

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
Adams Morgan
Minutes of December 1, 2021

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on December 1, 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), Benjamin Hart Butz (1C06), Commissioner Faleschini (1C07), and Fiona Clem (1C08). Members of the public joined electronically.

II. Officers' Reports

A. Chair's Report

Commissioner Irani reported that this would be his final meeting as chair and commissioner. He said he was grateful for the experience and to have neighbors who elected him three times saying it has brought him closer to the community. He noted the many hours of volunteer work put in by commissioners and thanked all the current and past commissioners he has served with.

B. Secretary's Report

Commissioner Clem thanked Commissioner Irani for his leadership. She reported that there is a vacant commissioner seat for single member district ANC 1C05. She provided a link to the [DC Board of Elections](#) for those who want information about running.

C. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Faulkner thanked Commissioner Irani for his service and said he will be missed. She provided the balance of ANC 1C's account and said there were no new expenses.

III. Commissioner Announcements/Committee Meeting Agendas

- Commissioner Clem reported that leaf collection started on November 1 and that a second sweep will take place from December 6 through 10. She said leaves should be swept out to the tree box or road and people can call 311 for a special collection.
- Commissioner Faleschini announced that he is doing bi-weekly meetings with leadership of Marie Reed Elementary school and he will be doing outreach with neighbors to discuss parking and traffic issues with the school among other issues. He noted that some progress has been made to address the rat problem in the school's landscaping.
- Commissioner Faleschini reported that COVID vaccines for children from ages 5-11 would be available on December 3 at Marie Reed noting that students who receive the second shot will not need to quarantine after exposure.
- Commissioner Butz thanked Commissioner Irani for his leadership on the Commission and said he will be missed.
- Commissioner Faulkner reported that DDOT finished some traffic safety investigations in 1C04 along Adams Mill Road and as a result there will be new markings and signage.

- Commissioner Faulkner announced that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee will meet on December 15 to discuss East-West traffic changes in Adams Morgan and a zoning relief request at 1650 Harvard Street.
- Commissioner Wood thanked everyone who came out for the vigil at the corner of Biltmore and Columbia Roads; and those who came out for the clean-up at the beginning of the month. He also noted that he is involved in re-districting hearings and welcomes input on that; and he would be sending a notice about caroling at Unity Park on December 14.
- Commissioner Irani announced that the ABC and Public Safety Committee would be meeting on December 8 and the meeting details could be found at ANC1C.org.

IV. Public announcements

- Allie Bobak from Councilmember Nadeau's office said it was a pleasure to work with Commissioner Irani and thanked him for his service. She urged people to sign up for their newsletter at brianneknadeau.com and provided her contact information: 202-531-5186, abobak@dccouncil.us. She welcomed others to join her and Captain Hong of the MPD on a pedestrian safety walk-through the following day and provided a link to the Councilmember's summary of [pedestrian safety issues](#).
- Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID announced that there would be caroling near the holiday gift box display in the plaza on December 2, 9, 11 and 18; and that date night packages would be back in February and March. She also announced that January 22 is the 100th anniversary of Knickerbocker Theater disaster and there will be events related to that.
- Howard Bauleke said he is sorry to see Commissioner Irani resign, but he lives in that single member district (1C 01) and will be gathering the required signatures to run for that seat.
- Sophie Austin, a graduate student in journalism at American University, said she is working on a story about traffic safety and is interested in talking to anyone who would like to share thoughts about that. She provided her email address in the chat: sa6762a@student.american.edu.

V. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Irani moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of [minutes](#) from the November 2021 ANC meeting and the ANC 1C [2021 annual report](#). He thanked Commissioner Clem for creating a beautiful document for the report. Commissioner Butz seconded the motion that Commissioners then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Preliminary matters

1. Election of Vice-Chair

Commissioner Irani nominated Commissioner Clem to be Vice-Chair of ANC 1C. He noted that the position is currently vacant and that this would be just until elections are held in January 2022 for all commission positions. Commissioner Butz seconded the motion. Commissioner Faulkner added that naming a Vice-Chair is needed because a second signer is required for checks. Commissioners then passed the motion by a vote of 6 to 0.

B. ABC and Public Safety Committee

1. Restaurant ABC license (CR) application by Juicy King Crab Express

Commissioner Irani provided background on a restaurant ABC license (CR) application ([ABRA-119709](#)) by Juicy King Crab Express which is located at 1832 Columbia Road NW. He noted that ANC 1C, the Kalorama Citizens Association, and the applicant have reached a proposed [settlement agreement](#) which addresses concerns such as noise and hours for the sidewalk café as well as trash pickup 5 days a week to prevent rodent problems. He also proposed that ANC 1C support a stipulated license so that the applicant would be able to serve alcohol for remainder of the protest period. Commissioner Irani then moved to adopt the [settlement agreement and the stipulated license](#). Commissioner Faleschini seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

C. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

1. Resolution on pedestrian and transportation safety

Commissioner Irani reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee voted to recommend that the Commission pass a [resolution](#) calling on DDOT to enact pedestrian and traffic safety in Adams Morgan. He stressed that the ANC has repeatedly called for traffic calming measures and that tragically a pedestrian was killed in Adams Morgan in November.

Commissioner Irani explained that the resolution calls for a task force to implement comprehensive improvements including measures such as beacons, road diets, different street surfaces, signal timing adjustments, and bulb outs. Commissioners discussed the need for accountability and metrics in safety measures; identifying the roads that DDOT should focus on; including a reference to pedestrian-only zones; and that a community member has already volunteered to be a part of the task force.

Commissioner Irani moved to adopt the [resolution as amended](#). Commissioner Wood seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Faleschini noted separately that the Brass Knob redevelopment project was not on the agenda because its hearing date has been pushed back and there is now time for it to be considered in committee. He also added thanks to Commissioner Irani for all he has done for him and for the neighborhood.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.