

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of November 6, 2019**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on November 6, 2019 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. About 27 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Bridget Pooley (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), John Zottoli (1C04), Michaela Wright (1C06), Japer Bowles (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

II. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

Commissioner Guthrie had no report.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for October 2, 2019 Meeting

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0 to 1 (Commissioner Fox Perry abstained because she did not attend the October meeting).

c. Treasurer's Report

i. FY19 Q4 Close Out

Commissioner Pooley reviewed ANC 1C spending in October. She then reviewed and moved for adoption of the FY19 QR financial report closing out the fiscal year. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. Resolution in Support of a Consent Agenda for Regular Meetings of the Commission

Commissioner Bowles reviewed a resolution discussed at previous ANC meetings to amend ANC 1C by-laws to allow for a consent agenda for items that have consensus or are routine. He provided background on the purpose of consent agendas and explained that Commissioners and members of the public would be able to request that items be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for full discussion. Commissioner Bowles noted that the existing 10-day notice requirement for agenda items, as well as the rule allowing for exceptions to that requirement (Article 7, Section 10 of the ANC 1C by-laws), would apply to items on the consent agenda.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed the notice requirement. Commissioner Bowles agreed to a rewording in the introductory clause of the resolution. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Committee assignment

Commissioner Guthrie moved to add to the agenda consideration of committee assignment for new Commissioner John Zottoli without the usual 10 days' notice on the basis that it would be adverse to the community not to have him active in a committee. Commissioner Wright seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Commissioner Guthrie then moved to add Commissioner Zottoli as a member of the Public Services and the Environment Committee. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

V. Committee meeting dates for November and December 2019 and January 2020

Commissioner Guthrie noted that committee and full commission meeting dates will conflict with upcoming holidays and moved that the Public Services and the Environment Committee meet on

Wednesday, November 13 (since there were no agenda items for the ABC and Public Safety Committee); that the ABC and PSE Committee meetings be combined on December 11; and that the full ANC Committee meet on January 8, 2020. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

VI. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

- Commissioner Fox Perry announced that she would be moving out of the ANC and would no longer be able to represent her SMD. She said that she is very sad about it, but arrangements would be made for an election to fill this seat.
- Commissioner Wright announced that a Marie Reed farm share takes place on Monday afternoons between 3 and 6 pm through December 11. Commissioner Wright also announced that there are several ways to name Marie Reed as a charity, including through Amazon purchases and shopping at Harris Teeter.
- Commissioner Pooley announced that DDOT would be holding a Ward 1 open house on Saturday, November 16 at the Columbia Heights Community Center.
- She also announced Congresswoman Holmes Norton would be holding a forum on affordable housing at the 19th Street Baptist Church on November 19; and a quarterly meeting on the National Park Service on November 14, which Commissioner Pooley would be attending.
- Commissioner Pooley announced that the Office of the Attorney General would be holding meetings on civil rights and discrimination on November 13 and 14.
- Commissioner Pooley also announced that a funeral service for Alex Graham who served at the Lanier Place firehouse would be held on Thursday, November 7 at the DC Armory. She noted that Graham was the firefighter of the year in 2018.
- Commissioner Bowles asked that the PSE Committee consider a resolution in support of a ban on flavored tobacco that is being considered by the DC Council.
- Commissioner Bowles announced that he would invite speakers from the Department of Aging and Community Living to come to a December meeting to address resources available to seniors and also volunteer opportunities.
- Commissioner Bowles reported that discussions are continuing on Kalorama Park erosion and that he hopes to have the relevant city officials attend a meeting on this soon.
- Commissioner Bowles asked Commissioner Fox Perry to add to the PZT agenda consideration of a resolution requesting a traffic pattern study at the intersection of 18th Street and Florida Avenue, with the goal of achieving a safer intersection for all. He noted that he has received a lot of emails on this and that adjacent ANC 2B also wants a study. Members of the public made suggestions regarding getting community input on this.
- Commissioner Bowles also suggested holding listening session to gather public input on revisions to DC's Comprehensive Plan, adding that the deadline for comments is January 31, 2020. It was noted that although a Ward 1 community meeting on the Comprehensive Plan was being held at the same time as this meeting, residents could attend the meetings for other Wards.
- Commissioner Zottoli announced that the DC Council would be hold hearings on whether to renew DC's rent control program so this is a good time to weigh in on that.

VII. Public Announcements / Comments

- Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID reported that this year's Porchfest was their largest turnout yet. She thanked all who supported it and said they are considering doing a smaller one in the Spring. She also reported that the Apple Festival raised over \$2000 for Platform of Hope.
- Allie Boback from Councilmember Brianne Nadeau's office encouraged the public to contact their office with questions or requests. She provided fliers in the back with an update on safety

measures and violence prevention; and announced a Lower Georgia Avenue development project launch event on Saturday, November 9 at Cardozo school.

- A representative from the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association announced a neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, November 9 from 9 am to 12, starting off at Unity Park.
- Reuben Forman of Mayor Bowser's office reported on growth in DC public school enrollment; and a housing project to supply 77 affordable units for homeless veterans at the re-designed Walter Reed facility. He also noted that information on public meetings on the DC Comprehensive Plan are posted on the Office of Planning website and that those interested can attend meetings in any Ward. Mr. Forman also reminded everyone that the Department of Public Works is taking steps to improve enforcement in proper trash disposal and urged residents to call 311 if they see illegal dumping. He also reminded everyone to call the hypothermia number (202-399-7093) or 311 if they see someone who needs shelter from the cold and to call 202-576-6664 if they see pets left outside in the cold. Finally, he announced that in response to the Trump Administration's decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement, Mayor Bowser has renewed efforts to achieve clean electricity goals for the city by 2032 and to become carbon neutral by 2050.
- Jessica Bruce from the Line Hotel announced earlier hours on November 9 at the Community Center for the RCNA clean-up; a Knit-a-Thon for expectant mothers from Mary's Center on November 9; the Drag Queen Story Hour on November 23; as well as a Native American group on November 23. She also announced that the hotel has special rates for Ward 1 residents and their family members over the holidays.

VIII. Office of the People's Council presentation re Pepco's rate request

Anjali Patel of the Office of the People's Council presented background on Pepco's application to the DC Public Service Commission for a multi-year rate increase of \$160 million over three years. She explained steps in the rate setting process and the role of the Office of the People's Council in reviewing the request to make sure residents will benefit and it will advance the District's environmental goals. Ms. Patel said that OPC will study whether Pepco's forecasts are accurate, and whether Pepco is asking for incentives for service they should already be providing, or for infrastructure money that they are already getting. She said there will be community hearings on this in the Spring.

Commissioners and members of the public asked about the timeline for the process; whether there is a role for the ANC, for instance in filing comments about constituent concerns about bills; the proposed Champlain substation upgrade; and, whether the rate increase would finance the capital grid improvement project.

IX. Scheduled Business

a. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. Consider the renewal of ABC licenses for: Heaven & Hell/The Green Island Cafe; Timehri; Madams Organ; Bukom Café; Shenanigans; Mellow Mushroom; Bedrock Billiards; Grand Duchess; The Green Zone; The Imperial; Songbyrd; WeWork; Roofers Union; and Town Tavern

Commissioner Guthrie read a list of taverns that are up for license renewal and asked if anyone had any input or concerns about any of the establishments. He added that some establishments not on the current list will be handled in December. Commissioner Guthrie noted that ANC 1C protested renewal of Heaven & Hell the last time it was up and the establishment ended up with a fine and a suspension for failing to provide security coverage.

Commissioner Guthrie also noted that Bukom Café had asked to terminate their settlement agreement with ANC 1C. He said that they have been a good operator, but it does not seem that ANC 1C should eliminate the agreement.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed whether it was worth protesting any of the licenses and attending a hearing on it, and whether it would lead to a better settlement agreement. Commissioners also discussed whether to join ANC 2B in protesting the license of Assets.

Commissioner Guthrie then moved that ANC 1C protest Bukom Café's (Maribu Inc.) petition to terminate its settlement agreement on the basis that it would have an adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, and further moved that any ANC 1C Commissioner be authorized to act on behalf of the ANC in proceedings in this matter. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

A co-owner from Songbyrd commented that they have been visited by enforcement agencies in the past couple weeks. (He noted this would be address by another agenda item, but he could not stay until that part of the meeting.) Commissioner Guthrie explained that the main concern is that the agencies are not coming out in evening hours.

b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. BZA application for Destination Pet, LLC (2218-2220 18th St NW), to expand Life of Riley in operation at the neighboring building (2222-2224 18th St NW)

Steven Varga presented plans to expand Destination Pet, which is operating as Life of Riley on 18th Street, and to add services as a veterinary hospital. He said they have submitted an application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a special exception to operate the hospital and they feel they have met the conditions for that relief. He added that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee had asked him to look into waste storage and disposal questions.

Commissioners and members of the public expressed concern that there would be collection only once a week for animal waste and asked what the standard is among other veterinary businesses. Rob Border, the construction manager for the project, reported on several options they looked into including secure containers and getting trash picked-up twice a week. A member of the public asked for a walk-through for neighbors.

Commissioners discussed whether to make waste disposal conditions part of the resolution in support of the project. Commissioner Fox Perry said she would work on language to that effect then moved to table the matter until the December meeting. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion to table that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

ii. Resolution in support of pedestrian and cyclist safety bills

Commissioner Bowles reported that the PZT Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C pass a resolution expressing support for 6 bills before the DC Council that address pedestrian and cyclist safety. He summarized the measures and noted that bill addressing protected cycling lanes includes 5 projects in or bordering ANC 1C.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed some of the provisions in the resolution including the Vision Zero Distracted Driving Amendment Act that would allow drivers to get points on their record for distracted driving even when it did not result in an accident. The discussion also covered responsibility for all who use roads, including distracted pedestrians and cyclists, and whether current laws are being enforced.

Commissioners then voted 6 to 0 to pass the resolution.

iii. Resolution in support of amendments for B23-359, The Electric Mobility Devices Amendment Act of 2019 with recommended edits

Commissioner Bowles introduced a resolution in support of B23-359, The Electric Mobility Devices Amendment Act of 2019, a bill before the DC Council. He explained provisions of the resolution dealing with fleet balancing by Ward; hours of operation restrictions; increased number of scooter corrals; tamper-proof bell/horn requirements; battery replacement models; fines on operators for chargers' traffic violations; and, incentives to encourage parking in corrals and other designated areas.

Commissioners discussed changes in the resolution that were adopted by the PZT Committee addressing fines on the operator and a deadline for converting scooter models. Commissioners and members of the public also discussed concerns about scooters on sidewalks and enforcement. Commissioner Bowles withdrew the resolution for additional revisions.

c. Public Services and the Environment Committee

i. Resolution Requesting that DPW, ABRA, DDOT, DOH and DCRA Conduct Nighttime Enforcement in Adams Morgan

Commissioner Pooley reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C pass a resolution requesting that District agencies enforce regulations related to trash disposal and food regulations and that these agencies conduct nighttime inspections of businesses and properties in Adams Morgan.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed the need for additional funding for increased inspectors and enforcement. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 5 to 0.

ii. Grant guideline updates

Commissioner Pooley reported that the PSE Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C adopt previously discussed changes to its grant guidelines. She highlighted changes including tiered amounts for grants; the grant cycle timeline including proactive calls for grants; and, the application submission process. Commissioner Pooley added that ANC 1C has a healthy balance of funds available for grants which can be put back into improving the community.

Commissioners then adopted the changes by a vote of 5 to 0.

iii. Resolution in support of ATU Local 689 Transdev Striking Workers

Commissioners briefly discussed a resolution offered by Commissioner Dendy in support of striking workers from ATU Local 689 who drive buses for Transdev, a WMATA contractor. Commissioners decided to table the resolution until December when Commissioner Dendy would be present to explain more about this matter.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Pooley moved to adjourn at 10:36 pm. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.