

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of September 5, 2018

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on September 5, 2018 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Huezo called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. about 45 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Hector Huezo (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), A.Tianna Scozzaro (1C04), Wilson Reynolds (1C07), and Amanda Fox Perry (1C08).

II. Officers' Reports

a. Chair's Report

Resolution Honoring Shinada Phillips

Commissioner Huezo moved that a resolution honoring Shinada Phillips be added to the agenda without the usual ten days' notice on the basis that failure to do so would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0. Commissioner Huezo then moved the resolution expressing ANC 1C's gratitude and appreciation for Shinada Phillips, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, for her many contributions and dedicated service to Adams Morgan. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for July 11, 2018 Meeting

Commissioner Guthrie moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion which then passed by a vote 5 to 0.

c. Treasurer's Report

i. 2019 Budget

Commissioner Scozzaro presented ANC 1C's budget for fiscal year 2019 and moved for its adoption. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

III. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee monthly meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 12 at the Marie Reed Recreation Center. Commissioner Irani also noted that the MPD is circulating a video clip of suspects from a robbery on the 2400 block of 18th Street. He asked that a link to the clip be added to the ANC 1C website.
- Commissioner Guthrie announced that future ANC 1C committee meetings would be held at the Marie Reed Recreation Center. He said that the address is listed as Champlain Street, but those attending should enter from the 18th Street door and go down the stairs to the rec center.
- Commissioner Guthrie also urged everyone to come to Adams Morgan Day on Sunday, September 9.
- Commissioner Fox Perry noted that an item listed on the agenda – Clean Energy DC – would actually be taken up at the October ANC meeting. She said it could also be on the agenda for the September 26 Public Services and the Environment Committee meeting adding that committee would also consider proposals for the Ann Hargrove Park at that meeting.

- Commissioner Scozzaro announced that talks about renovations at Walter Pierce Park are continuing and that the DC Department of Parks and Recreation have put out a call for proposals. She also encouraged everyone to come to the 40th anniversary of Adams Morgan Day festival on Sunday, September 9. She highlighted some of the music groups that would be playing and noted that more volunteers are needed that day.
- Commissioner Reynolds announced that the Planning Zoning and Transportation Committee would meet on September 19 and consider the agenda items listed including a request from Line Hotel for an agreement modification, and a request from Jubilee Housing regarding renovations on the building they recently purchased.

IV. Public Announcements / Comments

- Benedicte Aubrun announced that former ANC Commissioner Mr. Edward Jackson has passed away. Commissioner Reynolds provided some background on Mr. Jackson's contribution to the neighborhood and said he would be greatly missed.
- A representative from DC Water announced a DC Water Infrastructure Forum on Saturday, September 8 to inform the public about water main replacements, sewer repairs, and the DC Water Clean Rivers program.
- Kristen Barden, of the Adams Morgan BID, announced upcoming events including Adams Morgan Day on September 9; Porchfest on October 6; and, the Apple Festival on October 27. She also announced that the BID is still looking to hire a safety ambassador with English and Spanish fluency.
- Alberto Soto and Courtney Simone, spoke about their business, YourDC, through which they assist clients in event planning and business development.
- Reuben Forman, the new Ward 1 Liaison from the Mayor's office, introduced himself. He announced that the city is holding a series of community forums for the school chancellor search, and a Maternal and Infant Health Summit on September 12.
- Amanda Bonam from Councilmember Nadeau's office provided contact information and responded to a question about trash cans.
- Emily Gasol announced that she is running for the DC State Board of Education.
- A representative from Jubilee Housing announced that the organization bought the Transcentury Building at 1724 Kalorama Road. Their plans for the building include affordable housing, an expansion of the adjacent Sitar Center on the ground floor, and their offices on top floor.
- Damiana Dendy announced that she is running for Commissioner in Single Member District ANC 1C05. She also announced that the DC Food Recovery Working Group was holding meetings to plan local action to reduce waste.
- Jamie Sycamore announced that he is running as an Independent to represent Ward 1 on the DC Council.
- Michaela Wright announced that she is running for Commissioner in Single Member District ANC 1C06.
- Jake Grubman announced that he also is running for Commissioner in Single Member District ANC 1C06.
- Japer Bowles announced that he is running for Commissioner in Single Member District ANC 1C07.
- Chris Otten commented on the infrastructure work on Champlain Street.
- Brant Miller, a program analyst for the District Department of Transportation introduced himself.
- Bridget Pooley announced that she is running for Commissioner in Single Member District ANC 1C02.

V. Scheduled Business

a. ABC and Public Safety Committee

i. Spacy Cloud settlement agreement

Commissioner Guthrie announced that a settlement agreement had been negotiated with Spacy Cloud that is substantially similar to settlement agreements ANC 1C has with other establishments. Commissioner Guthrie moved to adopt the settlement agreement. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Guthrie noted that Spacy Cloud may also apply for a stipulated license before the protest period expires. He moved that ANC 1C approve Spacy Cloud's application for a stipulated license, if they apply. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. 2300 16th Street

Commissioner Fox Perry provided an updated on the Meridian International development project. She explained that a group called Keep Meridian Hill Green filed a petition to have the lot rezoned and that process provides an opportunity for comment from the ANC.

A representative from Keep Meridian Hill Green said the area is designated as moderate density and their petition, which asks the Zoning Commission to correct the zoning for this lot, is available on line for additional signatures.

Commissioners asked for more information about the mission of Keep Meridian Hill Green and specifics about its petition. Commissioners also commented on the scope of the Meridian Hill project; the street presence and density of Adams Morgan; and, affordable housing.

Members of the public expressed opinions for and against the petition and debated which policy which policy option is more "green". Some stressed the need for more housing and questioned the use of the Future Land Use Map. Others expressed concerns about historic preservation; the scale of the project; the affordability of the units in the proposed building; increased congestion and traffic problems as a result of additional residences, offices, and the convention center; and, holding DC agencies accountable for oversight in these matters.

Commissioner Fox Perry moved to adopt a resolution asking the Zoning Commission to set down Case 18-12 for public hearing and amend the Zone Map to bring the lot into conformity with the DC Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Commissioner Fox Perry offered two technical amendments that were adopted without objection. Commissioners then voted 6 to 0 to pass the resolution as amended.

ii. Metro Market

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the lease for Metro Market on Columbia Road is coming to an end and that the owner is increasing their rent by 30% and as well as requiring them to spend \$150,000 on improvements. Commissioner Guthrie said it would be a real detriment to the neighborhood if the market has to close, especially if it is not replaced by a similar type of grocery market.

Commissioners discussed what action ANC 1C could take in this matter and whether letters from the public or a letter from the ANC to the owner would be effective. Commissioners and members of the public expressed concern about the potential loss of a convenient and inexpensive place to shop.

Commissioner Reynolds moved that consideration of this matter be added to the agenda without the typical ten days' notice on the basis that failure to do so would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Huezo seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Reynolds then moved that ANC 1C send a letter to the building management expressing the interest of the community in keeping a grocery store like Metro Market at that location. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Reynolds moved to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.