

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19th, 2021; 7:00 pm Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Ashley Warren called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners Ashley Warren (2D01) and Hannah Untereiner (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 11 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 March 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's March 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Untereiner said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$12,751.41.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2021 Quarter 2 Financial Report

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

DC Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department (Police Service Area 208)

Officer Jeremy Brady, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He also gave an

overview of how MPD is preparing for the upcoming decision in the Derek Chauvin trial. He said that the department has been fully activated in preparation for the decision.

Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that approximately thirty percent of DC residents are either partially or fully vaccinated against COVID. She said that anyone who has registered with DC Health for a vaccination appointment but has been vaccinated elsewhere should send an email to: vaccinated@dc.gov to remove themselves from DC Health's vaccination appointment list.

Ms. Noakes said that DC Health has opened walk-up COVID vaccination centers for DC residents who are ages 65 and older. She said that Ward 2's walk-up site is the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. She said that homebound residents can call (855) 363-0333 to register for an at-home vaccination. She also gave an overview of DC Health's new at-home COVID test kits, which can be picked up at sixteen DC Public Library (DCPL) locations across DC, including the West End Library, Georgetown Library, and Martin Luther King Jr. Library in Ward 2. She said that more information regarding the test kits can be found at: https://testyourself.dc.gov.

Ms. Noakes said that the Mayor's Office is coordinating a Day of Action on Saturday, May 1st to go door to door across DC to encourage residents to get vaccinated. She also said that the Department of Public Works (DPW) will resume parking enforcement on Tuesday, June 1st.

Councilmember's Office

Ella Hanson, the Legislative and Community Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, said that Councilmember Pinto recently met with Everett Lott, the Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW to discuss safety concerns at the intersection. She also said that Councilmember Pinto's Office will be organizing a Ward 2 Community Safety Bike Ride on Saturday, April 24th.

Ms. Hanson gave an overview of the Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2021, which Councilmember Pinto introduced in order to expand DC's Great Streets program to Ward 2. She said that the expansion will include the Connecticut Avenue NW corridor. She also gave an overview of other legislation that Councilmember Pinto has introduced, as well as the councilmember's priorities for DC's FY 2022 budget.

DC Office of the People's Counsel

Cheryl Morse, a Consumer Outreach Specialist for the DC Office of the People's Counsel (OPC), gave an overview of OPC's work. She said that OPC serves as the consumer advocate for local utility ratepayers, including electricity, natural gas, local telecommunications, and water ratepayers. She said that OPC assists ratepayers with complaints against utilities and can also help with disconnections and third party suppliers.

Ms. Morse said that OPC has a solar team that can assist local residents who want to install solar on their homes. She said that OPC has been working to ensure that ratepayers continue to receive their utilities during the COVID pandemic. She added that she can be reached via email at: cmorse@opc-dc.gov.

Valca Valentine, a Consumer Services Outreach Specialist for OPC's Water Services Division, said that the Water Services Division will be holding a webinar regarding preparing for flooding on Tuesday, April 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. She added that any local residents who are having problems with DC Water billing or lead pipe replacement can reach out to the Water Services Division.

Old Business

There were not any old business matters.

New Business

Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for July 31st, 2021

Chair Warren moved to support the Spanish Steps wedding permit request for July 31st, 2021. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Spanish Steps Photoshoot Permit Request for April 17th, 2021

Chair Warren moved to retroactively support the Spanish Steps photoshoot permit request for April 17th, 2021. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Announcements

Chair Warren announced that several DC Public Library (DCPL) locations are going to be open on Saturdays after Monday, May 3rd.

Open Comments

There were not any open comments.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, May 10th at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.