



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 20th, 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 Carole Feld (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 16 residents and visitors in attendance.

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 August 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC's regular October 2022 meeting.

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Feld thanked meeting attendees for attending the meeting. She said that the National Park Service (NPS) is aware of the trash in Rock Creek Park near the Embassy of China's apartment building at 2310 Connecticut Avenue NW.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Feld said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$14,646.77.

Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department

No one was present regarding this matter.

Mayor's Office

Brittini Parks, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced herself to meeting attendees. She said that she is assisting Julius Terry with Ward 2 matters at MOCRS.

Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

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Update Regarding DC Council Bill B24-0433 – the “Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 2021”

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an overview of the tours of Ward 2 schools that Councilmember Pinto recently held to make sure that the schools are ready for the new school year. He encouraged local residents to visit the Ward 2 COVID Center to receive COVID boosters and annual flu shots. He said that Councilmember Pinto's rescheduled Ward 2 Bike Ride will take place on Saturday, October 1st. He added that the DC Council has returned from its summer recess.

Mr. Rodriguez said that the DC Council will hold the first hearing regarding the “Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 2021” on Friday, October 28th. He gave an overview of the bill's goal to realign parking zone boundaries to ANC boundaries. He encouraged local residents to testify during the hearing.

Mr. Rodriguez said that the DC Council recently switched its online domain name, which has resulted in all DC Council email addresses changing from dccouncil.us to dccouncil.gov.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed John Hopkins Medicine's ongoing dispute with CareFirst, replacing trash cans due to rat problems, and protests at the Chinese Ambassador's residence with Mr. Rodriguez.

Chairman Phil Mendelson's Office

The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until a future ANC meeting.

Old Business

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

Commissioner Feld said that she reached out to the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to ask that the office considers the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW as a candidate for eminent domain. She said that DMPED is looking into the matter. She added that the property cannot be purchased over-the-counter from the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) right now because OTR is in the process of implementing a new computer system.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed a person who has purported to have bought the Embassy of Pakistan's property.

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

Commissioner Feld said that the ANC is committed to continually raising the need for a speed camera at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW. She said that she wants to work with neighboring ANCs regarding the issue. She said that someone will be killed due to speeding at the intersection.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the need for a speed camera at the intersection.

Update Regarding Alleyway Signage in the Neighborhood

There was not any update regarding this matter.

Update Regarding Parking for the American Fazl Mosque at 2141 Leroy Place NW

Commissioner Feld said that Donovan Boyd, the Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), has met with representatives from the American Fazl Mosque to discuss parking solutions. She said that the parking that had been removed in front of the mosque will be restored. She said that conversations are ongoing as to how to accommodate loading and unloading at the mosque during times of worship. She added that residents in the area are also hoping to get some of the reserved Russian Cultural Center parking spaces returned to public parking.

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

Shaun Davis, a Construction Manager for HNTB, said that the concrete barriers in the middle of the roadway on the west side of Sheridan Circle have been permanently removed. He said that the project team's main focus is currently on the east side of Sheridan Circle up to 20th Street NW. He said that the sidewalk work is predominantly finished and that the plantings and streetscape work will continue on the west side of Sheridan Circle. He said that DDOT is evaluating the ANCs concerns regarding the bus stop across from the Islamic Center of Washington at 2551 Massachusetts Avenue NW. He added that the project should be wrapping up around the end of the year.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the remaining work that needs to be completed, the tree box planting plans, the timing for reopening travel lanes, and the use of cobblestone pavers with Mr. Davis.

New Business

Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for October 15th, 2022

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 supports the Spanish Steps wedding permit request for October 15th, 2022.

Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for November 5th, 2022

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 supports the Spanish Steps wedding permit request for November 5th, 2022.

Park Permit Request for a Puppet Show in Mitchell Park on September 25th, 2022

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 supports the Spanish Steps wedding permit request for September 25th, 2022.

Announcements and Open Comments

A local resident asked the ANC to look into the person who has purported to have bought the Embassy of Pakistan's property.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.