

**ANC 1C
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 7pm
Virtual Meeting**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of the Commissioners

A. A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held virtually on March 6, 2024. Commissioner Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Daniel Michelson-Horowitz (1C01), Lee Dixon (1C02), Peter Wood (1C03), Joe Van Wye (1C04), Margaret Stevens (1C05), Lynda Laughlin (1C06), Jake Faleschini (1C07), Barney Shapiro (1C08), and John Jones (1C09). Members of the public joined virtually.

I. Officers' Reports

A. Chair's Report: The chairperson discussed possible abatement efforts and the status of a rat survey. He mentioned that the poll had received about 50 replies, and they were debating whether or not more were needed to pinpoint hotspots. One challenge is finding a practical way to manage hotspots, particularly in apartment complexes. To jointly tackle the rat problem, they intend to plan an in-person gathering in the area. This is regarded as the group's primary focus overall.

B. Vice Chair's Report: No report to share.

C. Secretary's Report: The meeting schedule for March includes:

- Full ANC meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.
- ABC and Public Safety Committee on March 13th at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee on March 20th at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Services and Environment Committee on March 27th at 7:00 p.m.
- In April, the next full ANC committee meeting will be on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

D. Treasurer's Report: Currently \$1,866 in bank, with six outstanding checks. Seeking funding from auditor and ANC office; delays persist. If no funds received in a week, closure may occur. Frustration with bureaucratic processes noted. Treasurer plans to explore options with Commissioner Wood.

II. Commissioner Announcements/Committee Meeting Agendas

A. Commissioner John Jones 1C09 spoke out against a map amendment, stressing its perceived negative impacts on the neighborhood. He talked

about hearing several residents' worries who were against the proposal because they thought there would be abuse and because of technical issues. In light of his long community participation, Jones emphasized the notable changes in demographics, especially the disappearance of African-Americans. He linked the planned map amendment to past attempts at gentrification in order to imply that it would worsen this pattern. Jones requested the commission to take these viewpoints into account when assessing the impact of the project.

- B. Commissioner Shapiro echoes opposition to the proposed map amendment, citing its excessive size and the community's consensus against it. He emphasizes the need for affordable housing and criticizes the potential for-profit nature of the development. Commissioner Shapiro noted existing funds for affordable housing and expressed hope for the zoning commission's agreement. He discussed legal actions and complaints against Meridian House's operations, primarily as a wedding venue. Regarding construction issues, Shapiro addressed excessive traffic and idling vehicles, seeking solutions with construction companies.
- C. Commissioner Faleschini provided an extensive neighborhood update, covering ongoing construction projects and challenges. He addresses safety concerns, such as idling dump trucks and a recent incident where a builder's actions led to a neighboring building tipping dangerously. Commissioner Faleschini also highlighted crime trends, such as porch thefts and vehicle-related crimes, and previewed discussions on liquor license applications in the upcoming committee meeting.
- D. Commissioner Laughlin provided updates on a rat activity survey, aiming to pinpoint areas with high rat activity for Department of Health intervention. She highlighted the focus on single-family homes or smaller buildings for rodent control. Additionally, Laughlin mentioned an outstanding grant for the DC Archaeological Society's poster project, seeking funding approved in December. She expressed readiness to discuss **the bus plan**, addressing community concerns.
- E. Commissioner Stevens addressed concerns in their (SMD), particularly regarding Ontario Road potentially becoming one-way, prompting constituent inquiries. They briefly mentioned support for a resolution concerning 16 17 U Street but express concerns about maintaining environmental standards and affordability. Stevens echoed concerns raised by Commissioner Shapiro and Commissioner Jones, advocating for a deeper examination before advancing any project at the site. They also questioned the privatization of public land and expressed interest in learning more about social housing initiatives. Commissioner Stevens emphasized the need

for thorough consideration and exploration of various aspects as projects progress.

- F. Commissioner Joe Van Wye had no updates.
 - G. Commissioner Wood updated on various ongoing matters, including potential renovation of 1836-1840 Kalorama, highlighting its historical significance. He discussed involvement in performance oversight and upcoming budget discussions. Commissioner Wood also touched on their participation in meetings regarding potential zoning changes, emphasizing the need for community input. Additionally, Commissioner Wood mentioned community gardening plans for spring, inviting participation.
 - H. Commissioner Dixon had no updates. Commissioner Dixon raised concerns about the condition of Carolyn Llorente Memorial Park, seeking clarification if it falls under the Parks Department's agenda for cleanup. He expressed interest in improving the park's appearance and suggested discussing ideas with fellow commissioners.
 - I. Commissioner Michelson-Horowitz acknowledged efforts by neighbors to clean up a spot near Carolyn Llorente Memorial Park, highlighting its status as a DPR park. He addressed concerns regarding construction at the Adams School, urging residents to report issues to DCPS. Commissioner Michelson-Horowitz discussed advocacy efforts resulting in a change in construction start times, now beginning at 8 AM on Saturdays instead of 7 AM. He also mentioned initiatives to replace trash cans on 19th Street, water construction progress, and encouraged participation in lead pipe checks and rat surveys.
- III. Public announcements (up to 2 minutes per person)
- A. Zakaria from 2406 18th Street requested temporary licensing during their grand opening and clarified that the establishment will primarily feature jazz, not club music. He requested a meeting to discuss a temporary license until a voluntary agreement is reached. Commissioner Faleschini invited him to the next ABC and Public Safety Committee meeting, providing contact details for further discussion.
 - B. David, a resident of Commissioner Stevens's district, expressed gratitude for the ANC's work on the Columbia Road bus and bike priority project. He highlighted the importance of the project in enhancing transportation options while refuting claims that it may harm local businesses. David cited empirical evidence showing that bike lanes actually benefit merchants and residents, urging continued support from the commission as the project moves forward.

- C. Janine, a resident living behind the Adams School, thanked Commissioner Michelson-Horowitz for addressing concerns about early morning construction noise. She also asked about the best way for new neighbors to receive updates on the construction. Commissioner Michelson-Horowitz suggested checking the DCPS landing page for presentations and meeting recordings and offers to include them in updates if their information is provided.
- D. Kristen from the Adams Morgan BID provided updates on community events, including the success of date nights and plans for future events like the annual meeting on Tuesday morning at 8:30, Adams Morgan Artwalk starting in April, Spring Porch Fest on Saturday, May 4th, Bike To Work Day on May 17th, and movie nights starting on May 21st. She encouraged participation and volunteering, highlighting the diverse activities planned for the community in the coming months.
- E. Sasha and their partner Alexander expressed support for the Columbia Road bicycle lane project, advocating for the removal of parking spots to accommodate bike lanes and bus lanes.
- F. A resident expressed concern about the Columbia Road project, highlighting the impact of removing parking on residents, particularly those with families. They requested further exploration of the plan's impact on resident parking and seek clarity on the tradeoffs involved.
- G. MOCR Jerrod Allen announced the sixth annual Fit DC Her Story 5K event on Saturday, March 9th, with registration opening at 9:00 a.m., the 5K starting at 10:00 a.m., and a kids' Dash at 9:30 a.m. He also notes that DPW's residential street sweeping began on March 4th, with parking restrictions enforced from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. He also mentioned that after March 7th, violators of parking restrictions during street sweeping hours will face a \$45 fine.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Late agenda additions
 - Commissioner Wood moved to add an item, "Letter of support for the Adams Morgan BID", to the consent agenda. Commissioner Faleschini seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.
- B. Commissioner Wood moved for adoption of the consent agenda which consisted of the following items:
 - Approve the February 2024 meeting minutes

- Support DC Hispanic Contractors Association DMPED grant nomination
- Letter of support for the Adams Morgan BID regarding closing 18th Street to general vehicular traffic for events on Saturday, May 4, and Saturday, November 2, 2024

Commissioner Van Wye seconded the motion. Commissioners passed the consent agenda by a vote of 9 to 0.

V. Regular Agenda

A. Items recommended by Alcoholic Beverage Control and Public Safety Committee

- Commissioner Wood moved to support Bar Cana's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license, [ABRA-127354](#), located at 2412 18th Street, NW. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

B. Items recommended by Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

- Commissioner Wood moved to support a resolution calling for reform of DC's vacant and blighted property laws and regulations. The motion passed 9-0.
- Informational discussion on the Columbia Road Bus Priority Project and corresponding Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Commissioner Michelson-Horowitz moved to support an application for historic landmark designation for the Old Chinese Legation building. The motion passed 5-4.

C. General business

- Informational discussion on possible FY 2025 budget priorities for ANC 1C

II. Adjournment

- ### A. The meeting adjourned at 9:41pm.