

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of February 2, 2022

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on February 2, 2022. Commissioner Clem called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Howard Bauleke (1C01), Celeste Carano (1C02), Peter Wood (1C03), Meghan Faulkner (1C04), Deb Felsenthal (1C05), 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 a settlement agreement with the Grand Duchess tavern. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Commissioner Clem also moved to add to the agenda a settlement agreement with Andy's Pizza. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. Officers' Reports

Chairman's report

Commissioner Clem reported that the DC Council is considering whether to extend the option of virtual meetings for ANCs. She said ANC 1C will keep the public informed about whether its meetings will be in person going forward.

Treasurer's report

Commissioner Faulkner provided an update on ANC 1C finances.

IV. Announcements

Commissioners made announcements about community events and upcoming committee meetings. Also making announcements were Travoris Culpepper from PEPCO regarding the Champlain substation and possible street closures for installation of distribution lines; Allie Bobak from Councilmember Nadeau's office with Council updates; Kristen Barden from the Adams Morgan BID on upcoming events; Edward Hughes regarding plans for 18th Street, Wyoming Avenue, and Kalorama Road; and a neighbor regarding asbestos abatement at 1650 Harvard Street.

V. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of [minutes](#) from the January 2022 ANC 1C meeting. Commissioners passed the consent agenda by a vote of 7 to 0.

VI. Regular Agenda

A. ABC and Public Safety Committee

1. Grand Duchess/ To The Heavens settlement agreement

Commissioner Clem provided background on the recently negotiated settlement agreement with To The Heavens, LLC/Grand Duchess Tavern located at 2337 18th Street (Class C Tavern's license number ABRA-1065). The owner, Vinnie Rotondaro, explained that past settlement agreements for establishments at this site were out of date and did not include the name of their LLC. He noted changes made to opening

hours and trash pick-up practices. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to approve the renegotiated [settlement agreement](#) with The Grand Duchess Tavern.

2. Andy's Pizza settlement agreement

Commissioner Clem reported that a settlement agreement had been reached with Andy's Pizza, a Class C restaurant located at 2465 18th Street (license number ABRA-119705). Commissioner Wood added that the ABC and Public Safety Committee had discussed hours with the owner. Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the [settlement agreement](#) which passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Commissioner Clem then moved to approve a stipulated license to allow Andy's Pizza to sell alcohol before the protest period ends. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion that also passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

B. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

1. Presentation on Rock n Roll Half Marathon

Diane Romo Thomas gave a presentation on the [Rock n Roll Half Marathon](#) which will be held on March 26, 2022. She noted that it is just a half marathon which will follow the same [course](#) as the race held in November 2021 with runners coming up through Rock Creek Park to Calvert Street, Adams Mill Road, and Columbia Road with the last runners expected to be through Adams Morgan by 11:45 am. She said there will be a water station on Columbia Road, but no music stations in Adams Morgan, and there will be no parking along the course. Commissioners discussed whether cars would be towed; the fact that the race is owned by a private business which profits from the race; the inconvenience to neighbors; and how race organizers will coordinate with any local events that may be impacted by the race.

2. Walk Without Worry Act and the Safe Routes to School Expansion Regulation Act

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee recommended that the full Commission pass a resolution in support of the Walk Without Worry Act and the Safe Routes to School Expansion Regulation Act, which are currently being considered by the DC Council. She explained that the first bill would standardize the use of continuous sidewalks, raised crosswalks, and raised intersections designs; and the second bill expand school zones and reduce speed limits near schools. She noted that this could include improvements for the crosswalk where Nina Larson was killed in Adams Morgan in November. Commissioners voted 7 to 0 to pass the [resolution](#) urging the DC Council to pass these bills.

3. DDOT public space construction application for CVS at 1781 Florida Ave NW

Commissioner Clem reported that ANC 1C had been asked to weigh in on proposed construction of a CVS at 1781 Florida Avenue. She said that the PZT Committee discussed the [public space construction application](#) at its January meeting and heard from neighbors, but in the meantime, the permit application has been removed. Commissioner Faulkner added that the application may be undergoing revision.

C. Public Services and the Environment Committee

1. Grant application from Jubilee Housing for a resource center and lending library

Commissioner Carano reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C approve a [grant application](#) from Jubilee Housing for \$4,000 for a community

resource center and lending library, and noted that it has been cleared by the Office of ANCs. Christopher Bulbulia, Director of Development for Jubilee Housing, said the library would be for low-income, marginalized youth and would be located at the Maycroft apartments on Columbia Road; and that the resource center at the Ritz apartment building provides a variety of services including food, clothing, benefit procurement, and translation services for the broader community.

Commissioners discussed staffing needs at Jubilee Housing and the good work being done through their programs. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to approve the grant request.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.