

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

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

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on October 3, 2018 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Huezo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. About 50 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Hector Huezo (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

**II. Officers' Reports**

**a. Chair's Report**

Commissioner Huezo thanked Mayor Bowser's office for the recent road repaving done in several Single Member Districts in Adams Morgan. He also thanked Reuben Forman, the Mayor's Ward 1 Liaison, for walking his SMD to create a list of necessary projects.

**b. Secretary's Report**

**i. Minutes for September 5, 2018 Meeting**

Commissioner Guthrie moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

**III. Commissioner Announcements**

- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee meeting would meet the following Wednesday at the Marie Reed Recreation Center.
- Commissioner Fox Perry announced that as of this week there was nothing on the agenda for the Public Services and the Environment Committee meeting this month.
- Commissioner Guthrie reported that the ABC Board held a hearing on continuation and expansion of the Adams Morgan moratorium on alcohol licenses and that the record would remain open for comments until October 12.
- Commissioner Reynolds reported that he attended the funeral of former ANC 1C Commissioner Edward Jackson and that Reuben Forman brought a letter of condolence from Mayor Bowser. Commissioner Reynolds also reported that he will work to name Unity Park for Mr. Jackson since he used to organize the clean-up of that park.
- Commissioner Reynolds also announced a free shredding event in the parking lot at Mary's Center on Ontario Road on Saturday, October 27 from 10am to 1pm.

**IV. Public Announcements / Comments**

- Kristen Barden, of the Adams Morgan BID, introduced the BID's new safety ambassador, Jorge Quesada, and said he would be extra eyes and ears on the streets from noon to 8pm on Wednesdays through Sundays. Ms. Barden also announced that Porchfest would take place on Saturday, October 6 from 2 to 6pm, and that the Adams Morgan Apple Festival would be held on Saturday, October 27 from 10am to 1pm.
- A representative from the Line Hotel introduced three members of their staff who will walk through Unity Park and nearby streets to help keep the neighborhood clean. He noted that they are a few of the 135 employees from Ward 1 that have been hired by the hotel.

- Callie Kozlak announced that she is running for the DC Board of Education for Ward 1.
- Benedicte Auburn suggested that ANC 1C help bring composting service to the Adams Morgan farmers market.
- Seth Dubner from the Line Hotel reported that a repaving project along the section of Champlain Street along the hotel would begin on October 9 and last about seven working days.
- Commissioner Guthrie asked Mr. Dubner when the fountain at Unity Park would be functional and about a hole in the plaza. Mr. Dubner replied that they are working with a contractor on fixing the hole and he would also look into the fountain issue.
- A representative from the DC Attorney General's office announced that they would hold immigration law training on October 24 from 9:30 to 11:30am for attorneys interested in doing pro bono work in that area.
- A member of King Emmanuel Baptist Church asked about the status of building projects on Kalorama Road and Ontario Road. Commissioner Reynolds provided updates and said that DCRA has issued a stop work order for the project on Kalorama Road.
- A representative from Terrific Inc., which provides senior services in Wards 1, announced that an international festival to celebrate the heritage of seniors in our area would be coming up soon.
- Reuben Forman, the Ward 1 Liaison from the Mayor's Office, announced that the Great Streets small business grant applications are due on October 22. He also announced that the police department would hold a Halloween party at Marie Reed on October 31 from 6 to 8pm.
- Amanda Bonam from Councilmember Nadeau's office provided updated contact sheets.

## **V. Scheduled Business**

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

#### **i. Moratorium Update**

Commissioner Irani reported on the ABC Board hearing on renewal and expansion of the Adams Morgan moratorium zone. He said public comments can be sent to [abrleagal@dc.gov](mailto:abrleagal@dc.gov) until October 12. He also thanked Denis James and former Commissioner Billy Simpson for attending the hearing.

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

#### **i. Jubilee Housing update**

Commissioner Fox Perry announced that discussion of the plans for the Jubilee Housing property on Kalorama Road will be moved to the November 7 ANC 1C monthly meeting. She said that members of the public who are interested in being part of the community conversation about these plans should get in touch with her. Members of the public asked about the timing of the Board of Zoning Adjustments hearing on this project; plans for parking; and the size of the building.

#### **ii. Small Cell 5G Wireless Deployment**

Commissioner Guthrie announced that Crown Castle had again cancelled its appearance at an ANC meeting to describe the proposal to install small cell infrastructure for a 5G wireless network in DC. Commissioner Fox Perry provided background on DC's plans to install small cell boxes on poles around the city. She said the District Department of Transportation notified the ANC about design guidelines in late August and that comments were due on October 5. She added that the public is largely unaware of this issue. Commissioner Huezo provided information from a meeting he attended the previous week to inform ANC Commissioners about the initiative.

Commissioner Fox Perry introduced a resolution asking the city and DDOT to hold off on deploying the new infrastructure until hearings can be held providing a fuller sense of what this means to community.

Kristen Barden reported that the DC BID Council submitted comments to DDOT regarding placement of poles in alleys rather than in front of buildings and encouraged DDOT to work with property owners to place poles on private buildings rather than in public space. Denis James suggested writing to the Mayor and Councilmembers as well as DDOT, and noted that comments could also be made in person before the DDOT's Public Space Committee on October 15.

A member of the public reported that the Commission of Fine Arts and the Committee of 100 have expressed concerns about the placement of small cells in the city. Alan Roth noted that the FCC issued an order on this subject laying out guidelines on what municipalities are allowed to do with respect to citing these cells and treatment of different carriers. Other members of the public asked for more information on the height of the poles, the fees that the city can charge the carriers, and where they could see drawings for the proposed deployment.

Commissioner Fox Perry moved to add this matter to the agenda without the usual 10 days' notice on the basis that it is in the interest of the community to provide feedback on this issue within the deadline for written comments to DDOT's Public Space Committee. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Fox Perry then moved a resolution authorizing ANC 1C to send a letter to Mayor Bowser and to DDOT urging delay of consideration of the small cell guidelines until further informational meetings and hearings can be held and ANCs and residents have had opportunity to comment. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Commissioner Irani offered friendly amendments that were adopted without objection. Commissioners then voted 4 to 0 to 1 to pass the resolution. (Commissioner Huezco abstained.)

### **iii. 1706 Florida Ave**

Sean Ruppert introduced plans for a new building at 1706 Florida Avenue. Mr. Ruppert said he has preliminary approval from the Historic Preservation Office staff and he has contacted neighbors to let them know about their plans. Mr. Ruppert presented drawings for a 2- or 3-bedroom building that would only be about a foot higher than others on that street. He added that they may need to ask for parking relief for one space.

Commissioners asked about neighbor input. Members of the public asked for more information about the bay, windows, and materials for outer walls. A nearby neighbor spoke in support of the plans. Commissioner Reynolds then moved that ANC1C send a letter approving the building plans for 1706 Florida Avenue as presented. Commissioner Fox Perry seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

### **iv. 2343 Ashmead Place**

The owners of 2343 Ashmead Place, their architect, and an architectural historian presented a proposal for a rear addition on their property. They reported that the Historic Preservation Office staff has issued a supportive report and that the Historic Preservation Review Board would be reviewing it the next day. They also said they have reached out to their neighbors regarding these plans.

Commissioners and members of the public asked about the size of the planned addition and how it compares to neighboring houses. Some neighbors spoke in opposition to the plan.

Commissioner Huezo thanked the neighbors for meeting to discuss the project and moved a resolution asking HPRB to require that the project's rear addition better align and comport with neighboring houses on that block. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion.

Commissioner Reynolds suggested adding language to state opposition to the project. The amendment was adopted without objection. Commissioners then voted 4 to 0 to 1 to pass the resolution as amended. (Commissioner Irani abstained.)

**v. Cuban Embassy proposal for 16<sup>th</sup> Street**

Miguel Fraga, First Secretary for the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba, provided background on the embassy's 100-year history in DC and asked for support for their proposal to name a portion of 16<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the Embassy for José Martí.

Commissioner Huezo moved a resolution in support of naming that portion of 16<sup>th</sup> Street for Jose Marti as an expression of solidarity and friendship between the people of the District of Columbia and the people of Cuba. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion. Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to pass the resolution.

**vi. Traffic proposals for Kalorama Road and Wyoming Ave, and California Street**

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee recommended that ANC 1C pass a resolution requesting specific traffic calming measures in Adams Morgan. He also reported that he has not heard any negative comments from neighbors about the recent change to make the 1800 block of Belmont Road a one-way street, and that neighbors on Kalorama and Wyoming have signed a petition asking to pair the 1800 blocks of Kalorama Road and Wyoming Avenue as one-way streets. He acknowledged that some neighbors are strongly opposed, but that the majority is in support.

Commissioner Guthrie moved the resolution asking the District Department of Transportation to make the 1800 blocks of Wyoming Avenue and Kalorama Road paired one-way streets; to implement traffic calming measures for those blocks and the 1700 and 1800 blocks of California Street; and to place "local access only" signs on the surrounding alleys. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion.

Members of the public spoke for and against the proposal. Others asked about the neighborhood petition, the requested study by DDOT, and about previous studies by DDOT. Commissioner Huezo noted that if the changes do not work they can be reversed. Commissioners also noted the number of emails they received from neighbors in support of the changes, and noted that one-way streets will make it easier for emergency vehicles to navigate. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 5 to 0.

**c. Public Services and the Environment Committee**

**i. Clean Energy DC proposal**

Commissioner Fox Perry reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee recommended that ANC 1C pass a resolution in support of DC Councilmember Cheh's Clean Energy DC bill. Members of a coalition in support of the bill explained its provisions and urged ANC 1C to support it.

Commissioners and members of the public commented that changes to the bill may be made before the legislation is finalized and that some details will have to be worked out in implementation. Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to pass a resolution in support of the Clean Energy DC Omnibus Act of 2018.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Huezo moved to adjourn at 10:04 pm. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.