



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13th, 2021; 7:00 pm
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Ashley 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 14 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 June 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's June 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

Chair Warren said that the ANC's regular meetings will be remaining virtual for now. She said that the ANC will let local residents know if anything changes.

Commissioner Untereiner said that she attended the recent movie showing in Mitchell Park. She thanked the event organizers for their efforts.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Untereiner said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$15,428.35.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2021 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's FY 2021 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department

No one was present regarding this matter.

Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of DC's daily COVID case rate trends. She encouraged all local residents to get vaccinated and to encourage people in their daily lives to get vaccinated. She also gave an overview of DC's recent expansion of the Test Yourself DC program, which includes the addition of 11 new pick-up and drop-off sites for COVID self-test kits.

Ms. Noakes said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) recently extended DC's streateries program until February of 2022. She said that the Department of Public Works' (DPW) yard waste collection efforts are currently ongoing. She said that in order to have yard waste composted, local residents should place yard waste in paper bags and schedule a pick-up appointment through DC's 3-1-1 system. She added that yard waste can also be dropped off at DPW's Fort Totten Transfer Station.

The commissioners discussed DC's current mask regulations with Ms. Noakes.

Councilmember's Office

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, said that the DC Council is currently on recess until October 5th. He said that the Councilmember's office remains open during the recess. He added that the Councilmember's office will be hiring an additional constituent services staff member to assist with the office's caseload. He said that the job posting for the position is currently on the DC Council's website.

Mr. Romanowski gave an overview of the goals of DC's FY 2022 budget, which has been approved by the DC Council. He said that Councilmember Pinto toured many schools across Ward 2 as the school year began. He added that the Councilmember's office has been working with the DC Public Schools (DCPS) and the Department of General Services (DGS) to expedite any outstanding school work orders.

Mr. Romanowski encouraged local residents to apply for rental assistance through the STAY DC program at: <https://stay.dc.gov/>. He said that the DC Council recently held a roundtable regarding the STAY DC program. He added that the Councilmember's office can help local residents with the STAY DC application.

Mr. Romanowski gave an overview of the DC Council's upcoming hearings regarding the redistricting process. He said that each ward Councilmember has set up a ward-specific redistricting task force. He said that any local residents who are interested in joining the Ward 2 redistricting task force can email Genevieve Hulick, Councilmember Pinto's Chief of Staff, at: ghulick@dccouncil.us. He also gave an overview of upcoming outreach events that Councilmember Pinto is holding.

The commissioners discussed the redistricting process with Mr. Romanowski.

Allister Chang, Ward 2 Member of the DC State Board of Education

Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the DC State Board of Education (SBOE), said that his top priority for the board has been literacy. He gave an overview of DC's literacy proficiency scores and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE) new five-year literacy plan.

Sara Ritchey, a representative for the Ward 2 Education Council, said that among the organization's members there is a general sense of excitement to be back to in-person learning. She said that the organization still has major concerns with the state of the schools, including adequate COVID testing protocols, ensuring the availability and supervision of outdoor lunch, the condition of the roof at Thompson Elementary School, ongoing HVAC issues, and leases of public properties to non-public entities. She encouraged local residents to bring their school concerns to the attention of the organization.

Mr. Chang said that he can be reached via email at: allister.chang1@dc.gov or via phone at: (202) 735-7062.

DC Sentencing Commission

Brittany Bunch, an Outreach Specialist for the DC Sentencing Commission, gave an overview of the mission of the commission. She said that the commission advocates for effective sentencing policies, works to increase the public's understanding of sentencing policies, and evaluates the effectiveness of sentencing policies in order to recommend changes. She said the commission has seventeen members, twelve of which are voting members and five which are non-voting members. She said that the members represent a wide range of criminal justice entities in DC. She added that six staff members support the day-to-day operations of the commission.

Ms. Bunch said that the commission does a large amount of research on sentencing trends and also fulfills data requests from academic entities and government officials. She said that the commission is a totally separate entity from the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Ms. Bunch said that the commission can be reached via email at: scdc@dc.gov. She said that the commission's website, which can be found at: <https://scdc.dc.gov/>, also has a large amount of information.

Old Business

There was not any old business.

New Business

Foreign Mission Board of Zoning Adjustment Application by the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates to Expand an Existing Chancery by Removing an Adjacent Building and Constructing a New Three-Story Addition in its Place at 2400-2406 Massachusetts Avenue 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 Embassy of the United Arab Emirates' Board of Zoning Adjustment application at 2400-2406 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Recent Changes to the Visitor Parking Pass (VPP) Program

The commissioners discussed DDOT's recent changes to the Visitor Parking Pass (VPP) program and decided to delay consideration of a resolution regarding the matter so that the ANC could receive a presentation from DDOT regarding the matter.

Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for July 30th, 2021

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Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for September 3rd, 2021

and

Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for October 22nd, 2021

Commissioner Untereiner moved to support the Spanish Steps wedding permit requests for July 30th, 2021; September 3rd, 2021; and October 22nd, 2021. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Announcements

Holly Sukenik, the Vice President of the Friends of Mitchell Park, said that the organization will be hosting Blue Sky Puppet Theatre in Mitchell Park on Saturday, September 18th at 11:00 am. She encouraged local residents to attend the event.

Open Comments

A local resident asked about the current status of the proposed speed bump on Bancroft Place NW. Commission Untereiner said that she will follow up with DDOT regarding the matter.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.