

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of July 6, 2022

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on July 6, 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), Ben Butz (1C06), Jake Faleschini (1C07), and Fiona Clem (1C08). Members of the public joined electronically.

II. Approval of the agenda

Commissioner Clem moved to add to the agenda consideration of the quarterly financial report. Commissioners voted 7 to 0 to adopt the agenda with the addition of the quarterly report.

III. Officers' Reports

A. Chairman's report

Commissioner Clem reported that although one person had filed to run for commissioner of 1C02, the signatures were challenged so the seat will remain vacant until end of term. She noted that anyone interested in running for an ANC seat can pick up petitions beginning July 20 with a filing deadline of August 10.

B. Secretary's report

Commissioner Faleschini had nothing to report.

C. Treasurer's report

Commissioner Faulkner reviewed ANC 1C's [financial report](#) for the third quarter of 2022 noting that allotments are expected in the next few weeks.

IV. Commissioner announcements

Commissioners reported on upcoming committee meeting agendas as well as on the closing of a local business; liquor license renewals; issues with illegal parking; the DC Water project at Wyoming Avenue and Kalorama Road; volunteer gardening; the Columbia Road bus priority project; a proposed suicide barrier on the Taft Bridge; completion of the contra flow bike lane on Lanier Place and Argonne Place; repairs to a co-op; traffic safety and parking issues; pool hours at Marie Reed; volunteer clean-ups; the availability of COVID vaccines for children under 5; and a public meeting on the redevelopment of fire and police station on U Street. Commissioner Faulkner also announced that she is not planning to run for re-election in 1C04 and will talk to anyone who is interested in running.

V. Presentation from the DC Office of the Tenant Advocate

Alice McFarland of the DC Office of the Tenant Advocate shared slides about the agency's mission and its legal, education and outreach, policy advocacy, and emergency housing roles. She provided information on eviction prevention and said more information is available at ota.dc.gov. McFarland and Nicole McEntee answered a question about security deposits.

VI. Public Announcements

Kristen Barden provided Adams Morgan BID updates on movie nights; Drag Queen story time; a visit from an international small business group; upcoming concerts in Kalorama Park in August; and Porchfest in October. Maya Harris with Brianne Nadeau's office provided updates on legislation; the U Street safety initiative; the next Brianne on Your Block meeting; and how to sign up for their newsletter. Commissioners asked Ms. Harris about Unity Park repairs and the agreement the community has with the Line Hotel about park upkeep, and about legislation providing access to abortion. She provided her email address: mharris@dccouncil.us.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VIII. Regular Agenda

A. Financial report

Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the [financial report](#) for the third quarter of FY2022 which Commissioner Faulkner had presented earlier in the meeting. Commissioners adopted the report by a vote of 7 to 0.

B. ABC and Public Safety Committee

1. Placard period extension for Pitchers

Commissioner Clem reported that an extension of the placard period for Pitchers is being requested to allow time to reach a settlement agreement. She explained that the existing settlement agreement was made with previous owners and needs to be updated. Commissioner Clem noted that since the ANC does not meet in August, extending the placard period to September 12 will allow a vote on a settlement agreement at the ANC's September 7 meeting. She moved that ANC 1C [support](#) an extension of Pitchers' placard period to September 12, which Commissioners agreed to by a vote of 7 to 0.

2. Johnny Pistolas settlement agreement

Commissioner Clem reported that although the settlement agreement with Johnny Pistolas was adopted at ANC 1C's June meeting, it was missing a signature from the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association, which was a party to the original settlement agreement. Commissioners voted 7 to 0 to [approve](#) the June [settlement agreement](#) which now includes a signature for RCNA.

C. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

1. Adams Morgan BID proposed renovations to the kiosk at Columbia Road and Adams Mill Road

Kristen Barden and Brian Barrie of the Adams Morgan BID along with consultant Davide Prete presented [proposed renovations](#) for the message board kiosk at the corner of Columbia Road and Adams Mill Road. They described the plan to restore and repaint the roof, add lettering reading Adams Morgan, and add solar panels to provide electricity and lights. They stressed that the kiosk's function will not change, and it will still be available for public use.

Commissioners and members of the public commented on the color and materials for the lettering; how long the renovations would take; who owns the kiosk; funding for the project; community input on

colors and renaming the plaza; applying for an address for the plaza; DDOT permits; the possibility of adding back the original flagpole; the size of the poster boards; and painting the letters at a later time and/or painting them the colors of the Adams Morgan flag.

Commissioner Faleschini moved that the letters be painted the colors of the Adams Morgan flag. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Commissioner Clem moved that ANC 1C send a letter of support to DDOT for the BID's permit application to renovate the kiosk. Commissioners passed that motion by a vote of 7 to 0. *[Note, the Commissioners subsequently voted to send a [letter of support](#) that did not specify colors for the lettering.]*

2. Adams Morgan BID proposed loading zone

Commissioner Clem reported that the Adams Morgan BID requested a letter of support for a loading zone option on 18th Street. Brian Barrie presented a [diagram](#) showing the proposed loading zone at 2400 – 2410 18th Street and stressed that the need has increased with addition of streeteries along that street. He said the loading zone would revert to metered parking in the evening. Commissioners asked about other possible locations; clearly designating the zone; and keeping a clear sight line around the trucks. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to send a [letter of support](#) for the loading zone.

D. Public Services and the Environment Committee

1. Grant application with the DC Commission for the Arts and Humanities PABC

Filmmaker Kristin Adair asked for ANC 1C support for a grant application with the DC Commission for the Arts and Humanities Public Art Building Communities (PABC). She presented a [project](#) that she and other local artists are working on to display historical photos and videos of Adams Morgan in Walter Pierce Park and to screen a documentary film that includes interviews with residents made as part of an oral history grant. She said the installation and pop-up screenings would occur in September 2023.

Commissioners asked about how long the installation would be in the park and whether there were vandalism concerns. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to send a [letter of support](#) for the PABC grant.

2. Grant application from Jobs Not Guns

Commissioner Butz reported that the [Jobs Not Guns](#) organization had presented a [grant application](#) for \$5000 at the June 22 meeting of the Public Services and the Environment Committee. He said the group is scheduled to hold a job fair in Ward 1 in July along with a job symposium offering interview and job skills. Commissioners discussed current ANC 1C funds available; whether the Office of ANCs would approve the grant request; whether it is duplicative of existing government services; the possibility of supporting the grant at a lower level; or making it contingent on ANC 1C getting more allocations. Commissioners voted 7 to 0 to change the grant amount to \$1000 then voted 7 to 0 to approve the grant to Jobs Not Guns for \$1000.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.