

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of October 5, 2022

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on October 5, 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), Ben Butz (1C06), and Fiona Clem (1C08). Members of the public joined electronically.

II. Officers' Reports

A. Chairman's report

Commissioner Clem had nothing to report.

B. Secretary's report

Commissioner Faleschini was not present.

C. Treasurer's report

Commissioner Faulkner gave an update on the ANC 1C's finances noting that additional allotments are expected soon. She also moved to add to the agenda review of the financial report for the fourth quarter of FY2022 and the budget for fiscal year 2023. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion and Commissioners voted 4 to 0 to add the budget and the FY22 Q4 report to the agenda.

Commissioner Faulkner also moved to add to the agenda a resolution concerning the Columbia Road bus lane priority plan. She explained that the comment period on the bus lane had been extended after the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation met in September, so the Committee did not have time to act on it or to add it to the full ANC agenda with the usual ten days' notice. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion adding the resolution to the agenda, and Commissioners passed it by a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Clem said that the additional agenda items would be considered at the end of the meeting.

III. Commissioner announcements /Committee meeting agendas

Commissioners reported on upcoming committee meeting agendas as well as on DDOT assessing other bridges in the city to evaluate whether barriers are needed to prevent suicide and constituents' positive reactions to the ANC's related resolution; progress on plans for one-way for Kalorama Road and Wyoming Avenue with speed bumps and contraflow bike lanes; and a sink hole in Walter Pierce Park.

IV. Presentation on District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

Brittany Bunch and Maeghan Buckley with the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission gave a presentation on the Commission's work to monitor judges' compliance with guidelines for length and type of sentences in DC and to educate the community on how sentencing works in the district. They provided links for more information on public [meetings](#), [publications](#), and [videos](#). Commissioners and members of the public asked about common misunderstandings about sentencing, and about the voluntary nature of the guidelines.

V. Public Announcements

Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID reported on upcoming events including one more drag queen story time for the season on October 30 in Unity Park; Porchfest on October 15; the Apple Festival on October 29; a pedestrian zone on 18th Street on October 23; and holiday decorations starting in November. She also asked for input on dates for the pedestrian zone in 2023.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of [minutes](#) from the September 2022 ANC 1C meeting. Commissioners passed the consent agenda by a vote of 5 to 0.

VII. Regular Agenda

A. ABC and Public Safety Committee

1. Settlement Agreement for Oh Mama Grill (ABRA-122179)

Commissioner Clem reported that a settlement agreement had been reached with Oh Mama Grill which will open at 1829 Columbia Road. Commissioner Wood commented that it was a smooth process, and that trash pick-up was the only issue that had to be worked out. Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the [agreement](#) which passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

B. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

1. Letter of support for future pedestrian zones

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C send a letter and resolution in support of pedestrian zones in Adams Morgan similar to ones held recently with some modifications, such as a smaller police presence. Commissioners discussed formatting of the resolution and removing a reference to 2022. These amendments and a grammatical change were accepted without objection. Commissioners then passed the [resolution](#) as amended by a vote of 5 to 0.

2. Tree options for plaza at corner of Adams Mill and Columbia Roads

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the PZT Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C approve three tree [options](#) for the plaza at the corner of Adams Mill Road and Columbia Road. She noted that the crepe myrtle trees that had been planted there died due to a bark disease. Commissioner Faulkner then moved that ANC 1C send a letter to DDOT approving the ranking of the trees preferences as: 1. London Planetree, 2. Chinese Pistache, and 3. Thornless Honey Locust. Commissioners [approved](#) the motion by a vote of 4 to 0 to 1 (with Commissioner Wood abstaining).

C. Public Services and the Environment Committee

1. Contract for Sean Sullivan, digital meeting manager

Commissioner Clem reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C approve a contract for Sean Sullivan as its new digital meeting manager. Commissioners discussed monthly versus semi-annual payment, and a grammatical change, then approved the contract by a vote of 5 to 0.

2. Purchase of a 1-year license for Zoom PRO

Commissioner Clem noted that Gordon Chaffin had been providing access to Zoom PRO for ANC 1C

meetings and moved that ANC 1C purchase a year of Zoom PRO service. Commissioners discussed how to make the payment then approved the [purchase](#) by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. Payment for Sean Sullivan for September 2022

Commissioner Clem moved to approve [payment](#) of \$500 to Sean Sullivan for his work in the month of September. She explained that Sean Sullivan and Gordon Chaffin managed the ANC's virtual meetings together in September to facilitate the transition and that Sean's regular contract began in October. Commissioners approved the payment by a vote of 5 to 0.

4. Payment for Gordon Chaffin for October 2022 extension

Commissioner Clem moved to approve [payment](#) of \$200 to Gordon Chaffin for his work in October for the ANC's virtual meetings and for use of his PRO Zoom account. She explained that his contract ended in September, but he agreed to work with Sean Sullivan for two meetings in October to ensure a smooth transition. Commissioners approved the payment by a vote of 5 to 0.

VIII. Quarterly financial report and budget

Commissioner Faulkner moved for approval of ANC 1C's [quarterly report](#) covering July through September (FY22 Q4). Commissioners approved the report by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Faulkner also moved for approval of the ANC's budget for fiscal year 2023. She explained that it is based on expected allotments and projected spending. Commissioners discussed amounts available for grants and the fact that emergency COVID grants would no longer be available. Commissioners then voted to approve the FY 2023 budget by a vote of 5 to 0.

IX. Columbia Road bus priority lane

Commissioner Faulkner moved for consideration of a [resolution](#) in support of DDOT's concept #1 for Columbia Road bus priority lanes. She noted that the timing of a request for comments did not allow the matter to be considered in the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee, and that the deadline for comments would be before the next full ANC 1C meeting in November. She moved that the resolution be considered without the usual ten-day notice because it is important to the community that the ANC weigh in on these plans. Commissioner Faulkner noted that the resolution refers to previous resolutions passed by ANC 1C regarding dedicated bus lanes and bike lanes.

Commissioners discussed loading zones, ways to preserve residential parking on the stretch of Columbia Road between 19th Street and Connecticut Avenue, the impact of fewer metered parking spots, and whether these issues could be discussed at the October PZT meeting and raised in future comments on more specific plans. Commissioners noted that members of the public can also submit comments to DDOT both during the current comment period and during future requests for comments on the more specific designs. Commissioners then passed the [resolution](#) by a vote of 5 to 0.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.