

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of April 3, 2019

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on April 3, 2019 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. About 25 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Bridget Pooley (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), Douglas Ely (1C04), Damiana Dendy (1C05), Michaela Wright (1C06), Japer Bowles (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

II. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the Commission had received a letter from Providence Hospital asking for ANC 1C's support for adding an urgent care unit to the facility. He asked Commissioners to let him know if they think this would be of interest to the residents of ANC 1C and whether it should be added to the May agenda.

b. Secretary's Report

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Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

c. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Pooley had no updates or business, but said that the Q2 financial report will be ready for the May meeting. She also mentioned that she is working on renewing ANC 1C's meeting space contract with Mary's Center and she will also look into getting a key for the Center.

III. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

- Commissioner Pooley announced that the Fund for Kalorama Park would hold a clean-up day at the park on Saturday, April 13 at 10 am.
- Commissioner Bowles said he was assessing interest in a clean-up day in his single member district and possibly Reed-Cooke in mid-May and asked those interested to let him know. Commissioner Bowles also said he will be holding office hours at Songbyrd on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 pm. Finally, he mentioned that after observing a different ANC's meeting, he wanted to thank the Commissioners in ANC 1C for being cordial with each other.
- Commissioner Guthrie noted that he has listened to applicants from other ANCs be very argumentative at agency hearings and he commended the applicants from ANC 1C for knowing when to take yes for an answer.
- Commissioner Irani reported that the agenda for the April 10 ABC and Public Safety Committee meeting included consideration of license renewals for a number of establishments listed under the ABC agenda. He urged anyone with concerns about any of these establishments to attend the meeting and to email him in advance.
- Commissioner Fox Perry reported that the agenda for the April 17 Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee meeting would include a discussion with a representative of WMATA on the Calvert Street bus turn around, and possibly plans for a roof deck at 2326 20th Street.
- Commissioner Wright reported that the ANC 1C Twitter account has been reactivated and urged the public to follow it. She also announced that the Community Center at the Line Hotel will have

a satellite DC library location where books can be checked out and returned without a library card.

- Commissioner Ely reported that a representative from Washington Gas came to the March meeting of the Public Services and the Environment Committee meeting to talk about Project Pipes. He also announced that there would be a community meeting on Walter Pierce Park renovations on April 8 at 7 pm at the Marie Reed school. Finally, Commissioner Ely announced that Ms. Essie Bowman would be hosting a tea party at Marie Reed on April 20 from 11 am to 2 pm for girls and parents from Marie Reed. He said they are looking for donations for the tea party and that those interested could contact him for more information.

IV. Polly Donaldson, Director of Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Polly Donaldson, Director of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) provided an overview of Mayor Bowser's budget that has been submitted to the DC Council for hearings. Ms. Donaldson said the entire budget was available online, but also provided fact sheets on budget initiatives in affordable housing, public safety, and public transit. She mentioned other highlights such as free Circulator rides in the coming year; extension of the childcare tax credit; and increased funding for schools, senior programs, and jobs programs.

Ms. Donaldson provided specific updates on housing programs; the commercial property taxes which support help them; and efforts to preserve existing affordable housing. She stressed that affordable housing should be in all neighborhoods across the city. Ms. Donaldson also provided information on a new initiative called Workforce Housing to create and preserve housing for workers who need affordable housing in the city and concluded with statistics on her department's efficiency in using housing funds.

Commissioners and members of the public asked for more information about the Workforce Housing initiative; what is considered affordable housing; what can be done to preserve the diversity of Adams Morgan; the effect of rent control in preserving affordable housing; and the state of public housing under the jurisdiction of the DC Housing Authority. Ms. Donaldson provided her email address for further comments and questions: Polly.donaldson@dc.gov.

V. Councilmember Brienne Nadeau

Councilmember Brienne Nadeau provided updates on her efforts to increase affordable housing for Ward 1 and to increase funds for schools. She also reviewed some of her legislative successes including the Red Flag Law which provides a process for people to report potentially dangerous situations involving guns; the Public Restroom Act which has passed but still needs funding; and, the Lead Water Service Line Replacement Act which has passed but also needs funding. She reported on her efforts to keep the revenue from the internet sales tax from going to commercial property owners whose property is worth more than \$10 million. Councilmember Nadeau also reported on new legislation she has introduced in the areas of housing, including a bill to rescind the independence of DC's Housing Authority; a bill to allow ANCs to weigh in on DC's Comprehensive Plan; and the One Job at a Time bill requiring Councilmembers to have only one job. She also mentioned that she is reviewing a bill that strengthens rent control. Finally, she reminded residents of the April 8 meeting on renovations at Walter Pierce Park.

Commissioners asked about the status of the Red Flag Law, and whether resending the ANC 1C resolution on the Public Restroom Act might be helpful in getting funding. Members of the public asked for details of the Red Flag Law and the One Job at a Time bill; and about affordable housing projects in the pipeline for Ward 1 and the community's acceptance of housing projects. Alan Roth said he would contact the Councilmember with some ideas on how to fund the Lead Water Service Line Act.

VI. Public Announcements / Comments

- Benedict Aubrun raised the subject of making composting available for Adams Morgan residents. Commissioner Guthrie noted that composting is currently available in the Kalorama Park gardens. Commissioner Fox Perry said she contacted someone at the Department of Public Works who said they are not yet in a position to expand that service.
- Reuben Forman from Mayor Bowser's office provided printed highlights of the Mayor's budget, including modernization of Adams school. He announced that Pothole Palooza would be starting soon and he encouraged residents to put their requests into 311 when they see potholes, along with photos and location information. Mr. Forman also announced a new campaign to train Ward 1 residents in transportation jobs; and a separate program to improve DC road signs by allowing residents to notify the DC Department of Transportation of road signs that don't make sense by sending the information to #GoodsignDC. He also announced that the Emancipation Day parade would be held on Saturday, April 13. A member of the public asked him to ensure that DC information is made available in Spanish and Amharic. Another member of the public raised an issue about an unfinished crosswalk at Euclid and Ontario.
- Kristin Barden of the Adams Morgan BID announced that the 711 convenience store at 19th and Wyoming would be reopening on April 22. She also announced that the BID and Marie Reed will again sponsor movie nights on Tuesday nights in May and June. She said the movies will have an outer space theme and will involve a partnership with the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in honor of the 50-year anniversary of the moon landing. Ms. Barden also announced that Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 17 this year and that there would once again be a pit stop in Unity Park sponsored by the BID, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, and City Bikes.
- Antonio Caro from Mary's Center announced that tickets are now available for Taste of Adams Morgan which will be held on Tuesday, June 4 with over 20 restaurants participating. He also said they would be doing a podcast miniseries on local restaurants starting with El Tamarindo.

VII. Scheduled Business

a. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. Parking changes on the 1700 block of Kalorama Road and Ontario Road NW

Commissioner Fox Perry moved a resolution requesting parking changes on the 1700 block of Kalorama Road and a small portion of Ontario Road, in preparation for the Jubilee Housing development. She explained that in order to accommodate concerns about the shortage of parking for residents without compromising the need for metered parking for local businesses, parking meters would remain, with a changed in the times for metered parking so that in the evening parking would revert to Residential Permit Parking (RPP). Commissioner Fox Perry described other provisions of the resolution that request the District Department of Transportation to work with the necessary parties to establish a drop-off zone in front of the Sitar Center; and request that commitments regarding employee parking for Sitar and Jubilee be enforced. The resolution was recommended by the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee and so did not require a second. Commissioners then approved the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0.

ii. Resolution to name a portion of Quarry Road to honor Casilda Luna

Nancy Shia provided background on the plan to name a portion of Quarry Road for Casilda Luna and about other events in her honor. Commissioner Guthrie asked that the group to let him know who will be introducing the relevant legislation in the DC Council, so he knows where and when to send an ANC 1C letter of support. They said they are working with Councilmember Anita Bonds.

Commissioner Fox Perry moved a resolution recommending to the DC Council that the 2700 block of Quarry Road, NW be designated as Casilda Luna Way. The resolution was recommended by the PZT Committee and so did not require a second. Commissioners then voted to pass the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0.

iii. Plans at 2322 19th Street NW for a new garage with dwelling unit above

Commissioner Fox Perry reported that the PZT Committee referred plans for renovations at 2322 19th Street to the full Commission with no recommendation. The owners presented their plans to replace an old garage with a new one with a dwelling unit above. They said they have support letters from neighbors. An architect explained plans for the structure and for preserving existing trees.

Commissioners asked about the entrance to the dwelling unit, and whether the garage is from the historic period relevant to this historic district.

Commissioner Guthrie moved that ANC 1C approve proposed plans for 2322 19th Street, NW as long as conditions agreed to with the neighbors are included in the order from the Historic Preservation Office. Commissioner Fox Perry seconded the motion.

Members of the public and Commissioners discussed the height of the garage; whether it would become a trend to add a dwelling unit on top of garages; whether this is appropriate in historic districts; or whether accessory dwelling units are a creative way to add housing opportunities.

Commissioners then passed the resolution proposed by Commissioner Guthrie by a vote of 8 to 0.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Ely moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion which passed unanimously.