

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C**  
**Adams Morgan**  
**Minutes of May 4, 2022**

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

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on May 4, 2022. Commissioner Clem called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Howard Bauleke (1C01), Peter Wood (1C03), Meghan Faulkner (1C04), Deb Felsenthal (1C05), Benjamin Butz (1C06), Jake Faleschini (1C07), and Fiona Clem (1C08). Members of the public joined electronically.

**II. Approval of the agenda**

Commissioner Wood moved to add to the agenda consideration of a [resolution](#) regarding the District of Columbia's role as a safe haven for reproductive health services. Commissioner Felsenthal seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Commissioner Faleschini moved to drop from the agenda consideration of an alcoholic beverage license renewal for Muzette. Commissioner Wood seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Commissioner Faleschini explained that concerns about trash behind the restaurant are now being taken up with the building owners.

Commissioner Butz moved to drop from the agenda review of a grant to Seasoned Settlers. Commissioner Clem seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Commissioner Clem then moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Commissioners approved the agenda by a vote of 7 to 0.

**III. Officers' Reports**

**A. Chairman's report**

Commissioner Clem reported that there is still a vacancy for single member district 1C02 and said information about running for that seat can be found at the [DC Board of Elections](#) website.

**B. Secretary's report**

Commissioner Faleschini reported that the liquor license renewal deadline has been extended to the end of May.

**C. Treasurer's report**

Commissioner Faulkner reviewed the ANC's current finances. She noted there were no significant outstanding payments and that she is working with the Office of ANCs on past grant documentation and outstanding allotments.

**IV. Commissioner announcements**

Commissioners reported on upcoming committee meeting agendas as well as a water main replacement project; alcohol license renewals; Kalorama Park updates; opportunities to weigh in on DC budget hearings and redistricting; the 18<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian zone; crosswalk restriping; contra flow bike lanes;

gun shots on Columbia Road; a clean-up at the Marie Reed campus; 16<sup>th</sup> Street bus lane progress; the open position for ANC 1C 's AV services; PEPCO work along Florida Avenue and V Street; a clean-up event organized by Marie Reed parents; traffic calming along Kalorama Road and Champlain Street; an upcoming soccer tournament at Marie Reed; and lights at the Marie Reed basketball courts.

#### **V. Inez Saki-Tay, update from DCRA**

Inez Saki-Tay from the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs presented background on services provided by the agency including building inspections and permits; zoning enforcement; business and professional licenses; consumer protection; registering vacant buildings; tracking landlord violations; and contractor ratings.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Saki-Tay for her help on construction project concerns; asked if constituents could contact her directly; and asked about holding vacant building owners accountable. Ms. Saki-Tay provided her contact information: Inez.Saki-Tay@DC.gov; (202) 442-4200; (202) 299-2176; mobile: (202) 497-4765; dcra.dc.gov.

#### **VI. Ryan O'Leary re Initiative 82**

Ryan O'Leary, chairman of the DC Committee to Build a Better Restaurant Industry, spoke about Initiative 82 to increase the minimum wage for tipped employees. Mr. O'Leary said the measure would raise the sub-minimum wage of tipped workers incrementally over five years to bring parity with the full minimum wage.

Commissioners asked about which positions received the sub-minimum wage and about any differences with previous initiatives on this issue.

#### **VII. Public Announcements**

Nancee Lyons from the DC Department of Public Works' [mural program](#) announced that they have received requests for two murals in Adams Morgan – one at 1831 Belmont Road and one nearby at Streets Market on 1864 Columbia Road. She said people can contact her at murals.dc@dc.gov or email nancee.lyons@dc.gov if they have historic information about the neighborhood they would like the artist to be aware of for the mural. Commissioners asked about the approval process for the murals.

Kristen Barden, from the Adams Morgan BID, provided updates on their spring events including the art walk; drag queen story time; a scavenger hunt in May for small business month; bike-to-work day; movie nights; and the 18<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian zone. Commissioners asked about the pedestrian zone and what the community should know about traffic plans.

#### **VIII. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of [minutes](#) from the April 2022 ANC 1C meeting. Commissioners passed the consent agenda by a vote of 7 to 0.

## **IX. Regular Agenda**

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

#### **1. BZA application ([case 20735](#)) for 2920 18th Street NW**

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support the BZA application for a variance for a rear deck at 2920 18<sup>th</sup> Street. The owners and their architect explained their plans for the deck and said they have letters of support from neighbors and no opposition thus far. Commissioners asked about the effect on access to the alley. Commissioner Clem then moved that ANC 1C send a [letter](#) of support for the zoning relief sought from lot occupancy and rear yard requirements. Commissioners passed the motion by a vote of 7 to 0.

#### **2. Building permit (B220280) and HPRB application for the Imperial at 2001 18th St NW**

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the PZT Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support plans for a roof structure at Imperial at 2001 18th St NW (renderings [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) and [specs](#)). The owners and contractor described plans for a pergola to cover a dining area on the roof and explained they need approval of the Historic Preservation Review Board since the building is in a historic district. They added that the pergola would be visible from 18<sup>th</sup> Street but would be less visible than the tent which it would be replacing.

Commissioners noted that they have not heard any negative comments from neighbors about the plans and commented on the positive impact it would have. Commissioner Clem moved that ANC 1C send a [letter](#) of support for the roof structure plans. Commissioners passed the motion by a vote of 7 to 0.

### **B. Resolution Regarding the DC's Role as a Safe Haven for Reproductive Health Services**

Commissioner Wood introduced a [resolution](#) regarding the District of Columbia's Role as a Safe Haven for Reproductive Health Services. He said one purpose of the resolution is to urge the DC government to go a little farther in the direction they are going. Commissioners commented on the impact of ANCs weighing in on this matter, and on its urgency given the recently leaked Supreme Court draft opinion. Commissioners suggested wording acknowledging restrictions that prevent DC from using Medicaid funds for reproductive services and abortion. Commissioner Wood accepted the amendments then moved to pass the [resolution](#) as amended. Commissioner Bauleke seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

## **X. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.