



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18th, 2021; 7:00 pm

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Chair Ashley Warren called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 September 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's September 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### Administrative and Financial Matters

#### Commissioner's Comments

*There were not any commissioner's comments.*

#### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Untereiner said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$16,328.70.

#### Approval of the ANC's FY 2021 Quarter 4 Financial Report

Commissioner Untereiner moved to approve the ANC's FY 2021 Quarter 4 financial report. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

#### Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Budget

*The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC's regular November 2021 meeting.*

## **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 also gave an overview of a crime plan he recently developed for Police Service Area (PSA) 208, which focuses on vehicle-related crimes and police interactions with homeless individuals.

Lieutenant Fawzi discussed the work of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and noise concerns at the Islamic Center of Washington with commissioners and meeting attendees.

### **Mayor's Office**

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave the latest vaccination statistics for DC. She encouraged meeting attendees to get vaccinated and to encourage everyone in their lives to get vaccinated. She said that the Mayor required all adults working in DC schools and childcare facilities to get vaccinated by November 1st, 2021. She said that there is no test-out option for this requirement. She added that the Mayor recently announced an additional \$22 million in DC Public Schools (DCPS) funding to support COVID mitigation in schools, which will include the hiring of an additional COVID response staff member in every school. She also gave an overview of the groups of people who are now eligible for COVID booster shots.

Ms. Noakes said that the Mayor and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) recently announced the streamlining of government processes in order to speed up pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements. She said that DDOT's community engagement processes will be streamlined as part of these changes.

Ms. Noakes said that the Mayor and the Department of Public Works (DPW) will announce the details of this year's leaf collection and pumpkin composting efforts on Thursday, October 28th. She added that DPW's ticket amnesty program has also been extended until the end of 2021.

Ms. Noakes discussed the booster shot rollout with commissioners and meeting attendees.

### **Councilmember's Office**

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, thanked the local residents who attended the Councilmember's recent community events. He said that the DC Council's recess ended earlier this month. He gave an overview of some of the pieces of legislation that the DC Council has passed since the recess ended. He also gave an overview of the legislation that Councilmember Pinto will soon be introducing.

Mr. Romanowski said that the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting will hold a Ward 2 redistricting hearing on Monday, October 25th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. He said that the subcommittee will then hold a citywide redistricting hearing on Friday, November 5th at 12:00 pm. He added that DC's new fiscal year began on October 1st. He said that the Councilmember's office is working with DC Government agencies to set timelines for the Ward 2 projects that were funded in DC's FY 2022 budget. He also encouraged local residents who qualify for the COVID booster shots to schedule their shots and for all local residents to get their flu shots.

Mr. Romanowski discussed the status of the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW and the proposed DC Council legislation to rework DC's parking permit system with commissioners and meeting attendees.

### **Old Business**

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

Huntae Kim, a Program Manager for DDOT; Stacey Hemby, a project representative for DDOT; and Shaun Davis, a Construction Manager for HNTB, gave an update regarding DDOT's Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project. Mr. Kim said that the project involves the reconstruction of the pavement along Massachusetts Avenue from Waterside Drive to 20th Street NW. He said that construction began in early 2021 and that the expected completion of the project is by the end of 2022. He said that initial project work focused on utility work. He added that the project contractor is allowed to work from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and that any lane closures are limited to 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Mr. Davis said that the project team is in regular communication with Washington Gas in order to reduce congestion in the project area. He said that the project team recently started sidewalk and curb reconstruction work. He added that plantings and streetscape work will take place next summer.

Mr. Kim, Ms. Hemby, and Mr. Davis discussed Decatur Place NW access during the project, methods for contacting the project team, coordinating work so that work does not have to be continuously redone, the project timeline, and ways to better communicate with affected residents with commissioners and meeting attendees.

#### **Update Regarding Decatur Place NW Safety Concerns**

Commissioner Untereiner said that there have been many community concerns regarding how narrow Decatur Place NW is. She said that there have been incidents where trucks traveling down the street have caused damage to cars parked along the street. She said that nearby residents have been working with DDOT to install speed bumps on the street in order to slow traffic and to install signage that discourages large trucks from traveling down the street. She added that there has been an idea floated by some nearby residents to remove parking on sections of the north side of the street, while other nearby residents have opposed the idea.

Commissioner Untereiner encouraged local residents to reach out to the ANC with any thoughts they have regarding the matter.

### **New Business**

#### **Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Rear Yard Requirements and the Lot Occupancy Requirements to Construct a Rear One-Story Addition and Second Story Deck to an Existing, Attached, Three-Story with Basement, Principal Dwelling Unit at 2110 Bancroft Place 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 Board of Zoning Adjustment application for special exceptions from the rear yard requirements and the lot occupancy requirements to construct a rear one-story addition and second story deck to an existing, attached, three-story with basement, principal dwelling unit at 2110 Bancroft Place NW.

#### **Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for November 2nd, 2021**

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#### **Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for November 6th, 2021**

Chair Warren moved to support the Spanish Steps wedding permit requests for November 2nd, 2021 and November 6th, 2021. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### **Announcements**

and

### **Open Comments**

Chair Warren encouraged local residents who are planning to hold a wedding at the Spanish Steps to reach out to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) regarding proper permitting for the event. She also said that local residents recently worked with the Rock Creek Conservancy to plant perennials in the triangle park along Connecticut Avenue NW by the Taft Bridge.

Commissioner Untereiner encouraged local residents to get their flu shots.

Robert Nevitt, the President of the Friends of Mitchell Park (FOMP), said that the organization will hold its annual Mitchell Park Fall Fun Day on Sunday, October 24th from 2:30 to 5:00 pm.

He said that event activities will include a moon bounce, face painting, pumpkin decorating, and a bake sale. He encouraged local residents to attend the event.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, November 15th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.