

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of December 6, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on December 6, 2017 at Mary's Center. Chair Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. About 37 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Hector Huezco (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), A.Tianna Scozzaro (1C04), Ryan Strom (1C05), Brendan Reardon (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

II. DCRA presentation

Director Melinda Bolling of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs described the functions of her department which include licensing, construction permits, and inspections. She explained the breakdown of jurisdiction over zoning laws and regulations among DC agencies. Director Bolling stated that DCRA accepts as truth what a permit applicant submits to it, but if someone files a complaint DCRA will send out an investigator or inspector. She added that it is not possible for them to check everything on an application.

Members of the public asked for more information about the inspection and enforcement process; gave examples of zoning code violations in their neighborhoods; and, expressed frustration with DCRA's response to complaints. Members of the public also asked whether DCRA distinguishes applications from developers as opposed to owners and whether information about fines for illegal construction can be made public. Director Bolling mentioned that more information about decisions will be made available to the public on a citizen access portal in the future. She also promised to follow up on some of the specific properties that residents asked her about.

III. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

Chair Guthrie noted that he would not be continuing as chair of ANC 1C in 2018 and said he has enjoyed working with fellow commissioners and the community to address issues in a respectful manner.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for November 1, 2017 Meeting

Secretary Reardon thanked Chair Guthrie for his leadership over the past year. He then moved to approve the minutes for the November 1, 2017 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion which Commissioners then passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

c. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Scozzaro presented the financial report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2017 and moved for its adoption. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion that Commissioners then passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

IV. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Reynolds announced that the agenda for the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee's December 20 meeting would include proposed renovations for 2481 18th Street;

Enhanced Residential Permit Parking on a section of Columbia Road; and a proposal for drop-off and pick-up zones for 18th Street. Commissioner Reardon provided copies on the back table of a proposal for 18th Street drop-off and pick-up zones. He briefly described the proposal and said he looked forward to hearing from the community on this matter at the PZT meeting.

- Commissioner Reynolds recognized Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, who was in attendance.
- Commissioner Huezo thanked Gottlieb Simon for attending the meeting, and noted that the Public Services and the Environment Committee had no pending issues and would not be meeting in December. He also announced that there would be a community clean-up for Kalorama Triangle on Saturday, December 16.
- Commissioner Huezo thanked the Mayor's office and specifically Shinada Phillips for help over the past few years. He also thanked the Adams Morgan BID for their work; the other commissioners for all the work they do; and the community for showing up for meetings. He said he is looking forward to working with all of them in 2018.
- Commissioner Scozzaro said it is never too early to join the planning committee for Adams Morgan Day 2018. She said they are finalizing their nonprofit status and will soon be able to accept donations.
- Commissioner Guthrie said the Public Services and the Environment Committee would probably be meeting at the Marie Reed recreation center in January and he encouraged anyone with concerns about how the rec center is being operated to attend this meeting.
- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee would not be meeting in December, and that the next meeting would be on January 10, 2018.
- Commissioner Guthrie added to the agenda for the January 3 full commission meeting, consideration of a new tavern license application at the former Chief Ike's spot.

V. Public Announcements / Comments

- Kristen Barden, of the Adams Morgan Partnership BID, thanked everyone for shopping local on Small Business Saturday. She also provided Circulator bus maps on the back table.
- Benedicte Aubrun reported on a presentation by Councilmember Anita Bonds that indicated her position on the DC Height Act.
- Amanda Bonam from Councilmember Nadeau's office provided information about upcoming community office hours and a phone meeting for residents, and provided contact information on the back table.
- Shinada Phillips of Mayor Bowser's office provided information about an education lottery meeting and the leaf collection schedule. She also provided newsletters on the back table.

VI. Scheduled Business

a. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. Al Fresco settlement agreement

Commissioner Guthrie announced that a settlement agreement had been reached with Al Fresco Tap and Grill and moved for its approval. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion. Following discussion of a section addressing the summer garden hours, Commissioner Reardon moved that Commissioner Guthrie be authorized to represent ANC 1C to finalize and sign the settlement agreement with Al Fresco. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

ii. Rioja Market Transfer of License

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the matter of Rioja Market’s transfer of license would be considered by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board in December. He moved to add this matter to the agenda without the usual ten days’ advance notice on the basis that not addressing the issue would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Reynolds seconded this procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Commissioner Guthrie then moved to dismiss ANC 1C’s previous protest against Rioja Market’s transfer of license application. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion. Commissioners then voted 8 to 0 to dismiss the protest against Rioja’s transfer of license.

b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. PEPCO Sub-Station 2119 Champlain Street, NW

Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C support PEPCO’s application to the Historic Preservation Review Board for changes to the substation at 2119 Champlain Street, NW. The motion did not require a second because it was recommended by the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee.

Travis Culpepper of PEPCO and an architect for the project presented plans for the Champlain substation. Members of public asked about the roof surface, parking, the historic landmark application, and Board of Zoning Adjustment applications.

Kent Boese, a Commissioner from ANC 1A, provided background on the preservation applications for this substation and one in his district. He noted that the issue requires balancing the competing interests of historic preservation and the need for upgraded, reliable electricity.

Members of the public asked about previous ANC 1C positions on the substation and the order of the process going forward. Commissioners then voted 7 to 1 to approve the motion to support the HPRB application for modernizing the PEPCO sub-station at 2119 Champlain Street, NW.

ii. Historic Designation Applications for 2524 17th Street and 2518 17th Street NW

Architectural historian John Gentry provided background on two historic landmark designation applications for 2524 17th Street and 2518 17th Street NW that he is submitting on behalf of the owners. Commissioner Reynolds reported that the PZT Committee recommended supporting these applications.

Members of the public discussed the benefit for affordable housing and expressed concerns about whether the historic preservation designation would prevent necessary upgrades to the buildings. Commissioners then voted 8 to 0 to support the historic designation applications.

c. Public Services and the Environment Committee

i. Grant application for Jubilee Jumpstart

The director of Jubilee Jumpstart presented a grant request for \$1000 to replace two refrigerators that they use for food service for pre-schoolers. Commissioner Huezo moved that ANC 1C approve a \$1,000 grant for Jubilee Jumpstart. The motion did not need a second since it was recommended by the Public Services and the Environment Committee. Commissioners then voted 6 to 0 to 1 (one Commissioner abstaining) to approve the grant.

ii. Marie Reed Facilities pool hours

Commissioner Huezo moved that ANC 1C send a letter to Mayor Bowser requesting adequate funding to expand the hours for the Marie Reed pool. The motion did not require a second since it was recommended by the PSE Committee. Commissioners and members of the public spoke in favor of expanding the pool hours. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to approve sending the letter to Mayor Bowser.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Huezo moved to adjourn at 9:54 pm. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion which passed unanimously.