

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of May 2, 2018**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on May 2, 2018 at Mary's Center. Chair Hector Huezo called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. About 35 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Hector Huezo (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), A.Tianna Scozzaro (1C04), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

II. Councilmember Nadeau update

Councilmember Brianne Nadeau provided an update on matters before the DC Council, including the budget and matters before the Human Services Committee. She spoke about the completed Marie Reed renovations and clinic and said she has requested funding to keep the Marie Reed pool open over the weekends. Ms. Nadeau said that walk-throughs will continue in the area with the next one in 1C04 on May 14, and that Operation Understanding will hold an event on May 16 to help unite the Jewish and African American communities. Members of the public asked about the kids' pool at Marie Reed and about a proposal to add more nights for extended hours for establishments that serve alcohol.

III. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

Chair Huezo announced that Commissioner Strom is moving out of the neighborhood and would no longer be the Commissioner for Single Member District 1C05. Chair Huezo also announced that Commissioner Reardon submitted his resignation and would no longer serve as Secretary or Commissioner. Chair Huezo nominated Commissioner Guthrie to take on that role. Commissioner Irani seconded the nomination and Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 with 1 abstaining to elect Commissioner Guthrie as Secretary.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for March 7, 2018 and April 4, 2018 Meeting

Commissioner Guthrie moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 and the April 4, 2018 monthly ANC 1C meetings. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

c. Treasurer's Report

i. Quarterly report

Treasurer Scozzaro provided an overview on the financial report for Quarter 1 and moved for its adoption. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee meeting on May 9 would include the monthly police report; consideration of a request by Los Cuates for an entertainment endorsement; possible consideration of a settlement agreement with Imperial; and, continued discussion of the Adams Morgan moratorium.

- Commissioner Fox Perry announced that the Public Services and the Environment Committee meeting would include consideration of grant proposals from the Washington English Center and Hora Cultura.
- Commissioner Guthrie reported that the Anacostia Museum of the Smithsonian has a new exhibit featuring the history of six neighborhoods, including Adams Morgan, and he encouraged people to go see it.
- Commissioner Huezco announced that anyone wishing to fill the open commissioner seat may pick up a petition starting on July 9 and submit the petition by August 8.
- Commissioner Scozzaro announced a walk-through of 1C04 on May 14. She also encouraged those interested to attend the next Adams Morgan Day Committee meeting on May 15. Finally, she announced that the Department of Parks and Recreation will host a walk-through and meeting on May 23 at Walter Pierce Park to discuss renovations.
- Commissioner Reynolds requested that funding for the Happy Hollow Pool be added to the PSE Committee agenda.
- Commissioner Reynolds also introduced Alaina Johnson, an inspector with DC Department of Public Works, who said residents can contact her on matters such as illegal dumping, trash cans, and 311 calls.
- Commissioner Irani announced that changes are being proposed for DC bus lines including L1, L2, 42 and 43, and that WMATA is asking the public to submit feedback through an online survey.

V. Public Announcements / Comments

- Kristen Barden, of the Adams Morgan BID, reported that movie nights in the park would be returning to the Marie Reed field starting on Tuesday, May 15. She also provided brochures for a walking tour of Adams Morgan.
- Shinada Phillips from Mayor Bowser's office announced that it was Small Business Week and that May is innoMAYtion month focusing on technology and innovation in DC. She also provided information about the adopt-a-block beautification program and a plan to eliminate all poor roads in DC by 2024. She listed streets in Adams Morgan – 19th Street, Columbia Road, Mozart Place, Adams Mill Road, and Lanier Place – that will be included in upgrades and said the complete list can be found on the District Department of Transportation website.

VI. Scheduled Business

a. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. The Imperial

Commissioner Irani moved that ANC 1C adopt the ABC and Public Safety Committee's recommendation to protest The Imperial's application for a transfer of license on the bases of adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; and on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety; and that any Commissioner be authorized to appear on behalf of the Commission in this matter. Commissioners passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

A question was raised about a proposal before the DC Council to add 9 dates to the days for extended hours for bars to serve alcohol. Commissioner Irani said he would add that to the Committee agenda for the following week.

b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. Special Forum on the Meridian Hill development

Commissioner Reynolds proposed adding a special forum on the Meridian Hill development and asked a representative from the project for an update. After discussion Commissioner Reynolds moved that the special forum would be held on May 23 at Mary's Center and that the Public

Services and the Environment Committee would meet on May 30. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

ii. 1766 Lanier Place NW BZA application

Commissioner Reynolds asked former Commissioner Gambrell to provide background on an application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the property at 1766 Lanier Place NW. Mr. Gambrell explained that the address is in the Lanier Heights neighborhood that was rezoned and that among other problems, the proposed building would be 4 stories high where the limit is 3 stories.

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution to oppose the BZA application for 1766 Lanier Place on the bases that it fails to adequately document current conditions and the scope of work, would compromise the rooftop architectural element, would add an illegal fourth story, would interfere with a neighbor's chimney and would interfere with a neighbor's solar panels; and to authorize any Commissioner, and other expert designees, including Alan Gambrell to represent ANC 1C in this matter. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

iii. Roofers Union public space application

Two representatives from Roofers Union restaurant provided a description of a proposed sidewalk café with a railing that would be in line with others on 18th Street and asked for ANC 1C support for their public space application. Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution expressing ANC 1C support for Roofers Union's application. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

iv. 1963 Biltmore Street NW HPRB application

The architect for a remodeling project at 1963 Biltmore Street described the plans for this row house in the Kalorama Historic District. He said it has the support of the Historic Preservation Office Staff and asked for ANC 1C support.

Commissioners and members of the public asked about plans for the entrance way and windows, and whether they have addressed any concerns of neighbors. Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C support the proposal for 1963 Biltmore Street NW with an expression of concern regarding failure to modify the front entrance to return it to its historical context, and concern that the HPO has not addressed this issue. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

v. Tree guards along Columbia Road

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution recommended by the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee requesting the District Department of Transportation to remove damaged tree box fences at a list of locations along Columbia Road and 18th Street. Commissioners passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

vi. 2038 Allen Place

The owner of a town home at 2038 Allen Place presented plans to remodel her sleeping porch. She said she has the support of her neighbors on both sides. Commissioner Huezo confirmed that the front and roof of the building would not be changed. Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C support the owner's application to the Historic Preservation Review Board. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

vii. Philz Coffee signs

George Marino presented plans to illuminate three signs at Philz Coffee and to add a fourth sign. Commissioner Reynolds moved for adoption of the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee's recommendation that ANC 1C support the proposed signs at Philz Coffee.

Commissioners and members of the public asked about the location of the signs, the method for illumination, and how late the signs would be lit. Commissioners then voted 5 to 1 to support the application to the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for the new signs.

viii. 1795 Lanier Place

Commissioner Reynolds moved to add to the agenda without the typical 10 days' notice consideration of a resolution regarding 1795 Lanier Place on the basis that failure to do so would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Reynolds moved to oppose a permit for 1795 Lanier Place NW and, if necessary, file an appeal with BZA regarding the Green Area Ratio (GAR) calculation submitted by applicant, and that filing of this appeal may be carried out by any ANC 1C Commissioner and designated experts including Alan Gambrell and Guillermo Rueda. Former Commissioner Alan Gambrell provided background on the permit for which the applicants paid to receive expedited consideration from BZA. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

c. Public Services and the Environment Committee

i. The Climate and Community Reinvestment Act

A representative from Put a Price on it DC urged ANC 1C to pass a resolution in support of the Climate and Community Reinvestment Act that would establish a carbon tax and rebate program. Commissioners and members of the public asked about how the tax would be administered and about the effectiveness of the rebate. Commissioner Scozzaro noted that the Public Services and the Environment Committee (PSE) recommended that ANC 1C support the resolution and said it would keep pressure on Pepco regarding smart metering and procurement.

Commissioner Reynolds said he voted in support of the resolution at the Committee level in order to move it forward to the full Commission, but he would now vote in opposition. He said the limit on administrative cost is not realistic, it would create more bureaucracy, and lead to a Pepco rate increase request. Commissioner Reynolds moved to table the resolution until the June meeting. Commissioner Huezos seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

ii. Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act

A member of the public presented background on the health and environmental concerns associated with gas-powered leaf blowers. He also provided information about alternatives to internal combustion for leaf blowers and asked for ANC 1C support for Councilmember Mary Cheh's bill that would phase out the sale and operation of gas-powered leaf blowers in DC. He noted that 11 ANCs have expressed support for the bill.

Commissioner Fox Perry moved for a vote on a resolution recommended by the PSE Committee in support of Councilmember Cheh's bill, the Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act. Commissioners passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

iii. University of the District of Columbia local funding

Thomas Redmond and Juanita Gray of the University of the District of Columbia urged ANC 1C support for increased funding in the DC budget for public higher education in DC. He stressed that the UDC campus is in need of capital improvements and that education is the path to the middle class. Several Commissioners spoke favorably of UDC's programs and in support of increasing its funding. A member of the public who has been involved in higher education for 26 years urged support for increased funding.

Commissioner Reynolds moved for adoption of the resolution recommended by the PSE Committee for increased funding for UDC. Commissioners passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

iv. 18th Street survey

Commissioner Irani presented a survey on 18th Street in Adams Morgan that was recommended by the PSE Committee. Commissioners and members of the public suggested changes in the wording and order of the questions and the introduction.

Commissioner Irani then moved for moved for adoption and distribution of the survey as amended. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with 1 abstaining.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Huezo moved to adjourn at 9:53 pm. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.