

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 14th, 2022; 7:00 pm Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners Ashley Warren (2D01) and Hannah Untereiner (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 24 residents and visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's meeting agenda. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's January 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Chair Warren said that Councilmember Pinto will be attending the ANC's regular March 2022 meeting. She encouraged local residents to let the commissioners know if there are any requested topics for Councilmember Pinto to discuss during the March meeting.

Chair Warren said that the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force will be holding a virtual town hall on Thursday, February 17th, 2022 at 6:45 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Untereiner said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$14,651.31.

Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department

Lieutenant Farid Fawzi, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He gave an overview of a recent report MPD responded to regarding sounds of gunshots outside Rosemarino D'Italia at 1714 Connecticut Avenue NW. He said that the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) is investigating the matter. He also gave an overview of a recent carjacking that occurred in the neighborhood. He encouraged local residents to not leave any valuables in their cars and to not leave their cars unlocked and running in order to warm them up in the morning.

Councilmember's Office

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, said that Councilmember Pinto looks forward to attending the ANC's regular March 2022 meeting. He said that the DC Council held its first hearing regarding the Councilmember's DC Council Bill B24-0301 – the "Business and Entrepreneurship Support to Thrive Amendment Act of 2021." He said that the bill aims to simplify and streamline DC's business licensing processes.

Mr. Romanowski gave an overview of Councilmember Pinto's introduction of DC Council Bill B24-0658 – the "Consumer Protection Procedures Amendment Act of 2022." He said that the Councilmember participated in DC's annual Point-in-Time Count on January 26th, 2022. He also gave an overview of the Councilmember's FY 2023 budget requests that were sent to the Mayor. He said that the Mayor will submit her proposed budget to the DC Council on March 16th, 2022.

Mr. Romanowski said that the DC Council is continuing to hold its annual agency performance oversight hearings. He also encouraged local residents to participate in the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force's meetings.

Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of the recent decreases in COVID cases and hospitalizations that DC has experienced. She said that DC's indoor mask requirements will be dialed back on March 1st, 2022. She added that various public facilities will still have a mask requirement and businesses will be able to choose if they would like to require masks.

Ms. Noakes said that the Ward 2 COVID Center is located at 926 F Street NW and offers masks, tests, and vaccinations. She encouraged local residents to attend the Mayor's FY 2023 Budget Engagement Forum on Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 6:00 pm at: https://budget.dc.gov/.

District Department of Transportation

Donovan Boyd, the Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), said that DDOT is looking into neighborhood concerns regarding the new traffic signage that was installed on Decatur Place NW. He said that DDOT will be

installing new signage and roadway markings adjacent to the park at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Kalorama Road NW. He added that DDOT has determined that no further changes can be made to the pedestrian signals along Florida Avenue NW.

Mr. Boyd said DDOT is considering future deployment of automated traffic enforcement (ATE) at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW. He said that Kelly Jeong-Olson will be DDOT's primary contact for the Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project moving forward. He said that DDOT has determined that it cannot perform in-home vibration monitoring as part of the project.

Meeting attendees discussed the Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project and sidewalk issues on California Street NW with Mr. Boyd.

Old Business

Update Regarding the Ward 2 Redistricting Task Force

Chair Warren gave the dates for the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force's upcoming meetings.

Don Friedman, a member of the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force, said that other members of the task force are not supportive of ANC 2D remaining in its current state. He encouraged local residents to participate in the task force's upcoming meetings.

New Business

<u>Historic Preservation Review Board Application to Renovate the Property at 2411 Tracy Place</u> NW

Chair Warren moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2D supports the Historic Preservation Review Board application to renovate the property at 2411 Tracy Place NW.

Mitchell Park Permit Request for the Friends of Mitchell Park's 2022 Films in the Field

Chair Warren moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2D's supports the Mitchell Park permit request for the Friends of Mitchell Park's 2022 Films in the Field series.

Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for March 19th, 2022

Chair Warren moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2D supports the Spanish Steps wedding permit request for March 19th, 2022.

Announcements and Open Comments

Chair Warren encouraged local residents to participate in the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force's upcoming meetings.

A local resident encouraged the ANC to consider holding in-person meetings in the future.

A local resident expressed skepticism of the Embassy of Pakistan's plans to sell its property at 2201 R Street NW. He asked the ANC to request that a representative from the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) give an update at an upcoming ANC meeting regarding the status of the real estate taxes for the property.

Several local residents offered comments regarding the ongoing ANC redistricting process.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, March 21st, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.