

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

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

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on June 1, 2022. Commissioner Clem called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Howard Bauleke (1C01), 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 consideration of an amendment to the Johnny Pistola settlement agreement. Commissioners agreed to the agenda as amended by a vote of vote 6 to 0.

**III. Officers' Reports**

**A. Chairman's report**

Commissioner Clem reported that her single member district would be changed through the redistricting plan that would move the Striver Section to ANC 1B. She added that the MPD and fire station in that area are scheduled for redevelopment in the next 10 years. Commissioner Clem said that given the impact this change would have on our neighborhood, our ANC's views on this should be given great weight and she encouraged anyone with concerns about this to discuss it with Councilmember Nadeau or At-large Councilmember Silverman.

**B. Secretary's report**

Commissioner Faleschini reported that the committee meeting schedule would be change for the month of June with the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 29 instead of on June 15.

**C. Treasurer's report**

Commissioner Faulkner reviewed ANC 1C's current finances. She said there were no major expenditures to report, and she is close to having the allotments resolved with the Office of ANCs.

**IV. Commissioner announcements**

Commissioners reported on upcoming committee meeting agendas as well as on feedback they have received from residents regarding pedestrian zone plans; pedestrian safety upgrades at several intersections; clean-up of an abandoned encampment site; location of the ballot drop box and sites for advance voting for the upcoming election on June 21; opportunities for volunteer gardening at Kalorama Park; an art exhibit and event at Unity Park; water pipe replacement; community hours for the field at Walter Pierce Park and new signs regarding dogs on that field; contra flow bike lanes for Argonne and Lanier Place; repaving on Columbia Road and Euclid Street; the story hour and art exhibit in Unity Park; a DC-wide soccer tournament at the Marie Reed field; requests for crosswalk re-painting; issues with dogs being off-leash in Meridian Hill Park; and the farmers market coming back to Unity Park.

**V. Public Announcements**

Kristen Barden, from the Adams Morgan BID, provided updates on the Drag Queen story hour; bike-to-

work day; movie nights; a music series in Kalorama Park in August; and Porchfest. Denis James reported the detection of elevated radon readings where pipes are being replaced on Wyoming Avenue. Commissioners commented on how to contact the appropriate agency about this including filing a 311 report and contacting Emanuel Briggs from DC Water. Maya Harris with Councilmember Nadeau's office provided updates on the 2023 budget and on the Councilmember's community hours and town halls. Brian Kavanagh from the Adams Morgan Community Alliance reported on plans for Adams Morgan Day which falls on September 11 this year.

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of [minutes](#) from the May 2022 ANC 1C meeting. Commissioners passed the consent agenda by a vote of 6 to 0.

## **VII. Regular Agenda**

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

#### **1. Johnny Pistola settlement agreement amendment**

Commissioner Wood reported that ANC 1C, the Kalorama Citizens' Association, and management for Johnny Pistola's had negotiated an amendment to their settlement agreement to address dancing on the second floor. A member of the public asked about insulation to reduce noise. Commissioners discussed noise reduction efforts and ways to register complaints about that. Commissioners then passed the [amendment](#) by a vote of 6 to 0.

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

#### **1. Adams Morgan BID's pilot pedestrian zone permit application**

Commissioner Faulkner introduced a draft [letter](#) in support of Adams Morgan BID's pilot pedestrian zone permit application for 18<sup>th</sup> Street that had been discussed in the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee. She noted that some aspects of the proposal are still pending, including a re-working of the bus route and a traffic study. She added that ANC 1C has supported this pedestrian zone in the past emphasizing pedestrian safety and use of public space for pedestrians rather than vehicles.

Kristen Barden of the BID explained that the BID had received [Streets For People](#) grant from the Office of Planning to cover infrastructure such as bollards to block off the street; extra policing and traffic enforcement; traffic studies; and hiring David Levy to help with the permit process. She added that an advisory committee including residents, commissioners, and government agencies have been coordinating on this project since January.

Commissioners asked about the extent and timing of closures; studies that are still outstanding; evaluations after the closures; and whether the pilot has the support of local businesses. Ms. Barden said the goal is to close 18<sup>th</sup> Street one weekend a month and that a studies on the impact on Wyoming Avenue and Kalorama Road, a traffic management plan, and bus re-routing are still pending. She noted that a fire lane must be maintained in the middle of the street and that pick-up and drop-off zones would be set up for passengers and food delivery. Ms. Barden added that they are coordinating with Adams Morgan Day planners and that business owners noticed increased business during previous closures.

Commissioners discussed next steps in the permitting process; getting clarity on which city agency should oversee this type of event; emails from residents opposed to the proposal citing: traffic

congestion on side streets, increased noise, whether it would benefit businesses only, and the transparency of the discussion and process.

Members of the public commented on coordinating with Adams Morgan Day; what time the street would re-open at night; access to the parking garage on 18<sup>th</sup>; giving notice to the neighborhood; transparency of the process and getting neighborhood input; and how the success of the closure will be measured.

Commissioner Clem explained that the draft letter expresses ANC 1C support for the BID to get permits for this project, and that the BID will be implementing the pilot project in accordance with the results of pending studies including traffic calming measures on side streets. Commissioner Clem moved that ANC 1C send a [letter](#) renewing its June 2020 support for a pedestrian zone for 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioners passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.