

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 12th, 2024 7:00 p.m.

In-Person at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1830 Connecticut Ave. NW and online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

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

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 June 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's January 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Chair Warren indicated that the Executive Director of the ANC, Peter Sacco, had an important update.

Executive Director Peter Sacco announced that he has been selected by the Mayor's Office to serve as the Deputy Director of Finance and Operations for Serve DC, the Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Partnerships. Peter Sacco announced his last payday would be February 23, 2024. Peter Sacco offered to continue to assist the ANC on a volunteer basis in the short-term.

Peter Sacco thanked six former and current ANC 2D Commissioners including David Bender, Ellen Goldstein, Jeff Nestler, Hannah Untereiner, Carole Feld, and Ashley Warren for the opportunity to work with ANC since 2016. Peter Sacco thanked city employees for helping him to serve the community during his time as Executive Director of the ANC.

Carole Feld moved to approve a resolution to the Director of the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships in recognition and appreciation of Peter Sacco for his



exemplary contribution to ANC 2D. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioner Feld presented Peter Sacco with a physical copy of the resolution.

Chair Warren announced that the Combined Annual Meeting of Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Organizations will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, 6:00 pm, Woodrow Wilson House, 2340 S Street NW.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Feld said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$17,788.63.

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's FY2024Q1 Financial Report. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Government Reports

Councilmember's Office

Councilmember Pinto and Maddy White, a representative of the Councilmember's Office attended the meeting.

Councilmember Pinto echoed the sentiments shared by the ANC 2D about Peter Sacco.

Councilmember Pinto spoke about the goals for the Secure DC legislation. Councilmember Pinto stated that there was misinformation spreading around the Secure DC legislation and made clarifications about what the legislation is intended to do. Councilmember Pinto also spoke about safe commercial corridors.

Councilmember also spoke about the budget for WMATA and the upcoming city budget and her priorities for Ward 2 and ANC 2D in particular.

Councilmember Pinto mentioned that she would be bringing forth noise legislation in March that would make it easier to report noise violations.

A resident of 2D, Marie Drissel, asked Councilmember Pinto to look into a few items, including the red light camera at the intersection of Florida and Connecticut Avenues NW.

A resident of 2D, David Wheadon, brought up concerns about crime and safety in DC.

Chair Warren asked how the \$500 million offered to Monumental Sports by the city of DC would factor into the upcoming budget. Councilmember Pinto explained that the \$500 million mentioned is money that could be borrowed against capital expenditures, and it is not \$500 million for operating needs in the city.

Commissioner Feld asked Councilmember Pinto about the vision for downtown. Councilmember Pinto spoke about potential for a theatre district, more accessible connectivity on 7th street



between the National Mall and the convention center, family attraction destinations, and commercial property conversions.

Metropolitan Police Department

Lt. Forrest reviewed the recent crime in the area, particularly retail crime. She spoke about efforts MPD is taking to curb this type of crime.

Mayor's Office

Chirstopher Powell, a representative of the Mayor's Office spoke about safe commercial corridors and some other updates from the Mayor's Office.

Chair Warren asked what is happening to the suggestions sent into the BeDowntown website. Christopher Powell said that all suggestions are helpful and encouraged people to submit their ideas.

Christohper Powell spoke about a potential solution for the ANC's missing call box and potential for a replacement.

Traffic Safety Input (TSI) Updates from the District Department of Transportation

Christophe Wassmer suggested that residents make TSIs regarding issues in the neighborhood.

Chair Warren and Commissioner Feld discussed long-standing issues of the neighborhood including the intersection of Florida and Connecticut Aves.

Resident Kindy French asked about the traffic study of the bus stop at Mass Ave and about illegal parking on Belmont that is a hazard to cars turning off Mass Ave.

DPW

Inspector H. Davis gave an update on snow removal and leaf removal. Inspector H. Davis is going to look into who is in charge of removing the trash from Mitchell Park.

Announcements and Open Comments

One resident, Emil Frankel, raised concerns about the authenticity of the sale of the property at 2201 R Street NW.

Students from American University asked some questions for their upcoming project.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment



Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.