

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of October 4, 2017

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on October 4, 2017 at Mary's Center. Chair Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. About 20 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Hector Huezo (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), A.Tianna Scozzaro (1C04), Brendan Reardon (1C06), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

II. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

Chair Guthrie reported that this year's Adams Morgan Day was a successful community event and that he looks forward to next year's event, which will be its 40th anniversary.

Chair Guthrie also remarked that he has noticed an increase in commissioners abstaining on votes without giving a reason for the abstention. He asked that in the interest of a transparent and open process commissioners give the reason for their abstention.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for September 6, 2017 Meeting

Secretary Reardon moved to approve the minutes for the September 6, 2017 monthly ANC 1C meeting. He noted that Mayor Bowser spoke at that meeting and stayed to take questions from commissioners and the public. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion and Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes.

c. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Scozzaro presented the ANC 1C budget for FY 2018. She said the 2018 budget is largely the same as 2017 budget, except that more money will be provided for grants. Treasurer Scozzaro moved to adopt the FY 2018 budget. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Commissioner Huezo welcomed grant applications in the coming fiscal year from nonprofits that benefit Adams Morgan. Commissioners then adopted the 2018 budget by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Reynolds announced that a community shredding event would be held on Saturday, October 28 in the parking lot next to Mary's Center from 10 am to 1 pm.
- Commissioner Reynolds also announced that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee agenda for October includes discussion of a Public Space application for the property at 1800 Columbia Road; a traffic study for 18th Street; and, a proposal for temporarily removing parking on 18th Street as an alternative to a pedestrian zone.
- Commissioner Reynolds added that later in the meeting he would introduce a request from the Line Hotel regarding work hours on the upcoming federal holiday.
- Commissioner Scozzaro thanked the volunteers who planned the recent Adams Morgan Day and said that the planning group would be forming a nonprofit called Adams Morgan Community

Alliance to plan Adams Morgan Day and support other neighborhood events, including a possible Lights for the Holidays event. She invited people to contact her if they have ideas for events.

- Commissioner Huezo announced a neighborhood clean-up for Kalorama Triangle on Saturday October 14. He also announced that the Public Services and the Environment Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, October 25.
- Commissioner Reardon said he appreciated Commissioner Guthrie's comments on abstentions from votes and said there should be an opportunity to explain any vote whether for, against, or in abstention. He also thanked the committee chairs for sending agenda information in time to allow a 10-day advance notice to the public.
- Commissioner Reardon reported that he, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Huezo, Denis James, and Eric Clifton walked along 18th Street to explore possibilities for designating some parking along 18th Street between Florida and Columbia for quick drop-off and pick-up on certain evenings. He noted that the District Department of Transportation plans to do a trial in Dupont Circle in which some parking spots will be removed on weekend evenings to provide space for ride-hailing pick-ups and drop-offs.
- Commissioner Guthrie said that hazardous waste and shredding can be done on Saturdays in Fort Totten, but noted that the event Commissioner Reynolds announced is much closer.
- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee would be meeting on October 11 and the agenda included the monthly police report, and alcohol license applications from Metro K, North Sea, and Argonne.
- Commissioner Irani announced that a new website has been launched as a way to share proposals for 18th Street safety and to work together towards solutions. He said the various proposals and the issues that are being addressed will be posted online at: livable18th.com. Commissioner Irani encouraged those interested to email him and to add questions and comments.
- Commissioner Fox Perry announced that Beekman Place condominiums would be holding its annual yard sale on Saturday, October 7 at the corner of 16th and Belmont Road.

IV. Public Announcements / Comments

- Denis James presented a proposal to use loading zones along 18th Street that do not operate at night as drop-off and pick-up points for ride-hailing vehicles. He also suggested lowering the speed limit on 18th Street as a safety measure.
- A representative from a nonprofit organization described a plan to enfranchise residents of the District of Columbia through the creation of a new county called Douglass County, Maryland. He provided fliers on the back table and said more information was available on their website: douglasscountymd.org.
- A member of the Mary's Center staff announced that they would be holding a fundraiser on Friday, October 6. She provided invitations on the back table.
- Eric Clifton said that the problems along 18th Street need to be identified in order to reach solutions. He said that in addition to ride-hailing, there is a problem with the alcohol-infused atmosphere. Mr. Clifton also urged using a pilot program to test whatever solutions are chosen.
- Brian Barrie with the Adams Morgan Partnership BID announced that Porchfest would be held on Saturday, October 7 with 44 bands on 16 locations throughout Adams Morgan. He also announced that the Apple Festival, would take place on Saturday, October 28 at the Farmers' Market and that more information is available on the BID website and Facebook page. He noted that all proceeds from the pie baking contest would go to Joseph's House.

- David Krucoff from DC College Savings Plan described this program which helps families save for college through tax incentives. He left brochures and contact information on the back table.
- Hector Rodriguez announced that the Adams Morgan basketball tournament would be held on Saturday, October 7 starting at 9 am, and invited all to attend. He said the teams are supported by local businesses and organizations and noted that the Kalorama Citizens' Association is a sponsor and that Commissioner Huezo is also sponsoring a team in the tournament. Mr. Rodriguez said the tournament provides a way to connect with young people and develop their sense of civic participation and responsibility. He also noted that he works for Councilmember Anita Bonds and is available for assistance with any concerns residents might have.
- A member of the public agreed with Eric Clifton's assessment that the problems with 18th Street safety have to be identified before working on solutions, and thanked Commissioner Irani for creating a website to review potential solutions.
- Chris Otten announced that a Save Our Plaza fundraiser would be held on October 17 at Madam's Organ. He reported that the group won an injunction to stall a development on the plaza at the corner of 18th Street and Columbia Road. He also announced that an Artist Townhall would be held at Woodridge Public Library on October 15 to focus on affordable space for artists. He provided information for both events on the back table.
- A representative from DC Reinvest provided information about the coalition's opposition to the DC government investing funds in Wells Fargo and asked that ANC 1C consider a resolution in support of DC divestment from that bank. Commissioner Guthrie suggested that the matter be referred to the Public Services and the Environment Committee for review.

V. Scheduled Business

a. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. Al Fresco restaurant CR license

Commissioner Guthrie provided background on the Al Fresco application for a restaurant alcohol license and moved to protest the application on the grounds that it would be adverse to the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and that any commissioner of ANC 1C is authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in this matter. He noted that the restaurant will be asking for outdoor seating. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

ii. The Bottle Shop settlement agreement modification

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the ABC and Public Safety Committee recommended that ANC 1C affirm The Bottle Shop's request to modify its settlement agreement with ANC 1C. Commissioner Irani explained that the store previously had morning hours of operation but those hours were dropped without the owners' knowledge when they got a new license. The settlement agreement would reinstate their opening hour of 9 am. Commissioners adopted this modification to the settlement agreement by a vote of 7 to 0.

iii. Rioja Market application for a class B license

Commissioner Guthrie reported that Rioja Market had applied to transfer its class B license to a new location and that the ABC and Public Safety Committee recommended protesting the application so that an agreement could be reached. He noted that the location would be closer to another B license store than is allowed by regulations. Commissioner Guthrie then moved that ANC 1C protest the class B license application on the grounds that it would be adverse to the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and that any commissioner of ANC 1C is authorized

to act on behalf of the Commission in this matter. Commissioners voted 7 to 0 to adopt the resolution.

b. Public Services and the Environment Committee

i. Naming park for Ann Hughes Hargrove

Commissioner Huezo reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support naming a small park on Columbia Road for Ann Hughes Hargrove. Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution that outlines Ann Hargrove's dedication to the Adams Morgan community and her work to protect historic neighborhoods, and asks that the city dedicate a small park to Ann Hargrove and provide funds for a plaque to celebrate her life. Larry Hargrove spoke briefly about his wife and her work for the community.

Commissioner Huezo offered an amendment to request funds to improve and maintain the park. The amendment was edited to request that the improvements be done in consultation with ANC 1C. Commissioners then passed the resolution as amended by a vote 7 to 0.

c. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. Line Hotel

Commissioner Guthrie moved that discussion of Line Hotel's request to work on a holiday be added to the agenda without the usual ten days' advance notice on the basis that it would not be adverse to the community. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C not oppose Line Hotel's petition to do interior work on Columbus Day, a federal holiday, on Monday October 9, from 7 am to 5 pm. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion.

Commissioner Reynolds explained that the hotel construction is behind schedule and that the work would be done on the interior only on the holiday. Commissioner Reardon noted that workers would get wages for working that day and that he would support the motion. A representative from the hotel provided information on the construction delays and said they hope to open in December.

Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to approve the Line Hotel's request to work on Columbus Day.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Reynolds moved to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion which passed unanimously.