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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C  
Adams Morgan  
Minutes of May 3, 2017**

**I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on May 3, 2017 at Mary's Center. Chair Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. About 35 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. Chair's Report**

Chair Guthrie reminded everyone that enforcement of red top meter restrictions would begin in the central business district starting on Monday, May 8. He also announced that there would be a Fatherless Daughters Speak Out event on May 20 at 1658 Columbia Road. Commissioner Guthrie also announced that a Bikeshare rack has now been installed in front of the Safeway on Columbia Road.

**b. Secretary's Report**

**i. Minutes for April 5, 2017 Meeting**

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

**c. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Scozzaro reported that ANC1C has distributed its first grant of this year.

**III. Commissioner Announcements**

- Commissioner Reynolds reported on a briefing with Pepco on their ten-year plan to increase electric capacity throughout the city which will include a substation upgrade in Adams Morgan.
- Commissioner Reynolds also announced that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee would meet on May 17 to consider projects at 2341 Ontario Road and 1892 Ontario Place and that the meeting would be held at Mary's Center.
- Commissioner Scozzaro reported that Adams Morgan Day planning is moving forward and that anyone interested in getting involved should contact her. She also asked for suggestions for social activities or projects at Walter Pierce Park.
- Commissioner Fox Perry announced that the Historic Preservation Review Board would be considering plans for the project at Meridian International on Thursday, May 4.
- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee would be meeting on May 10 to receive the monthly police report.

- Commissioner Huezo reported that Public Services and the Environment Committee would meet on May 24 and would possibly consider a grant request and ongoing implementation of Envision Adams Morgan. He also announced that the monthly clean-up in Kalorama Triangle would be on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and that construction at Unity Park would start on Monday, May 8 and would last 8 weeks.

#### **IV. Public Announcements / Comments**

- Fernando Arias, a task force volunteer with the Envision Adams Morgan framework, invited people to participate in the second round of public input and that a public meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 16 at the Kalorama Recreation Center. He encouraged those interested in participating to contact himself or Commissioner Huezo for more information.
- Kristen Barden, Executive Director of the Adams Morgan Partnership BID, reported on a successful Pinewood Derby held at Kalorama Park and said the BID would probably hold the event again next year. She also provided dates for the summer concert series which will take place on the plaza in front of the BB&T Bank, and for movie nights at Walter Pierce Park. Ms. Barden also announced that there would be a Bike to Work Day pit stop at the BB&T Bank plaza on Friday, May 19.
- Chris Otten announced that there would be a workshop at Christ United Methodist Church on DC's comprehensive planning document for development.

#### **V. DC Water presentation about small diameter water main replacement project**

Representatives from DC Water presented information on a small diameter water main replacement project that is scheduled to start in June 2017 and be completed by July 2018. Tanya Hedgepeth said this is a capital improvement plan to replace the 8-inch water mains, which are overdue for replacement. She provided fact sheets with details about schedules for the work, maps for affected streets, notice of possible water shut-offs, lane and street closures, and contact information.

Members of the public and Commissioners asked about parking on affected streets; replacement of lead pipes; chemicals used to clean out the water mains; and, whether this could be coordinated with replacement of old sewer pipes to avoid tearing up the same streets a second time.

#### **VI. Scheduled Business**

##### **a. Public Services and the Environment**

##### **i. Story of Our Schools grant request**

Jen Harris, Founder and Executive Director of the Story of Our Schools, presented a grant request to work with Marie Reed Elementary School to record and exhibit the school's history. Commissioner Huezo moved that ANC1C approve a grant of \$1,000 for this project as recommended by the Public Services and the Environment Committee. Commissioners approved the grant by a vote of 8 to 0.

##### **ii. Young Playwrights' Theater grant request**

Jessica Wisser, Development Director for the Young Playwrights' Theater, presented a grant request for \$1,000 for a summer arts camp for middle and high school students in partnership with the Sitar Arts Center. Commissioner Scozzaro moved that ANC 1C approve the grant for

\$1,000 as recommended by the PSE Committee. Commissioners approved the grant by a vote of 8 to 0.

**iii. Fund for Kalorama Park grant request**

The Commission heard a grant request presentation from the Fund for Kalorama Park for music and entertainment at the Kalorama Park Community Day, June 3, 2017. Commissioner Scozzaro moved that ANC 1C approve the grant for \$1,000 as recommended by the PSE Committee. Commissioners voted 8 to 0 to approve the grant.

**b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee**

**i. Belmont Street Traffic Study**

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution recommended by the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee to support making the 1800 block of Belmont Road a one-way eastbound street for three months followed by a review. The resolution was amended to add further resident and DDOT input. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0.

**ii. 2464 Ontario Road NW**

Marty Sullivan, counsel for the developer of the property at 2464 Ontario Road, explained the owner's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a special exception relief for an excess of 1.6% in lot occupancy. He said the excess was the result of an architect's mistake in calculation.

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution recommended by the PZT Committee to send a letter to BZA stating that ANC 1C does not endorse the developer's request, but does not object to it either. The resolution was amended to emphasize that this relief does not set any precedent. Commissioners asked about input from the neighbors. The resolution as amended then passed by a vote 7 to 0 to 1 (one Commissioner abstaining).

**iii. 2009 18th Street NW**

Joe Gaon, an attorney representing the owners of a proposed restaurant at 2009 18<sup>th</sup> Street, presented a special exception request from rear yard requirements. Commissioners and members of the public raised concerns about the proposed loading dock; pedestrian safety; impact on the school; the size of delivery trucks; and how often trucks would be in the alley for deliveries and trash pick-up.

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution recommended by the PZT Committee to approve the special exception request. The resolution was passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 2, with Commissioners Huezo, Guthrie, Strom, Reardon, Reynolds, and Perry voting yes; and Commissioners Irani and Scozzaro voting no.

**iv. Alley between 18th and Columbia Road**

Scott Williams, of MAGA Design, described a plan to renovate the property at 2412 18<sup>th</sup> Street in the alley between 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Columbia Road to use for their own office space. He said the roof of the 100-year-old building is unstable and asked ANC 1C's support their proposal to the Historic Preservation Review Board to shore up the roof. Mr. Williams added that they have

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sought neighbor input at public meetings and have a website about the project at <http://colucadc.com/>.

Commissioners and members of the public asked about the number of employees who would work there and whether they would require parking. Commissioners and members of the public also commented on the rat problem in that alley and on positive use of the alley and coordination with the Envision Adams Morgan framework.

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution recommended by the PZT Committee that ANC 1C support the Maga Design's application to HPRB. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Huezo moved to adjourn at 9:23 pm. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion which passed unanimously.