

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

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

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on November 1, 2017 at Mary's Center. Chair Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. About 25 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 no report this month.

**b. Secretary's Report**

**i. Minutes for October 4, 2017 Meeting**

Secretary Reardon thanked Commissioners for continuing to provide committee agendas in advance and reminded the public that they can find this information on the ANC 1C website. He then moved to approve the minutes for the October 4, 2017 monthly ANC 1C meeting. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion and Commissioners voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes.

**c. Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Scozzaro had no report this month.

**III. District Department of Forensic Sciences**

Dr. Jennifer Smith, Director of the DC Department of Forensic Sciences, gave a presentation on the functions of the department including public health testing and assisting with crime scene evidence. Dr. Smith described the department's science advisory board and internship program and provided fact sheets with contact information on the back table.

**IV. Commissioner Announcements**

- Commissioner Guthrie congratulated the residents of Lanier Street on their successful Halloween celebration.
- Commissioner Reynolds thanked all who went to the shredding event on October 28. He said he would try to do it again next year.
- Commissioner Reynolds announced that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee would meet on the first Wednesday of the month, November 8 at Mary's Center. He said the agenda would include continued discussion of a traffic study for 18<sup>th</sup> Street, a parking plan for 18<sup>th</sup> Street, and the PEPCO substation on Champlain Street.
- Commissioner Huezo thanked Commissioner Reynolds for holding the shredding event; the Adams Morgan BID for holding the Apple Festival; and Shinada Phillips and the Mayor's office for including ANC 1C in Alley Palooza.
- Commissioner Huezo announced that a Kalorama Triangle clean-up would be held on Saturday, November 18. He also announced that the Public Services and the Environment Committee

would be meeting on the last Wednesday of the month, November 29, and that the committee would be considering a grant application from Jubilee Jumpstart.

- Commissioner Reardon thanked the Lanier Heights residents for a wonderful Halloween event. He also commented that the PZT Committee's discussion last month of 18<sup>th</sup> Street parking and traffic safety was informative. He said he appreciates the community input thus far and hopes that as many people as possible will participate as the conversation continues.
- Commissioner Scozzaro thanked the Mayor's office, Councilmember Nadeau's office, the police department, and others for helping to organize a walk-through of her Single Member District to observe lighting, shrubbery, and other safety issues.
- Commissioner Strom reported that a statue at the intersection of Harvard, Quarry, and 18th Streets had recently been vandalized. He said the Commission of Arts and Humanities is looking into repairing the statue.
- In Commissioner Irani's absence Commissioner Guthrie announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee would meet on November 15 and the agenda would include the monthly police report and as well as consideration whether to protest Rioja Market's license renewal with the aim of reaching a settlement agreement with them.

#### **V. Public Announcements / Comments**

- John Carlos Green of the DC Attorney General's office reported on efforts to prevent wage theft - the practice of denying workers wages or benefits that they earned. He said the Attorney General has been given new legal authority to investigate these matters. Mr. Green said they are working with the Department of Employment Services and reaching out to unions and nonprofits. He said people can check the Attorney General's website for bilingual wage books and more information on this initiative. He left fact sheets and consumer protection booklets on the back table.
- Robert Hirsch, a resident of Columbia Road, suggested that the hours for the Marie Reed pool be extended and asked whether the school or the Department of Parks and Recreations controls the hours. Commissioner Huezo said he would touch base with him on this.
- A representative from DC Jobs for Justice announced that there would be a community meeting on November 9 at the Festival Center on Columbia Road regarding wage practices of Power Design, a subcontractor at the Line Hotel.
- Shawn Hilgendorf, Legislative Director for Councilmember Robert White, gave an update on the Councilmember's initiatives including returning citizens legislation; affordable housing legislation; a bill to relieve fees on startup small businesses; and an initiative to gather in one place information about economic development incentives so that the community can better determine whether the city is getting a return on its investments. Members of the public and Commissioners asked about the small business fees initiative and the criminal record initiative. Mr. Hilgendorf left newsletters and fliers on the back table.
- Amanda Bonam from Councilmember Nadeau's office announced their community office hours and gave an update on the Councilmember's initiatives including hearings on a Dining with Dogs bill and on lead pipe replacement legislation. She provided contact information on the back table. A member of the public asked why the Dining with Dogs bill was designated as emergency legislation.
- A representative from Mary's Center announced that they would be holding an event on November 14 for the opening of their expanded Behavioral Health Center. She provided fliers with information about the event.
- Travoris Culpepper of Pepco provided an update on the Champlain substation upgrade. He said they have been meeting with the ANC's Public Services and the Environment Committee and the

DC Office of Planning, and they have held outreach events on the upgrade. Mr. Culpepper said the proposal is to enclose the equipment at the Champlain substation and that the mural will be replaced when construction is complete. He said there is more information on the Pepco website under Capital Grid Project and he can be contacted at: [Tculppeper@pepco.com](mailto:Tculppeper@pepco.com).

- Kristen Barden, of the Adams Morgan Partnership BID, reported on the Apple Festival, which raised funds for Joseph's House; and Porchfest, which they estimate had an estimated 5,000 attendees. Ms. Barden provided Heritage Trail maps and copies of the Hear, Dance, and Brunch cards to promote Adams Morgan businesses. She also encouraged everyone to support Adams Morgan businesses on Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving
- Sheika Reid announced that she is running to represent Ward 1 on the DC City Council and that part of her motivation for running is to reform speeding ticket fees in DC.
- Shinada Phillips of Mayor Bowser's office provided newsletters and fliers with leaf collection dates on the back table.
- Chris Otten thanked all who attended the fundraising event for Save our Plaza and gave an update on the injunction on the proposed development on that property.

## **VI. Scheduled Business**

### **a. ABC and Public Safety Committee**

#### **i. Metro-K Class B license**

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the ABC and Public Safety Committee voted to move to the full ANC without recommendation, consideration of whether to protest Metro-K's application for a Class B license. He said he was not aware of any problems with Metro-K, adding that the effort needed to draft and reach a settlement agreement would not be worth any benefit it might yield. No motion was made on this matter.

#### **ii. Office and Commission of Nightlife**

Commissioner Guthrie reported that he had just received notice of legislation in the City Council to create a DC Office and Commission of Nightlife. He moved to add this matter to the agenda without the usual ten days' advance notice on the basis that not addressing the issue would be adverse to the community. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Commissioner Guthrie then moved a resolution opposing establishment of a Commission of Nightlife because the legislation does not clearly define the role of such a Commission and it would seem to duplicate the duties of the ABC Board and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed the role of Nightlife Commissions in other cities and the lack of details in the DC legislation. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to pass the resolution opposing the proposed legislation to create an Office and Commission of Nightlife.

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

#### **i. 1800 Columbia Road**

Commissioner Reynolds moved that ANC 1C send correspondence to appropriate DC agencies, including the District Department of Transportation, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, the DC Office of Planning, and the Board of Zoning Adjustment requesting that all applications and administrative action be placed on hold pending settlement of litigation regarding

1800 Columbia Road, NW. The motion did not require a second since it was recommended by the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed whether it was beneficial to ask the agencies to hold off on official actions until the litigation is resolved. Commissioners then voted 5 to 2 to pass the resolution.

**ii. Applications for buildings to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places**

Commissioner Reynolds reported that he had just received applications for two buildings to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. He said that the Historic Preservation Review Board has scheduled a December 21 hearing for these applications, so he was adding it to the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee's November 8 agenda. The historic designation applications are for the Glenn Arms at 2524 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW and the Fulford Building at 2518 17<sup>th</sup> St NW.

**c. Public Services and the Environment Committee**

**i. Downtown DC Public Restroom Initiative**

Commissioner Guthrie reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support an initiative for public restrooms in DC. Representatives from the People for Fairness Coalition asked for support for legislation in the DC City Council to promote the installation of public restrooms downtown. Members of the public discussed how this is handled in cities around the world, and where the proposed sites would be in DC.

Commissioners expressed concerns with safety issues and about the wording of the resolution which endorsed specific legislation. Commissioners then amended the original resolution to remove references to specific legislation but to support establishing a working group of relevant DC agencies to identify sites for public restrooms that are clean and safe and to study the creation of a subsidy program for private entities to keep their restrooms open to the public. Commissioners first voted 7 to 0 to amend the resolution and then voted 7 to 0 to pass the resolution as amended.

**ii. DC ReInvest**

Brian Doyle from the DC Reinvest coalition asked ANC 1C to support a DC Council resolution urging the DC government to divest from Wells Fargo bank. Commissioners asked about other banking options for the DC government then voted 7 to 0 to support the resolution urging divestment from Wells Fargo.

**VII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Reardon moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Commissioner Scozzaro seconded the motion which passed unanimously.