

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C  
Adams Morgan  
Minutes of February 7, 2018**

**I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on February 7, 2018 at Mary's Center. Chair Hector Huezo called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. About 35 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Hector Huezo (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), A.Tianna Scozzaro (1C04), Ryan Strom (1C05), and Wilson Reynolds (1C07).

**II. Officers' Reports**

**a. Chair's Report**

Chair Huezo had nothing to report.

**b. Secretary's Report**

**i. Minutes for January 3, 2018 Meeting**

In Secretary Reardon's absence, Commissioner Huezo moved to approve the minutes for the January 3, 2018 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

**c. Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Scozzaro had nothing to report.

**III. Commissioner Announcements**

- Commissioner Irani announced that the agenda for the February meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee would include a police report, hours for Rioja Market, and the expiration of the alcohol beverage license moratorium in Adams Morgan.
- Commissioner Scozzaro announced that there would be a craft night at the Line Hotel community center to make Valentine's Day cards.
- Commissioner Reynolds announced that he is in discussions with DC Water on work they are doing on Champlain, Florida, and Kalorama Streets that involved shutting off the water with less than 24 hours' notice.
- Commissioner Huezo announced that the agenda for the February meeting of the Public Services and the Environment Committee would include consideration of a resolution from DC Jobs for Justice regarding Power Design, Inc. He also announced that the PSE Committee met at the Marie Reed Learning Center in January to discuss availability of community services. He added that a group would be meeting with the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and that those interested could contact him for information on the meeting.
- Commissioner Huezo also announced that there would be an event on the evening of February 11 at Meze restaurant to remember former Commissioner Marty Davis who passed away in January. He noted that Commissioner Davis was a key force in getting Envision Adams Morgan started.
- Commissioner Scozzaro announced that a planning meeting for the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Adams Morgan Day would be held on Monday, March 5.

#### **IV. Public Announcements / Comments**

- Amanda Bonam from Councilmember Nadeau’s office provided contact information for their office and provided details about the next public meeting with the Councilmember.
- Benedicte Auburn announced that a group would be gathering to remember former ANC Commissioner Marty Davis on Sunday, February 11 at Meze restaurant. She also noted that contractors for DC Water that are working on installing new water meters do not always send prior notice. Finally, she asked that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee consider an analysis by the Committee of 100 of the Mayor’s proposed changes to the DC Comprehensive Plan for land use.
- Denis James, President of the Kalorama Citizens’ Association, offered a resolution to seek public input and a traffic study for improving traffic and pedestrian safety on 18<sup>th</sup> Street. He also announced that Councilmember Nadeau would be at the next KCA meeting.
- A liaison for the Line Hotel announced that nonprofit groups can reserve the community space at the hotel.
- Representatives from DC’s Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) announced that they are asking the Zoning Commission to keep the record open on proposed zoning regulations that will affect child development centers.
- Sheika Nikole Reid announced that she is running for the Ward 1 DC Council seat and asked for signatures on her petition to get on the ballot.
- Shinada Phillips of Mayor Bowser’s office let people know they can contact her with questions and concerns. She also announced that the Mayor’s budget engagement forums would be starting and people can check the Mayor’s website for times and locations.

#### **V. Scheduled Business**

##### **a. ABC and Public Safety Committee**

###### **i. 18th Street improvements public meetings**

Commissioner Irani moved a resolution laying out a schedule of public meetings to gather feedback on improving the 18<sup>th</sup> Street corridor in Adams Morgan. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed the timeline for the meetings and whether it should be extended; specific dates for meetings with the Adams Morgan BID; methods for getting the word out about the meetings; whether specific options should be proposed for discussion; whether a traffic study should be requested from the District Department of Transportation; and, whether a safe streets audit should be requested.

Commissioners then voted 6 to 0 to pass the resolution to schedule public meetings to solicit input on 18th Street traffic improvements.

##### **b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee**

###### **i. Rock and Roll Marathon request for support**

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution expressing ANC 1C support for the 2018 Rock N Roll Marathon passing through Adams Morgan with the specific condition that MPD’s request to move vehicles on that portion of the race course be reversed, as the Commission does not

support moving, towing or ticketing vehicles parked in the path of the race. The motion did not require a second since it was recommended by the PZT Committee. Commissioners voted 6 to 0 to pass the resolution.

**ii. Mill Creek community benefit package for Italian Embassy project**

Joe Muffler from Mill Creek asked for ANC 1C support for changes to the community benefit conditions related to the Italian Embassy project (Zoning Commission Case No. 11-08). Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C support the proposed modifications.

Mr. Muffler explained that the relevant parties – the Festival Center and the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association – have agreed to the changes and that the agreement needs to be finalized to gain a certificate of occupancy for the project. Jay Forth, director of the Festival Center, and Billy Simpson, speaking for the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association, confirmed that both organizations would prefer the proposed modifications.

Commissioners and members of the public asked about plans, budgets, and transparency for the funds. Commissioners then voted 6 to 0 to support proposed modifications to the community benefits conditions in Zoning Commission Case No. 11-08.

**iii. Pepco substation BZA application**

Travis Culpepper of Pepco presented Pepco's Board of Zoning Adjustment application for zoning relief for the substation on Champlain Street and asked for support from ANC 1C. Commissioner Reynolds reported that the PZT Committee did not have a recommendation on this request. Pepco representatives described the specific requests for relief regarding parking, bike parking, loading, and side yard requirements.

Commissioners and members of the public asked about substation safety, the historic landmark designation, environmental impact statements, electromagnetic fields and health standards, bike parking, and meeting with the Mayor's agent regarding the historic designation.

Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C not object to the requested zoning relief for the Champlain Street PEPCO substation but request the District Department of Energy and the Environment to conduct and publish an Environmental Impact Statement for the substation. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**iv. 2318 20<sup>th</sup> Street NW renovations**

Architects presented proposed renovations to the row house at 2318 20<sup>th</sup> Street NW which include changes to the rear of the house, a sky light, and windows. They explained that it would remain a single-family residence, that the lot occupancy would not change, and that the changes would not be seen from the street. The architects said they are not seeking zoning relief and are just seeking community input before going to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

A member of the public asked about the basement. Commissioner Huezo commented that the neighbors had no complaints about the proposed changes. Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C support the proposed renovations at 2318 20<sup>th</sup> St. NW as being appropriate and in

keeping with historical guidelines. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**VI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Huezo moved to adjourn at 9:22 pm. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.