

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of June 6, 2018**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on June 6, 2018 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. About 40 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Ted Guthrie (1C03), A.Tianna Scozzaro (1C04), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

II. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

Commissioner Reynolds moved to appoint Commissioner Guthrie to the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for May 2, 2018 Meeting

Commissioner Guthrie moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

c. Treasurer's Report

i. Quarterly report

Treasurer Scozzaro presented the Q2 financial report and moved for its adoption. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

III. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Scozzaro reported on two walk-throughs of ANC 1C with Councilmember Nadeau's office which included flagging 311 issues.
- Commissioner Scozzaro reminded everyone that the 40th anniversary of Adams Morgan Day will be on September 9. She added that the organizers are looking for more volunteers.
- Commissioner Scozzaro also reminded the public to think about nonprofits that are eligible for ANC grants of up to \$1000.
- Commissioner Guthrie reminded everyone of the primary election on June 19 and that early voting was already open. He noted that everyone can vote on the ballot initiative even if they are not affiliated with a party.
- Commissioner Irani announced the agenda for the June ABC and Public Safety Committee.
- Commissioner Scozzaro announced that over the next 6 months there will be ongoing community meetings to provide input on Walter Pierce Park upgrades to the playground and dog park.

IV. Public Announcements / Comments

- A resident of Adams Morgan spoke about his nonprofit called KAMA DC that provides an opportunity for migrants to share skills and build partnerships by teaching classes. He said more information can be found at their website kamadc.org.

- Benedicte Aubrun announced that details about an upcoming dialogue on hate crimes would be posted on the Adams Morgan listserv soon. She also asked if something could be done about the T-Mobile playing loud music outside its store, especially at night. Ms. Aubrun also asked where she could report large tour buses have been taking a short-cut down Euclid Street.
- Kristen Barden, of the Adams Morgan BID, said two movie nights at Marie Reed field had been rained out and provided an updated schedule. She also announced that the BID is hiring a new safety ambassador and that the job description is on the website.
- A representative from Councilmember Nadeau's office said the Councilmember would hold informal office hours at Philz Coffee on June 29.
- Matt Wexler of Line Hotel announced that the hotel would hold free hospitality training sessions this summer with first priority going to Ward 1 residents.
- Two representatives from WMATA presented information on a study of bus routes and proposed changes. WMATA is processing the results of a rider survey and will hold two public meetings would be held to gather feedback – the first on June 20 at UDC, and the second on June 21 at the Columbia Heights Community Center. Commissioner Guthrie commented that the location for the public meeting should have been closer to the bus line. Members of the public asked about how the survey was distributed and urged not changing the 42-bus route which runs well now.
- Shinada Phillips from Mayor Bowser's office announced that a hate crime dialogue would be held on June 7 at 815 Florida Avenue. She also listed upcoming events in June for Pride Month and Latino Heritage Month.
- Alan Roth thanked Commissioner Scozzaro for signing the letter urging Mayor Bowser to release information about what is being offered to Amazon to move their headquarters here and what DC residents will get in return.
- A member of the public announced an event at the Lincoln Theatre to commemorate the DC Black Repertory Company and to celebrate Robert Hooks. He asked ANC 1C for support and funding to bus seniors to this event on September 15.

V. Scheduled Business

a. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. Roofers Union

Commissioner Guthrie moved for adoption of a resolution to approve a stipulated license for Roofers Union's sidewalk café. He noted that ANC 1C had previously agreed to the size of the sidewalk café and that the stipulated license would allow Roofers Union to avoid a protest period. He added that they are good operators and he would like to encourage their visibility. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

ii. Moratorium Zone

Commissioner Irani provided background information on the Adams Morgan moratorium on establishments serving alcohol. He said the ABC and Public Safety Committee voted to place this matter on the agenda for the full Commission without a recommendation on extension. Commissioner Irani explained that his proposed resolution would extend the radius of the current moratorium zone to an 1800-foot radius from 2459 18th St NW and ban new ABC entertainment endorsements.

Commissioners, neighbors, and business owners offered comments on whether the current moratorium was achieving the desired result; the difference between live entertainment and night clubs; other methods for discouraging night clubs; the cost of liquor licenses and its impact on new businesses; and, what the ABC Board will approve.

Commissioner Irani moved to table the issue in order to revise some of the language in the resolution. He said discussion would continue at the ABC and Public Safety Committee meeting the following week. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion to table. Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to table the matter with the intention of considering a revised version of the resolution at a future meeting.

ii. Extended Hours

Commissioner Irani moved a resolution recommended by the ABC and Public Safety Committee opposing additional days for extended hours for alcohol licensees. Commissioners discussed the proposal included in the Mayor's budget to add 9 days to the holiday calendar for extended hours over the weekends of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Washington's Birthday, and Columbus Day. Commissioners then passed the resolution in opposition to the added extended hours by a vote of 5 to 0.

b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. 1834 Ontario Place

Commissioner Scozzaro moved a resolution opposing a Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 1834 Ontario Place. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Commissioner Scozzaro provided background on the owners' special exceptions requests for their porch and garage.

The owners, their attorney, and their architect explained the relief they are seeking in their BZA application. Commissioners and members of the public asked questions and commented on the proposed changes in comparison to neighboring houses; how they fit with zoning regulations under the rezoning of Lanier Heights; differing figures on lot occupancy; and the precedent set by granting exceptions.

Commissioner Reynolds moved an amendment to add Alan Gambrell as a designated expert to act on behalf of ANC 1C in this matter. The amendment was adopted without objection.

Commissioners then passed the resolution as amended by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to 1, with Commissioners Guthrie, Reynolds, Scozzaro, and Fox Perry voting yes, and Commissioner Irani abstaining.

ii. 1700 Columbia Road NW

An attorney and the landlord for 1700 Columbia Road NW asked for ANC 1C's support for opening a veterinary hospital on the ground floor of this address. Commissioner Reynolds reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee reported out this matter without a recommendation.

Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C support the application for use of commercial space as an animal treatment facility at 1700 Columbia Road NW. Commissioners asked about any input from neighbors, then voted 4 to 0 to support the application.

iii. 1795 Lanier Place

Alan Gambrell provided an update on a project at 1795 Lanier Place. Commissioner Guthrie moved to authorize Alan Gambrell to represent ANC 1C with respect to ongoing matters related to the BZA appeal of a permit for 1795 Lanier Place NW. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

c. Public Services and the Environment Committee

i. Hola Cultura grant

Representatives from the non-profit Hola Cultura requested a grant for creating an oral history of the unity mural on the Pepco substation and of Adams Morgan in the 1980s. Commissioner Fox Perry reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C approve the grant request and moved for its approval by the Commission. Commissioners then approved a grant for \$1000 to Hola Cultura by a vote of 5 to 0.

ii. Washington English Center grant

Gabriela Mossi, Executive Director of the Washington English Center, requested a grant to buy textbooks for the students at their center. Commissioner Fox Perry reported that the PSE Committee recommended approval of the grant and moved for its approval by the Commission. Commissioners then approved a grant of \$1000 by a vote of 5 to 0.

iii. Adams Morgan Day grant

Commissioner Fox Perry reported that the PSE Committee recommended that ANC 1C approve a grant for Adams Morgan Day of \$1500. A representative from Adams Morgan Day gave a report on last year's spending and requested a grant for this year to help with required medics and medical equipment, and port-a-potties. Commissioner Reynolds moved to add \$500 to bring the total to \$2000. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 4 to 0 to 1. Commissioners then approved the grant as amended (for \$2000) by a vote of 4 to 0 to 1. (Commissioner Scozzaro abstained on both votes since she is on the board of the nonprofit that oversees Adams Morgan Day.)

iv. Columbia Heights Day participation

Commissioner Reynolds moved to add to the agenda consideration of spending ANC 1C funds to participate in the Columbia Heights Day festival without the usual 10 days' notice on the basis that failure to do so would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Irani moved to approve spending \$100 for an ANC 1C table at the Columbia Heights Day festival on June 16. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Irani moved to adjourn at 10:57 pm. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.