

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of September 6, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on September 6, 2017 at Mary's Center. Chair Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Over 75 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), Brendan Reardon (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

II. Officers' Reports

a. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for July 5, 2017 Meeting

Secretary Reardon moved to approve the minutes for the July 5, 2017 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

b. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Scozzaro presented the FY 2017 Quarter 3 financial report and moved for its adoption along with a minor correction in the Quarter 1 report. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion. Commissioners then voted 8 to 0 to adopt the Q3 report and the corrected Q1 report.

Treasurer Scozzaro also said that the ANC 1C budget for FY 2018 would be voted on next month and that it would be very similar to the 2017 budget.

III. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Reynolds reported that he just learned of some issues that will need to be addressed at the September meeting of the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee and that the agenda would be available soon.
- Commissioner Scozzaro announced that Adams Morgan Day would be held on Sunday, September 10. She noted it is in its 39th year and the longest continuously running neighborhood festival in DC. Commissioner Guthrie added that volunteers and donations are still needed. Commissioner Huezo commended all who worked on Adams Morgan Day 2017 and urged everyone to attend.
- Commissioner Huezo announced that the agenda for the Public Services and the Environment Committee meeting on September 27th would include naming a small park for Ann Hargrove and a discussion of implementation of the Adams Morgan Vision Framework.
- Commissioner Reardon, as Secretary, reminded his fellow Commissioners of the ANC 1C rule requiring that the community be notified of agenda items 10 days before a Committee meeting or a full Commission meeting. He urged Commissioners to send him agenda items with enough time to allow for this notification on the Adams Morgan listserv and on the ANC 1C website.
- Commissioner Reardon announced that a construction jobs fair would be held at the Festival Center on September 14 for work on the Il Palazzo project and that more information could be found on the ANC 1C website.
- Commissioner Irani announced that the agenda for the September 13 ABC and Public Safety Committee meeting would include discussion of the possibility of a pedestrian zone on 18th

Street; a settlement agreement with the Bottle Shop; and, a restaurant alcohol license for Al Fresco Tap and Grill.

- Commissioner Strom announced that the Washington Area Bicycle Association (WABA) would be holding a traffic safety workshop and asking the public for input on unsafe intersections on Thursday, September 14 outside the Metro station in Columbia Heights.
- Commissioner Scozzaro announced that the WABA 50 State ride would kick off at Walter Pierce Park on Saturday, September 9.

IV. Mayor Bowser

Mayor Muriel Bowser thanked the Commissioners for inviting her to the meeting and introduced members of her cabinet who were present: Director Gillis of the Department of General Services; Director Bolling of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs; Director Anderson of the Department of Parks and Recreation; Director Marootian of the Department of Transportation; Director Zeilinger of the Department of Human Services; Deputy Mayor Kenner of Planning and Economic Development; Director Shaw of the Office of Planning; and Director Moosally of the Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration.

Mayor Bowser gave update on the city's finances, school reform, crime and public safety, affordable housing, traffic safety and the Vision Zero initiative. She also described challenges with some of the policies of the White House and Congress. Mayor Bowser said she set up immigration justice grants to provide legal advice to local immigrants and stressed that immigrants should not be afraid to call the DC government when help is needed. Mayor Bowser also announced that DC has been named one of the greenest places in the world and received a LEED platinum city certification.

Members of the public asked about sanctuary city policies; Congressional riders affecting DC law; DCRA enforcement of zoning regulations; safety on 18th Street and the possibility of a pedestrian zone pilot; the possibility of holding ANC meetings at Marie Reed Community Learning Center; the condition of the DC animal shelter; condition of the streets and sequencing of construction projects; unlicensed night clubs and drug sales; Metro finances and upkeep; illegal air b and b's; the school board; the Envision Adams Morgan Framework; and, Adams Morgan Day.

Commissioners asked about finding a way to charge developers for increased demand they add to utilities and infrastructure; the status of the family medical leave act; and, bicycle lanes and trails. Commissioners also thanked the Mayor for coming to the meeting and for the responsiveness of her liaisons and agencies and for the renovations at the Marie Reed Center.

V. Public Announcements / Comments

- Carol Miller announced that Adams Morgan Day festival would be held on Sunday, September 10 and encouraged people to spread the word and said they were still short a few thousand dollars.
- Fernando Arias gave an update on the Adams Morgan Vision Framework with a specific focus on goals related to Unity Park and improving public safety. He said that he will be working with the ABC and Public Safety Committee on a safe streets audit.
- Kristen Barden, Executive Director of the Adams Morgan Partnership BID, announced that Porchfest would be held on Saturday, October 7. She said the headquarters would be on the plaza in front of BB&T bank and that information is available on Facebook. She also announced that the Apple Festival would be held on Saturday, October 28 at the farmers' market.
- Amanda Bonam from Councilwoman Nadeau's office provided copies of their update on the back table and said they were looking forward to Adams Morgan Day.

- A representative from the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs announced upcoming events related to Hispanic Heritage Month starting with the Latino Festival DC on September 16 and 17.
- A member of the public announced that neighbors on Champlain and Kalorama Streets would be having a street party on September 24th to observe National Neighborhood Day. This same member of the public asked about the status of construction projects on Champlain Street.
- Peter Nohrden from DC Parks and Recreation announced that the budget for FY2018 calls for more funding for playgrounds and said they will be talking to the community about modernizations for Walter Pierce Park. Commissioner Guthrie noted that the sand in the sandboxes in Kalorama Park need to be refilled on a more regular basis. Mr. Nohrden agreed to work with the Public Services and the Environment Committee to provide park updates and get feedback from the community. Commissioner Huezo noted that erosion at Kalorama Park is an ongoing issue.

V. Scheduled Business

a. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. Beekman Place fence public space permit

Representatives from Beekman Place condominiums and their architect described the status of a fence replacement project surrounding their property. Jon Marc Buffa said the last 2 portions of a 7-part fence have not been approved by the Public Space Committee. Mr. Buffa asked for the ANC's support for a permit from Public Space for the remainder of the fence.

Commissioner Perry moved to pass a resolution expressing ANC 1C support for the permit application for finishing the fence at Beekman Place and notifying the Public Space Committee of that support. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

ii. Porchfest public space permit

Kristen Barden, Executive Director of the Adams Morgan Partnership BID, requested support from ANC 1C for a Public Space permit to use the plaza in front of the BB&T bank for Porchfest on Saturday October 7 from noon until 8 pm. Commissioner Guthrie moved that ANC 1C send a letter of support to the Public Space Committee. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

iii. Zenebech restaurant public space permit for outdoor café

Commissioner Guthrie moved that ANC 1C send a letter to the Public Space Committee in support of Zenebech restaurant's application for an outdoor café. He noted that Zenebech's proposal is consistent with ANC 1C's guidelines for use of sidewalk space. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

iv. 1829 Kalorama Road development

The architect for a project at 1829 Kalorama Road presented plans to develop the property into two large units and one small unit. She asked that ANC 1C send a letter of support for the development to the Historic Preservation Review Board. Commissioner Reynolds reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee did not make a recommendation on the project. Commissioners and members of the public asked about the dumpsters being used for the renovations and the design of the windows in the rear of the building.

Commissioner Guthrie moved to send letter to HPRB expressing general approval for the proposed development at 1829 Kalorama Road, but noting concerns that the large size and style

of the windows in the rear are not compatible with the historic rear facades of other buildings in that neighborhood. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 1 with 1 abstention.

v. BZA Order on Belmont Tower

Commissioner Guthrie provided background on the ongoing Belmont Tower matter to which ANC 1C is a party. He said that ANC 1C did not receive proper notice of the most recent Board of Zoning Adjustment order in the matter, but a response is required by September 15. He moved to add this item to the agenda without the usual ten days' advance notice on the basis that not doing so would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Commissioner Guthrie then moved to pass a resolution agreeing with the Kalorama Citizens' Association's analysis that BZA Order 17109-D is not supported by the evidence in two areas, and objecting to that order. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Commissioner Huezo made a friendly amendment to the wording of the resolution that was accepted without objection. Commissioners then passed the resolution as amended by a vote of 6 to 0 with 2 abstentions.

b. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. MPD report

Commander Emmerman thanked the community for support for the officers injured in the incident on 18th Street in June. He said they are on their way to recovery and eager to be back at work. He provided statistics on crime trends in the area and said that overall crime is down, though he acknowledged that is not always the perception. Commander Emmerman encouraged residents to sign up for the MPD listserv and to sign up to receive a rebate from the DC Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants for installing security cameras on their homes or businesses.

ii. Spaghetti Garden withdrawal of protest

Commissioner Guthrie moved that ANC 1C withdraw its former protest of Spaghetti Garden's alcohol license. He explained that since the establishment reopened it is acting more like a restaurant than a night club. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 1.

iii. Bom restaurant settlement agreement

Commissioner Guthrie provided background on a settlement agreement negotiated with Bom restaurant, ANC 1C, and Kalorama Citizens' Association, then moved that it be approved. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

iv. Local 16 protest or modification of settlement agreement

Commissioner Guthrie provided background on negotiations between ANC 1C and Local 16 and said that Local 16 is now asking to change its hours. Commissioner Guthrie moved to pass a resolution protesting this modification on the grounds that it would have an adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; and authorizing any Commissioner of ANC 1C to act on behalf of the Commission in any proceeding on this protest. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

c. Public Services and the Environment Committee

i. Electric Buses resolution

Commissioner Scozzaro moved to pass a resolution requesting the DC government to use money from a transportation electrification settlement fund to upgrade the Circulator diesel buses and to expand investment in electric buses. Commissioner Strom made a friendly amendment to that was accepted without objection. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion to pass the resolution. Commissioners then passed the resolution as amended by a vote of 7 to 0 with 1 abstention.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Reynolds moved to adjourn at 9:49 pm. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.