

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of June 7, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on June 7, 2017 at Mary's Center. Chair Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. About 60 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners 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 had nothing to report.

b. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes for May 3, 2017 Meeting

Commissioner Reardon moved to approve the minutes for the May 3, 2017 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Strom seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

c. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Scozzaro moved to adopt the financial report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2017, covering the months of January through March. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. Commissioner Announcements

- Commissioner Scozzaro reported that the May meeting of the Public Services and the Environment Committee included discussions about the Adams Morgan vision framework and Pepco's long-term plan.
- Commissioner Huezo reported that the June meeting of the PSE Committee would include consideration of a grant application from Vida Senior Centers as well as continuing discussion on implementation of the Envision Adams Morgan framework.
- Commissioner Scozzaro provided an update on Adams Morgan Day 2017 which will take place on September 10. She said event volunteers have formed a nonprofit called the Adams Morgan Community Alliance and that the plan is to close two blocks of 18th Street for the event this year. She encouraged those interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor or a vendor to go to the Adams Morgan Day 2017 website for more information. Carol Miller added that there were save the date cards on the back table.
- Commissioner Huezo congratulated the Fund for Kalorama Park for a successful Community Day on June 3. He also congratulated the Adams Morgan BID on the movie nights and summer concert series and thanked both groups for helping to make the community lively and fun. Finally, Commissioner Huezo reported that work to update Unity Park would tentatively continue through the end of June.

- Commissioner Reardon announced that there would be a construction job fair at the Festival Center on June 22 for jobs at the Il Palazzo project on 16th Street. He said there is more information on the ANC 1C website and there will also be reminders on the Adams Morgan listserv.
- Commissioner Reynolds announced that there would be Truck Touch event on Saturday, June 10 at RFK Stadium for kids to climb on various types of city trucks and Segways.

IV. Public Announcements / Comments

- Nick Russo of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association announced that their 50 States and 13 Colonies bike ride through DC would be held on September 9. He said the ride will start at Walter Pierce Park and that they will be requesting a letter of support from ANC 1C.
- Brian Barrie of the Adams Morgan BID reported on the summer concert series and movie nights at Walter Pierce Park. He also announced that the heritage trail brochures have been reprinted and were available on the back table as well as at neighborhood retailers.
- A representative from the DC Jazz Festival announced dates and acts for the festival and left brochures on the back table.
- Amanda Bonam of Councilwoman Nadeau's office provided an update on legislation and upcoming events including Columbia Heights Day, June 17. She left contact information on the back table.
- Alan Roth reported that the Board of Zoning Adjustment postponed their decision on a special exception application for a restaurant at 2009 18th Street. He said that BZA asked the applicants to redraw their plans and as a result, the applicant agreed to widen their planned loading berth and extend the sides of their loading dock. He urged the Commission to work with the relevant public agencies, residents, and businesses on a plan for traffic on that end of 18th Street.
- Representatives from A Rake's Progress, a new restaurant to be located in the Line Hotel, introduced themselves, described their cuisine, and said they look forward to being part of the community.
- Jake Wallace reported on a meeting of the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs and provided information on upcoming events for veterans.

V. Scheduled Business

a. Public Services and the Environment

i. Adams Morgan Vision Implementation presentation

Commissioner Huezo introduced Fernando Arias who gave an update on implementation of the Envision Adams Morgan framework. Mr. Arias said that anyone who is interested in working on implementing any of the recommendations in the vision document should contact him.

b. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

i. 2300 16th Street NW

Jon Cummings of Westbrook Partners provided background on the proposed project at Meridian International, 2300 16th Street and various changes in their plans in response to feedback from the Historic Preservation Review Board. He asked for support from ANC 1C for one, some, or all three versions of their plans.

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Neighbors and other members of the public commented on the proposed plans. Commissioners also made comments and asked for clarification about which plans the developers were going to present to HPRB.

Commissioner Reynolds withdrew a resolution passed by the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee on May 17, because the developers had complied with the committee's request for clarity in the proposals before HPRB.

Commissioner Fox Perry moved a resolution urging HPRB to oppose the proposed plans for the property but noting that of the three options Westbrook Partners presented, the Commission prefers the April 2017 design with one floor removed (Scheme E). Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion.

Commissioner Reardon proposed removing a paragraph of the resolution that was not related to historic preservation issues. The amendment was accepted without objection and the paragraph was removed.

There was debate among the commissioners about the structure and content of the resolution, with a particular focus on whether the Commission should state a view on whether any building on this lot could be in compliance with historic district guidelines. Commissioners Strom and Reardon stated that they believed the proposed buildings were in compliance while the remaining members of the Commission disagreed.

Commissioners then passed the resolution as amended by a roll call vote of 5 to 2 with Commissioners Scozzaro, Huezo, Guthrie, Perry, and Reynolds voting for the resolution; and Commissioners Strom and Reardon voting against it.

i. 2341 Ontario Road NW

Jim Wurzel of Capital City Real Estate requested ANC 1C support for relocation of a driveway at 2341 Ontario Road. He explained that ANC 1C supported the move in 2014, and DOT approved it in 2015, but the project was put on hold and the approval expired. The developers now need to file for re-approval with a new start time and are asking ANC 1C to reaffirm its support.

Commissioner Reynolds moved a resolution in support of moving the driveway. A second was not needed since the resolution was recommended by the PZT Committee. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with Commissioner Reardon abstaining.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Reardon moved to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Commissioner Huezo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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