

ANC1C Comments on EC 14-11 – January 15, 2015 Meeting – Alan Gambrell

I am Alan Gambrell, a 30-year DC resident and a brand new ANC commissioner from Adams Morgan. *1648 Argonne Pl NW*

I am here with two messages:

- The first is to share our community's solid endorsement of the Office of Planning's R-4 recommendations.
- The second is to tell you how we got there, how we took our concerns over neighborhood over-development and educated ourselves and showed up tonight.

As for my first message:

- Last year was one long debate over rezoning Lanier Heights in Adams Morgan. *from R5B to R4*
- That all came together over the past 3 months.
- First was a November ANC community discussion with overwhelming consensus to pursue a change in our zoning ~~from R-5-B~~ to R4. At that meeting, however, many community members did not know the details in the proposed R-4 changes.
- However, all the ANC members did. And so they took two subsequent votes:
- One in December was a unanimous endorsement to pursue R-4 status.
- And another, just last week, one of my first votes as a new ANC commissioner, was another unanimous vote to support Office of Planning R-4 recommendations.

Resolved that ANC1C supports the Office of Planning's proposals and recommendations concerning the R-4 zone as set forth in Zoning Commission Case No. 14-11.

As for my second, and closing, message, I want to share with you how our community arrived at this consensus over the need for change and the need for these new R-4 recommendations.

It is a story that is happening all over this city, places like Buchanan Street, Euclid Street, Lanier Place, and my own block of Argonne Place.