



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 11th, 2025; 4:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom ONLY –<https://dc-gov.zoom.us/j/86130451221>

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Call to Order

Chair Feld called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 with the change that the approval of the November 2025 minutes will be at the January 12, 2026 ANC meeting. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioners Comments

Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton thanked their volunteer administrator Peter Sacco, along with neighborhood advocates and neighbors for taking the time to attend this special ANC 2D meeting.

ANC 2D Resolution/Action on Licensee Dupont Eatery, Inc., Trade Name: d/b/a Platinum DC Club, Retailer's Class: "C" Nightclub, 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW -- Petition to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement (SA) attached to its license (ABRA-128784).

The Commissioners opened the meeting asking for any comments on what action ANC 2D should take on the Petition. Neighbors and ANC 2B Commissioner unanimously opposed the Petition.

The following comments were made in opposition to the Petition:

- Several neighbors noted the chaotic history of the Club and the negative impact of the Club's business before the 2020 SA became effective.
- The reasoning behind the Petition does not make sense. If the Club is losing money, more investment would just make the business more precarious.
- The Club has not dealt with the ANCs or neighbors in good faith and may not be trusted to keep its word in the future
- The changes requested would provide no benefit to the neighborhood.
- Don Friedman, president of the SKNC, noted they had filed a resolution protesting the Petition.

There was a discussion of what the Club is asking for: Commission Feld stated that the owner and his attorney attended an ANC 2D meeting and stated that if they cannot terminate the SA, would like to amend it to 1) extend their hours; 2) terminate the RDO requirement; and 3) use the second floor. The owner argued that it is hard to get RDO to show up, it's expensive either way and they can handle it better with their own

security people. Comm. Lipton added that they want to use the second floor for parties, etc. to increase their business and extend their hours to be able to serve food during the early hours and later hours to attract more customers and help customers “sober up” before they leave.

Chair Feld thanked people for their comments and stated she and Commissioner Lipton have been working on this for a few months and have heard our neighbors.

Chair Feld stated that ANC 2D will be doing a resolution to protest and oppose the Petition to amend or terminate the Settlement Agreement attached to Platinum DC Club's' license. She then noted some of the different areas they would address in their protest resolution:

- The referenced Settlement Agreement in the Petition is the 2020 Settlement Agreement (“2020 SA”) to which ANC 2D is one of the signatory parties. The Petition applicant, Platinum DC, is subject to the 2020 SA because it is the current license holder.
- Role of ANC: Establishing and maintaining good relationships between residents, property owners and nightlife and commercial establishments is a responsibility and priority of ANC 2D.
- Location of Platinum: Platinum DC is located on the boundary of ANC 2D Sheridan-Kalorama near residents and other entities and therefore affects ANC 2D Sheridan-Kalorama.
- Heard arguments on both sides at previous ANC meetings. At October 2025 and November 2025 regular ANC 2D meetings, ANC 2D residents, neighborhood organizations, and other ANC 2D property holders, along with Platinum DC owner Mahesh Patel and representatives, including attorney Richard Bianco, were invited to testify about the Petition. Patel and Bianco spoke at the October 2025 ANC 2D meeting but did not participate in the November 2025 meeting. SKNC and neighbors testified at both meetings.
- Summarized Club owner SA Amendment Requests if can't terminate the 2020 SA:
 - Expand Hours
 - Use the 2nd floor for private parties and other events
 - Release it from the RDO agreement
- Origin of the SA: Problematic activities by the past licensees lead to the creation of the 2020 SA.
- Summary of the current 2020 SA: protect the neighborhood against adverse impacts caused by Platinum DC's operations, or licensees including but not limited to obligations with respect to hours of operation, floor utilization and occupancy, outdoor signage, security, parking, noise, privacy, trash, litter, and pests among others.
- Parking, Vehicle Accident and Pedestrian issues: Paid parking options in the area near Platinum DC are decreasing and uncertain, and street parking is not restricted to residences only on one side of the street during evening hours. Terminating the 2020 SA and /or amending it would adversely affect residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.
- Platinum DC may already be violating the 2020 SA: it appears that the Platinum DC signage and private entertainment activities such as private lap dance and private dance rooms in the Establishment, as advertised on Platinum DC's website is illegal, violating the current SA.
- The 2020 SA is a useful tool in promoting peace, quiet and order. The current SA long with actions by current licensee SA has resulted in fewer disturbances.
- The presence of RDO uniformed off-duty MPD officers and MPD cars-deters crime and neighborhood disturbances. If the program is flawed, it needs to be fixed, not abandoned.
- ANC 2D's constituents unanimously oppose Petition: residents, SKNC/neighborhood organizations and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church at 1830 Connecticut Ave NW, among others, unanimously support keeping the current 2020 SA.
- Amending or terminating the current 2020 SA needs to be considered on its own merit as it applies also to future licensees, not exclusively on the behavior, track record and intentions of the current licensee.

Chair Feld concluded that ANC 2D opposes and protests the Club's Petition to amend or terminate the SA based on the basis of peace, order and quiet and the effect upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Chair Feld also noted that they will put in their protest resolution that either or both ANC 2D Commissioners Carole Feld and Robyn Lipton are authorized to represent ANC 2D at any type of ABCA hearings and negotiations on this Petition.

There was discussion about the process for filing the protest. Commission Lipton stated that the January ABCA meeting was a roll call meeting for ABCA to determine who has standing to protest the Petition, and there would be other meetings and negotiations after that. Chair Feld noted that ANC 2D will file its protest before the December 29, 2025 deadline. In the meantime, the current SA is in place.

A neighbor inquired about the Petition, how the ANC received it, etc. The ANC Commissioners made it clear that this is separate from the renewal, and the ANC did not see the need to act on the renewal. ANC 2D is acting on this Petition. The Commissioners made it clear that this is different than the regular situation where the renewal and the petition are placarded together. They were placarded separately. The neighbor asked if the ANC had attorney representation. The Commissioners noted that the ANC doesn't have the financing for legal representation and sees no need to retain a lawyer at this time. The Commissioners also noted that they didn't hear anything at this meeting that would change their protest draft. Don Friedman, president of SKNC, clarified the procedure and noted that SKNC has retained a lawyer, and that we will most likely be joined to oppose the Petition by ANC 2B.

Chair Feld indicated the SA is attached to the license regardless of who the licensee is. It applies to current and future licensees, is an insurance policy for the neighbors and it's working, and there is no reason to amend it.

Chair Feld motioned to approve that ANC 2D will do a Resolution Opposing & Protesting Licensee Dupont Eatery, Inc., Trade Name: d/b/a Platinum DC Club, License Class: Retailer's Class: "C" Nightclub, 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW -- Petition to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement attached to its License (ABRA-128784) on the basis of peace, order and quiet and the effect upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Date of Next Meeting: January 12, 2026

Adjournment: 4:46 PM

COMMISSIONERS

ANC 2D01 – Robyn Lipton, 2D01@anc.dc.gov;
ANC 2D02 – Carole Feld, 2D02@anc.dc.gov

Respectfully submitted by Carole Feld, ANC2D Chair and Secretary.

