



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15th, 2021; 7:00 pm

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Chair Ashley Warren called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

### Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners Ashley Warren (2D01) and Hannah Untereiner (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 12 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 February 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's February 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 a button to join the ANC's email list has been added to the homepage of the ANC website at: <http://anc2d.org/>.

#### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Untereiner said that the current balance of the ANC's checking account is \$12,750.87.

### DC Government Reports

#### Metropolitan Police Department (PSA 208)

Sergeant Aaron Rudolph, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Chair Warren asked about tips to prevent package thefts. Sergeant Rudolph offered to provide security assessments for buildings in the neighborhood in order to provide tips for how the buildings can avoid package thefts. He said that property managers can get in contact with him to request the assessments.

Commissioner Untereiner asked about illicit activities taking place at the Generator Hotel at 1900 Connecticut Avenue NW. Sergeant Rudolph said that he would look into the matter.

Chair Warren asked about community requests for MPD officers to turn their car lights off after they pull over speeding drivers near the Taft Bridge at night. Sergeant Rudolph said the car lights cannot be turned off due to safety reasons but that he will speak with officers about being more cognizant of the neighborhood.

#### Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Councilmember Brooke Pinto said that her top priorities as the DC Council goes through the current agency oversight process are affordable housing, criminal justice and public safety, and supporting small businesses during the COVID recovery process. She said that the DC Council has authorized the Mayor to extend DC's public health emergency until May 20th, 2021. She said that she was concerned to see the proposed Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) service cuts but was happy to hear that the cuts will no longer be going into effect. She said that local residents can email Ella Hanson, her Legislative and Community Coordinator, at: [ehanson@dccouncil.us](mailto:ehanson@dccouncil.us) if they have any priorities to include in DC's FY 2022 budget.

Councilmember Pinto said that DC's annual PotholePalooza and AlleyPalooza campaigns will be taking place soon. She said that she continues to talk with District Department of Transportation (DDOT) staff regarding safety issues at the intersection of Florida Avenue and Connecticut Avenue NW. She also gave an overview of the DC Council legislation she has introduced and the status of the legislative hearings on each.

Councilmember Pinto said that DC Health has made big improvements to DC's COVID vaccine registration portal. She encouraged local residents to encourage seniors and vaccine-eligible individuals they know to pre-register for a vaccine at: <http://vaccinate.dc.gov/>. She also encouraged local residents to sign up for her newsletter at: <https://www.brookepintodc.com/>.

Councilmember Pinto said that the ward councilmembers are not involved in the DC Council's Sub-Committee on Redistricting. She encouraged residents to reach out to Councilmember Silverman, the Chair of the Sub-Committee on Redistricting, if they have any redistricting questions or concerns.

Councilmember Pinto discussed commissioner and meeting attendee concerns regarding DC's PEP-V program, DDOT's Massachusetts Avenue NW Rehabilitation Project, construction noise, drug use, homelessness, carjackings, and maintaining the residential character of the neighborhood.

## Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of the current COVID vaccination and vaccine registration statistics for DC. She said that approximately 14% of DC residents have been partially or fully vaccinated thus far. She also gave an overview of the breakdown for how vaccine appointments are being allocated by the city.

Ms. Noakes said that DC's limit for outdoor gatherings has increased to 50 people, while the limit for indoor gatherings remains at 10 people. She said that indoor dining capacity continues to remain at 25% however she said that restaurants are now allowed to stay open and serve alcohol later. She said that indoor fitness classes can now take place with up to 10 people and outdoor fitness classes can take place with up to 50 people. She added that some live entertainment can now take place.

Chair Warren asked if local residents will be able to visit the cherry trees during the National Cherry Blossom Festival this year. Ms. Noakes said that guidance on the matter has not been released yet.

Ms. Noakes said that DC, Maryland, and Virginia are working together regarding vaccination data in order to ensure that DC residents vaccinated in Maryland or Virginia are counted for DC's vaccination statistics.

## Update from the District Department of Transportation Regarding the Agency's 2020 Accomplishments and 2021 Goals for Ward 2

Andrew DeFrank, a Community Engagement Specialist for DDOT, gave an overview of the agency's accomplishments during FY 2020. He said that DC's new default speed limit on local, unsigned roads is 20 miles per hour. He said that Everett Lott has taken over as DDOT's Interim Director. He gave an overview of the structure of DDOT, including what divisions of the agency handle what functions. He also gave an overview of the city's Slow Streets and streetery efforts during COVID.

Mr. DeFrank gave an overview of DC's moveDC plan, the 3-1-1 reporting system for submitting service requests, DDOT's expectations for how long a certain service request will take to complete, DC's PaveDC plan, and DDOT's traffic safety assessment process.

Mr. DeFrank discussed commissioner and meeting attendee concerns regarding improving safety at the intersection of Florida Avenue and Connecticut Avenue NW, DDOT's Massachusetts Avenue NW Rehabilitation Project, the use of traffic cameras, the Waze app routing drivers through residential streets, and needed speed humps on Bancroft Place NW.

## **Old Business**

*There was not any old business.*

## **New Business**

### **Speed Humps on Bancroft Place NW**

Commissioner Untereiner moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2D supports the installation of speed humps on Bancroft Place NW.

### **Public Space Application by Alta Development, LLC to Widen the Existing Driveway at 2323 Tracy 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 supports Alta Development, LLC's public space application to widen the existing driveway at 2323 Tracy Place NW.

## **Announcements**

Chair Warren gave an overview of the National Cherry Blossom Festival's upcoming Petal Porch Parade.

## **Open Comments**

Deborah Shapley, the President of Restore Mass Ave, gave an overview of the organization's new webpage regarding DDOT's Massachusetts Avenue NW Rehabilitation Project.

Commissioner Untereiner said that she received a request to add speed humps to Phelps Place NW.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Commissioner Untereiner said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, April 19th at 7:00 pm.

## **Adjournment**

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.