



ADVISORY
NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMISSION 1C

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

MEET THE COMMISSIONERS

ANC 1C Commissioners

1C01 – Amir Irani
1C02 – Bridget Pooley
1C03 – Ted Guthrie
1C04 – Douglas Ely (Jan-July),
John Zottoli (Oct-Dec)
1C05 – Damiana Dendy
1C06 – Michaela Wright
1C07 – Japer Bowles
1C08 – Amanda Fox Perry

Leadership

Chair – Ted Guthrie
Vice Chair – Amir Irani
Treasurer – Bridget Pooley
Secretary – Michaela Wright
Adams Morgan Partnership BID
Representative – Japer Bowles

Committee Chairs

Alcoholic Beverage Control and Public Safety – Amir Irani
Planning, Zoning, and Transportation – Amanda Fox Perry
Public Services and the Environment – Douglas Ely (Jan-July), Japer
Bowles (Sept-Dec)



GENERAL UPDATES

Five new commissioners—Bridget Pooley, 1C02; Douglas Ely, 1C04; Damiana Dendy, 1C05; Michaela Wright, 1C06; and Japer Bowles, 1C07—were elected for a two-year term in November 2018 to join the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C. Amir Irani, 1C01; Ted Guthrie, 1C03; and Amanda Fox Perry, 1C08 were reelected for another two-year term.

Special Election

Commissioner Ely resigned and vacated the 1C04 seat in August and ANC 1C held a special election in October. John Zottoli was declared the winner and joined the Environment and Public Services Committee.

Grants

ANC 1C updated its grant application process in 2019. Applicants can now submit applications online via a Google form. The ANC also increased the maximum grant award amount to \$4,000. Grants can now be made in the amounts of \$1,000, \$2,000, and \$4,000 per applicant per calendar year.

Twice a year, ANC1C will conduct a proactive call for grants to build awareness of the grant process in community organizations. These calls for grants will adhere to the following schedule:

- February: Call for grants
- March: grants due (second Wednesday of the month)
- March: Consideration of grants at Public Services and Environment Committee meeting (fourth Wednesday of the month)
- April: Awarding of grants at ANC monthly meeting (first Wednesday of the month)
- June: Call for grants
- July: grants due (second Wednesday of the month)
- July: Consideration of grants at Public Services and Environment Committee meeting (fourth Wednesday of the month)
- August: Awarding of grants at ANC monthly meeting (first Wednesday of the month)



GENERAL UPDATES



Consent Agenda

In November, ANC 1C adopted a change to its by-laws to create a consent agenda. The consent agenda will increase efficiency and prioritize the time of the ANC and community for matters requiring discussion. It will group routine, procedural, informational, and self-explanatory business and reports into one agenda item.

Social Media and Livestreaming

ANC 1C regained access to its Twitter account in 2019 and has used the platform to inform followers about upcoming meeting agendas, highlight Commissioners' activities, and engage with community organizations and individuals. The ANC also started posting meeting agendas and notices on the Adams Morgan NextDoor platform in 2019. In the fall of 2019, Yahoo Groups changed its offerings and the long-standing Adams Morgan Yahoo Group transitioned to groups.io. ANC 1C has continued posting to Yahoo Groups, but has also begun posting on group.io.

The ANC began livestreaming meetings in September 2019. So far, the video recording of the September ANC meeting has had approximately 450 views and the October recording has had more than 50 views. ANC 1C purchased its own livestreaming equipment in October. ANC 1C signed a contract with an audio-visual provider to continue livestreaming through FY20.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Settlement Agreements

ANC 1C negotiated and approved the following settlement agreements in 2019:

- Reveler's Hour (February)
- Zenebech (March)
- Friendship Macaron (June)
- The Green Zone (June)
- The Imperial (June)
- Retrobottega (June)
- Sakuramen (September)
- Death Punch, Shabu Plus and Shibuya Eater (September)
- Isshin Ramen (October)

ANC 1C had the opportunity to protest the renewal of dozens of liquor licenses in 2019 and did not protest in most cases. Notably, the ANC voted to protest the liquor license renewal of Lucky Buns in June.



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Other Actions

- In October, the ANC supported the application of Streets Market for a B license (off premises sales).
- In October, the ANC voted to not protest an application from Federalist Pig to change its liquor license from retailer D restaurant to retailer C restaurant.
- In November, the ANC protested Bukom Café's petition to terminate its settlement agreement.

In November, ANC 1C passed a resolution requesting that our District agencies enforce our settlement agreements as well as citywide regulations and laws. Namely that, DDOT enforce public space regulations; ABRA enforce said settlement agreements; DOH enforce storage and food regulations; and DCRA enforce building use regulations and codes. It also requested that DPW, ABRA, DDOT, DOH conduct and increase nighttime inspections of businesses and properties in Adams Morgan.



TRANSPORTATION AND VISION ZERO

In a variety of resolutions and letters to Councilmembers and District agencies, ANC 1C advocated for enhancements in transportation infrastructure and measures to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists in Adams Morgan.

Public Transit

In June, the ANC passed a resolution opposing WMATA's Late Night Plan to supplement its transit service by subsidizing for-hire ride services.

The ANC also passed a resolution in June supporting DDOT's proposal to extend the DC Circulator's current Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route to Howard University by way of 18th Street and U Street NW. The resolution encourages DDOT to utilize bus priority techniques and enforcement to improve service and reduce delays for Circulators and buses at intersections, and encourages Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to approve funding in DC's FY 2020 budget that supports the ability to adequately expand the DC Circulator fleet to permit reliable operation of the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route extension.



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Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety

The ANC passed a resolution in support of pedestrian and cyclist safety bills in November. The resolution expresses the ANC's support for the enactment of the Bicycle Advisory Council Expansion Amendment Act of 2019 (B23-242), the Mandatory Protected Cycling Lane Amendment Act of 2019 (B23-257), the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019 (B23-288), the Curb Extensions Act of 2019 (B23-292), the Cyclist Safety Campaign Amendment Act of 2019 (B23-293), and the Vision Zero Distracted Driving Amendment Act of 2019 (B23-415).

In June, the ANC passed a resolution in favor of adding new Bikeshare stations in Adams Morgan, identifying several specific promising locations. The resolution was amended with new locations in July.

The ANC also passed a resolution in June expressing its support for the installation of a protected bicycle lane network throughout the city, connecting existing bike lane infrastructure in Adams Morgan to an essential north-south connector through Dupont Circle, West End, Downtown, and Foggy Bottom and an east-west connector from Brookland along the Irving Street Connector.

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The resolution also urges DDOT's protected bike lanes project team to coordinate with DDOT's Connecticut Avenue Deckover and Streetscape Project team to connect to the 20th/21st/22nd Street NW Protected Bike Lane Project with protected bike lanes to connect to existing bike lanes on Columbia Road NW. Finally, it requests that DDOT expedite protected bike lane projects across the city.

ANC 1C sent a letter in June to DDOT and Council in favor of adding a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal or active traffic control device to the intersection of 16th and Kalorama Rd. The letter also requested that DDOT enforce the traffic calming measures it implements. In July, the ANC passed a resolution requesting that DDOT implement pedestrian safety improvements at the northwest corner slip lane of the intersection between Columbia Rd and 16th St NW. Also in July, the ANC approved a resolution for bike safety and traffic calming measures on Columbia Rd and Harvard St, which asks DDOT to study the possibility of swapping the places of the bike lane and street parking on Harvard St, and making the bike lane protected.

In October, ANC 1C approved a request for a bike rack addition at 1731 Kalorama Rd NW. The ANC passed a resolution requesting parking changes on the same block (1700 block of Kalorama Rd NW) and a portion of Ontario Rd in April to accommodate a new Jubilee Housing development.



CONSTRUCTION AND PERMITS

ANC 1C took the following actions related to housing construction and permits:

- Protested HPRB application on 1819 Vernon Street NW. (January)
- Approved a resolution to authorize modifications to ANC 1C's appeal of BZA Case 19938 for 1630-32-34 Argonne Place NW to address issues identified in the December 2018 permit as well as any subsequent permits that fail to address errors identified in ANC 1C's November 2018 resolution. (February)
- Passed a resolution seeking to make BZA and the Office of Zoning aware of DCRA's failure to enforce the BZA ruling in Case 19771 which required restoration of a porch at 1834 Ontario Road NW. (February)
- Approved application at 2322 19th Street NW for a new garage with dwelling unit above in a historic district, subject to the conditions agreed to by the applicants and their neighbors. (April)
- Sent a letter to the BZA and Historic Preservation Office in support of plans for the addition and alteration at 2332 19th Street. (May)
- Voted to not support a request for an after hours construction permit for 1963 Biltmore and 1795 Lanier Place (May)
- Approved request to make minor changes to a public space permit for 1630 Columbia Rd NW. (June)



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- Passed resolution requesting the DC Department of Employment Services to make public reporting requirements for the Adams Morgan Hotel Real Property Tax Abatement Act of 2010. (July)
- Voted to support a BZA application for a variance to allow three lots at 1630-34 Argonne Place NW. (July)
- Did not take an official position in support of or against BZA Application 20077 at 1831 Ontario Place and opposed any BZA decision that would result in the removal of the illegal addition. (September)
- Approved special exception request for a garage apartment at 2322 19th Street NW. (October)
- Approved HPRB application for a roof deck at 1979 Biltmore Street NW. (October)



PUBLIC SPACE, THE ARTS, AND EVENTS

In January, ANC 1C approved a public space application for the addition of a statue of José Martí in front of the Cuban Embassy. In April, the ANC passed a resolution in favor of naming a portion of Quarry Rd to honor Casilda Luna, the “Abuelita” of the DC Latinx community.

The ANC wrote a letter in support of the Adams Morgan Partnership BID’s application for the Public Art Building Communities project grant in June. Also in June, the ANC gave a \$2,000 grant to Adams Morgan Day.

ANC 1C passed a resolution in support of a new DC Public Library in Adams Morgan in July.



PARKS

In March, ANC 1C wrote a letter to the Mayor, Council, and Directors of DPR and DGS to request \$100,000 to be in the FY2020 budget for improvements to the triangle park at Kalorama and Columbia Road named for Ann Hughes Hargrove.

The ANC wrote a letter in June urging DPR and DGS to make necessary repairs in Kalorama Park. Throughout the year, ANC 1C has facilitated conversations with DPR, DGS, and DOEE regarding erosion concerns in Kalorama Park.

In July, the ANC wrote a letter in support of working with the community and sports leagues to maximize community usage of Marie Reed field, including a provision to seek clarity on access to other fields in the area.

Throughout the year, the ANC has been engaged with the renovation plans for Walter Pierce Park.



EDUCATION

In March, ANC 1C passed a resolution requesting the Department of General Services to reschedule to the current year the facility condition assessment for the Adams School Building at 2020 19th Street NW; and urging the Mayor to request and the Council to allocate capital funds for modernization of the Adams school to FY2020 and for the establishment of a School Improvement Team at Adams School.

The Public Services and Environment Committee held an Education Forum at its October committee meeting.



DISTRICT-WIDE MATTERS

ANC 1C weighed in on several District-wide issues:

- Sent a letter to Chairman Mendelson to remove Councilmember Jack Evans as Chair of the Finance Committee, and to open an investigation of his conduct. (March)
- Passed a resolution in support of funding the Public Restrooms Facilities Installation & Promotion Act of 2018. (May)
- Approved a resolution in support of sending a Letter to Mr. DeWitt on sexual harassment and assault. (May)
- Approved a resolution in support of LGBTQAI+ Housing. (May)
- Passed a resolution in support for B23-266 and B23-309, known respectively as the “Prohibition of Marijuana Testing Act of 2019” and “Medical Marijuana Program Patient Employment Protection Amendment Act of 2019.” (October)
- Passed a Resolution in support of the Birth to Three for All DC Act. (October)



GRANTS

ANC 1C awarded three grants in 2019:

- Adams Morgan Day. \$2000 (June)
- Young Playwrights' Theater \$1000 (July)
- Platform of Hope \$1000 (October)

The ANC voted to update its grant application and process, making it easier to apply for grants, designating an application and consideration timeline, and increasing the amount an applicant can receive.

