

Cars being inspected in DC will now receive a pollution test. There will be no penalty for flunking the test until next January when meeting emissions standards will be required of all cars inspected.

There will be a public hearing on April 12 before the Zoning Commission to consider changes in the rules of practice before the BZA. We understand that some neighborhood commissioners feel the rules unduly restrict the rights of neighborhood commissioners. Neighborhood commissions may want to have their legal beagles check this one out. It's case 82-1.

Polly Shackleton's extremely strict drunk driving bill (#4-389) comes for hearing on March 22 at 2 pm in the council chambers. The bill would make a .10 blood-alcohol level absolute proof that a driver is under the influence. The bill would lower a .10 blood-alcohol level to a .05 percent blood-alcohol level at which a presumption is made that a driver is under the influence. Call LaVerne Tyler at 724-8077 to get on the witness list.

The Association for Work Place Democracy and the National Center for Employee Ownership are holding a series of talks on democratic ownership and management. On March 18, the topic will be participation in the conventional workplace. Four pm at the AFL-CIO, 815 16th St. NW. Admission free. Speakers include Glen Watts, president of the CWA, Sam Camens of the US Steelworkers and Michael MacCoby of the Project on Technology, Work and Character. Info: 265-7727 or 931-2757.

The D.C. Energy Office has urged the D.C. Public Service Commission to reconsider certain elements of a recently approved \$23.3 million PEPCO rate increase which will boost electricity costs for District tenants and lower-income residents.

In an application filed with the PSC, the Energy Office seeks reconsideration of a decision to permit PEPCO to charge commercial rates, which are higher than residential rates, to master-metered apartment buildings. In these buildings, utility costs are included in the rent, and the landlord pays the utility bills.

The Energy Office also asked PSC to reconsider approval of raising the cost of reconnecting electricity service from \$3 to \$15 and to review provisions for increased consumer costs based on fuel costs.

Following four consecutive months of decreases, the District's unemployment rate for December rose to 8.6 percent, a moderate increase over November's 8.4 percent rate.

D.C. Transportation Director Thomas Downs has announced a new hotline service for District residents to report potholes.

The service will operate on the telephone number 282-BEEP from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

The service is being provided because of the unusually high number of potholes expected this year as a result of freeze and thaw conditions. Many potholes are caused when water from snow or rain drains into cracks or crevices in the pavement and freezes there. When the water freezes and expands, it puts pressure on weaker portions of the pavement, producing potholes.

The D.C. Department of Employment Services has relocated its Temporary Employment Office from the central office, 500 C Street, N.W., to the Cardozo-Shaw Employment Services Center, 1000 U Street, N.W.

Persons or firms who seek to hire day laborers such as furniture movers, housecleaners, or gardeners, should call the Temporary Employment Office at 673-4510, 11 or 12.

Persons interested in doing day work must register in person at the Cardozo-Shaw Center on the day they are available for work. The office is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Parents United for Full Public School Funding has released an analysis of the contract terms still in dispute between the Washington Teachers' Union and the D.C. Board of Education.

Key recommendations of the study include support for the Board of Education proposal that the school day be extended to 7½ hours and that advancement at 2 points in the 12-step teacher pay scale be tied to quality teaching performance, measured by a fair evaluation system monitored by school officials, teachers and parents. The study also strongly support the Teachers' Union proposal for salary increases, concluding that, "teachers are grossly underpaid for the complex tasks which they are called upon to perform, particularly in urban areas where they confront particularly difficult environments."

ADAMS MORGAN

George Frain

The Washington Post (Feb. 11) carried a 3-column article headline: "Top Business Officials Voice Doubts On Reagan Urban Enterprise Zones." The article said:

"A group of top major corporation executives expressed doubt yesterday that President Reagan's proposal to establish urban enterprise zones would bring about a rebirth of declining American cities or that corporate philanthropy would fill the void left by deep cutbacks in federal domestic spending."

Speaking for the major corporation executives was the prestigious Committee for Economic Development. In a new report, the CED said the best hope for urban areas is for business and local governments to put aside historic conflicts and mutual acrimony and form partnerships to keep existing firms, attract new ones, create jobs for the disadvantaged and improve conditions in aging neighborhoods.

The CED study, four years in the making, declared that corporations have more than money to give. Their resources also include the company's personnel, facilities and services, reputation and leadership and business investments and operations.

Getting a jump on the CED and the Reagan administration, a group of civic leaders with the help of the 18th and Columbia Road Business Association, Perpetual American Federal Savings and Loan, the American Security Bank, Adams Morgan ANC District 1-C, and AMO, have launched the Adams Morgan Community Development Corporation which does involve business, government, and the community working together. CDCs are authorized by the Congress and are active in many cities.

It is one of the most helpful and promising developments in the long history of Adams Morgan.

The new Board of Directors of the AM-CDC held its first meeting on December 15. The following board members were present: John Jones and Edward Jackson representing the ANC 1-C; Harold Smith and Lydia Martin from AMO; George Frain from the 18th and Columbia Road Business Association; Alberto Gomez from the Council of Hispanic Agencies; Audrey Epperson from the Dorchester tenants association; Ron Tucker from the Plaza West tenants; James Vitarello from CACE; Lawrence Karr from the Kalorama Citizens Association; Walter Pierce and Lili Iranani representing the individual members of the Adams Morgan CDC. The AM-CDC is broadly representative of the community.

Temporary officers were elected, chairman John Jones; vice chairman James Vitarello; secretary George Frain; treasurer Harold Smith.

CDCs are community development corporations created to provide new employment opportunities, carry out housing rehabilitation and development, and develop vacant land in accordance with resident priorities and needs.

Helping to get the Adams Morgan CDC off to a suc-

cessful start was a \$2,000 contribution from the American Security Bank, and a \$1,000 gift from Perpetual American Federal Savings and Loan.

The D.C. City Council with the help of Councilman David A. Clarke earmarked \$150,000 for the AM-CDC from the huge Community Development Block Grant funds, most of which have gone to aid the downtown commercial urban renewal area. This \$150,000 is the first CDBG monies which have found their way into the Adams Morgan area to assist community development for greater employment opportunities.

Juan Pablo Otero, the manager of the Adams Morgan branch of the American Security Bank, has just been appointed to the AM-CDC by the 18th and Columbia Road Business Association, which hopes for greater access to credit by small businesses and micro businesses in Adams Morgan, through the city's Local Development Corporation, connected to the Small Business Administration.

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance, in a study of the Adams Morgan business area, found that 43 percent of the total number of stores have three or fewer employees. These are the very small stores which most often are minority-owned. The study found it was these stores which are most vulnerable to a cash squeeze. The study concluded that: "Were these stores to expand, the average salaries would tend to rise, increasing the residual multiplying effects in the community."

The Institute study pointed out that chain stores, comprising only 4 percent of the total number of stores in Adams Morgan do 21 percent of the business in the neighborhood, and chains have access to money markets while small businesses do not.

The Institute study reported that a comprehensive analysis by the Real Estate Research Corporation concluded that the costs of urban renewal programs were borne primarily by poor communities while their benefits went primarily to downtown business interests.

A number of studies have called for more jobs in the Adams Morgan community, among them are: 1) the study by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance; 2) the Washington Urban League study published in January 1979 titled "Speak Out for Survival;" 3) a study by the city's Latino Affairs Office and the Council of Hispanic Agencies in early 1980.

President Carter in May 1980 said that small businesses employed more than half of the American labor force and produce 48 percent of the gross national product. Of the District's 600,000 jobs (over 350,000 are with the federal government) 25 percent are in businesses which employ fewer than 10 people.

It is clear the Adams Morgan CDC has its work cut out for it. With luck and perseverance, it may help to re-order the city's priorities which to date have consisted of an incurable and expensive romance with the downtown commercial urban renewal project area which got everything it demanded while the inner city areas got the crumbs and most of the time not even that.

George Frain is Secretary of the 18th and Columbia Road Business Association and long-time activist in the Adams Morgan area.

WARD TWO NEWS

Dupont Circle

Democrats registered in Ward 2 who are interested in forming a ward Democratic organization are invited to meet on May 18 following the ward caucus to nominate delegate candidates to the 1982 Democratic Mid-Term Conference. Location of the caucus can be obtained by calling the Democratic State Committee at 347-5670. The Washington Women Art Center is offering spring workshops. Call 332-2121 for details. Gallery Ten will be showing the work of Bill Harris this month.

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The Dupont Circle Neighborhood Commission wants the Rental Accommodations Office to explain why the 1500 Mass Ave. Tenants Association has not yet received its award of \$30,000 for lack of air conditioning two summers ago. The Foggy Bottom Neighborhood Commission has come out against three George Washington University parking lots now before the BZA. The group has also asked the city reroute the M12 shuttle bus away from 24th St.

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The Dupont Circle Citizens Association has voted in support of no-fault automobile insurance. The city is seeking to least 15,400 square feet of space in tunnels under Dupont Circle. The tunnels were originally part of the streetcar system and were used as terminals for trolleys. After the cars were taken out of service in the 1960s, the

space was used to store civil defense rations. The tunnels have been unused since 1974. Says DC General Services Director Harold Henson: "The use of this area for stores or restaurants or other commercial uses would add to revenues, jobs and services. We hope that we will receive some interesting proposals." Deadline for proposals is March 25.

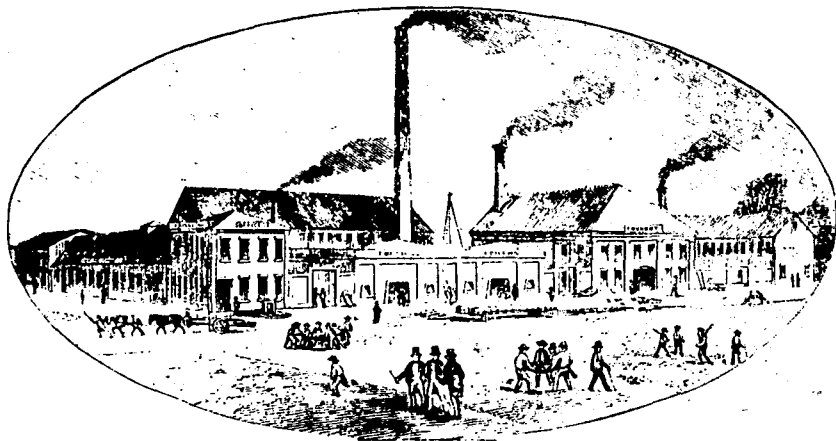
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Southwest

A huge new design center, patterned on the Merchandise Mart in Chicago will start rising on the Southwest landscape this year. The Design Center is a \$20 million project that will include the renovation of a seven-story 1923 structure at 4th & D SW as well as the addition of a new 190,000 square foot building. Completion is expected by the end of 1983. The Design Center will house more than 200 home furnishings showrooms, selling to the trade.



THE IDEA MILL

High School juniors and seniors can get a head start on preparing for the college entrance exams and college by taking two informal courses at American University. The SAT Preparation Course, to be held for six Saturdays beginning March 20, will include a practice exam. Another course, "So, You're Thinking About College?" helps students prepare college applications, arrange campus visits and practice for interviews. Application procedures and questions used by specific schools will be discussed. The hour-long course will be held on five Wednesdays beginning March 24. Info: 686-2500, Division of Continuing Education.

American University offers a summer enrichment program for gifted and talented students beginning June 21. The program for children 6-12 will consist of three two-week sessions throughout the summer. Students will concentrate on three areas: mathematics and computers, the sciences and creative expression. In addition, tennis instruction will be available. There is a \$250 fee. Info: 686-6802.

WARD THREE NEWS

Van Ness

The National Capital Planning Commission has given its approval to plans for nine embassies and/or chanceries on the land behind the new International Telecommunications Satellite Organization headquarters. The approved plans also allow for 14 additional countries to build on the site. About six acres of woods will be left after the one-acre plots are used up. The projects will mean a substantial increase in workday population in the area. The Intelstat building, which initially will have only 550 employees may reach a level of 1300 workers. Some 600 employees will work at the nine approved embassy sites and another 600 could work at the sites not yet claimed by a nation. In addition, UDC is expecting a thousand more students at its adjoining Van Ness campus.

Garden tour

The Georgetown Garden Tour will take place this year on Saturday, April 24 from 1030 am to 5 pm. This is the fifty-fourth years of the garden tour, which is held for the benefit of the Georgetown Children's House. Among the gardens on the tour this year will be Dumbarton Oaks, the Italianate gardens of Evermay, and the six-level garden of Mr. and Mrs. Averill Harriman. In addition, three low-maintenance gardens will be on the tour as well as six other gardens of special interest. All gardens are east of Wisconsin Avenue and most are a few minutes walk from each other. Limited shuttle service will be available for the longer stretches and for those in need of assistance. Box lunches at \$5 each are available if orders are received before April 17. Tickets are \$8 on the day of the tour and \$7 in advance. Info: 333-4953.

Reno Road

An interim report on Reno Road by the city's transportation department has found that traffic on the controversial street dropped 26% during morning rush hour after the city restricted travel there to one lane. Traffic on Connecticut Avenue increased 14% and Wisconsin Avenue traffic increased 7%. There was also a 9% decrease in evening rush hour traffic on Reno Road despite the fact that two lane travel was permitted. Speeds on Reno during the morning rush hour dropped 5-6 miles per hour.

The department, however, also reported substantially increased traffic on side streets, which critics of the Reno Road plan said would occur. Side streets affected included McKinley, Morrison, Livingston, Military, Chesapeake, Bran-