



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2026; 7:00 p.m.

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

Online via Zoom – <https://dc-gov.zoom.us/j/84625516723>

Call to Order

Chair Feld called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Establishment of Quorum

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

Approval of Agenda Chair Feld moved to approve this ANC's meeting agenda sent out and posted to the ANC 2D website with the following changes: 1) Steven Walker, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor, Budget Update will not be presented this month; 2) Added Sheridan Circle Above-ground electrical enclosure 3) Name spelling and email correction for Rita AbouSamra, Office of Planning, rita.abousamra@dc.gov who will be reviewing rewrite of DC's Comprehensive Plan, DC2050; 4) April 13, 2026 ANC Meeting minutes will be approved at the June ANC 2D meeting. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton thanked their volunteer administrator Peter Sacco, St. Margaret's, especially Rector Weinberg and John Bello for their community service along with neighborhood advocates for the work they do in supporting our community as well as city representatives and others for participating in the meeting for their civic engagement. Chair Feld recognized fellow Commissioner Robyn Lipton for her service. She encouraged people to sign up for ANC 2D ListServ to get updates on city services & issues affecting the District and S-K at: <https://www.anc2d.org/>

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Lipton noted that the beginning balance for April 2026 in the ANC 2D checking account at TD bank was \$19,590.45; ending balance was \$19,603.33; we earned \$12.88 in interest.

Government Reports

Mayor's Office—Jimika Williams, MOCRS, Ward 2 Liaison, updates and Q&A included:

- Budget Fy' 27: Focus is on maintaining core city services; increasing per pupil amount that schools get for education and supporting economic growth and investing in public safety.
- May 25 Memorial Day Parade on Constitution Avenue
- May 19 Community Grant conference at MLK Library.

Ms. Williams asked people to email her with any concerns and questions at: jimika.williams@dc.gov

Councilmember Brooke Pinto's office, Ward 2 Updates and Q&A, Brian Romanowski, Deputy Chief of Staff, Updates and Q&A included:

- Fy'27 Budget hearings: June 9 Council first vote, second vote on June 23. Hearing had over 160 witnesses. Concern re: cuts that are proposed this year. Want to see access to justice funding restored. Votes will be week before and after the Primary.
- Juvenile Curfew Zones: Permanent legislation was passed; emergency bill failed. Earliest bill will take effect is late July. Pinto working on several bills on ways to engage youth.
- MPD officers/leadership placed on admin leave for data manipulation; internal MPD investigation; Pinto asked for written explanation of processes and policies for reporting. data. 2nd District. Commander Dorsey replacing Commander Savoy; Captain Nathaniel Porter is now in the 2nd District. 550-page report on this sent to Congress --Rep. Comer chairs the Oversight Committee.
- Status of Resolution Requesting Funding for the Amplified Sound Mitigation Regulation Amendment Act of 2024 in the District's FY'27 Budget. No update but keep advocating for this, it's not cheap.
- DC Primary Voting. Ballots mailed out today. Go to DCboe.org. and sign up for text messages to track your ballot including if it has been received once you mailed it. Rank voting. RCV (rank more than one candidate, shows you how it works). Write in—still must Contact BOE first if you don't get your ballot. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Romanowski for attending and his ongoing support.

Metropolitan Police Department—Lt. A. Sakulich Updates and Q&A included:

The Commissioners welcomed Lt. Sakulich and thanked her for attending and for her service.

- Crime Report: 6 reported crimes 5 were along Calif. Ave. —
 - Calif Street: Packages thefts along 2100 block of California Avenue, 2231 (William Penn); 2127 outside the building; and bicycle theft. 2100 block of Kalorama: a work van was broken into in March.
 - A neighbor Jane Silver, board pres. On Calif. Street—asked what can be done. Lt. Sakulich recommended: 1) Always make a report; 2) Bicycles—recommend national registry can register bike, and if we find it, can run it.
 - Ms. Silver indicated that they had a meeting with MPD a couple of years ago but need a new meeting. Several buildings on the block and a car were broken into. In the past put a MPD on Calif. Street and caught the person. Currently, Ms. Silver indicated that a camera on one of the buildings has seen someone casing the building. Lt. Sakulich agreed that a new meeting with the boards of several buildings on Calif. Street is in order.
 - The Commissioners requested that they be copied on all correspondence to follow up and a meeting take place. Lt. Sakulich and Ms. Silver will connect via email.
 - The Commissioners reminded people that you can have Amazon packages delivered to the MPD Second station (have Amazon lockers) 3320 Idaho Avenue NW, WDC 20016, and FedEx packages delivered direct to the FedEx store in upper Georgetown.
- MPD Personnel changes. New in 2D: Captain Kahn—replaces Capt. Doneigan; New Captain Porter upper end of 2D, Commander Dorsey, triple booked for meetings tonight, he will try to attend next month's ANC meeting. Lt. Sakulich has a great working relationship with him.
- No information on Fountains ceremony dates.

The Commissioners thanked Lt. Sakulich and reiterated how fortunate 2D is to have her as our MPD rep.

Commander Christopher Dorsey came to the meeting via zoom after Christopher Wassmer DDOT update below and introduced himself. The Commissioners welcomed him to ANC 2D and told him they look forward to meeting him in person either at an ANC meeting or a community activity.

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)—Christophe Wassmer, Community Engagement Specialist, Ward 2 & 3, Updates and Q&A included:

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Wassmer for his support and for attending the meeting in person.

- **Dupont Deckover**
 - **Construction update:** Working north of Fl. Avenue on sidewalk improvements and updating utilities, working 1700 block south of Fl. New pavers, working on 1500 block near Dupont Circle where doing the Deckover, building under the pass, replacing the abutments to support the weight of the Plaza. Project construction to be complete in summer 2027. Working block by block. Go to website for staging and construction Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Dupont Deckover Project. Under the tab “construction updates” has up-to-date info.
 - **Commissioners inquired how to lobby to get the Dupont Deckover named after the Washington Color School Plaza or the Washington Color School Artists Plaza.** Heard that the community chose the name in NOMA after a baseball player, Told to follow up with the Dupont Bid on the naming.
- **Illegal Parking not being enforced near the mosque on Mass Traffic Safety Input cue:** —on Belmont, Tracy Place, Wyoming, etc. Commissioners asked Mr. Wassmer to investigate how to engage parking enforcement. Mr. Wassmer suggested a physical deterrent is the best course of action. The Commissioners noted that there are also violations on Tracy, Wyoming etc., where people are illegally parking in Zone 2 only parking.
- **Maintenance Requirements—Active work orders:**
 - Speedhumps in the alleyway between Waterside and Mass
 - Stop sign missing at Bancroft and Connecticut—temp sign will be installed tomorrow
 - Streetlight repairs replacements: Washington Globe streetlight on Bancroft—replacements for streetlights on the 2500 block of Mass Ave. & Sheridan Circle.
 - Pick up construction materials left in the area. Working with DC Water remove the Connecticut Avenue sign that was left on Bancroft
 - Pedestrian crossing signals at Connecticut and Florida, signals reactivated
- **Sheridan Circle medians** in discussion with Restore Mass Ave who is working with DDOT and NPS to maintain and landscape the medians around the circle and coming up with an agreement with RMA.
- **New tree replacements** Go to Open tracker. DDOT.trees.dc.gov: dead tree at 2500 block of Mass Ave. Other dead trees have orange circles on them
- **Traffic Input Program:** Kalorama Circle prioritized for speeding in April; recommendation complete in the fall.
- **Live View Cameras** –don’t know about this program and not sure if DDOT was running it but will investigate it.
- **Taft Bridge update.** Anticipate a Fall completion for that project.
- **Mass/Waterside Drive/Belmont intersection** Safety: There was a recent Accident on the block of Mass Ave between Waterside Drive and Belmont. (Capt. Dorsey later said it was not a major accident) There was a general discussion about DDOT investigating major crashes, the frequency of auto accidents on this block of Mass Ave due to the illegal bus stop, exiting the alleyway is dangerous, and the fact that turning left on Waterside Drive is problematic and needs a solution. Mr. Wassmer indicated there are existing Safety Input Requests at the intersection for safety improvements.

Lead Free DC, DC Water, Small Diameter Water Main Replacement construction happening in ANC 2D. Raquel Chenail, SDWR Outreach, Shah Shirzay, Construction Manager, and Sean Moore, Communications Manager, DC Water, water pressure and other issues in the Sheridan-Kalorama neighborhood Updates & Q&A included:

- Raquel Chenail, Small Diameter Water Main Replacement Program requested a letter of support from the ANC for nightwork permits construction where the water would be shut off to be done on the following streets/area on Embassy Row: 2100 and 2200 blocks of R. Street to the bottom of 22nd on Florida Avenue NW. Need support. A letter from the ANC is helpful for DDOT permitting.

- The Commissioners indicated they were hesitant to give carte blanche approval before they heard feedback from residents, embassies and the Cosmos Club on the days and hours that the nighttime water shut off would be the least disruptive. Another concern cited is the dates, hours and the magnitude of the water shut off is not clear and many embassies and other entities are holding 250th Anniversary events this summer, where normally, Embassy Row is quiet in the summer.
- There was also discussion on how the city's infrastructure projects need better coordination. i.e. Why wasn't the water main replacement done during MARP? Need better coordination. And Cutting off water at Sheridan Circle at the same time putting in new landscaping that must be watered is problematic.
- *DDOT Suspended Streets: Period of Exclusivity after a major roadway construction.* 5 years where there is a moratorium any utility work must be a curb-to-curb restoration was also discussed.
- Next steps included:
 - *DC Water--Talk to embassies, Cosmos Club and others on Embassy Row and the next area targeted for water main replacement regarding hours and dates that will be the least disruptive for a water shut down at night/day.*
 - *Request that all the trees on R Street be fenced (9x7 feet) to protect trees. And. this be done in other areas as relevant.*
 - *Trash pick-up and parking notices on the alleyway construction starts again on Bancroft, Phelps, LeRoy Place,*
 - *Remove No parking notices on 2100-2400 blocks of California St. until construction starts in June--will ensure signage is updated as needed to align with the work schedule.*

New/Old Business

****New** Sheridan Circle Highly Visible Obtrusive Above-ground electrical enclosure,** Deborah Shapley, founder and President of Restore Mass Ave (RMA) and Comm. Feld/ANC & RMA Board Member.

- ANC 2D is grateful to the NPS for the restoration of Sheridan Circle.
- However, there is a major problem that is marring the aesthetic and historic sig .of the Circle which is the height and scale of its planned permanent electrical unit which will be very unsightly and highly visible, especially due to the small scale of the Circle.
- RMA and the ANC want to work with NPS and PEPCO to find smaller scale alternatives to replace the planned permanent electrical unit and enclosure that will be approximately 5' high x 3' wide.
- Brian Romanowski noted that NPS put the trashcans outside the circle to not ruin the view, however, NPS is willing to put a large obtrusive new above ground electrical meter on the circle.
- All concluded, there needs to be an alternative to the planned Permanent electrical unit and enclosure, and RMA and ANC will continue to work with PEPCO and NPS to advocate for this including camouflaging whatever unit is the one that is permanently installed.

2409 Wyoming Ave NW-HPRB concept review; David Langdon, AIA, Richard Williams Architects, PLLC—concept level review.

- David Langdon, presented. Not seeking building permits yet
- He showed the design concept they are presenting for concept level review to the HPRB board – they are on the agenda for May 28.
- Planning a slight increase of overall area that may require a BZA adjustment. Only thing seen from the public space aside from the entrance will be a mudroom.

2201 R Street NW (old Pakistani Embassy) ANC Resolution to supporting Zoning Variance Application for 2201 R Street NW, Stephen duPont, Jr.

Commissioner Feld noted that ANC 2D voted to approve this BZA application at the April ANC 2D meeting, but wanted to ensure proper, so voting on again. BZA hearing will be July 29, 2026.

Chair Feld moved to approve/ support the BZA application for 2201 R. Street NW. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

1825/1875 Connecticut Avenue, Joshua Guelbart, Co-Chief Operating Officer, Post Brothers, Letter to DOB supporting work holiday permits for 1825/1875 Connecticut Avenue Development on the following DC 2026 holidays subject to not interfering with DOB priorities during those time periods. **Memorial Day – 5/25; Juneteenth – 6/19; Labor Day - 9/7; Indigenous People's Day - 10/12; Veterans Day - 11/11 and the work will be inside the building during those days.**

Chair Feld moved to approve a Letter to DOB supporting work holiday permits for 1825/1875 Connecticut Avenue Development on the following DC 2026 holidays subject to not interfering with DDOT priorities during those time periods. Memorial Day – 5/25; Juneteenth – 6/19; Labor Day - 9/7; Indigenous People's Day - 10/12; Veterans Day - 11/11 and that the work will be inside the building during those days. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Review of rewrite of DC's Comprehensive Plan, DC2050, Rita AbouSamra, Lead Community Planner, Office of Planning. DC2050.dc.gov can access

- Rita AbouSamra introduced herself and presented the plan (DC long-range vision and roadmap for long term growth), every 20 years rewrite it, which is now. Currently in Phase 2 exploring possible futures; Introducing “Place Types”: updated approach to land use to make it easier how a property can be used to add future District housing.
- Ward 2: Plan is to Add 14K additional HHlds --91% will have access to high freq. transit; 39% family sized; Add 2,520 dedicated affordable units
- To stay updated: visit DC2050.com & sign up for the newsletter on this site; Insta @OP_inDC; X @OPinDC
- Ms. AbouSamra encouraged people to participate in the online survey (closed May 17)
- Next steps include Phase 3: creating comprehensive plan (May/June). In June get more feedback from community and then go through typical Legislative approval. After it is approved, over the next 20 years’ work with agencies and members of the private sector and community to actualize the plan.

Announcements and Open Comment

- Neighbors were encouraged to sign up for the ANC 2D ListServ at <https://www.anc2d.org/>
- Next ANC 2D Meeting will be on: Monday, June 8 at 7:00 pm in person or via zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11PM

COMMISSIONERS:

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Respectfully submitted by Carole Feld, ANC 2D Chair and Secretary.

