

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C**  
**Adams Morgan**  
**Minutes of January 5, 2022**

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

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on January 5, 2022. Commissioner Clem called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Celeste Carano (1C02), Peter Wood (1C03), Meghan Faulkner (1C04), Deb Felsenthal (1C05), Benjamin Hart Butz (1C06), Jake Faleschini (1C07), and Fiona Clem (1C08). Members of the public joined electronically.

**II. Approval of the agenda**

Commissioner Clem moved to add to the [agenda](#) consideration of a settlement agreement that had recently been agreed to by all parties. Commissioner Faleschini seconded the motion, and the amended agenda was then approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

**III. Elect Chair for 2022**

Commissioner Butz nominated Commissioner Clem to be Chair of ANC 1C. Commissioner Faleschini seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

**IV. Elect slate of officers and committee assignments for 2022**

Commissioner Clem nominated the following slate of officers, committee chairs, and committee members for 2022:

Chair: Fiona Clem, 1C08  
Vice Chair: Ben Butz, 1C06  
Treasurer: Meghan Faulkner, 1C04  
Secretary: Jake Faleschini, 1C07

Adams Morgan Partnership BID Representative: Peter Wood, 1C03

**Alcohol Beverage Control and Public Safety Committee**

Chair: Peter Wood, 1C03  
Members: Fiona Clem, 1C08; Jake Faleschini, 1C07

**Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee**

Chair: Meghan Faulkner, 1C04  
Members: Jake Faleschini, 1C07

**Public Services and the Environment Committee**

Chair: Celeste Carano, 1C02  
Members: Ben Butz, 1C06; Deb Felsenthal, 1C05

Commissioner Felsenthal seconded the nominations that were then approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

**V. Officers' Reports**

Commissioner Faulkner presented the [FY22 Q1 financial report](#).

## **VI. Announcements**

Commissioners made announcements about community events and upcoming committee meetings. Also making announcements were Declan Falls from DC Council Chair Mendelson's office; Allie Bobak from Councilmember Nadeau's office; Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID; Mignon Bowie, DDOT liaison for Ward 1; and LaToya Davenport from the US Attorney's Office.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of [minutes from the December 2021](#) ANC 1C meeting; the FY22 Q1 [financial report](#); a resolution [authorizing signatories](#) on ANC 1C bank account; a resolution on ANC 1C [meeting schedule for 2022](#); a resolution authorizing participation in [ANC Security Fund](#); and a resolution designating location of [ANC 1C financial records](#). Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion, and the consent agenda was then adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.

## **VIII. Regular Agenda**

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

#### **1. Retailer's Class "A" Internet license application for Mufson, Faron & Brand, LLC**

Ms. Natalie Mufson and Greg Faron of Mufson of Mufson, Faron & Brand, LLC, asked for ANC 1C support for a Retailer's Class A Internet license application ([ABRA-119225](#)) for their business that will be operating out of 1701 Florida Avenue, NW. Ms. Mufson said they plan to import wine and brandy for online sale only with no storefront retail business and that they are also asking for support for a stipulated license to operate during the pending ABRA protest period. She said their business would have little to no impact on local traffic.

Commissioners asked about the business; security at their location; hours of operation; and commented on the minimal impact this would have on the neighborhood. Commissioner Clem moved that ANC 1C send a [letter of support](#) the retail class A license application. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Commissioner Clem then moved to place consideration of the stipulated license on the agenda. Commissioner Faleschini seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Finally, Commissioner Clem moved that ANC 1C support a stipulated licenses for Mufson, Faron & Brand. Commissioner Faleschini seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

#### **2. Entice Lounge settlement agreement (considered at the end of the meeting)**

Commissioner Clem provided background on a settlement agreement that had recently been reached with Entice Lounge, LLC (ABRA-117477) to be located at 1725 Columbia Road. She noted that questions about parking along with concerns about peace, order, and quiet had been addressed in the settlement agreement and then moved for its adoption. Commissioners adopted the [settlement agreement](#) by a vote of 7 to 0.

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

### **1. Adams Morgan East-West traffic analysis**

Commissioner Faulkner provided background on a District Department of Transportation proposal for a six-month pilot program to convert the 1800 blocks of Wyoming Avenue and Kalorama Road to one-way streets with contra-flow bike lanes. She explained that the proposal is based on the [Adams Morgan East-West traffic analysis](#), a technical memorandum compiled by DDOT, and that the notice of intent for the pilot program would be followed by a comment period.

Commissioners discussed whether traffic is slower or faster on one-way streets; previous ANC 1C action on this issue; the potential impact on these streets if 18<sup>th</sup> Street becomes pedestrian-only; support from residents who live in the Promenade Apartments; and the fact that it is a pilot program with a follow-up study, not a permanent change.

Residents of Kalorama Road who are opposed to the pilot program questioned the need for it, whether the study was adequate, and whether traffic on a one-way street would move faster than traffic on a narrow two-way street. They also expressed concerns that traffic would be diverted to the alley and that if 18<sup>th</sup> Street becomes pedestrian-only, Wyoming and Kalorama could become main arteries instead of residential streets.

Commissioner Clem moved that ANC 1C send a [letter in support of the pilot program](#) contingent on DDOT including traffic calming measures such as speed bumps on those streets. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. Commissioners noted that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee will continue discussion of implementation of the pilot program at its January meeting and reiterated that there will be an opportunity for more public comment after DDOT publishes a notice of intent. Commissioners then passed the motion by a vote of 7 to 0.

### **2. Zoning relief relating to roof structure setbacks at 1650 Harvard Street NW**

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the PZT Committee recommended that the ANC support a request for zoning relief at 1650 Harvard Street, NW (BZA Application No. 20658). Jeff Utz, Art Linde, Joe Ijjas presented plans for renovations and expansion of Harvard Hall, which include adding roof units, and increasing the number of units from 156 to 182. They have a hearing scheduled with the BZA in March to seek [zoning relief](#) for roof structure setbacks along Harvard Street and Quarry Road due to setback regulations that have changed since they began this process.

Commissioners discussed whether there has been any input from neighbors; how the developers will comply with inclusionary zoning; and whether neighbors can participate in the BZA hearing. A neighbor said she felt there was not adequate notice about this matter due to the holidays and asked that the ANC delay consideration of it.

Commissioner Clem moved that ANC 1C send a [letter of support](#) to the BZA. Commissioners passed the motion by a vote of 7 to 0.

### **3. Resolution on traffic safety and paving at Harvard Street and Lanier Place NW**

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the PZT Committee recommended passing a resolution in support of safety enhancements at the intersection of Harvard and Lanier Streets NW. She noted that ANC 1D recently requested a traffic safety investigation there because of traffic speed. She said there is poor visibility there and that the resolution asks DDOT to square off the corners as part of re-paving in 2022 and to provide traffic enforcement.

Commissioners Felsenthal, the new Commissioner for ANC 1C05, and Zack Gold, the previous Commissioner for this SMD spoke in support of the resolution. A neighbor spoke in support of slowing traffic at this intersection adding that it had once been a traffic circle.

Commissioner Clem then called for a vote on the [resolution](#) which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

### **C. Public Services and the Environment Committee**

#### **1. Grant application from Jubilee Housing for funds supporting a resource center and lending library**

Commissioner Carano moved that consideration of a [grant application](#) from Jubilee Housing be moved to the February ANC meeting. She said this will give the applicant time to process feedback from Office of ANCs. Commissioner Clem seconded the motion to postpone that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.