

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of February 3, 2021

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on February 3, 2021. Commissioner Irani called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. About 50 members of the public joined electronically. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Celeste Carano (1C02), Peter Wood (1C03), Meghan Faulkner (1C04), Zack Gold (1C05), Benjamin Hart Butz (1C06), Japer Bowles (1C07), and Fiona Clem (1C08).

II. Officers' Reports

A. Chair's Report

Commissioner Irani announced that everyone can sign up to receive COVID vaccine updates at coronavirus.dc.gov. He also announced that DDOT is holding a [public virtual meeting](#) on the 16th Street bus lanes project on February 8 and that information about that meeting is posted on the ANC 1C website.

B. Secretary's Report

Commissioner Clem had no report.

C. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Faulkner presented the financial report for [FY 21 Q1](#).

III. Commissioner Announcements/Committee Meeting Agendas

- Commissioner Bowles announced that the February 10 meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee would include discussion of two possible settlement agreements and the MPD report. He also asked everyone to dispose of holiday trees in the proper way.
- Commissioner Butz thanked neighbors for reaching out to introduce themselves to him and encouraged people to feel free to contact him using his email address posted on the ANC 1C website: 1C06@anc.dc.gov.
- Commissioner Gold thanked the neighbors in his single member district for shoveling their sidewalks. He put a link in the chat for the 16th Street bus lanes meeting that Commissioner Irani mentioned (<https://rebrand.ly/16thStNWBusLanes>) and announced that the Washington Area Bicyclist Association would be holding cycling safety webinars on February 27 and March 10. Commissioner Gold also urged everyone to take a survey issued by the DC Office of Planning on outdoor dining and retail: <https://publicinput.com/W4624>.
- Commissioner Gold announced that two resolutions passed at the January meeting of the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee would be considered by the full Commission at this meeting. He also announced that the agenda for the February 17 PZT meeting included a DDOT presentation on MoveDC 2021; a zoning variance request for the Festival Center; and a resolution regarding

potential changes in WMATA service. He said information on joining the meeting is posted on the website and provided a link to a MoveDC survey: <https://rebrand.ly/Phase2Survey>.

- Commissioner Faulkner provided her email address (1C04@anc.dc.gov) and encouraged residents in her single member district to contact her if they want to receive her regular updates.
- Commissioner Wood commended residents for being good neighbors by shoveling after the recent snow. He noted that he has heard from people interested in the Commissary project and would be arranging a call on that for those who are interested. Commissioner Wood also announced that he would be moderating a panel on affordable housing on Monday, February 22 and encouraged people to send questions for the panel. He said he would send out a flier with more information.
- Commissioner Carano announced that ANC 1C is inviting groups to submit grant applications and referred those interested to the [website](#) for details on the process. She asked that applications for the next round of grants be submitted by mid-March and encouraged people to contact her with questions and to share this information with any organization that might be interested. She also announced that the February 24 meeting of the Public Services and the Environment Committee would include information from Murals DC on the annual Call for Walls project.
- Commissioner Carano echoed the announcement that residents can sign up for vaccine alerts even if they are not yet eligible. She also announced that the DC Cares Assistance Program has reopened applications for those not served by other unemployment assistance programs and provided a link for more information: <https://production.powerappsportals.com/en-US/>.

IV. Public Announcements/Comments

- Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID said that a new Safety Ambassador, Gary Requena, would be starting on February 10. She also announced that details on Valentine's Day date night packages would be coming out on Monday and on a decorating contest for business windows.
- Allie Bobak from Councilmember Nadeau's office provided updates and her contact information: abobak@dcouncil.us, 202-531-5186. She urged seniors to get public appointments for the COVID vaccine or to try hospitals or clinics where they are patients, and said Councilmember Nadeau's office can help in getting appointments for seniors. She also announced that the Councilmember re-introduced two bills on street vending and co-introduced a bill addressing workplace safety during the pandemic; a Ward 1 short-term family housing site just opened that day at 14th Street and Clifton; and that many students went back to in-person learning this week. She encouraged people to sign up for their newsletter at brianneknadeau.com for more information and updates.
- Alan Roth urged Commissioners to look closely at the Mayor's proposed legislation to help the hospitality industry recover from the pandemic. He said it goes beyond what is needed for COVID relief and would undermine settlement agreements with ANCs, make ABRA proceedings less transparent, and gut protections for residents who live in or near mixed-use zones. He offered to share a summary of the legislation and urged ANC 1C to share any concerns with the DC Council.

V. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Faulkner moved to add to the consent agenda the [FY21 Q1 financial report](#).

Commissioner Irani seconded the procedural motion that was passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Commissioners then passed the consent agenda which consisted of the Q1 report and the [minutes](#) from January 2021 ANC meeting by a vote of 8 to 0.

VI. Regular Agenda

B. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

1. Resolution on study of Columbia Road to accommodate protected bicycle lanes

Commissioner Gold reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee voted unanimously to recommend passage of a [resolution](#) asking DDOT to study Columbia Road and to redesign it to include protected bicycle lanes from Connecticut Avenue to 16th Street NW. He said the resolution calls for connection to the protected bicycle lane network and is in keeping with DC's goals to increase trips by biking and walking.

Commissioners discussed inviting DDOT specialists on freight and bus traffic, in addition to bicycle specialists, to a PZT Committee discussion on Columbia Road but decided to keep the focus of this resolution on bike lanes. Commissioners also clarified that the resolution acknowledges that some, not all, parking along Columbia Road may need to be removed in order to add a protected bike lane.

Some members of the public commented that the resolution calls for a study but includes specific recommendations, and that stakeholders other than bicyclists should be considered, including bus riders, businesses, and older residents who cannot travel by bicycle. Other members of the public spoke in favor of safer bike lanes and more fair use of public space and noted that asking DDOT to look into the feasibility of protected bikes lanes does not presuppose the result.

Commissioner Gold noted that this is the beginning of a conversation, that he welcomes input from neighborhood associations and businesses, that he believes bicycle lanes will help local businesses, and that this can be done to benefit all. Other Commissioners noted that they heard from many constituents in support of this resolution. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0.

2. Resolution supporting a DDOT traffic safety assessment of the intersection of Adams Mill Rd NW and Clydesdale Place NW

Commissioner Gold moved for adoption of a [resolution](#) supporting a DDOT traffic safety assessment of the intersection of Adams Mill Road NW and Clydesdale Place NW and said that it was recommended unanimously by the PZT Committee. He noted that this was requested by a resident and that in December ANC 1C passed a resolution in support of a traffic assessment a few blocks away from this one. He noted that the area has a lot of pedestrian traffic from Walter Pierce Park and the Zoo, and that the resolution calls on DDOT to consider this road holistically. Commissioners passed the resolution by a vote of 8 to 0.

VII. DDOT presentation on completed and ongoing projects

Cynthia Turcios, DDOT Community Engagement Specialist for Ward 1, gave a [presentation](#) on DDOT accomplishments and ongoing projects. The updates included 14th Street and 16th Street bus lanes; the crosstown bike lanes; Slow Streets; Streateries; new default speed limits of 20 mph on some neighborhood streets; the traffic safety assessment process; pothole, sidewalk, and alley repairs; and missing or damaged signage. She encouraged residents to continue to make 311 requests to report

needed repairs but noted that some take longer than others. She referenced the public meeting on the 16th Street bus lanes that had been mentioned earlier, and provided links for the Safety and Mobility Study: [Near Northwest III Safety & Mobility Study \(arcgis.com\)](#); the MoveDC survey: [moveDC \(arcgis.com\)](#); and her contact information: 202-359-0284, cynthia.turcios1@dc.gov.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Turcios for the presentation and asked about contractors paving over brick alleys; contractors putting up parking permits when work is not being done; getting DDOT representatives to come to ANC meetings to discuss pedestrian and bike safety; how to check if a street should have a 20 mph sign; data on how the 14th Street bus lanes are running and enforcement in keeping cars from parking in the bus lanes; and any input on Slow Street signs being knocked down.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.