

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C  
Adams Morgan  
Minutes of May 1, 2024**

- I. Call to Order and Introduction of Commissioners
  - A. A meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C was held virtually on May 1, 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), Margaret Stevens (1C05), Lynda Laughlin (1C06), Jake Faleschini (1C07), Barney Shapiro (1C08), and John Jones (1C09). Members of the public joined virtually.
  
- II. Officers' Reports
  - A. Chair's Report
    - Commissioner Wood highlighted recent activities, including a successful rat walk and trash pickup event, and his participation in a Roberts Rules training session organized by the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to ensure meetings are conducted efficiently and per DC code.
  - B. Secretary's Report
    - Commissioner Faleschini provided an overview of the upcoming ANC meeting schedule, highlighting the regular committee meetings on Wednesdays throughout May and noted the adjustment proposed for the July meeting schedule to avoid scheduling a meeting on July 3rd, just before the Fourth of July.
  - C. Treasurer's Report
    - Commissioner Shapiro shared an update regarding ANC 1C's finances. As of April 30th, the account balance was \$3,446.85, with one outstanding check of \$250 and two bills due (\$500 for Sean and \$250 for the intern), leaving a post-payment balance of \$2,446.85, a significant improvement from the previous month's \$40. Commissioner Shapiro highlighted ongoing legal and compliance challenges related to pending payments from last year, emphasizing the need to either fight for these payments or apply for ANC assistance funds.
  
- III. Commissioner Announcements/Committee Meeting Agendas
  - A. Commissioner Jones had no updates for his SMD.
  - B. Commissioner Faleschini reported that after over two years of advocacy, Unity Park has successfully been resurfaced with a higher-quality surface, and he thanked the community, especially Vikram and Nancy, for their efforts. He noted ongoing construction projects in the SMD, including a new crane at the Jubilee project on Champlain and Ontario, and another significant project on Champlain and Euclid. He also mentioned a quick response from the Department of Buildings to issues with a blighted property on Champlain Street, which is now

designated as abandoned. He expressed gratitude for the community's patience during these developments and highlighted the positive progress in housing. Additionally, he mentioned two new marijuana store licenses under review and reported a significant decrease in public safety incidents in Adams Morgan.

- C. Commissioner Laughlin reported on a successful community "rat walk" involving a large group of residents and staff from the Department of Health (DOH), which focused on addressing rat infestations in specific buildings. The walk highlighted issues requiring coordination across multiple agencies, including the Department of Public Works and the Department of Environment. Key concerns involved improper use of rat bait boxes causing environmental issues. A follow-up coordinated walkthrough with multiple agencies is possible. Commissioner Laughlin also noted ongoing construction in the area, including roof replacements and alleyway repairs, which are causing temporary disruptions such as parking restrictions. Additionally, the grant funding for the DC archaeologists was successfully processed, and June is DC Archaeology Month. Flyers and postcards promoting events at Kalorama Park will be shared with the ANC. Lastly, Commissioner Laughlin noted a need to follow up on whether the Line Hotel is fulfilling its obligation to help pay for repaving Unity Park, as there are questions about the hotel's compliance with this agreement.
- D. Commissioner Stevens shared two items of news. The first item was that Foxtrot, a recently celebrated addition to the community, has already closed. Commissioner Stevens hopes for a new establishment similar to Philz, with ample seating for community gatherings. The second item is that free newspaper boxes have been mysteriously disappearing from the corner of 18th and Columbia. Commissioner Stevens is seeking any information on why this is happening, whether it is a legitimate reason or a practical joke.
- E. Commissioner Wood reported that the 1836 and 1840 Kalorama project, which received support for a zoning exemption, is ready to begin construction. This historic site once housed a school for the deaf run by Alexander Graham Bell's wife. A dumpster is already on-site, indicating imminent construction noise. Additionally, on the 1800 block of Belmont, lead pipe replacements are nearing completion, though the exact timeline is unclear. Commissioner Wood also mentioned that Kalorama Park is approaching full bloom and invited volunteers to help in the gardens, noting a successful informal volunteer day last week with around two dozen participants.
- F. Commissioner Dixon reported no updates from his SMD. He did provide an update from the recent PZT meeting, where Jubilee Housing presented its development plans for 18th and Columbia. Since Jubilee Housing will be presenting again tonight, Commissioner Dixon chose not to go into further details.
- G. Commissioner Michelson-Horowitz provided updates on several topics. New DCPS contacts are available for addressing concerns related to the school renovation on 19th Street, including issues with construction and the need for new trash cans, which are now behind construction barriers. The DC Water and

DDOT repaving of California Street is now complete. Commissioner Michelson-Horowitz also reviewed the latest submission from the Universal Towers developer, who is aiming to start construction in the fall and has promised a public meeting about it. The submission included updates on curb cuts and signal changes. Lastly, Commissioner Michelson-Horowitz thanked everyone for their patience during the recent White House Correspondents' Dinner.

IV. Public announcements/comments

- A. Members of the general public participated with questions, concerns, and comments regarding affairs within ANC 1C.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Commissioners approved the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

- Approve the April 2024 meeting minutes

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committee

- Commissioner Wood moved to support an application to the Historic Preservation Review Board from Jubilee Housing to redevelop 1800 Columbia Rd NW, including an amendment supporting construction up to the maximum legally permitted height of a new building on the property. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

B. General business

- Commissioner Wood moved to pass a resolution requesting the removal of the ANC Security Fund requirement from DC Code. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.
- Commissioner Wood moved to adjust the July 2024 meeting schedule for ANC 1C and committees. Commissioner Faleschini seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.