

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of January 3, 2018**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on January 3, 2018 at Mary's Center. Chair Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. About 25 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), Brendan Reardon (1C06), and Wilson Reynolds (1C07).

II. Election of Officers

Commissioner Reynolds nominated Commissioner Huezo for the position of Chair of ANC 1C. Commissioner Irani seconded the nomination and Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to elect Commissioner Huezo as Chair.

Commissioner Huezo moved to adopt the following slate of officers and committee assignments for 2018:

Officers

- Vice Chair: Commissioner Reynolds
- Secretary: Commissioner Reardon
- Treasurer: Commissioner Scozzaro
- BID Representative: Commissioner Reynolds

Committee assignments

- ABC Committee: Commissioner Irani, Chair; Commissioners Guthrie and Fox Perry, members.
- PZT Committee: Commissioner Strom, Chair; Commissioners Reynolds and Reardon, members.
- PSE Committee: Commissioner Fox Perry, Chair; Commissioners Scozzaro and Huezo, members.

Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion and Commissioners then approved the slate of officers and committee assignments by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

Chair Huezo moved the following meeting schedules for 2018:

- Full ANC meetings: first Wednesday of every month at Mary's Center on Ontario Road at 7 pm, except no meeting in August, and the July meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11 because of the July 4 holiday.

All committee meetings will be held at the Kalorama Recreation Center at 7 pm.

- ABC Committee: second Wednesday of every month, except no meeting in August.
- PZT Committee: third Wednesday of every month, except no meeting in August.
- PSE Committee: fourth Wednesday of every month, except no meeting in August.

Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for December 6, 2017 Meeting

Secretary Reardon reminded the community that documents and meeting agendas can be found on the ANC 1C website. He also thanked Commissioner Guthrie for his leadership as chair over the past year. He then moved to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2017 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

c. Treasurer's report

i. Authorized agents for checking account for 2018

Treasurer Scozzaro moved that the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary in addition to the Treasurer be signatories to the ANC 1C checking account for 2018. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion that then passed by a vote 7 to 0.

ii. ANC Security Fund for 2018

Treasurer Scozzaro moved to authorize payment of \$25 for ANC 1C participation in the ANC Security Fund for 2018. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

iii. Rental of meeting space at Mary's Center for 2018

Treasurer Scozzaro moved to authorize payment for rental of meeting space at Mary's Center for 2018. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

iv. Staff person for 2018

Treasurer Scozzaro moved to authorize continuing ANC 1C's business relationship with its staff person. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee would hear a police report for the area and begin community discussion about the Adams Morgan moratorium on alcohol licenses which is expiring in September of this year.
- Commissioner Strom announced that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee would continue to consider 18th Street traffic proposals; a community benefits package related to redevelopment of the Italian embassy; and, Pepco's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.
- In Commissioner Perry's absence, Commissioner Huezo announced that there was nothing currently on the Public Services and the Environment agenda, but it is possible that a meeting would be held at the Marie Reed Recreation Center to discuss community programs and services.
- Commissioner Reardon reminded the previous as well as new committee chairs that ANC rules require notification of agenda items on the website and the Adams Morgan listserv 10 days prior to a meeting.
- Commissioner Reardon also announced that Mill Creek, the developers of Il Palazzo, would hold a construction job fair on January 25 at the Festival Center on Columbia Road.
- Commissioner Reynolds reminded everyone of changes to regulations for recycling and hazardous waste disposal, and provided fliers on the back table with the updated regulations.

V. Public Announcements / Comments

- Amanda Bonam from Councilmember Nadeau's office announced that the Councilmember would hold office hours at Potters House on January 11 and provided contact information for their staff.
- Shinada Phillips of Mayor Bowser's office encouraged residents to contact her with questions and problems. She provided information on where to get updates or help during snow storms.
- Matt Wexler announced that the Line DC hotel is now open and invited everyone to visit. On behalf of the development, ownership, and management teams he thanked everyone for their help in this project and said he hopes it is representative of the community. Commissioner Reynolds asked about maintenance of Unity Park.

VI. Scheduled Business

a. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. Infusion Club tavern license

Commissioner Irani reported that the Infusion Club at 1725 Columbia Road (the former Chief Ike's space), has applied for a tavern license. He moved that ANC 1C protest this application on the basis of adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; adverse effect on residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety; and, adverse impact on real property values; and that any Commissioner of ANC 1C be authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in any proceeding on this protest. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion.

Commissioners discussed the proposed plans for the new establishment. A member of the public with expertise in real estate economics offered to help with the protest. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to pass the motion to protest Infusion Club's application for a tavern license.

b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. 2481 18th Street NW

Architect Edwin Coval presented plans for 2481 18th Street, NW, the McDonald's location. He described proposed changes to refresh the building without changing its footprint. Members of the public asked about the entrance, canopy, and windows. Commissioners asked about the status of the application with the Historic Preservation Review Board, the signage, and the speaker that plays music outside of the building.

Commissioner Guthrie asked the architect to advise ANC 1C if the Office of Planning asks the architects to change to the plans as presented. Commissioner Guthrie then moved that ANC 1C support the January 3, 2018 HPRB application for 2481 18th Street, NW. Commissioner Strom seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

ii. ERPP Signage on Columbia Road Between Ontario and Harvard

Commissioner Strom moved a resolution to remove Enhanced Residential Permit Parking (ERPP) on the northside of Columbia Road NW between Ontario and Harvard Streets NW, and return those blocks to relaxed RPP parking. The resolution was recommended by the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee and so did not require a second.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed the applicable laws and regulations as well as the needs of residences and businesses on those blocks.

Commissioner Strom called for a roll call vote on the resolution. The resolution failed by roll call vote of 3 to 4 with Commissioners Huezo, Reardon, and Strom voting yes; and Commissioners Reynolds, Guthrie, Scozzaro, and Irani voting no.

iii. 18th Street Drop-off/Pick-up Zones

Commissioner Strom moved a resolution that ANC1C request further input from city agencies and members of the public regarding designating parking zones along 18th street between Columbia Road and Florida Avenue for the exclusive use of passenger drop-off and pick-up on Friday and Saturday nights. The resolution was recommended by the PZT Committee and so did not require a second. Commissioner Reardon provided background on the issue and the resolution.

Commissioner Irani moved a substitute resolution to set a schedule for public input on improving the 18th Street corridor. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the substitute resolution.

Commissioners discussed whether a vote was needed to add the substitute resolution to the agenda as a new matter, or whether it was sufficiently related to the matter being discussed.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed the merits of both resolutions.

Commissioner Reardon offered an amendment to his resolution adding the clause from Commissioner Irani's substitute resolution calling for additional community input and meetings. Commissioner Strom seconded the amended resolution.

Commissioner Guthrie moved to table the matter allowing Commissioners to work on a solution in the coming weeks. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the tabling motion that passed by a vote of 5 to 2.

iv. Basement/Cellar Zoning Regulation

Commissioner Guthrie moved to add to the agenda consideration of a resolution on basement/cellar zoning regulations without the usual ten days' advance notice on the basis that not addressing the issue would be adverse to the community. He noted that the Zoning Commission would be taking up this issue on January 18 so this would be the only opportunity for ANC 1C to weigh in. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Larry Hargrove explained inconsistencies in the application of rules determining whether lower levels of buildings are considered basements or cellars; whether they should be counted in the maximum amount of floor space allowed; and when they can be considered habitable space. Alan Gambrell added background on changes being proposed to these regulations by the Office of Planning to address these inconsistencies.

Commissioner Guthrie moved that ANC1C recommend that if the Zoning Commission is unwilling to make it clear that cellars and low-ceilinged attics are not to be used as dwelling space, the requirement should be that any floor area or any cellar or attic space that is used for habitable

space be included in the calculation of the permissible gross floor area of the building, and, consequently, the provisions proposed in 2016 be reinstated, after adding the words “or attics” after “cellars” in each. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 7 to 0.

v. Appeal of Certificate of Occupancy for 1717 Euclid Street NW

Commissioner Guthrie moved to add to the agenda consideration of a resolution regarding a certificate of occupancy appeal for 1717 Euclid Street without the usual ten days’ advance notice on the basis that not addressing the issue would be adverse to the community. He explained that due to the deadline for filing such an appeal, ANC 1C would have to act at this meeting in order to weigh in. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Alan Gambrell provided background information on safety concerns and other problems with the building at 1717 Euclid Street NW. Commissioner Guthrie then moved that ANC 1C authorize filing an Office of Administrative Hearings appeal of the Certificate of Occupancy for 1717 Euclid Street. Commissioners passed the resolution by a vote of 7 to 0.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Huezo moved to adjourn at 10:02 pm. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.