



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11th, 2022; 7:00 pm

In-Person – St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1830 Connecticut Ave. NW

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 33 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 March 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's regular March 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

Commissioner Untereiner said that she will be resigning from the ANC as she will be moving in order to attend graduate school. She said that she is resigning with enough time for there to be a process to name a replacement commissioner before the next election cycle. She thanked local residents for their work on behalf of the community.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Untereiner said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$14,652.49.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 2 Financial Report

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

Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department

Officer Jeremy Brady and Sergeant James Alexander, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, were present. Officer Brady gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He said MPD has been giving extra attention to Assets at 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW, especially during the club's closing time. He also encouraged local residents to find ways to secure packages in order to prevent package thefts. He added that street sweeping has resumed and he encouraged local residents to move their cars for street sweeping.

Presentation by Japer Bowles, Director of the Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs, Regarding the Mayor's Proposed FY 2023 Budget

Japer Bowles, Director of the Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs, said the Mayor's proposed FY 2023 budget reflects priorities that the Mayor's Office has heard from DC residents, including public safety, housing affordability, roadway safety, and the utilization of public spaces. He gave an overview of the budget's proposed investments related to addressing homelessness, building a new hospital east of the river, helping LGBTQ residents find housing and jobs, helping more residents access high quality healthcare, adding additional mental health resources, building a new jail that helps inmates re-enter society successfully, lowering the cap on property taxes, making sure at-risk students receive their fair share of DC Public Schools (DCPS) funding, adding more Pre-K school seats, and retaining a strong teaching staff at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC).

Mr. Bowles said that additional investments in the budget include hiring and retaining additional MPD officers, adding additional violence interruption programs, launching grants for victims of sexual assault, adding additional school-based mental health programs, increasing funding for preventative maintenance in school buildings, expanding the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program, expanding traffic calming measures, expanding the Department of Public Works' (DPW) vehicle booting team, hiring additional school crossing guards, increasing homeownership for long-term residents, waiving fees for neighborhood festivals, hiring more firefighters and paramedics, hiring additional 9-1-1 call center operators, hiring more leaf collection staff, and hiring additional staff to keep bike lanes clear of debris and snow.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed initiatives to convert offices buildings to residential buildings and violence interruption programs with Mr. Bowles.

Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), encouraged all residents who are eligible to receive their second COVID booster vaccine to do so. She added that she can research any FY 2023 budget-specific questions that local residents may have.

Councilmember's Office

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an overview of Councilmember Pinto's upcoming office hours at the Shaw library, Earth Day cleanup event in Dupont Circle, and Ward 2 community bike ride.

Mr. Romanowski gave an overview of the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force's completion of the proposed ANC boundaries. He said that the boundaries of ANC 2D will not change but that there will be some small changes to the boundaries of the ANC's single member districts (SMDs). He also gave an overview of some of the items included in the Mayor's proposed FY 2023 budget that the Councilmember is excited about.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed issues with the Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project with Mr. Romanowski.

Old Business

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

Peter Sacco, the ANC's Executive Director, said that the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) declined to attend the ANC meeting but did send answers to written questions regarding the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW.

Mr. Romanowski said that Pakistan recently ousted its Prime Minister and a new Prime Minister has been named. He said that the ousted Prime Minister is blaming the United States for the ouster. He gave an overview of the answers that OTR sent, which include information regarding the current state of delinquent taxes for the property, the scheduling of a tax sale, and the diplomatic and vacant status of the property.

Commissioners and meeting attendees expressed concerns regarding whether a tax sale would actually be held.

New Business

Use of Spanish Steps by the Embassy of the Dominican Republic for the Around the World Embassy Tour on Saturday, May 7th, 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 use of the Spanish Steps by the Embassy of the Dominican Republic for the Around the World Embassy Tour on Saturday, May 7th, 2022.

Announcements and Open Comments

A local resident asked for the ANC to keep local residents informed about DC Government activities while the process of filling the vacancy for SMD 2D02 takes place.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Warren said that the ANC is working to schedule the next ANC meeting based on how the process of filling the vacancy for SMD 2D02 plays out.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.