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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C**  
**Adams Morgan**  
**Minutes of April 5, 2017**

**I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on April 5, 2017 at Mary's Center. Chair Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Over 70 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Hector Huezo (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), A. Tianna Scozzaro (1C04), Ryan Strom (1C05), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

**II. Officers' Reports**

**a. Chair's Report**

Chair Guthrie announced that there would be an egg hunt on Easter Sunday at Walter Pierce Park and those interested could contact him for details. He also announced that the DC Housing Expo and Home Show would be held on June 24, and that public meetings about high speed rail would be held on April 6 and April 8.

**b. Secretary's Report**

**i. Minutes for March 1, 2017 Meeting**

Commissioner Strom moved to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2017 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

**c. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Scozzaro moved for approval of ANC 1C's financial report for quarter one of FY 2017. Commissioner Strom seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

**III. Commissioner Announcements**

- Commissioner Reynolds listed two items on the agenda for the April 19 Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee meeting: projects at 2464 Ontario and at 2009 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Commissioner Scozzaro announced that there would be a planning meeting for Adams Morgan Day 2017 at 2 pm on Sunday, April 9 at Bedrock Billiards.
- Commissioner Huezo announced the agenda for the April 26 Public Services and the Environment Committee meeting and said that in addition to Envision Adams Morgan implementation and the two grant requests already listed (Story of Our Schools and Young Playwrights' Theater), there may be a grant request from the Kalorama Park Fund.
- Commissioner Huezo also announced that there would be a Kalorama neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, April 15. He also thanked the Mayor's office for kicking off Alley Palooza and Pothole Palooza with events in Adams Morgan.

- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee would hear the monthly police report and may have a settlement agreement with Phoenix restaurant to consider at its April 12 meeting.
- Commissioner Strom reported that he and Commissioner Guthrie accompanied inspectors from the DC Department of Health and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on inspections of local hookah bars. He said the inspectors found some irregularities that they will follow up on.

#### **IV. Public Announcements / Comments**

- Jean Stewart, an Adams Morgan resident, announced that the People's Climate March would be held on April 29 and that she had a sign-up sheet for people who wanted to get involved.
- Benedicte Aubrun asked about the status of a building on Ontario Road that was owned by the federal government. Commissioner Reynolds said that the federal Veterans Administration has turned it over to the DC Housing Authority who is working with DC Veterans Affairs to house DC veterans there.
- Kristen Barden, Executive Director of the Adams Morgan Partnership BID, announced that a Pinewood Derby would be held on Saturday, April 29 at Kalorama Park, and that Bike to Work Day, which will be held on Friday, May 19, would again include a pit stop at Unity Park in Adams Morgan. She also provided copies of new promotional materials for dancing and music venues in Adams Morgan. Commissioner Guthrie asked if rat patrol had started up again and Ms. Barden confirmed that it will be held the first Friday of every month.
- Daniel Wise, Communications and Outreach Specialist for At-Large Councilmember Robert White provided copies of a newsletter and a transition report outlining the Councilmember's priorities. Mr. Wise said that he would relay any comments or suggestions from members of the public.
- A staff member from Councilmember Nadeau's office announced that there would be a Ward 1 safety meeting on April 20. She also provided copies of news updates and contact sheets.
- Hector Rodriguez, of At-Large Councilmember Anita Bonds' office, announced that they are working on legislation for affordable housing.
- John Carlos Green, from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, gave an overview and provided materials on the Attorney General's priorities.
- Cliff Smith asked about the date for the Emancipation Day parade. He also asked for clarification about whether the building on Ontario Road would be used for homeless veterans. Commissioner Reynolds said that it is actually hard to find remaining homeless veterans, but the city is trying to find them to get them into a special program.
- Shinada Phillips, Ward 1 Liaison for Mayor Bowser's office, said that the Mayor will be participating in the Emancipation Day parade on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and asked that people let her know if they want to walk with the Mayor in the parade. She reported that the Mayor's budget has been submitted to the Council and that details could be found on the Mayor's website. She also mentioned the Mayor's support for a new 59 express bus route on 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Benedicte Aubrun asked about reduction in S2 and S4 bus service.

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## **V. Scheduled Business**

### **a. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee**

#### **i. 2300 16th Street NW**

The developers for a project at 2300 16<sup>th</sup> Street presented their updated plans for the property. Commissioner Fox Perry then introduced a resolution\* advising the Historic Preservation Review Board of ANC 1C opposition to the design plans.

Members of the public, representatives from condominium associations, and Commissioners commented on the proposed plans. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a roll call vote of 6 to 1, with Commissioners Reynolds, Fox Perry, Scozzaro, Guthrie, Huevo, and Irani voting yes and Commissioner Strom voting no.

#### **ii. Eighth Annual Adams Morgan Summer Concert Series**

Kristen Barden, Executive Director of the Adams Morgan BID, described plans for the annual Adams Morgan summer concert series to be held on the plaza in front of the BB&T bank. She then asked for ANC 1C support for the public space permit required for the concerts.

Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C support the 8th Annual Adams Morgan Summer Concert Series, and to send correspondence to the District Department of Transportation in support of this concert series. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

#### **iii. 14th Street Express Bus Service**

Commissioner Strom moved a resolution to advise the City Council of ANC 1C support of express bus service on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Commissioners discussed details of the proposed bus service then passed the resolution by a vote of 7 to 0.

#### **iv. Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017**

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution in opposition to the Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017. The motion did not need a second because it was recommended by a committee. Commissioners then voted 6 to 0 to 1 (one abstention).

### **b. ABC and Public Safety Committee**

#### **i. Ben Tre Vietnamese Cuisine restaurant alcohol license**

Commissioner Fox Perry reported that ANC 1C and the Kalorama Citizens' Association reached a settlement agreement with Ben Tre Vietnamese restaurant at 2418 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Guthrie moved for approval of the settlement agreement as negotiated and that ANC 1C not oppose a stipulated license during the protest period. Commissioner Fox Perry seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

#### **ii. Phoenix Restaurant Lounge restaurant alcohol license 2434 18<sup>th</sup> Street**

Commissioner Irani reported that the ABC and Public Safety Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C protest the application of Phoenix Restaurant for an alcohol license with the aim of reaching a settlement agreement with them. Commissioner Guthrie moved that ANC 1C protest

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the application on the grounds that it would be adverse to the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and that any ANC 1C Commissioner could appear on behalf of the Commission in the proceedings. The motion did not need a second since it was a committee recommendation. Commissioners then approved the resolution to protest by a vote of 7 to 0.

**c. Public Services and the Environment**

**i. Cultural Tourism DC Inc. Grant Request**

Commissioner Huezo reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C approve a grant request from Cultural Tourism DC for \$1,000 to reprint copies of the booklet "Roads to Diversity: Adams Morgan Heritage Trail." Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID provided background on the trail booklets. Commissioners and members of the public asked about availability of the Spanish editions and where to get copies. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to approve the grant request.

**ii. Proposed Resolution on Pepco's rate increase**

Representatives from Pepco and from the Office of the People's Council (OPC) presented information on Pepco's distribution rate increase request. Thaddeus Johnson presented OPC's position that Pepco should not receive the full increase that they are requesting. He also urged members of the public to weigh in on the rate case at a public hearing on April 12 at the DC Public Service Commission.

Mark Battle, a regional vice president with Pepco, said that if the entire increase was granted, it would amount to a 4% increase on the average residential customer's entire bill, but he said the Commission usually approves about half of the requested increase. He also encouraged low-income customers to sign up for the residential aid discount program.

Commissioner Huezo moved that ANC 1C pass the resolution advising the Public Service Commission to limit Pepco's rate increase to that advised by the Office of the People's Counsel. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

**VI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Reynolds moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.