



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 23, 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>**

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**Call to Order**

Chair Feld called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 the ANC's meeting agenda sent out this am and posted to the ANC 2D website. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

**Approval of ANC 2D February 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC's two meeting minutes above. 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. Chair Feld recognized fellow Commissioner Robyn Lipton for her service.

**Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Lipton noted that the bank balance at the end of February 2026 was \$21,576.05; we received our allotment of \$939.20 and earned \$15.21 in interest.

**Approval to Amend Budget for Grants**

Commissioner Lipton noted that an ANC can award grants, she gave the background on the ANC grant process and noted that the ANC recently received a grant application from the Sheridan Kalorama Call Box Restoration Project. Commissioner Lipton said the ANC was amending its budget to award grants by moving money from its budget reserve line to a grant budget line. She listed the standards for awarding an ANC grant.

She also indicated that in fairness we should make the process open to other potential grant applications in ANC 2D and it is possible to take money from our reserve to do this without affecting other budget line items. Commissioner Lipton moved to approve a modification to the grant category from the ANC 2D Fiscal 2026 budget to increase it from \$0.00 to \$4000.00 taking money from the ANC reserve budget line. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Holly Sukenik who gave a brief history of the Call Box Project and the reason for the grant request.

### Approval to Give Grant to Sheridan Kalorama Call Box Restoration Project

Commissioner Lipton moved to approve a grant to the Sheridan Kalorama Call Box Restoration Project from ANC 2D in the amount of \$2000.00. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioner Lipton invited other organizations in ANC 2D to apply for grants—and set a Friday, June 19, 2026 deadline for grant applications for the 2026 Fiscal year. The ANC will consider the applications in the summer and vote on them at their ANC regular meeting on September 15, 2026. Need to submit a Form 100 grant application (found on the OANC website) to both the OANC and ANC 2D.

The Commissioners thanked Holly Sukenik for initiating the grant process

### **Government Reports**

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

Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton thanked Ms. Williams for her service and being at the meeting in person.

Updates included: Local tax returns due on April 15, the Mayor's budget -- a representative from the mayor's office will attend the upcoming ANC meeting to present and answer questions. DPW March 3-Oct. 31 spring services underway including street and alley sweeping begins (ticketing and towing), Dept. of Health has lifted the Potomac River advisory for DC, completion of ER repairs on the Potomac Interceptor sewer spill are complete, Women's History Month events in Marchm Bulk Trash disposal and Ward 2 spring community clean up, and DC's Freedom 250 Grand Prix on August 21-23. She shared her email Jimika.willimas@dc.gov. for missed trash, illegal dumping, potholes, Xmas tree pickup and the dumped couch in front of an embassy on Le Roy Place etc. and requested that photos, addresses, and the 311-case number (if applicable) be sent with the emails. Commissioner Lipton noted that Ms. Williams is amazingly responsive on all issues and Chair Feld concurred.

#### **Councilmembers Office—Hannah Ames, Constituent Services Coordinator, Councilmember Pinto's office, updates and Q&A**

Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton welcomed Ms. Ames and thanked her for attending the meeting in person. She discussed DPW issues during the ice storm, lessons learned and staffing issues. She noted one can also send her an email on issues discussed by Ms. Williams

Ms. Ames also gave an update on the Potomac River sewer spillage. The Potomac River Tunnel project will be completed around 2030 will capture the majority of sewer overflow. Council passed two emergency bills re: when MPD is on the scene with a federal officer involving a use of force. CP introduced a separate permanent bill to provide transparency when MPD is on patrol with Federal agents. CM Pinto held hearings on four other bills. 1) Re: incarnated individuals, 2) child support, (3/4) unified communication (911 & 311)

Tax decoupling DC Code from the Federal Tax Code updates: DC's attorney general said that the Congress dissent was not done in time (req. 60-day time frame) for the deadline therefore was not valid for this year. Probably will recouple next year. She noted Community clean ups for Earth Day

#### **Metropolitan Police Department—Lt. A. Sukulich, updates and Q&A**

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

- Crime Report: Three reported crimes –thefts from auto, Doordash, and a package theft at a private home at the 2100 Florida Avenue. There was a discussion if DC saw lower crime stats last year in Jan/Feb like this year–Lt. Sukulich indicated the lower crime was probably due to the ice and cold weather in those months.
- MPD Understaffing: Federal agencies offering higher sign on bonuses. Will get us in touch with Captain Mufti for more details. Park Police signing bonus is \$70k; MPD offering \$25K
- America's 250<sup>th</sup>: Lots going on in the summer. Check the website for the events, normal 4<sup>th</sup> of July events, UFC fight and Pride in June. Planning for The Freedom 250 Grand Prix of Washington DC. (August 21-23, 2026; Race Day: Sunday, August 23 around the National Mall (US Capitol, Washington Monument and Smithsonian museums.)

- Iran War conflict: We're the city on highest alert. Stepped up security along white house and religious institutions, don't have a specific threat at this point.

Chair Feld thanked Lt. Sukulich again and noted that she has been MPD's ANC 2D representative for a while, and we are grateful her service.

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

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

- Streets and Sidewalks being repaved in 2D: Streets: 1) 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in front of the Spanish Steps; 2) Tracy Place between Belmont and Kalorama Rd; 3) ½ of Kalorama Circle. Sidewalks: Bancroft and Phelps, Calif. St. between 24<sup>th</sup> and Mass Ave. and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in front French ambassador's residence.
- Dupont Deckover Project/Connecticut Ave. Streetscape: Working on abutments underneath the service lanes. Going smoothly. On schedule to finish in Spring of 2027. Connecticut Ave sidewalks replaced with 2x4 concrete pavers. The timely replacement of temporary traffic signage on FL and Connecticut was discussed.
- Sheridan Circle Restoration Project Medians: Coordinate with DDOT re: plantings and the maintenance—Next steps: DDOT meeting with Restore Mass Ave to review a DDOT maintenance and donation agreement to review and sign off on.
- Taft Bridge: Installed temp. signal which will be removed in the fall when construction is completed.

**DC Water, Sean Moore & Niraj Bhoir & John Ingle, Updates & Q&A Potomac interceptor repair and on the water main and lead pipe replacement project in the Sheridan-Kalorama neighborhood,**

- Lead pipe replacement in this area. 28% towards our goal. If contacted re service line replacement, please sign up. Discussed work to begin on Bancroft Place alleys. Will have multiple crews working as we expedite the work.
- Phases 1 & 3 are complete. Phase 2. Bancroft and LeRoy place alleys. Changed our schedule to run concurrent with DDOT. Will see fewer outages and more crews. DDOT Streetscape starting at end of August, will lose a month there. Phase 4: Alley at Bancroft and S Steet will start in June. Unforeseen utility conflicts will require a redesign. Will take 3-4 months, start in June and wrap up in September.
- Commissioner Feld mentioned past problems, brick and planting replacement done properly, parking signs left up too long and coordination with DDOT resulting in delays and repetition of work. Mr. Moore said he's addressing this and encouraged people to contact the DC water team with any problems.
- Mr. Moore also asked the Church and neighbors to let them know about July 4<sup>th</sup> and other events to ensure that utilities and water are not turned off. He indicated they will not work on the holidays and ensure services are not cut off.

**New/Old Business**

**2222 Q St NW Development plan Request for a Zoning Variance Update & Q&A**, Jeff Certosimo, Vice President, Development of the UIP Companies, Council, Lawrence Ferris, Kevin Keuleman, Mr. Certosimo, introduced their expertise, company and the project—a 1922 5 story apartment building on the South side of Q Street NW between Dumbarton Bridge and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. He did a presentation and indicated they are asking for support for a BZA zoning relief to add four units (from 20 to 24) to the basement of the building since it's zoned R-3. Mr. Certosimo indicated that the building requires extensive renovation and restoration. He answered questions re: the variance and indicated reaction by neighbors and others have been positive. Already met with HPO and CFA. Timeframe—request a letter of support. Took questions; no one indicated any issues with the request. Tenants have signed a TOPA agreement, will be market rate, and dedicating one unit to IZ (Inclusionary Zoning Affordable Housing Program). Chair Feld thanked them and indicated that they will vote on whether they will do a letter of support at the upcoming April ANC 2D meeting.

**2201 R Street NW (old Pakistani Embassy) Update & Q&A**, Stephen duPont, Jr., owner representative Kyrus Freeman of Holland & Knight, Eric Colbert and Megan Mitchell of Eric Colbert & Associates

Stephen duPont was the previous architect to the nation of Pakistan. Indicated made progress cleaning up the “mess; was vacant for over 20 years when bought -- been used for staff housing for the embassy who were parking on public space. Exterior is in pretty good shape, interior was suffering. In an R-3 Zone, asking for a variance, in 1906 was built as a single-family home—not suitable for that purpose going forward. Ms. Mitchell did a presentation showing the current interior and plans to remodel it. Proposing 6 units (2 units/2 bdrs. on each floor, (approx. 1100 sq. feet) on the site. No change to the appearance to the building except restoring the façade, restoring historic gate, talked about creating a garden and swimming pool, in back and parking spaces for tenants. Mr. Freeman is filing a BZA application for a variance relief to allow use of property as a multi-family dwelling consistent with the character of the neighborhood. Will be in the public record Questions answered included: Market conditions will decide if condo or rental; All the space outside of the building, 22<sup>nd</sup> and R is public space, will not remain paved except for sidewalk. Parking—will provide as much as possible recognizing constraints; Haven’t begun a formal process to reach out to neighbors; one neighbor who advocated for its sale in the past expressed support for its development given its prominence in the neighborhood.

**Approval of 2230 S Street NW Driveway Renovation, Stefan Hurray, Associate BarnesVance Architects, Inc.**  
Mr. Hurray did a presentation on the driveway renovation. Front yard is in public space, just looking to repave it with a more historic pattern. Chair Feld motioned to approve the driveway renovation at 2230 S. Street NW. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

**The Bobbi, 2151 California Street Update & Q&A, Camden Carpenter, NHPE, Matt Weaver, CRDC, Ryan Cunningham, Whiting-Turner, Desa Sealy**  
Construction begins in June, will take close to 14 months. There was discussion on how to communicate with the neighbors re: street closures, parking and work hours, etc. to minimize adverse effects on the neighborhood. They indicated construction would be Monday – Saturday. 7am-7pm, typically wrap up 3-4 pm. It was discussed that closing Tracy Place would more problematic than closing Calif. It was suggested that they have a dedicated neighborhood liaison who would respond immediately to issues. Rodent issues in the building were addressed.

**Platinum Club DC/Dupont Eatery ANC Protest of Platinum DC Club Petition to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement Attached to its License (ABRA-128784) Update & Q&A**  
An agreement had been made with the club and the signatories of the Settle Agreement who had protested the club’s petition. These involved hours of operation, outdoor signage and tradename, private security replacing the RDO, outdoor security checks and advertising metro transportation for the club. Also, the club agreed as part of this settlement agreement to not request expansion to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the future.

#### **Announcements and Open Comment**

Sheridan-Kalorama (S-K) Annual Joint Neighborhood Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026.  
Friends of Mitchel Park Pickleball Tournament, Sat., April 18, 2026; 10:00am-1:00pm Reg. opens in 2 weeks.

**Date of Next ANC Meeting:** Monday, April 13, 2026.

**ANC 2D Listserv and future business:** The Commissioners encouraged people to sign up to the ANC 2D Listserv.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:13 PM

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

