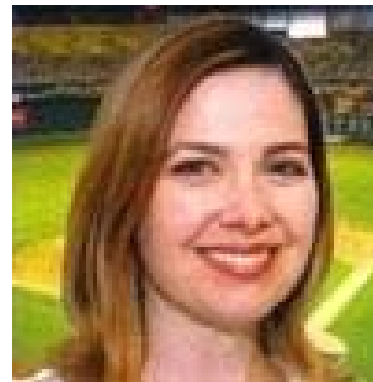
Also invited for segments of the meeting to follow the ANC 1C forum are Ward One State Board of Education candidates **Dotti Love Wade** and **Patrick Mara**, and Ward One City Council candidates **Jim Graham** (D), **Marc Morgan** (R) and **Nancy Shia**, (Statehood Green).

-Denis James



Map of ANC 1C, Adams Morgan

ANC 1C commissioner-candidates were asked to provide photos for this article. Those who responded are shown below.



Stacey Moye, incumbent and candidate for ANC 1C-01



Marty Davis, candidate for ANC 1C-02



Bill O'Field, candidate for ANC 1C-02



Steve Lanning, candidate for ANC 1C-06



Adam Eiding, candidate for ANC 1C-03



Raymond Mosley, candidate for ANC 1C-06



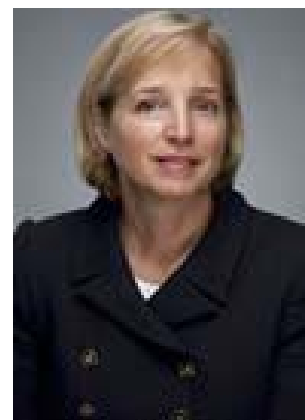
Olivier Kamanda, candidate for ANC 1C-03



Wilson Reynolds, incumbent and candidate for ANC 1C-07



Jose Sueiro, candidate for ANC 1C-03



Kathie Boettrich, incumbent and candidate for ANC 1C-08

NEW KCA PROCEDURES

Among the measures the KCA Executive Committee has recently decided upon to improve and streamline KCA operations are the following:

- **That January of each year will be the month for KCA membership renewals.** Members have been uncertain exactly when their dues were to be paid. We'll be making every effort to encourage members to renew during the month of January, including this initial notice;
- **To gather member's e-mail addresses and determine their interest in receiving the KCA newsletter electronically, instead of in print form, by US mail.**

This is a cost-saving measure, as the average newsletter plus postage costs KCA around \$1.20 each to produce. We are not discontinuing the printed version of the newsletter, but will be glad to provide it electronically to those who opt for that method. The first step is to obtain member's up-to-date e-mail addresses. In the case of two-person households, please share both e-mail addresses. Use the handy coupon on the back of this page;

- **That the KCA mailed, paper newsletter will, whenever possible, be just one page, printed on both sides, instead of 4 or even 6 page editions.** The mailed, paper newsletter will be used mainly for the monthly meeting notice article, and the most important, or time-sensitive other stories, plus the coupon containing renewal/membership/giving information. Meeting minutes and other stories will be included in an "expanded electronic version" of the newsletter, which will be posted each month on our website.

Watch this space for more improvements, and thanks for your cooperation. If you have comments or suggestions about other improvements KCA could make, please contact me at:

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-Denis James

KEEP IT 100 ON YOUTH VIOLENCE

By Bryan Weaver • October 5, 2010 11:41 am

Tomorrow we will bury another young man. Another young life cut short by a type of violence we all, no matter who we are, or where we are from, struggle to understand.

A little over a year ago I was sitting on a mountain path, high above Lake Atitlan in the Mayan village of San Antonio Palopo in Guatemala. Leaning on a wall looking out over one of the most beautiful vistas in the world, I had a short conversation with my travel companion, and victim of last week's shooting: Jamal Coates. "B, I never thought I would see things like this in my life. Thank you my man."



Jamal's six weeks of work in Guatemala with my organization Hoops Sagrado was part of his campaign to recover his life from the streets. When we got home he partnered with another mentoring program, he took a paid internship working with the Department of Parks and Recreation and was going full-time to a GED program. (He also starred in a Weaver Ward One video and volunteered for my campaign.)

Over the 12 years I had Jamal Coates in my life, to be completely honest, he was often irritating, stubborn and self-destructive — but he was also big in spirit, great with children, and so, so funny. Jamal had a catch phrase, "I gotta keep it 100 with you." If you heard that phrase it meant he was going to give you his unfiltered, honest opinion.

So in the spirit of my fallen friend, I gotta keep it 100 with you all.

Those who forget their past are condemned to repeat it and unfortunately in the District of Columbia our past seems to be on a constant loop. Promises are made after each tragic incident to get tough on the crews and that the city will remain vigilant.

However, once the glare of the TV cameras and the attention of the blogosphere is gone, when the image of an overturned car in the middle of U Street fades from our memory, young men are still dead and young men are still in jail for life. It's what we, as a city, do after the heat of the moment passes that really matters.

Since 2005, when 9-year old Donte Manning was shot in the head by a stray bullet at 13th and Euclid, what have we actually done, other than be witness to countless other senseless murders?

In 2007, it was Tayon Glover, brother of "The Wire" actor Anwan Glover. Anwan came to Columbia Heights and begged for the local crews to put down their guns... to no avail.

Earlier that summer Terry Cutchin, a 13-year-old honor student, was caught in the crossfire. Both were killed in the 1400 block of Girard Street NW.

In 2008, it was another friend of mine, an art student and all around great guy Derrel Goins, aka "Willow," who was murdered in Adams Morgan.

In 2009, it was Deborah Ann Brown who had been making iced lattes at Dunkin' Donuts in Columbia Heights. It was just a few steps away from the store, on the 2900 block of 14th Street NW, where police said a teenager with a gun riding a bicycle spotted a perceived enemy across the street. He fired, and Brown was caught in the crossfire between two rival gang members.

This year it's Jamal Coates, in a dramatic shootout and tragic car crash, while Jamal was attending a funeral of yet another young DC murder victim. Jamal marks the fourth murder associated with crew violence this summer in the small square mile of asphalt that separates Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights and U Street.

Public officials will tell you that the crews have moved on to other parts of the city... so don't believe your lying eyes. We have been here before, a high profile killing that grabs the up and coming part of the city. But then like collective amnesia we move on and forget.

The point being made in article after article is that last week's murder happened in the rapidly gentrifying part of the city. But we can't coffee-shop and bike-lane our way out of this tragedy. There are still numerous people in DC who have degenerated to the point of expressing dissent through murder and haven't learned to disagree without becoming violently disagreeable, no matter where they live. But my hope is that the people who use those coffee shops and bike lanes can and will be the change — if they care enough to do so.

I don't profess to have the answers. If I did, Jamal would not be dead. But I do have some ideas about how we as a community — the entire community — can begin to frame the conversation that will hopefully bring about real change and possibly save some lives:

- We must demand accountability from our elected leaders, not just sound bites for the 6 pm news. The last thing we need is another blue-ribbon panel/commission/taskforce/coffee klatch on how to the fix the problems plaguing our young people and ultimately our city. We need real action.

- We need people who are really willing to look at our system and fix it, from how we educate our children to how we adjudicate them. The solutions to our public safety problems need to be enforceable and long-term. Blanket ideas like civil injunctions and curfews that are not well thought-out, can't be the only solution.

- The best way to stop a bullet is an education and a job.
- And we must make sure their stories are told. Every young person murdered in this city has someone who loved them: A parent; a grandparent; a friend; a cousin; a mentor. None of these young lives should end up being relegated to just two column-inches buried deep in the Metro section. Their stories need to be told. They must be

humanized instead of being turned into a passing sentence or two on a blog, in the paper or on TV. We must take the time to get to know our neighbors and reach out to the young people in our community. We need to celebrate our differences instead of condemning them.

- We must give of our time positively. Every household in this city, no matter how busy the occupants may be, has at least one hour they can give to the community in which they live. We can't simply write a check and think it will all be better. The greatest gift we all have to give is of our time and ourselves.

Jamal Coates' family has created a scholarship fund in his memory. Each year, the money will send one boy and one girl from the village where Jamal worked in Guatemala to high school.

Jamal Coates Scholarship Fund
c/o Hoops Sagrado
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Washington, DC 20009

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NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR KALORAMA PARK'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

On September 23rd the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board voted unanimously to nominate most of Kalorama Park to the National Register of Historic Places, based on the park's significance as the center of John Little's cattle farm during the 19th Century. The nomination will be sent to the National Park Service, which will decide whether it merits a listing on the National Register.

The site has historic importance because 17 enslaved African Americans made up John Little's workforce. The site has archaeological importance because the foundations of the Little manor house and at least one other related building still exist below the ground's surface. A wall and porch pillar of an out-building—which could be a stable or a residence for enslaved people—were discovered last year during soil-erosion containment work at Kalorama Park.

Since 2006, Mintwood Place neighbors Eddie Becker and Mary Belcher have led public tours of Kalorama Park and Walter Pierce Park, in their walk titled "From Slavery To Freedom in Adams Morgan." Conducting research for the tour, Mary found a brief newspaper item of an 1861 escape from the Little farm by 20-year-old Hortense Prout.

Three generations of the enslaved Prout family worked in the Little manor house and at his butchery along Slash Run, which is covered over by today's Champlain Street.

In 2008, the National Park Service designated Kalorama Park a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site because of the importance of Hortense Prout's attempted escape from slavery.

In the summer of 2009, Eddie Becker contacted City Archaeologist Ruth Troccoli when an old brick wall became exposed near the basketball court during the landscaping work in the park. The city contracted with the archaeological firm Louis Berger Group to conduct a brief excavation of the wall to assess its significance. Jason Shellenhammer of the Berger Group determined from historic maps that the wall might be part of a building that would extend 30 feet north under homes along today's Mintwood Place. He also uncovered a pillar that might have supported a porch.

The city covered up the exposed wall and pillar to protect it for future archaeological study. In her testimony September 23rd, Belcher told the Board that she and others would like to see the wall exposed under protective glass, so the public could see tangible evidence of John Little's farm. Several members of the Board, including National Park Service archaeologist Bob Sonderman, expressed support for such an educational feature in the park.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 KCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

After brief opening remarks by President **Denis James**, the meeting opened with a presentation of the Executive Committee's proposed 2011* budget by Treasurer Leslie **Delagran**:

Revenues

Membership Dues \$4,200

General Contributions 800

Operating Revenues 5,000

Walter Pierce Park Contributions 400

Biltmore Triangle Garden Contributions 1,000

Total Revenues \$6,400

Expenditures

Newsletter Printing and Postage \$1,925

Website 1,000

Insurance 800

Meeting Space (Goodwill Baptist Donation) 500

Supplies & Board Costs 450

Association Dues 100

PO Box Rental 85

Bank/Paypal Fees 40

DC License Fees 100

Operating Expenditures \$5,000

Walter Pierce Park 400

Biltmore Triangle Garden 1,000

Total Expenditures \$6,400

* KCA's fiscal year is January 1-December 31.

The floor was opened to questions from the audience. Several members questioned the suggested discontinuation of several previously dedicated "funds", in particular those designated as historic preservation funds.

Confusion was expressed about the difference between bank balances and budget amounts.

Upon Leslie's suggestion that by discontinuing KCA's liability insurance, \$800.00 per year could be saved, a member raised the issue of maintaining insurance as an ethical issue: If we advocate that others take responsibility for their conduct, we as an association must be financially able to take such responsibility ourselves and insurance is necessary to have that ability.

Denis outlined the Executive Committee's list of ways to bring the general operating budget into balance: make sure membership fees paid; meeting minutes online only; reducing number of newsletters sent by increasing use of e-newsletters; reduce options for donations on website listing to increase general fund donations; reduce fees by using bank instead of paypal; change website provider; membership drive.

Suggestion from the floor that KCA redress a perceived inequity in dues: Since dues are the same for either joint or sole membership, couples are getting two votes for the price of one.

Concern expressed that using "designated" funds for any purpose other than that named would be contrary to 501c3 status or violating the intent of the giver.

After a response to the concerns expressed about the proposed budget by Denis, a motion to table the budget measure was made and then withdrawn. An alternative resolution was offered and withdrawn.

Resolution of the Executive Committee, offered by Denis James:

KCA 2011 Budget and Financial Improvements Approval Resolution

Whereas for some time, the KCA Executive Committee has been aware of a shortfall in our General operating account, and

Whereas KCA has for some time had "restricted accounts" within its record-keeping system, the most significant being those of "Historic Preservation" and "Hilton Expansion", and

Whereas the various purposes that KCA had these two restricted funds for are now fulfilled, as the Washington Heights Historic District was approved in 2006, Kalorama Triangle Historic District in 1986, the Hilton Washington was Landmarked in 2008, and the Hilton Washington is maxed out on its zoning and thus has no chance of expanding, and

Whereas the Executive Committee at its 7-15-2010 meeting voted unanimously to fold the previously "restricted funds" mentioned above into the General Fund, and

Whereas the KCA Treasurer has prepared a 2011 budget proposal for member's consideration, and the Executive committee at its 9-20-2010 meeting unanimously approved said budget proposal,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the KCA present and constituting a quorum do hereby approve and ratify the aforementioned actions of the KCA Executive Committee.

Mary Belcher moved the proposal by the executive committee, seconded by Leslie Delagran.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 18-9 by the members present and constituting a quorum.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C candidates present were then introduced and gave brief statements in support of their respective candidacies.

ANC 1C Single Member District 1C-03

Adam Edinger (202) 744-2671

Jose Suero (202) 203-0120

Olivier Kamanda (202) 361-5191

ANC 1C Single Member District 1C-02

Marty Davis (202) 328-3817

Bill O'Field (202) 365-6641

Next, was a presentation on the 18th Street Streetscape Project by Muhammed Khalid, DDOT Program Manager, Wards 1 & 2, Infrastructure Project

Management Administration and DDOT Communications Director Karyn LeBlanc. A detailed plan for the improvements was presented.

Muhammed outlined the changes shown on the plan: full depth reconstruction of the street; sidewalks widened to 14 to 16 ft. width; granite curbs/gutters; tear-drop lighting (Washington Globe style); single lane each northbound and southbound shared by bikes and cars (sharrow) with middle lane for turns; as mature trees as is possible; bike racks; bump-outs at intersections; drop off at Marie Reed; parallel parking only, and accompanying reduction of 10% parking spaces on 18th; major utility work; electric, water and gas lines will be upgraded; **green aspects:** water quality catch basins; tree boxes larger; structural soil for tree boxes and under all new sidewalks; 5 dedicated loading zones; same number of bus stops as currently.

The construction plan will take place in 3 stages (chance of modification as contracts are finalized):

- (1) Florida & 18th intersection (beginning late Oct 2010)
- (2) Kalorama Road to Columbia Road
- (3) California Street to Kalorama Road

During construction, DDOT will try to maintain one side of block free from construction at all times.

There will be a field office open to the public on 18th Street. The anticipated duration of the entire project is 15 months.

Karyn LeBlanc, DDOT Communications Director
karyn.leBlanc@dc.gov

There will be a full time on site communications liaison; That liaison will be available by phone/office to immediately deal with problems as they arise; Full plans for the project are on the DDOT website. There will be recycling cans in addition to regular trash cans.

Discussion of the 18th & Florida intersection reconfiguration and the pedestrian death at that site

with Assistant Chief of Police, MPD, Pat Burke, Homeland Security Bureau

The fatal traffic crash involved a young female exchange student who was severely injured while standing on a sidewalk on the south of the intersection, and later died in hospital. MPD arrested a 23 year old woman, who was charged with aggravated assault & DUI. Her blood alcohol readings were .17 and .18. After the young woman died a week later, the charges were amended to include negligent homicide. There has been an issue whether the driver was also using a cell phone at the time of the collision.

Fred Moosally, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

Investigation has disclosed that the driver was drinking at "The District" 2473 18th Street, NW . A video showed she had at least three drinks there.

Though not related to the pedestrian fatality, this led to some questions from audience members about under-age drinking. Under-aged drinking was decriminalized in 2006. It can't be enforced in the District, leading to under-aged drinkers coming in from Maryland and Virginia.

Discussion of dog shooting on Adams Morgan Day

Pat Burke discussed MPD policies and officer training: He said that he's had more emails on this incident than any other in his 21 years on the force.

General orders on policies with dogs--all directives are available on line.

Question: When can an officer shoot? Answer: When dog poses a threat to the police officer or to others.

Training: One out of 3 homeowners has a dog; DCPD works with the Humane Society to train officers about dogs. MPD training curriculum: one-half hour video; computer-given test; included as part of recertification with firearms.

MPD has also worked with Postal authorities due to frequent contact with dogs.

Before firing, an officer should consider surroundings (potential for ricochet);

Be trained in understanding a dog's expressions, characteristics, and body language;

Also be trained in methods to determine the presence of a dog. Dogs have been trained to attack those in uniforms to impede execution of search warrants.

Alternatives to firearms: OC spray or tactical batons; Taught how to deal with aggressive dogs: Don't run! don't maintain eye contact; An officer need not wait for a bite to shoot.

Relevant sections of DC Code: 901.07; 901.1, which are available on line. There is a 4 ft leash law in DC.

Captain Mario Patrizio: MPD is still going through physical evidence of the incident. They are still trying to get witness statements and review them. There was a time-stamped recording of the shot(s). He outlined the Internal Affairs Bureau review process: A finding is expected 90 days from incident unless the conduct is turned into a prosecution.

A question from the audience was raised about the shooter's history of using lethal force. It will be considered in the investigation.

Captain Patrizio also discussed the make-up of the Use of Force Review Board.

There was an attempt to prohibit pit bulls in District, but it was unsuccessful. The DC Council Committee on the Judiciary, chaired by At-Large Councilmember Phil Mendelson, attempted to re-institute

the underage drinking laws, but Capt. Patrizio was unsure where that stands.

Suggestion from an audience member to Wilson Reynolds, Constituent Services Director for Ward One Councilmember Jim Graham that CM Graham get the situation on 18th under control.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

-Ted Guthrie, Secretary

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