



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 20th, 2023; 7:00 p.m.

In-Person – Dupont Circle Resource Center, 9 Dupont Circle NW

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Commissioner Warren called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

### Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners Ashley Warren (2D01) and Carole Feld (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's February 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### Administrative and Financial Matters

#### Commissioner's Comments

Chair Warren said that the ANC's meeting minutes for each meeting are approved at the following ANC meeting. She said that the minutes are added to the ANC's website after they are approved.

Chair Warren said that peak cherry blossom blooming season is supposed to be March 22nd, 2023 to March 26th, 2023.

Combined Annual Meeting of Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Organizations, Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, 6:00 pm, Woodrow Wilson House, 2340 S Street NW

Commissioner Feld said that the combined annual meeting of Sheridan-Kalorama neighborhood organizations will be on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Woodrow Wilson House at 2340 S Street NW.

## Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Feld said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$16,368.72.

## Government Reports

### Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto and Q&A

Councilmember Pinto gave an overview of several bills she has introduced that aim to reduce vehicular noise, increase access to public restrooms, and expand access to electric bikes. She gave an overview of her new role as the Chair of the DC Council's Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety and her focus on improving public safety. She said that she is currently doing a top to bottom review of DC's public safety agencies. She said that she is focused on reducing gun violence, reducing hate crimes and domestic violence incidents, making sure that DC is improving youth interventions and supports, and making sure that returning citizens receive resources. She gave an overview of the DC Council's passage of revisions to DC's criminal code, as well as Congress' recent disapproval of the criminal code revisions.

Councilmember Pinto gave an overview of her introduction of DC Council Bill B25-0228 - the "Rediscover Equitable Central Occupancy Vitality and Encourage Resilient Yield (RECOVERY) Amendment Act of 2023." She gave an overview of the Ward 2 priorities she has been advocating for as part of DC's FY 2024 budget, including building a new Ward 2 senior center, funding for supporting businesses during the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project, funding for pickleball courts, funding for a speed camera at the intersection of Florida Avenue and Connecticut Avenue NW, and expansion of the DC Circulator routes. She also gave an overview of the concerns she raised during the DC Council's performance oversight season.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed vehicular and protestor noise, the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW, adding one way signage on Leroy Place NW, the recent traffic incident that resulted in several deaths on Rock Creek Parkway, the staging area for the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project and the related effects on the Dupont Tree Plaza, and the proposed speed camera at Florida Avenue and Connecticut Avenue NW with Councilmember Pinto.

### Metropolitan Police Department

Lieutenant Timothy Beirne, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed a recent theft from a motor vehicle and thefts from contractor vehicles with Lieutenant Beirne.

### Mayor's Office

Christopher Powell, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of the Mayor's recent unveiling of the 9th Street NW protected bike lanes and new Capital Bikeshare electric bikes. He said that Marvel will be filming a movie in DC this summer. He said that the Department of Public Works (DPW) has started street sweeping and thus street sweeping parking restrictions will be enforced. He added that certain Kia and Hyundai vehicle owners can pick up free anti-theft devices at MPD stations.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the completion of the Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project with Mr. Powell.

### Office of the Tenant Advocate

Alyce McFarland and Christopher Lucas, two Program Analysts for the Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA), were present. Ms. McFarland said that OTA is a voice for DC tenants. She said that the office became an independent agency of the DC Government in 2007. She gave an overview of the office's three branches: the Legal Branch, the Education and Outreach Branch, and the Policy Branch, as well as the office's emergency housing assistance program. She provided an overview of what each branch does.

Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the acceptable legal reasons for evicting a tenant in DC. He also provided an overview of the judicial process that a landlord must go through in order to evict a tenant in DC.

### **District Department of Transportation**

*There was no one present regarding this matter.*

### **Updates**

#### Update Regarding Alleyway Signage in the Neighborhood

*There was not any update regarding this matter.*

### **DC Government Reports (Continued)**

#### District of Columbia National Guard

Major General Sherrie McCandless, the Commanding General of the District of Columbia National Guard, gave an overview of the history of the DC National Guard. She said that, unlike other state national guards, the DC National Guard reports directly to the President of the United States. She gave an overview of the youth resources that the DC National Guard offers to the local community. She also gave an overview of the DC National Guard's work to limit the impacts of illegal substances on the DC community, including through prescription take-back efforts. She said that the community can reach the DC National Guard by calling Khalia Jackson, the DC National Guard's Chief Public Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO), at (202) 631-6147.

## **Updates (Continued)**

### Update Regarding Taxi Signage on Leroy Place NW

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

ANC 2D requests that the two taxi parking spaces on the north side of the 2100 block of Leroy Place NW be converted to metered parking, and if that is not possible, to be converted to non-limited parking.

### Update Regarding the Change to the Bus Stop at the Intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Belmont Road NW

Commissioner Feld said that the ANC is continuing to monitor traffic incidents at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Belmont Road NW. She said that a District Department of Transportation (DDOT) study regarding the new placement of the bus stop can only be requested once the traffic lights from the Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project are all fully installed.

### Update Regarding a Speed Camera for the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW

*There was not any update regarding this matter.*

### Update Regarding Mitigating Glaring Light from Streetlights Installed as Part of the Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project

Commissioner Feld said that light shields have been installed on specific streetlights along Massachusetts Avenue NW. She said that the shields appear to have only a minimal impact on the glaring light. She said that she is hoping that the citywide DC Smart Street Lighting Project will help address the issue.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the effectiveness of the light shields.

### Update Regarding the Status of the District Department of Transportation's Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project

Commissioner Feld said that the Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project traffic lights should be fully installed by the end of April 2023. She also said that several benches have been installed along the project corridor.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the installed benches.

Update Regarding Changing the Staging Area for Restore Mass Ave's Dupont Tree Plaza

*There was not any update regarding this matter.*

Update Regarding the Status of the Embassy of Pakistan's Property at 2201 R Street NW

*There was not any update regarding this matter.*

**New Business**

Public Space Application by the Embassy of China for the Construction of New Fences and Walls at 2301 S Street NW

*The Commission delayed taking action regarding this matter until the ANC's regular April 2023 meeting.*

**Announcements and Open Comment**

Maliha Luqman, a representative for the American Fazl Mosque, said that the mosque will be holding community iftars as part of Ramadan on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 and Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at sundown. She also said that the mosque will be holding a holy Quran exhibition at the West End Library on Thursday, April 13th, 2023 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.