

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

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held electronically on November 2, 2022. Commissioner Clem called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Howard Bauleke (1C01), Peter Wood (1C03), Meghan Faulkner (1C04), Deb Felsenthal (1C05), Ben Butz (1C06), Jake Faleschini (1C07), and Fiona Clem (1C08). Members of the public joined electronically.

II. Officers' Reports

A. Chairman's report and approval of the agenda

Commissioner Clem moved to add to the agenda a grant application from Platform of Hope that had been approved by the Public Services and the Environment Committee the previous week. Commissioners approved the agenda without objection.

B. Secretary's report

Commissioner Faleschini reported that the usual committee meeting schedule would be in place for November.

C. Treasurer's report

Commissioner Faulkner gave an update on ANC 1C's finances. She noted that another allotment had been approved and this would be added to ANC 1C's budget for FY2023.

III. Commissioner announcements /Committee meeting agendas

Commissioners reported on committee meeting agendas as well as on a new CVS opening on Florida Avenue and an Italian restaurant at the corner of 18th and California Street; armed carjackings in the neighborhood; continued volunteer gardening in Kalorama Park; concerns about speeding on Calvert Street; the announcement that a portion of Beach Drive will be dedicated to non-vehicle use year-round; a stop order at a construction site on Ontario Road due to hazardous debris; speed tables on Champlain street and requests for additional speed tables on Kalorama Road; funds and plans for resurfacing of Unity Park; Marie Reed pool hours; a groundbreaking ceremony for the Jubilee housing at 1724 Kalorama Road and the possible loss of parking on that stretch of Kalorama during construction; speed humps for the 1700 block of Kalorama and near Marie Reed school; and a Pepco presentation for the December ANC meeting regarding construction on Florida Avenue.

IV. Public Announcements

Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID thanked everyone who participated in their recent events noting that Porchfest had record crowds this year. She reported that they put out a survey to gather input and data on the pedestrian zones and said planning has begun for pedestrian zones in the spring. She also reported that holiday decorations will be put up this month with caroling on December 4, 8, 15, 18 on the plaza in front of Truist Bank. A member of the public suggested that the survey on the pedestrian zone differentiate between residents and visitors.

V. Consent Agenda

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

VI. Regular Agenda

A. ABC and Public Safety Committee

1. Retailer's Class "A" Internet license application, for Eye for Wine

Commissioner Clem reported that Eye for Wine has applied for a Retailer's Class "A" Internet license application, [ABRA-120303](#). She noted that a settlement agreement was not pursued because the business, which is housed at Cube Smart at 1701 Florida Ave NW, has online sales only and is not open to the public. There was [no protest from ANC 1C](#).

2. Easing SA restrictions for World Cup 2022 hours for bars and taverns

Commissioner Clem reported that ABRA will allow establishments to register to open early or close late during World Cup viewing from November 20 to December 18. She moved a [resolution](#) to allow establishments with time restrictions in their settlement agreements with ANC 1C to change their hours in accordance with the ABRA notice. She noted that this did not come out of the ABC and Public Safety Committee since the ABRA notice came out after that meeting. Commissioners and members of the public discussed the specific hours involved; the possibility of increased crowds; and the types of licenses included. Commissioners then passed the resolution by a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with commissioner Butz abstaining.

3. Loading zone at 2400 18th Street NW

Commissioner Clem reported that DDOT is going ahead with plans for a loading zone at 2400 18th Street since Glory did not put in a permit application for a streeterie there, so ANC action was not required.

B. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

1. Resolution on the blighted building at 2920 Ontario Road NW

Commissioner Faulkner provided background on a blighted building at 2920 Ontario Road NW noting that despite inspections, fines, and the building being taxed at the blighted rate, the situation has not been remedied. She reported that the Planning, Zoning, and Transportation voted unanimously to recommend that the ANC pass a resolution urging full enforcement of regulations and remediation of the building at 2920 Ontario Road. Commissioners passed the [resolution](#) by a vote of 7 to 0.

2. Historic preservation application for 2311 18th St NW

Commissioner Faulkner reported that the PZT Committee voted to recommend that ANC 1C support a historic preservation application for a renovation project at [2311 18th St NW](#), the old Brass Knob location. Andrew Nimmer presented plans to convert the building to a youth hostel with changes to the back of the building only, including back stairs an addition on top of the second floor.

Commissioners asked about the business model of the youth hostel; how many guests it could hold; the number of onsite staff; whether there would be a roof deck; and whether parking would be provided. Commissioners also discussed efforts to gather feedback from neighbors, which was positive. A member

of the public asked about security at the building. Commissioner Faulkner then moved that ANC 1C support the historic preservation application. The [motion](#) passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

C. Public Services and the Environment Committee

1. Approve the ANC1C Annual Report 2022

Commissioner Clem presented the [ANC 1C 2022 annual report](#) for approval. Commissioners discussed the report and thanked Commissioner Clem for creating a thorough, concise summary of the ANC's actions in an appealing format. Commissioner Clem noted that the report is due on December 1 and that actions taken at this November meeting and any budget adjustments will be added. Commissioners approved the report by a vote of 7 to 0.

2. Grant application for Platform of Hope

Commissioner Butz reported that the Public Services and the Environment Committee reviewed a grant request for \$2500 from the Platform of Hope, but wanted the full Commission to discuss it in light of the ANC's guidelines on giving grants near an election and the end of a term. Judy Estey from the Platform of Hope explained that the grant would provide Chromebook computers for economically vulnerable families.

Commissioners discussed ANC 1C's grant guidelines as well as guidance from the Office of ANCs about grantmaking near an election and the weight of guidelines versus by-laws; closing out grants before the end of the fiscal year; and the fact that the ANC had to suspend grantmaking this year while waiting for allotments. Commissioner Faleschini noted that since the purpose of the guideline was likely to prevent electioneering and he is the only current commissioner with an opponent, he could abstain from voting on the grant. A member of the public urged the Commission to support the grant.

Commissioners then voted 5 to 0 to 2 to support the grant for \$2500 for the Platform of Hope, with Commissioners Faleschini and Clem abstaining.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.