

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

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

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on March 7, 2018 at Mary's Center. Chair Hector Huezo called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. About 40 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Hector Huezo (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), Commissioner Brendan Reardon (1C06), Commissioner Wilson Reynolds (1C07), and Commissioner Fox Perry (1C08).

**II. Officers' Reports**

**a. Chair's Report**

Chair Huezo reported that he attended a training for ANC chairs and treasurers. He thanked the Commissioners for all their hard work; the community for attending the meeting; and, the media for covering the meeting.

**b. Secretary's Report**

**i. Minutes for February 7, 2018 Meeting**

Commissioner Huezo moved to approve the minutes for the February 7, 2018 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion which then passed by a vote of 4 to 0, with 2 abstentions from Commissioners who had not been at the February meeting.

**c. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Scozzaro was not present but had relayed to Chair Huezo that she had nothing to report.

**III. Deputy Fire Chief presentation on 911 calls**

Deputy Fire Chief Sollers gave an overview of the "Right Care, Right Now" program that will link 911 callers who have non-emergency symptoms to a nurse who will refer the callers to the most appropriate medical care, thus preserving EMS resources for life threatening injuries and illnesses. Mr. Sollers, Justin Brown with the EMS department, and Chief Communications Officer Doug Buchanan answered questions from Commissioners and members of the public about the new system, which will be phased in over six months.

**IV. GoDcgo presentation**

Erin Ghalayini from goDCgo presented information about this District Department of Transportation (DDOT) initiative designed to encourage sustainable transportation options in DC including walking, biking, and taking public transportation.

**V. Line Hotel update**

Seth Dubner, project manager for the Line Hotel, said a few remaining construction items may take another month or two to finish, but the hotel is mostly open and operating. He also said they have asked the Department of Transportation to fix the incorrect parking signs in front of the hotel. Mr. Dubner then answered questions from Commissioners and the public about the parking garage; damaged paving at Unity Park; and, whether their electrical contractor was compliant with DC employment law.

## VI. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Reynolds reminded everyone that the March 10 Rock N Roll Marathon would cross through Adams Morgan and that cars along the course would have to be moved by 7 am or risk being towed. He noted that ANC 1C tried but was not successful in getting the police department to refrain from towing cars. Commissioners discussed the roads affected and whether ANC 1C should withdraw its support for the race now or for future races. Shinada Phillips of Mayor Bowser's office said there may be some relief from ticketing and towing in residential zones affected by the race.
- Commissioner Fox Perry announced that the agenda for the March 28 meeting of the Public Services and the Environment Committee would include a presentation from Put a Price on It DC about a carbon fee and rebate program aimed at reducing carbon emissions; a presentation from Quiet Clean DC about ending the use of gas powered leaf blowers; and consideration of a resolution urging increased funding for the University of the District of Columbia. Commissioner Reynolds added that DC is far below the national average for local spending on higher education and that UDC would be holding a related Equity Imperative event on March 10. Commissioner Fox Perry added there would also be a presentation from Murals DC at the PSE meeting. Nancee Lyons from Murals DC said they are looking for wall recommendations for murals to prevent graffiti and to help build a sense of community.
- Commissioner Huezo thanked Shinada Phillips, Mayor Bowser's office, and DDOT for **another completed** another alley in Adams Morgan, and for the removal of graffiti from the Taft Bridge.
- Commissioner Reardon reminded everyone to check the website for information about meeting agendas and matters addressed and thanked the Commissioners for submitting agenda information in advance of the meetings.
- Commissioner Guthrie announced that this year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Adams Morgan Day. He said there are plans to make it special this year while continuing to make it feel like a neighborhood event and that those interested in getting involved could contact Commissioner Scozzaro or Carol Miller or go to the Adams Morgan Day Facebook page.
- Commissioner Irani encouraged everyone to try the 311 app for services in DC. He said it is a very easy way to report issues such as lights, meters, sidewalks, or potholes that need repair.
- Commissioner Irani also reported that the March 14 ABC and Public Safety Committee meeting agenda would include the police report on crime statistics, and a presentation from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) Director on ABC establishments, enforcement, and the Adams Morgan moratorium on alcohol licenses.
- Commissioner Reardon reported that the March 21 Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee meeting agenda would include discussion of 2300 16<sup>th</sup> Street; 1766 Lanier Place NW; and, the condition of tree fences along Columbia Road. Commissioner Reynolds provided a brief summary on the status of neighborhood tree fences and what needs to be done to repair them.

## VII. Public Announcements / Comments

- Amanda Bonam from Councilmember Nadeau's office provided contact information for their office and announced there would be a constituent services walk through of Commissioner Irani's Single Member District on March 19 to pick up trash and look for 311 issues. She also announced that there would be a Brianne on Your Block meeting on March 21 at the Sheba Café in Columbia Heights and gave an update on upcoming oversight hearings.
- Brenda Ekwurzel, a climate scientist who lives in Adams Morgan, urged ANC 1C support for the Climate and Community Investment Act, proposed legislation to reduce carbon emissions. She left

fliers on the back table and said that the Put a Price on It Coalition would be at the March 28 Public Services and the Environment Committee to further explain the initiative.

- Benedicte Auburn announced that if members of the public wish to testify at a March 20 public hearing on amendments to DC's Comprehensive Plan, they must register in advance with the DC Council Committee of the Whole.
- Another member of the public spoke in support of the carbon tax and rebate proposal.
- Shinada Phillips of Mayor Bowser's office let people know they can contact her with questions and concerns and announced that the Mayor's would deliver a State of the District speech on March 15 at UDC. She also reported that they work with the 311 service to go through the Wards to address problems, some of which will be included in the upcoming budget.
- Kristen Barden, of the Adams Morgan BID, reported that they will not be doing a summer concert this year, but they will still do the movie nights in May and June.

## **VIII. Scheduled Business**

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

#### **i. Infusion Settlement Agreement**

Commissioner Irani moved that consideration of a settlement agreement with Infusion restaurant be added to the agenda without the typical 10 days' notice on the basis that not doing so would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the procedural motion and explained that the hearing date for this matter comes up before the next ANC meeting. Commissioners voted 5 to 0 to add this matter to the agenda.

Commissioner Irani introduced the applicant who said that after many hours of negotiations they were read to sign the agreement, and he highlighted noise reduction measures they would take. Questions and comments from Commissioners and members of the public focused on the application being for a restaurant and not a tavern; the nature of a business on the premises that will sell fixtures; and, the allowable commercial floor area ratio.

Commissioner Reardon noted that he was not involved in the negotiations for this establishment which is in his Single Member District and that his constituents are concerned about late night noise. Commissioners discussed the short time frame to weigh in once notices are received from the ABRA. Chair Huerdo said in the future effort should be made to include Commissioners in matters in their own SMDs.

Commissioner Guthrie moved to approve the settlement agreement with Infusion. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion. Commissioners discussed whether the hours for music could be shortened. Commissioner Guthrie said they did their best in negotiations given what the ABC Board is likely to approve. Commissioners then voted 5 to 1 to approved the settlement agreement.

### **b. Public Services and the Environment Committee**

#### **i. Historic sign at Kalorama Park**

Commissioner Fox Perry reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support the creation of a sign and literature for Kalorama Park to honor Hortense Prout's 1861 escape from slavery and provide information about the Park's history as part of the Underground Railroad.

Mary Belcher provided background on the proposed sign and how it would be funded. Members of the public asked about which government agencies would have to approve the signs, and how the money would be spent. Commissioner Fox Perry moved for adoption of the resolution in support of the sign which then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

**ii. Marie Reed Pool Hours**

Commissioner Fox Perry moved a resolution recommended by the PSE Committee in support of improved and expanded community access to the Marie Reed pool. Commissioners discussed assurances received from the Department of Parks and Recreation regarding hours then passed the resolution by a vote of 5 to 0.

**iii. Wage Theft Resolution**

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution to urge improved oversight and enforcement of contractors who commit wage theft in DC. Commissioner Fox Perry seconded the motion. Farah Fosse from DC Jobs with Justice provided background on the resolution and asked for support from ANC 1C.

Commissioners discussed dropping references to specific contractors from the resolution and expanding the DC government offices to which the resolution would be sent. Commissioners voted to adopt those amendments by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, with Commissioners Irani, Huezco, Guthrie, Fox Perry, and Reynolds voting in favor of the amendments. Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to pass the resolution as amended.

**c. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee**

**i. 18<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Study**

Commissioner Reynolds introduced a resolution recommended by the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee asking DDOT to conduct a traffic study of 18th Street. He said the goal is to gather data on traffic issues in the area and noted that if the request is too broad it won't get approved by DDOT. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 5 to 0.

**ii. Location of Bike Rack**

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the PZT Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support keeping the current location of a bike rack on the property of the Line Hotel. He moved that ANC 1C urge withdrawal of a Public Space application to move the bike rack to another location. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 5 to 0.

**iii. Proposed Amendments to the DC Comprehensive Plan**

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution recommended by the PZT Committee urging the DC Council to ensure that amendments to the District's Comprehensive Plan protect the capacity of the District's citizens to participate effectively in land-use decision making and benefit from a reasonable level of stability and predictability in zoning. Commissioner Reynolds also moved to add that he, Larry Hargrove, Alan Gambrell, and Charles Baimes (sp?), be authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 1C on this subject.

Larry Hargrove provided background on the process for amending the Comprehensive Plan and how the amendments currently under consideration could benefit large developers at the expense of individual citizens. Commissioners then passed the resolution as amended by a vote of 5 to 0.

**d. ABC and Public Safety Committee, continued**

**i. 18th Street Corridor Survey**

Commissioner Irani introduced discussion of a draft survey to gather input from the public on 18<sup>th</sup> Street traffic and safety concerns and solutions. Commissioners and members of the public provided comments and suggestions for the wording and scope of the proposed survey questions.

Commissioner Irani moved that ANC 1C develop an online survey on the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor, the text of which will be reviewed at the Committee level. Commissioners passed the motion by a vote of 6 to 0.

**IX. Adjournment**

Commissioner Huezo moved to adjourn at 9:47 pm. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.