



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21st, 2022; 7:00 pm

In-Person – Friends Meeting of Washington, 2111 Decatur Place NW

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Chair 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 38 residents and visitors in attendance.

### Approval of Agenda

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

Barbara Briggs, the Administrative Secretary for the Friends Meeting of Washington, introduced herself to meeting attendees and gave an overview of the organization.

### Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's February 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Untereiner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

### Administrative and Financial Matters

#### Commissioner's Comments

*There were not any commissioner's comments.*

#### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Untereiner said that the balance for the ANC's checking account is \$14,651.87.

#### Approval of Expenditures for the March 2022 Meeting Room

Commissioner Untereiner moved to approve expenditures of \$200 for the rental of the meeting room for the ANC's March 2021 meeting. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

#### Approval of Expenditures for the Purchase of a Speakerphone

Commissioner Untereiner moved to approve expenditures up to \$300 for the purchase of the ANC's speakerphone and associated audio-visual equipment. Chair Warren 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.*

#### Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Councilmember Brooke Pinto said that the DC Council has concluded its annual agency oversight process. She gave an overview of the Ward 2 budget priorities that she had sent to the Mayor for the Mayor's proposed FY 2023 budget. Councilmember Pinto said that the Mayor has presented a proposed budget to the DC Council, which includes many of the requests that Councilmember Pinto had sent to the Mayor. Councilmember Pinto said that the DC Council will hold agency budget hearings over the next three weeks. She encouraged local residents to testify during the hearings.

Councilmember Pinto said that some of her budget requests not included in the Mayor's proposed budget including funding for a Ward 2 senior center, funding for the expansion of DC's Commercial Waste Compactor Demonstration Project, funding for the Public Restroom Facilities Installation and Promotion Act of 2017, and funding for additional District Department of Transportation (DDOT) staff to expedite DC's sidewalk repairs. She said that she will continue to advocate for these priorities as part of the DC Council's budget review process.

Regarding public safety, Councilmember Pinto gave an overview of how the Mayor's proposed budget includes increased funding for Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) bike and foot patrols and for violence interrupters. Councilmember Pinto talked about her advocacy for the installation of automated traffic enforcement (ATE) at the intersection of Florida Avenue and Connecticut Avenue NW. She said that she was advocating for funding to ensure no staffing cuts at any DC Public Schools (DCPS) school this year. She also gave an overview of the need to expedite the dispersal of housing vouchers to move more people experiencing homelessness into housing.

Councilmember Pinto gave an overview of her advocacy for a new transitional housing site in Ward 2. She said that the Mayor's proposed budget includes additional funding for DC's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), as well as funding to help fill vacant retail spaces.

Regarding ANC redistricting, Councilmember Pinto commended Austin Naughton, Kindy French, and Donald Friedman for their work on the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force. She said that the recordings for all of the task force's meetings can be found at: <https://www.brookepintodc.com/anc-redistricting>. She said the task force will submit its final recommendations to the DC Council on April 1st, 2022.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed diplomatic parking in the neighborhood, the state of the Embassy of Pakistan's Property at 2201 R Street NW, and the removal of U.S. Postal Service (USPS) mailboxes in the neighborhood with Councilmember Pinto.

### Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that the Mayor has presented her proposed FY 2023 budget to the DC Council. Ms. Noakes said that she hopes to have an agency director give a presentation regarding the proposed budget during an upcoming ANC meeting. She gave an overview of the proposed budget's inclusion of funding for the renovation of the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens and Francis Field, funding for the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project, and funding for recruitment and hiring incentives to hire more MPD officers.

Ms. Noakes said that the Department of Public Works' (DPW) street sweeping efforts have begun and run through October 30th, 2022. She encouraged local residents to follow posted street sweeping signs. She said that DPW will resume residential alley cleaning on April 1st, 2022. She said that local residents can call 3-1-1 to request cleaning for a specific alley. She added that DPW's graffiti removal efforts are beginning again and can also be requested through 3-1-1.

### Update from the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force

Austin Naughton, the Chair of the Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force, gave a visual presentation regarding the work of the task force thus far. He said that the task force has been meeting since January 2022. He listed the task force's upcoming meetings, as well as the ways local residents can submit testimony to the task force. He said that the deadline to submit testimony is March 22nd, 2022 at 11:59 pm. He said that the goals of the ANC redistricting process include using the data from the 2020 census, not diluting the voting strength of minorities, and creating single member districts (SMDs) of between 1,900 to 2,100 residents.

Mr. Naughton showed several draft maps proposed for each of the ANCs in Ward 2 and explained the reasoning for how the draft maps were created. He showed the draft map for ANC 2D, which he said may involve very small changes to the SMD boundaries but no changes to the ANC's overall boundaries. He said that staff from Councilmember Silverman's office provided advice to the task force which stated that the boundaries of ANC 2D do not have to change.

The commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the final redistricting decision process and the views outside of ANC 2D regarding the concept of the ANC remaining with two commissioners with Mr. Naughton.

### **Old Business**

#### **Update Regarding the Status of the Embassy of Pakistan's Property at 2201 R Street NW**

Chair Warren said that the ANC continues to request that a representative from the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) give an update during an upcoming ANC meeting regarding the status of the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW. She said that a recent meeting of the DC Government's Embassy Task Force largely focused on the status of the property. She said that the ANC and local residents need to keep pressuring OTR and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to address the issues with the property.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the U.S. Department of State Office of Foreign Mission's (OFM) involvement regarding the Embassy of Pakistan's property and the state of the retaining wall at the Embassy of Afghanistan's property at 2341 Wyoming Avenue NW.

### **New Business**

#### **Historic Preservation Review Board Application for a Renovation Project at 2344 S Street 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 Historic Preservation Review Board application for a renovation project at 2344 S Street NW.

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Removal of Two Diplomatic Parking Spaces Adjacent to the Russian Cultural Center at 1825 Phelps Place 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 requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) remove three diplomatic parking spaces adjacent to the Russian Cultural Center at 1825 Phelps Place NW.

#### **Worship Parking for the American Fazl Mosque at 2141 Leroy Place NW**

Yahya Luqman, the Imam for the American Fazl Mosque, said that some of his older worshippers struggle to find parking near the mosque during worship services. He asked for the

ANC's help to identify solutions to the problem, including possible designated parking during worship services.

The commissioners and meeting attendees discussed possible parking solutions with Mr. Luqman. Chair Warren said that she would connect Mr. Luqman with representatives from DDOT to further discuss solutions.

#### Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for April 2nd, 2022

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 Spanish Steps wedding permit request for April 2nd, 2022.

#### **Announcements and Open Comments**

A local resident who is running for the DC Democratic Party's National Committeewoman position introduced herself to meeting attendees.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, April 11th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.