

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of June 2, 2021

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on June 2, 2021. Commissioner Irani called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Peter Wood (1C03), Meghan Faulkner (1C04), Zack Gold (1C05), Benjamin Hart Butz (1C06), Japer Bowles (1C07), and Fiona Clem (1C08). Members of the public joined electronically.

II. Officers' Reports

A. Chair's Report

Commissioner Irani reported that the Adams Morgan Farmers Market would be at Unity Park on Saturdays starting on June 5. He said there would be parking restrictions around the park from 5 am to 3 pm to make room for vendor trucks. Esther Siegel from [Licking Creek Bend Farm](#) had planned to give an update on the farmers market, but could not stay on the call so she provided her email address for those who want more information: Esiegel2@igc.org.

B. Secretary's Report

Commissioner Clem had no updates.

C. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Faulkner gave a brief overview of the ANC 1C's current finances including a recent disbursement from the Office of ANCs and grant checks that had been cashed.

III. Commissioner Announcements/Committee Meeting Agendas

- Commissioner Clem announced that the DC Public Library would be celebrating its 125th anniversary with events and gift bags at all branches on June 3. She also announced that Spacey Cloud would be hosting a Black Lives Matter photography exhibition called [Rise Up](#) until June 6.
- Commissioner Bowles reported that the ABC and Public Safety meeting agenda for June 9 currently was just the update from MPD.
- Commissioner Bowles provided information about upcoming Pride Month events including vaccinations at Pitchers on June 3 sponsored by the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs and DC Health; the Pride Walk and the [Pridemobile Parade](#) on June 12; and Pride Ride, an LGBTQ and Black History ride for HIPS that Commissioner Bowles is organizing.
- Commissioner Butz encouraged everyone to take advantage of the re-opening city by visiting shops and restaurants in Adams Morgan.
- Commissioner Gold reported that residents should expect lane closures around Harvard and Columbia Road due to work on the [16th Street bus lanes project](#), but that intersection is expected to be finished this summer.
- Commissioner Gold reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee discussed a moveDC resolution at its May meeting which would be considered at this meeting. He said the

agenda for the June 16 PZT meeting included consideration of a special exception request at 2240 Ontario Road and perhaps items added from tonight's meeting.

- Commissioner Faulkner reported that a group would be meeting up at Walter Pierce Park on Saturday, June 12 for a [Sidewalk Palooza](#) event to bring attention to bike pedestrian safety issues and to enter 311 requests.
- Commissioner Wood provided a recap of the May meeting of the Public Services and the Environment Committee including a report from grant recipient Momentum Health; consideration of a resolution on DC budget recommendations; and a panel on supporting survivors of domestic violence.
- Commissioner Wood also noted that with more of the city opening it will result in more litter in public places and he will be working on a response to that.
- Commissioner Wood also announced that the Platform of Hope would be holding an [auction](#) on June 24-28.

IV. Director Everett Lott of DDOT presentation on the budget

Director Everett Lott of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) delivered a presentation on Mayor Bowser's [budget](#). He noted that federal relief and reserve funds were key to the city's COVID response and highlighted some of the Mayor's priorities in affordable housing, rental assistance, education, childcare centers, public safety and gun violence prevention, and economic recovery for businesses and residents. He highlighted DDOT items such as the open streets initiative - including 18th Street, bike lanes, trails, and the Dupont Deckover as well as [Ward 1 investments](#) such as the Reeves Center; Adams Educational Campus; bus lanes on Columbia Road, and a U Street streetscape project.

Commissioners noted they would be considering a budget resolution at this meeting and had recently compiled a list of transportation-related concerns. Commissioners asked about including a bike lane with the bus-only lanes on Columbia Road; Vision Zero funding and reporting; data collection for traffic fatalities; the lengthy process for traffic safety assessments (TSAs); efforts to make Adams Morgan more pedestrian and cyclist friendly; re-painting crosswalks; the residential parking permit program; improving communication with DDOT including timelines and status on projects; and quicker turn-around time on projects. Commissioners thanked Director Lott for attending the meeting and thanked Ward 1 representative, Cynthia Turcios for her responsiveness. Ms. Turcios provided her contact information: Cynthia.turcios1@dc.gov and 202-359-0284.

Members of the public asked about the 20 TSAs currently open in Adams Morgan; road rage on crowded streets; delayed responses to 311 requests and replies showing the request is closed when the work has not been done; how affordable housing is defined; resources for affordable housing in Adams Morgan; the streetcar project on Benning Road; and the K Street Transitway.

V. Jubilee Housing update on projects and programs in Adams Morgan

Marty Mellett and Rebecca Ely of [Jubilee Housing](#) provided updates on four projects including a building on Kalorama Road with 25 housing units and their offices and one on Euclid Street. He estimated construction for those two projects would start in 2023. He also described a project on Ontario Road near Mary's Center and the King Emmanuel Baptist Church with units set aside for the formerly incarcerated. He added that the Ontario building will include social services, a solar array, and an

aquaponics garden to provide food and training for the residents and possibly food to sell. Mr. Mellett estimated it would take two years before construction would start on these projects.

Commissioners thanked him for Jubilee Housing's work and for reaching out to neighbors. Members of the public asked about supervision of construction; providing mental health support to the formerly incarcerated residents; length of stay in the short-term housing; supervision of residents given the proximity to schools; program rules and guidelines for residents; and timing of construction completion.

VI. DDOT presentation on ParkDC Permits

Joseph Kerwin from DDOT gave an overview of [ParkDC Permits](#), a digital visitor parking permit system that is being piloted in ANCs 1D and 6B and will be open to all District residents in July, 2021. He said it will centralize all types of visitor and contractor parking under one system that will be accessible by website, mobile app, call center, and kiosks around the city where permits can be printed. Mr. Kerwin said DDOT is gathering feedback and data during the pilot for the full launch in July.

Commissioners and members of the public asked about what information must be submitted for a visitor parking permit; how permits are to be printed; what problems the new system is designed to address; and whether it will be accessible for people who are not online and in multiple languages.

Mr. Kerwin provided contact information for the DDOT Call Center at 202-671-2631; email DDOT.Parking@dc.gov; the [ParkDC](#) website; and links to [FAQs](#), and [Instructional Videos](#) for the new visitor parking permit digital system.

VII. Public announcements

- Allie Bobak from Councilmember Nadeau's office reported that the Council has begun oversight hearings on the Mayor's budget. She noted that Councilmember Nadeau co-chaired a hearing on rental assistance and said their office can help with applications for that assistance. She provided her contact information: abobak@dccouncil.us, 202-531-5186.
- Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID reported that they are moving their office to 2424 18th Street and noted that due to renovations the Festival Center would be giving away books and furniture June 15-18 books. She also provided updates on upcoming events including Drag Queen Storytime one Sunday a month at Unity Park beginning June 13, and movie nights at Marie Reed starting on July 12.
- Cheryl Hardy announced that the 42nd Adams Morgan Day Festival would take place on September 12 with a hybrid approach. She said information will be posted at: www.admoday.com and urged volunteers to email adamsmorganalliance@gmail.com.
- Moises Del'Rosario from the Mayor's Office thanked those who attended the Day of Action to help residents make plans to get vaccinated. He said the next [Day of Action](#) would be June 19 and provided a link for [walk-up vaccination sites](#). Mr. Delrosario also announced that there would be an event at the Black Lives Matter Plaza on June 5 to mark its one-year anniversary. He provided his contact information: (202)553-8032 (cell); moises.delrosario@dc.gov.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Irani moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of [minutes](#) from the May 2021 ANC meeting. Commissioners passed the consent agenda by a vote of 7 to 0.

IX. Regular Agenda

A. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

1. Resolution providing feedback on the DDOT draft moveDC 2021 update

Commissioner Gold reported that the PZT Committee approved a [resolution](#) providing feedback on the District Department of Transportation's [moveDC](#) 2021 draft update. He proposed changes to the resolution to include asking DDOT to commit to following its outlined strategy; more specificity and transparency on data and metrics; national guidance for transit priority networks treatments; and pedestrian and sidewalk safety.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed the resolution and amendments; a DC pedestrian master plan; neighborhood density; and the results of a resident survey on transportation priorities. The proposed changes to the resolution were accepted as friendly amendments. The [resolution](#) as amended then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

2. Resolution on Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2022

Commissioner Irani reported that a [resolution](#) to send a [letter](#) to Mayor Bowser and the DC Council outlining ANC 1C Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2022 had been considered by both the PZT Committee and the Public Services and the Environment Committee. Commissioner Bowles summarized the resolution which included funding requests for Adams Morgan as well as city-wide transportation, housing, parks, education, and human services programs. He noted that the draft resolution endorses raising revenue by taxing DC's highest earners and re-directing funds from MPD. Commissioner Bowles added that while many of the listed priorities were funded in the Mayor's budget, it was still important to express support for these items with the DC Council.

Commissioners and members of the public discussed advocacy priorities; whether to acknowledge the items that were funded in the Mayor's budget; and whether to include the Adams campus in the budget requests.

Commissioner Gold moved to remove the reference to raising revenue. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion. Commissioners and members of the public discussed raising taxes on higher income or wealthy residents, and previous ANC votes on re-directing funds. Commissioners passed an amendment to strike reference to revenue raisers in the last paragraph by a roll call vote of 4 to 3 with Commissioners Clem, Butz, Gold, and Irani voting yes (to strike the reference), and Commissioners Bowles, Faulkner, and Wood voting no. The resolution as amended then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 pm.