

## **ANC Resolution Regarding the Adams Morgan Vision Framework**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (“ANC1C”) adopts the following resolution to be sent to the D.C. Office of Planning (“OP”):

WHEREAS, OP initiated a planning process with Adams Morgan for developing a vision framework, which included opportunities for residents, local businesses, institutions, and property owners to articulate a vision for the future of Adams Morgan.

WHEREAS, this initiative was informed by significant work that had been completed by the community through “Envision Adams Morgan”, a study in response to the rapid changes associated with proposed commercial and residential development projects in the neighborhood.

WHEREAS, the “Envision Adams Morgan” study was spearheaded by former ANC1C Commissioner Martis “Marty” Davis and other committed neighbors.

WHEREAS, community members and stakeholders had a range of forums to share their vision for the future of Adams Morgan, including a half-day community workshop in early 2015 where stakeholders were encouraged to share their perspectives on Adams Morgan’s future.

WHEREAS, OP held a series of office hours and a neighborhood walking tour about historic preservation and sustainability.

WHEREAS, stakeholders were also encouraged to provide input throughout the entire process using an on-line public engagement tool.

WHEREAS, the Adams Morgan Vision Framework Study Area was bounded by 16th Street at Florida Avenue, NW north to Harvard Street; Columbia Road, NW, and west to Connecticut Avenue, NW; Rock Creek Park.

WHEREAS, OP formed an Advisory Committee for the Adams Morgan Vision Framework and worked closely with them to get feedback and formalize the proposals and goals presented in the Framework.

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee was composed of community members, business owners, historians, and elected officials.

WHEREAS, a draft “Vision Framework” document was made available for public comment in October 2015.

THEREFORE, ANC1 endorses the following Vision Statement goals and recommendations:

### **GOALS 1 and 9**

- Enhance existing and create new community gathering spaces that become focal points within the commercial district for arts, events, and cultural connections.
  - Transform the large sidewalks at the corners of (i) 18th Street and Columbia Road and (ii) 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Adams Mill Road through design and programming to

create centralized, flexible community-gathering places.

#### GOAL 2

- Redefine Unity Park as a multicultural park through events and programming.
  - Undertake cultural-themed events at the park space.
  - Initiate a culturally sensitive and age-friendly redesign and enhancement of Unity Park.
  - Host non-repetitive single day events that complement and do not negatively impact Adams Morgan businesses.

#### GOAL 5

- Continue to improve connections between Adams Morgan's retailers and residents to establish the neighborhood as the primary customer base for the commercial district and promote responsible business practices.

#### GOALS 7 and 17

- Achieve neighborhood goals for cleanliness, safety and a healthy environment.
  - Pursue refrigerated dumpster and solar trash compactor facilities in the commercial district, with assistance in overcoming logistical and DC governmental challenges.
  - Adopt improved waste management efforts for commercial businesses, such as more secure waste facilities.
  - Determine and adopt options for enhancing the cleanliness and usability of alleys, including tree boxes that can both increase canopy and avoid creation of new rodent havens, permeable materials, trash compactors for multi-unit buildings, and limited expansion of parking spaces.
  - Support expanded use of security cameras.

#### GOALS 8 and 3

- Enhance neighborhood sustainability.
  - Form an Adams Morgan sustainability task force to incorporate the goals and actions of the Sustainable DC initiative and oversee the sustainability recommendations of this Framework.
  - Work with the Urban Forestry Administration to identify opportunities to fill gaps in the street tree canopy
  - Work with the District's Great Streets program, DPW and/or BID to expand the neighborhood's public recycling program.
  - Create a community compost drop off site.
  - Determine and adopt options for enhancing the cleanliness and usability of alleys, including tree boxes that can both increase canopy and avoid creation of new rodent havens, permeable materials, trash compactors for multi-unit buildings and shared used among row house residences, and limited expansion of parking spaces.
  - Support expanded use of green roofs and solar panels.

#### GOAL 9

- Recognize and reinforce the importance of maintaining neighborhood character in residential and commercial buildings and key open spaces in the neighborhood.
  - Host a community-wide workshop with residents and stakeholders to discuss options for balancing growth and preserving neighborhood character

#### GOAL 10

- Reinforce Adams Morgan’s identity as a place for arts and culture
  - Expand upon Adams Morgan’s public art identity with new and innovative public art.
  - Coordinate the commissioning and installation of artworks for public sites throughout the neighborhood as part of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities’ DC Creates Public Art and MuralsDC Program

#### GOALS 10 and 11

- Establish neighborhood gateways in key locations to delineate Adams Morgan from adjacent neighborhoods.
  - Integrate art and signage in key locations to create gateways (e.g., “Welcome to Adams Morgan) to the neighborhood.
  - Establish a consistent neighborhood way-finding system.

#### GOALS 8 and 13

- Increase the percentage of units that are subsidized affordable housing for low-income households in the neighborhood.
  - Seek citywide subsidy sources for affordable housing in Adams Morgan and encourage the use of Historic Tax Credits to help preserve affordable housing.

#### GOAL 14

- Enhance underutilized triangle parks.

#### GOAL 15

- Improve the quality and accessibility of existing playgrounds, parks and green spaces in the neighborhood.
  - Increase accessibility and age-friendliness of parks and open spaces in the neighborhood.

#### GOAL 16

- Improve bike and pedestrian access and safety and establish a more connected bicycle lane network.
  - Examine the study area to identify locations to potentially locate or improve cycle-

- tracks, bike lanes, and access to Rock Creek Park.
- Work with DDOT to identify pedestrian and bicycle enhancements and improve connectivity throughout the neighborhood.

GOAL 17

- Improve public safety and communications with the Metropolitan Police Department
  - Conduct a “Safe Streets Audit” to identify neighborhood safety issue.
  - Improve communication between residents and police officers in the neighborhood.

FURTHERMORE, ANC1 opposes the following Vision Statement goals and recommendations:

GOAL 4

- Creation of “merchant committees” for each retail subdistrict to provide a point of communication between retailers to address areas of conflict constructively.