

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C**  
**Adams Morgan**  
**Minutes of January 8, 2020**

**I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners**

A regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held on January 8, 2020 at Mary's Center. Commissioner Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. About 35 members of the public attended. In attendance were Commissioners Amir Irani (1C01), Bridget Pooley (1C02), Ted Guthrie (1C03), John Zottoli (1C04), Michaela Wright (1C06), and Japer Bowles (1C07).

**II. Officers' Reports**

**a. Chair's Report**

Commissioner Guthrie announced that the Commission would elect new officers. Commissioner Wright nominated Commissioner Irani to be Chair of ANC 1C. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

As Chair, Commissioner Irani then moved that the following slate of officers be elected: Commissioner Guthrie as Vice Chair; Commissioner Wright as Secretary; Commissioner Bowles as Treasurer and as the Adams Morgan BID Representative. Commissioner Irani also moved the following committee assignments: ABC and Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Guthrie (chair), Irani, and Bowles; Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee – Commissioners Irani (chair), Guthrie, Wright; and, Public Services and the Environment Committee – Commissioners Bowles (chair), Dendi, and Zottoli. Commissioner Bowles seconded the slate of officers and committee assignments that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**b. Secretary's Report**

Commissioner Wright reported that going forward the minutes of the monthly ANC 1C meetings would be considered as part of the consent agenda.

**c. Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Pooley moved to add to the agenda consideration of the FY2020 Q1 financial report without the typical 10 days advanced notice on the basis that it is in the community interest to do so. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the procedural motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Pooley provided an overview of the Q1 report then moved for its approval. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Pooley also reviewed the December 2019 expenditures.

**III. Commissioner Announcements/Comments**

- Commissioner Guthrie reported on Christmas cards that were sent to ANC1C.
- Commissioner Bowles announced that thus far there was nothing on the agenda for the January Public Services and the Environment Committee meeting, but it is possible that discussion of Kalorama Park could be added.
- Commissioner Irani reported that the agenda for the January 15 meeting of the ABC and Public Safety Committee would include the monthly police report and consideration of modifying the settlement agreement with Friendship Café to include non-amplified entertainment. He also announced that the agenda for the January 22 Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee meeting would include consideration of a BZA submission by the developers of the Admo Heights

building, an HPRB application for 1918 Belmont Road, and continued discussion of the DC Comprehensive Plan.

- Commissioner Guthrie provided a reminder about proper disposal of holiday trees. Commissioner Pooley and Reuben Forman of the Mayor's office added information about how to have the trees composted.
- Commissioner Pooley announced that WMATA is considering Metrobus route changes including shortening the 96 route. She said if there is interest in this, WMATA staff is available to attend February ANC meetings. She also announced that Congresswoman Norton's next Quarterly National Park Service Meeting would be held at the Cleveland Park Library Meeting Room on January 30. Finally, Commissioner Pooley reluctantly announced that she was resigning her seat and moving to Minneapolis at the end of January.

#### **IV. Public Announcements / Comments**

- Reuben Forman of Mayor Bowser's office announced the following events: the release of the Mayor's 2020 Accountability Report on January 13 at Gallaudet University; a New Year New Housing event at the DC Housing Finance Agency on January 17; and, a Multicultural Resource Fair on January 11 at the Columbia Heights Educational Campus, including health screenings and immigration resources. He also extended an invitation from the Mayor to the public to walk with her in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on January 20.
- Oscar Montiel from Councilmember Brienne Nadeau's office brought copies of the Councilmember's Progress Report. He also announced that there would be a town hall meeting on January 15 and a Ward 1 Public Safety Discussion on January 13 at the YMCA on W Street.
- Kristen Barden of the Adams Morgan BID reported that the holiday decorations on the plaza kiosk were popular and they will do it again next year; and they would be promoting date nights again in February and March this year featuring meals and drinks in Adams Morgan restaurants, and nights in the Line Hotel. She said that there will also be a Valentine's Day decorating contest for Adams Morgan businesses, as well as a Spring Porch Fest in May, and movie nights in May and June. She also reminded everyone that it is possible to reserve parking in the Colonial garage and that many businesses will validate parking there during the day until 5 pm. Ms. Barden additionally reported that the BID will soon be releasing a new video on their website and that the BID is looking for a way to participate in DC's Art All Night in September.
- Nick Roland of the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association brought copies of their comments on the DC Comprehensive Plan.
- Matt Wexler reported that he would be at the PZT Committee's January meeting to present a BZA application for the Admo Heights building. He noted that Reveler's Hour and Core Power Yoga are now open in the ground floor of the building and that he wanted to start a dialogue about retailers for the second phase.

#### **V. Scheduled Business**

##### **a. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Irani presented the following list of items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve minutes from December 2019 ANC meeting.
2. Authorize payment of \$25 to participate in DC's ANC Security Fund for 2020.
3. Authorize signatories on the ANC 1C bank account (chair, vice chair, treasurer, and secretary).
4. Adopt full ANC and committee meeting dates, times, and locations for 2020.
5. Authorize renting space at Mary's Center for full ANC meetings.
6. Approve a [resolution](#) in support of application by Life of Riley (Destination Pet) for a special exception allowing use of 2218-2220 as an animal hospital.

Commissioner Guthrie added background on ANC 1C's previous action on Destination Pet and the resulting Memorandum of Understanding that addresses neighbors' concerns.

Commissioner Irani explained that the purpose of the consent agenda is to consider noncontroversial items, and if anyone felt that an item on the list requires discussion it would be removed from the consent agenda. No such requests were made, and he moved for adoption of the consent agenda. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion that was then adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.

**b. ABC and Public Safety Committee**

**1. Protest of new CT license for MAHK Meetings, for 1807 Florida Ave NW**

The owners of 1807 Florida Avenue NW and their counsel presented their application for a tavern with a summer garden. They explained that they are applying for full hours of operation but they will listen to neighbors' concerns. They said they will have tenants on the upper floors and will want to observe peace, order, and quiet to keep the tenants happy. They said they plan to have the tavern on the Florida Avenue side of the building and separate retail on the Vernon Street side.

Commissioners asked about the business concept plan; different uses of the building and how they would be separated; and discussed whether the location was outside of the Adams Morgan Moratorium Area for new alcohol licenses. The owners said that ABRA is looking into whether the location is in the moratorium zone.

Members of the public asked about the lot division; how the building would hold two different businesses; whether one would be able to walk through the Vernon Street side to the Florida Avenue side; where the garden space would be located; and, how often and where trash pick-up would be. Another neighbor spoke in favor of adding the business to the neighborhood.

Commissioners suggested that any agreement should address noise and trash pick-up. Commissioners discussed including in the protest as an alternative, second basis that it is within moratorium zone.

Commissioner Guthrie explained that protesting the application would allow ANC 1C to be able to negotiate a settlement agreement with the owners. Commissioner Guthrie then moved to [protest](#) the application on the bases that it would have an adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; and that it would contribute to an excessive concentration of alcohol licensees, contrary to the Adams Morgan Moratorium Zone. The motion also authorized any Commissioner to act on behalf of ANC 1C in this matter. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 4 to 0 to 2 (two Commissioners abstained).

**2. Roofers Union request to modify occupancy load at 2442-2446 18th Street NW**

The manager of Roofers Union asked for support for an ABRA application to modify the occupancy for their rooftop. He explained that there is a discrepancy between what DCRA and ABRA have approved.

Commissioners discussed their current settlement agreement which allows 75 seats on the roof and acknowledged that the owners are good operators; and asked whether sound from the rooftop can be heard in nearby apartment buildings. The manager said that in the six years he has been there the only noise complaint was about an air conditioner that was not actually theirs.

Commissioner Guthrie explained that ANC 1C would protest application to be able to modify the settlement agreement. He then moved to protest the application on the basis that it would be adverse to the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; and further moved that any Commissioner be authorized to act on behalf of ANC 1C in this matter. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

### **3. Los Cuates settlement agreement**

Commissioner Guthrie moved to add to the agenda consideration of a [settlement agreement](#) with Los Cuates without the typical ten days' notice on the basis that doing so is in the community interest. Commissioner Bowles seconded the procedural motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Guthrie explained that the owners had agreed to and signed a settlement agreement with ANC 1C. He then moved for adoption of the settlement agreement. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Guthrie further moved to approve a stipulated license allowing operation according to the terms of the new Settlement Agreement during the remaining protest period. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

## **c. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee**

### **1. HPRB application for solar installation at 1838 Wyoming Ave NW**

Commissioner Guthrie provided some background on a request before the Historic Preservation Review Board concerning a solar array installation at 1838 Wyoming Avenue. Commissioner Pooley said the owner of the property had not yet reached out to neighbors as of the December PZT meeting. The owners were not present at this meeting, so Commissioner Bowles moved to table the matter. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0. It was agreed that the PZT Committee would reconsider the matter at its January 22 meeting.

### **2. Resolution requesting that DDOT conduct a traffic study and consider community feedback on the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Florida Ave**

Commissioner Bowles reported that the PZT Committee sent on without recommendation a [resolution](#) requesting that the District Department of Transportation conduct a traffic study of the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Florida Avenue. Commissioner Bowles reviewed observations and suggestions for improved safety included in the resolution that he and Commissioner Pooley compiled with input from the community. He noted that he received positive feedback from DDOT regarding the format of resolution and that DDOT would send someone to do a walk-through of the intersection.

Commissioners discussed the suggestions, steps taken to get community input, and the process going forward with DDOT. Commissioners and members of the public discussed the impact of new signs and coordination with changes that may come with designated parking for rideshare vehicles. Members of the public also made suggestions for better signs, visible crosswalks, and ways to discourage illegal turns. Other members of the public thanked Commissioner Bowles and ANC 1C for urging DDOT to make this a safer intersection.

Commissioner Irani moved to pass the resolution. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**3. Resolution to add micro-mobility corrals at the intersections of Columbia Road/Champlain St and Columbia Road/Ontario Road.**

Commissioner Bowles provided background on a [resolution](#) supporting DDOT's plan to add scooter corrals at four points along Columbia Road -- three near the intersection of Columbia Road and Champlain Street, and one near the intersection of Columbia Road and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. He explained that the corrals are pick-up and drop-off points for micro-mobility modes of transportation. Commissioner Bowles added that the corrals keep bikes and scooters off the sidewalks as well as increase safety in pedestrian zones by improving visibility.

Commissioners amended the resolution to reference micro-mobility instead of scooters. Members of the public and Commissioners discussed density of use, whether the corrals would in fact be used, calming effect on traffic, ongoing maintenance of the corrals, changes in location going forward, and whether vespas could park in the corrals.

Commissioner Irani moved to pass resolution as amended. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion that passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**4. Request by Rock n Roll Marathon for approval of 2020 race.**

Diane Thomas with the Rock n Roll Marathon asked for ANC 1C support for the race which will take place on Saturday, March 28. She noted that, as in previous years, the course would cross Adams Morgan along Calvert Street, Adams Mill Road, and Columbia Road. She said the first runners would enter the area around 7:30 am and the last runners would be through before noon. She added that these streets would be blocked to traffic during the race and no cars may be parked on the route.

Commissioners discussed the policy for ticketing and towing cars that are parked along the route and whether there may be benefit to local businesses with people coming into Adams Morgan to support the runners.

Commissioner Guthrie moved that ANC 1C send a [letter](#) to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency in support of the Rock n Roll Marathon, but against removal of cars from the route in Adams Morgan. Commissioner Irani seconded the motion that then passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**VI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Zottoli moved to adjourn at 9:42 pm. Commissioner Pooley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.