

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

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on March 2, 2022. Commissioner Clem called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Howard Bauleke (1C01), Peter Wood (1C03), Meghan Faulkner (1C04), Deb Felsenthal (1C05), Benjamin Butz (1C06), Jake Faleschini (1C07), and Fiona Clem (1C08). Members of the public joined electronically.

II. Approval of the agenda

Commissioner Clem moved to delete from the agenda a presentation from the Office of Campaign Finance. Commissioner Felsenthal seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Commissioner Clem then moved to add to the agenda consideration of support for a deadline extension for Le Mont Royal to provide more time for neighborhood input and creation of a settlement agreement. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. Officers' Reports

A. Chairman's report

Commissioner Clem asked if anyone in the community knows anyone who would be willing to take over administering the ANC 1C website, noting that it runs on Joomla software. Commissioner Clem also mentioned that two businesses in Adams Morgan, Spacy Cloud and D Light Café, are raising humanitarian funds for Ukraine. She provided a [link](#) for other DC fundraisers for Ukraine. Commissioner Clem also reported that Beach Drive near the zoo will be closed for work on the sidewalk under the tunnel. Finally, she noted that street sweeping has resumed, and residents should read the signs and move their cars accordingly.

B. Treasurer's report

Commissioner Faulkner provided a status report on ANC 1C finances and reported there were no major changes.

IV. Announcements

Commissioners made announcements about upcoming committee meeting agendas; the parking permit system; DC Ward redistricting; neighborhood clean-ups; an upcoming BID meeting; pedestrian safety infrastructure in Adams Morgan; a raze application; and DCPS changes in mask guidelines. Commissioner Butz reported that the ANC is working on a request for proposal for running virtual and hybrid meetings. He asked anyone interested to submit a proposal.

V. Celeste Duffie, D.C. Department of Public Works

Celeste Duffie, Community Relations Specialist with the D.C. Department of Public Works, gave an overview of assistance offered by DPW for alley clean-ups; tool kits for community clean-up projects; yard waste disposal; graffiti removal; and composting. She noted that street cleaning has started up again and provided information about mowing of lawns on certain public properties.

Commissioners asked about street sweeping on non-posted streets; mowing lawns on public schools; clean-up of broken glass near schools; equipment included in the clean-up tool kits; and the schedule for alley clean-ups.

VI. Public Announcements

Kristen Barden from the Adams Morgan BID spoke about past and upcoming BID events. Vikram Surya Chiruvolu, Irene Thomas, and Eric B. spoke about litigation with Truist Bank over use of the plaza at 18th Street and Columbia Road; recent attempts to fence off the plaza and destruction of property of the unhoused there; and a request that Commissioners ask for a pause in the fence permit and for access for the unhoused.

VII. The Office of Campaign Finance, on Traditional and Public Financing Fair Elections Programs

Belinda Perry, an attorney advisor with the DC Office of Campaign Finance, spoke about the role of the office, fair election programs, and public matching funds. She said their website provides data on use of matching in recent DC elections. Commissioners commented on fair election programs in general and asked when candidates can sign up for the DC program.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Clem moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of [minutes](#) from the February 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. Settlement agreement for Yerevan (ABRA-120217) a class "C" restaurant license

Commissioner Wood introduced Stella Grigoryan, the owner of Yerevan at 2204 18th St NW, who is seeking a class "C" license to serve Armenian wine, cognac, and beer at their restaurant. She emphasized that they are not a bar and are not open after 10 pm. Commissioner Clem moved for a vote on the [settlement agreement](#) with Yerevan which Commissioners approved by a vote of 7 to 0. Commissioner Clem then moved to support a stipulated license so the restaurant can serve alcohol before the placard period ends April 4. Commissioner Bauleke seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

2. Extension of placard period for Le Mont Royal

Commissioner Clem provided background on a request of support from [Le Mont Royale](#) restaurant for its application to extend its placard period to April 24. Commissioner Clem moved that ANC 1C support the petition deadline [extension](#) in order to provide more time to reach a settlement agreement. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

B. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

1. Streetscape improvements on U Street

Commissioner Faleschini reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C pass a [resolution](#) in support of streetscape improvements on U Street between

16th Street and 18th Street NW. He noted that the resolution urges DDOT to include wider sidewalks between 18th and 17th and to provide a Circulator bus stop on the 1700 Block of U Street.

Commissioners suggested amendments in wording to emphasize the requests to DDOT, to clarify safety concerns, and to suggest that DDOT consider reducing the number of travel lanes. Commissioner Faleschini accepted these proposed changes as friendly amendments. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to pass the [resolution as amended](#).

2. Special Exception at 2329 Champlain Street, NW

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the PZT Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support zoning relief for floor area ratio, height, density, lot occupancy, and closed court width for a development at 2329 Champlain Street ([BZA Case No. 20584](#)). Representatives for the project highlighted changes to the proposal including placement of affordable inclusionary zoning units, charging for electric vehicles, and eliminating curb cuts that will yield two on street parking spaces. They noted that the project was originally approved in 2006 and that it would be similar to the height and density of other buildings on that block.

Commissioners asked about the special exceptions; the status of past property taxes and penalties; and whether the developers would consider adding family-sized units of three bedrooms. Commissioners then voted 7 to 0 to send a [letter of support](#) for the special relief at 2329 Champlain Street, NW.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.