



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15th, 2021; 7:00 pm
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Ashley 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 28 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 October 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's October 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 encouraged local residents to get their COVID booster shots.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Untereiner said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$16,329.38.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Budget

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

Government Reports

Chairman Phil Mendelson's Office

Declan Falls, a Community Outreach Specialist for Chairman Phil Mendelson's Office, introduced himself to meeting attendees and said he can be reached by email at: dfalls@dccouncil.us or by phone at: (312) 292-0022. He encouraged local residents to reach out to him with any constituent services concerns.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the DC Council's ongoing redistricting process with Mr. Falls.

Metropolitan Police Department

Lieutenant Farid Fawzi, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He said that MPD has been investigating concerns regarding homeless individuals spending time in ATM vestibules in the neighborhood. He also gave an update regarding MPD's ongoing speed control efforts on the bridges leading into the neighborhood.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed speeding on neighborhood bridges, the installation of traffic cameras along Florida Avenue NW, and walk-up services at MPD's Third District station with Lieutenant Fawzi.

Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), encouraged local children ages 5 to 11 years old to receive their COVID vaccinations. She gave an overview of nearby vaccination sites for children. She also encouraged local residents who qualify for COVID booster shots to get their booster shots and for everyone to get their flu shots.

Ms. Noakes said that the Department of Public Works' (DPW) leaf collection efforts are ongoing. She gave the two leaf collection dates for ANC 2D. She added that the Mayor will be giving a situational update on Tuesday, November 16th that will include important COVID updates.

Councilmember's Office

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, introduced Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, who recently joined the Councilmember's Office as the office's Constituent Services Coordinator. Mr. Romanowski gave an overview of the DC Council's ongoing redistricting process. He said that all three draft ward boundary maps released by the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting keep the Sheridan-Kalorama neighborhood in Ward 2. He said the final ward boundary maps will be voted on by the full DC Council in December and that the ANC boundary redistricting process will begin after the ward boundaries are approved.

Mr. Romanowski said that Councilmember Pinto recently introduced DC Council B24-0454 – the “Rediscover Equitable Central Occupancy Vitality and Encourage Resilient Yield (RECOVERY) Amendment Act of 2021”, which incentivizes the conversion of office buildings to housing, hotels, and retail use in the downtown area.

District Department of Transportation

No one was present regarding this matter.

Old Business

Update Regarding the Status of the Embassy of Pakistan’s Property at 2201 R Street NW

Commissioner Untereiner said that the ANC has been in contact with the Office of Tax and Revenue’s (OTR) Real Property Tax Administration, which stated that OTR has not held a tax sale for the Embassy of Pakistan’s Property at 2201 R Street NW because the U.S. Department of State has stated that the Embassy of Pakistan plans to sell the property. She said that a representative for the Embassy of Pakistan recently stated that the embassy has hired an agent to sell the property. She said that the ANC understands that the promise of a sale may not provide reassurance to local residents due to the Embassy of Pakistan’s ongoing failed promises to sell or improve the property.

Commissioner Untereiner said that the DC Government’s Embassy Task Force will be restarting and that the ANC will make sure that this property is discussed as part of the task force’s meetings.

Multiple residents expressed concerns regarding the state of the property, the state of an adjoining walkway on the north side of the property, and skepticism regarding the planned sale.

Chair Warren said that this matter will be added to the agenda for the ANC’s regular January 2022 meeting.

New Business

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application by the Embassy of Zambia for Zoning Relief for One Year to Temporarily Change the Zoning Status of their Rental Property at 2200 R Street NW from Residential to Commercial

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 Board of Zoning Adjustment application by the Embassy of Zambia for zoning relief for one year to temporarily change the zoning status of their rental property at 2200 R Street NW from residential to commercial based on the

condition that a new application will be filed if this temporary change is needed for more than one year.

ANC 2D also requests that project contractors working on the Embassy of Zambia's property at 2419 Massachusetts Avenue NW no longer park on the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW.

Public Space Application by the Embassy of Armenia for the Installation of a Statue of the First Armenian Ambassador to the U.S.

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 Embassy of Armenia's public space application for the installation of a statue at 2225 R Street NW based on the condition that the statue will not take away from any of the parking area on the property.

Public Space Application by McClellan's Retreat for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 8 Tables and 23 Seats at 2031 Florida Avenue 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 McClellan's Retreat's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 2031 Florida Avenue NW.

Announcements

and

Open Comments

Commissioner Untereiner said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) plans to plant nearly 8,000 trees across the city over the next five months to replace dead and diseased trees and to boost the city's tree canopy. She said that local residents can request a new tree to be planted on their street through DC's 3-1-1 system.

Date of Next Meeting

Peter Sacco, the ANC's Administrative Coordinator, said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, January 10th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.