

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of October 2, 2019**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on October 2, 2019 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. About 25 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Bridget Pooley (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), Michaela Wright (1C06), and Japer Bowles (1C07).

II. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

i. Special Election for 1C04

Commissioner Guthrie called the meeting to order and announced that voting to fill the vacancy of Commissioner for Single Member District 1C04 had begun in the back of the room and that the polls would close at 8:15 pm.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for September 4, 2019 Meeting

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

c. Treasurer's Report

i. Spending update

Commissioner Pooley reviewed ANC 1C spending in September which included a grant to Young Playwrights' Theater and initial expenses for livestreaming equipment.

ii. FY 2020 Budget

Commissioner Pooley moved to add to the agenda consideration of the ANC 1C FY 2020 budget, without the usual 10 days' notice on the basis that not doing so would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Irani seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Pooley moved to adopt the FY 2020 budget. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Commissioner Pooley described some changes in the budget as compared to last year, including an increase in the allotment from the DC government; an increase in spending for personnel to include management of livestreaming; and an allotment under communications for updating the website. Commissioners voted 5 to 0 to adopt the budget.

III. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

- Commissioner Irani announced that residents can request mowing of lawns, hedge trimming, and removal of fallen trees on city property by using the 311 app.
- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety meeting agenda for October 9 included the police report and a discussion of public safety issues facing the LGBTQ community with Sergeant Brown from the MPD LGBTLU division. He thanked Commissioner Bowles for arranging the discussion.
- Commissioner Irani also announced that on October 16 the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee would consider a BZA application for an expansion of the Life of Riley on 18th Street.

- Commissioner Pooley announced that part of the Walter Pierce Park playground would be closed on Friday, October 4 for tree work. She said that the next meeting about renovations at that park would be held on Tuesday, October 22 at Marie Reed and that those interested in receiving email updates about the park can contact any of the ANC Commissioners to be added to the list.
- Commissioner Pooley announced that the Fund for Kalorama Park would be holding a Community Day on Saturday, October 5 from 10 till 2, including live jazz, activities for children, and a costume contest for dogs. Commissioner Pooley also announced that a three-mile stretch of Georgia Avenue would be closed on October 5 for an Open Streets Day. The street would be closed to cars, but biking and fitness activities were planned.
- Commissioner Wright announced that the Jubilee Seniors Club would be placing wreaths on seniors' apartments in Jubilee buildings on Saturday, November 9. She said those interested in participating in making or distributing the wreaths could contact her.
- Commissioner Bowles announced that the Public Services and the Environment Committee would hold an education forum on Wednesday, October 30, in place of the regularly scheduled PSE meeting date of October 23. He said that Emily Gasoi, Ward 1 State Board of Education Representative; Raquel Ortiz of the DCPS community action team; Becky Reina from the Ward 1 Education Council, and, leaders of local schools would be participating.
- Commissioner Bowles announced that the DC Office of Planning would be releasing the Comprehensive Plan for community comment at the end of October and that ANC 1C would likely be weighing in. He said the deadline for comments would be in January 31.
- Commissioner Bowles commented that there are a number of bills under consideration by the DC Council related to transportation safety, such as Vision Zero extension, bike lanes, cycling, and scooters. He asked that consideration of support of these bills be added to the PZT agenda.
- Commissioner Bowles noted that the DC Council would be holding a hearing on the Community Safety and Health Act amendments addressing the decriminalization of sex work on October 7, and an education forum on the same topic would be held on October 15 at the National City Christian Church. He also noted that it is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the District Alliance for Safe Housing would be holding a related fundraiser at Dacha in Shaw on October 15. Commissioner Bowles also announced that there would be a Gay Panic hearing on October 23 regarding disallowing transphobic or homophobic defenses for assault. He noted that he was working with the ANC Rainbow Caucus and DC Councilmember Charles Allen on this.
- Finally, Commissioner Bowles provided information about a DC Department of Parks and Recreation satisfaction survey at surveymonkey.com/r/zspqw2h for those who wish to comment.

IV. Public Announcements / Comments

- Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID announced that Porchfest would be held on Saturday, October 5 from 2 to 6 pm and that the headquarters will be on the SunTrust Plaza. She also announced that the Apple Festival, including an apple pie baking contest, would be held at the Adams Morgan Farmers Market on Saturday, October 26 from 10:30 to 1pm.
- Justin Ingea from the DC Department of Public Works provided information about the city's Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP). He urged residents to call 311 to report complaints about trash pick-up, overflowing trash, or to request replacement of trash cans. Commissioners and members of the public asked about collection of bulk trash, how to report various violations, enforcement for illegal dumping, requests for enforcement at a specific address, and how to require commercial haulers to take bulk items.
- Oscar Montiel from Councilmember Brianne Nadeau's office provided contact information and encouraged the public to contact their office with questions or requests.

- Reuben Forman of Mayor Bowser's office announced that with the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year some new programs would be starting as well as tax changes. He specifically mentioned the removal of a tax on diapers, and an increase in the immigration legal services grants. He also said that Mayor Bowser is working to reduce the burden for applying for a medical marijuana card by requiring re-application every 2 years instead of every year. Mr. Forman mentioned heat advisory tips and numbers to call (202-399-7093 or 311) to find cooling centers. He also said the Mayor is trying to expand a program to prevent tobacco and vaping products being sold to minors; the city is issuing reminders about proper recycling practice; and that the lead pipe replacement assistance program is now in effect. He also mentioned the Open Streets event to be held on Saturday, October 5 from 10 to 2 on Georgia Avenue from Missouri Avenue to Howard University.
- Crawford Sherman from the Line Hotel reported that they are still waiting to hear from DOES regarding the sales tax abatement agreement and that he would share information with the ANC when they hear more.
- Former ANC 1C Commissioner Gabriela Mossi reported that there would be a Census information event at Bancroft Elementary on October 9 and that Congresswoman Norton would be there. Reuben Forman added that some of the census taking will be done over the phone and online.

V. Scheduled Business

a. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. Resolution re application of Streets Market for B license (off-premises sales)

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the ABC and Public Safety Committee voted to recommend support for Streets Market's application for a B license to sell alcohol for off-premise consumption. Commissioners then voted to support the application by a vote of 5 to 0.

ii. Resolution to recommend approval of Settlement Agreement with Isshin Ramen

Commissioner Irani reported that the ABC and Public Safety Committee voted to recommend adoption of a settlement agreement negotiated with Isshin Ramen. Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to adopt the settlement agreement as negotiated.

iii. Federalist Pig change of license

Commissioner Guthrie moved to add to the agenda consideration of a license change for Federalist Pig without the usual 10 days' notice on the basis that it is in the community interest to weigh in on this matter before the end of the protest period. Commissioner Irani seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Guthrie explained that the only change requested by Federalist Pig is that their license be changed from DR to CR restaurant license which would allow them to sell other types of alcoholic beverages in addition to the beer and wine which they currently sell. He said that the existing settlement agreement should still be valid; that this is the only change that the ANC has notice of right now; and, that there is no objection to this change. He moved that ANC 1C not protest Federalist Pig's change of license. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. Special exception request for a garage apartment at 2322 19th Street NW

Commissioner Irani reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support a special exception request for a garage apartment at 2322 19th

Street NW. He noted that the ANC had supported this project a few months ago. An architect for the project explained that an additional special exception was now required. Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to support the special exception request for 2322 19th Street.

ii. HPRB application for a roof deck at 1979 Biltmore Street NW

An architect for a roof deck addition at 1979 Biltmore Street NW presented plans for that project. Commissioners and members of the public asked questions about the scope and design of the roof deck. Commissioner Guthrie noted that the PZT Committee recommended support for the project and moved that ANC 1C support the application. Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to support the HPRB application for a roof deck at 1979 Biltmore Street.

iii. Request for bike rack addition at 1731 Kalorama Road NW

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the PZT Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support a Public Space request for the addition of a bike rack at 1731 Kalorama Road NW. He explained that the request is for a circular bike rack in front of a lot that currently is just a hole in the ground. Commissioner Bowles commented that this is in his Single Member District. He said the future building on that lot is supposed to be residences for veterans and that he is pleased that the developers listened to the request for bike racks. Commissioners then voted to support the bike rack request by a vote of 5 to 0.

c. Public Services and the Environment Committee

i. Grant application from Platform of Hope

Commissioner Bowles reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that the full Commission approve a grant for Platform of Hope. Judy Estey, Vice President for Platform of Hope, said that the grant would be used for translation equipment and childcare support.

Commissioner Bowles said the group had provided answers to questions about how many people in the area are served by this program. Members of the public and Commissioners discussed whether groups seeking grants are required to provide the ANC with a full budget; and changes to the new ANC 1C grant application to make it more streamlined. Commissioners Guthrie and Pooley noted that improvements to the ANC 1C grant guidelines will be discussed again at the next PSE meeting. Commissioners then voted to approve the grant by a vote of 5 to 0.

ii. Resolution in support for B23-266 and B23-309, known respectively as the “Prohibition of Marijuana Testing Act of 2019” and “Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Amendment Act of 2019”

Commissioner Bowles reported that the PSE Committee voted to recommend that the full Commission support two measures under consideration by the DC Council that would codify protections for DC employees participating in medical marijuana programs. He provided background on the measures.

Members of the public and Commissioners discussed whether employees in positions involving public safety should be excepted from the protection offered by the legislation. Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to support the bills.

iii. Rescheduling the next PSE Committee meeting from October 23 to October 30

Commissioner Guthrie moved that the next PSE Committee meeting be moved one week forward from Wednesday, October 23 to Wednesday, October 30 to accommodate some people who could not attend the meeting. Commissioners voted 5 to 0 to approve the change.

iv. Proposal for a by-law amendment to create an ANC 1C consent calendar

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the Commission planned to continue last month's discussion about creating a consent calendar and that a proposed change had been submitted by a member of the public.

Commissioner Bowles reviewed the purpose of a consent calendar, which is to allow more streamlined consideration of noncontroversial matters. Commissioners then discussed how it would impact notice periods for agenda items and whether certain types of items could be excluded from consent calendar treatment.

Gottlieb Simon of the DC Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, explained that consent agendas are used for consensus items that are not controversial, and that several consent items can be handled with one vote. He said that for most ANCs notice is usually only given for the meeting, not for specific agenda items, but that ANC 1C's by-laws include a fuller notice requirement. He added that an ANC's draft agenda is required 7 days in advance, but it can be amended at the meeting, including adding items if appropriate.

Commissioners discussed whether members of the public could request that agenda items be taken off the consent agenda so that they could receive full discussion, or whether that would require a Commissioner's request. Commissioner Bowles agreed to look at suggested changes.

Commissioner Irani moved to table the discussion. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

v. Birth-to-Three for All DC

Commissioner Guthrie moved to add to the agenda consideration of a resolution in support of the Birth-to-Three for All DC program without the usual 10 days' notice on the basis that it is in the community interest to weigh in on this matter while it is under consideration by the DC Council. Commissioner Pooley seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Pooley moved a resolution in support of full funding of DC's Birth-to-Three for All program that supports pre-natal and early childhood education, health, and well-being. She provided background on the results of such programs. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 5 to 0.

d. Resolution affirming election results for 1C 04

Commissioner Guthrie announced that the votes had been counted and that John Zottoli had been elected as the new Commissioner for ANC 1C 04. Commissioner Guthrie moved a resolution requesting the DC Board of Elections to declaring that result. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Irani moved to adjourn at 9:12 pm. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.