



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10th, 2025; 7:00 p.m.

In-Person – St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1830 Connecticut Avenue NW

Online via Zoom – <https://dc-gov.zoom.us/j/85231529105>

If you do not have a computer or access to the internet, you may join the meeting via phone at (301) 715-8592 or (646) 558-8656 with meeting ID 852 3152 9105 #.

Call to Order

Chair Feld called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Approval of September 8, 2025, and October 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC's two meeting minutes above. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

5.1 Commissioner's Comments

Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton thanked their volunteer administrator Peter Sacco, St. Margaret's, especially Rector Weinberg and John Bello for their community service along with neighborhood advocates for the work they do in supporting our community. Chair Feld recognized fellow Commissioner Robyn Lipton for her service.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Lipton noted that the balance at the end of October was \$20,009.94 and that the only activity was interest of \$16.94 and one check for \$46.62 to pay for the ANC's WIX usage for its domain name.

Approval of ANC 4Q FY'2025 QFR

Commissioner Lipton noted that the District allotment was \$939.20 and interest of \$53.64 which ended Sept. 30. After an opportunity for comment, Commissioner Lipton moved to approve the ANC 4Q FY'2025 QFR, Commissioner Feld, seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Government Reports

Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton thanked our city representatives for keeping us safe, informed and for all their support.

Mayor's Office "Ty" Abilla, Updates & Q&A

- SNAP benefits: On Oct. 30 local funds were authorized by the mayor to ensure that Washingtonians enrolled in SNAP get their benefits.
- Shutdown ending soon.
- Youth Curfew. Friday, Nov. 7 all persons under the age of 18 can't remain in a public space or establishment 11:00 pm – 6:00 am 7 days a week, there are a few exceptions. MPD Chief can authorize certain zones if they need more attention.
- DC Health Link: Enrollment open. Can be found at DChealthlink.com
- Homeowners, 65+ can apply for sidewalk shoveling exemption program.
- Hypothermia season starts Nov. 7: Look out for neighbors. Free shelter hotline for people who need support. Gave numbers to call. 202-399-7093; Go to Cold.dc.gov for more info.
- National Guard still through Feb. Partnership and collaboration will be the same. Any incidences or activities that don't appear to be in good standing, feel free to flag that to our office.

Councilmember Pinto's office, Brian Romanowski, Updates & Q&A

- SNAP benefits: 141K DC residents rely on these benefits. Average home gets \$314/month. DC Attorney General is suing the administration for not releasing the funds.
- National Guard here until Feb. Probably be here for July 4th, 2026, holiday. Worked with them to ensure that all units are not allowed to hang around schools during drop off and pick up.

Misc. Legislative updates:

- Juvenile Curfew Zones expired at the end of the summer. Last Tuesday, passed an extension for another 3 months. Dec. 4 permanent version of the bill being debated. MPD very supportive. Must be a limited zone. Know most of our young people are engaged in productive activity. Used as a deterrent over the summer with zero arrests. If supervised with an adult, or in a group of less than 9 not an issue.
- Safe Access to Recreational Spaces. Bill to increase access to recreational spaces after school and have security and custodial services to give kids a place to go. Dec. 3 holding a hearing.
- Amendment passed to increase the District child tax credit and earned income tax credit
- Exempt municipal bonds from other states from taxation. CM Pinto tried to pass an amendment, but it failed. A lot of seniors are interested in this. She'll keep trying on this.
- Nov. 13: Youth safety hearings. Re: Teens that are supposed to be under the care of the Youth and Rehab Services are running away, etc. Want to make sure they do a better job
- Dec. 4 Public safety in DC hearings. Youth Curfew Zone, Gun violence, First responder retention, Allow for different types of barriers to close the street instead of using MPD for farm markets, etc.

Noise Bills update

- Residential Tranquility Amendment Act of 2025 (D.C Law 26-35) became official law on Oct. 28, 2025. Still, some debate over terminology and can work with various law enforcement agencies on this. No longer waiting on Congressional review. Is fully in effect.
- Amplified Sound Mitigation Regulation Amendment Act of 2024: Law passed but not funded by the Council. Will be in the FY '27 budget. Creates a new license requirement to use a megaphone, and have a special jurisdiction, administered by another agency, DLCP for enforcement. Decibel measurement levels and measurement location are improved. Budget: Mid-March mayor transmits to the Council. Council holds budget hearing end of March through April. Past few years budget delayed due to federal issues. January is the best time to send a letter making a budget request for the funding of this bill (Mayor and Council). (not a resolution) to the Council and the Mayor.
- Vehicular Noise Reduction Amendment Act (FY'27). Had hearing in 2024. Reintroduced in Feb. Need Committee on Transportation & the Environment to vote to go to the full Council. Pilot program featuring noise cameras to capture vehicles that are altered to make noise. NYC has this.
- Q: from constituent: How many letters does CM Pinto get on MPD's coordination on immigration including ICE. A: Dec. 4 hearing will include MPD and Brian invited all to attend. He indicated that they get more phone calls than emails. Chair Feld emphasized that people could attend in person or via zoom and can submit a written document for that hearing.

Metropolitan Police Department MPD, Capt. Hamelin , Updates & Q&A.

Crime Report negative percent overall, violent and property crime are down, still struggling with theft from autos and package thefts.

- Burglary Break-in—1823 Phelps Place NW & 2145 Calif. Street NW. Both residences vacant at the time, both cases are closed, one suspect apprehended for both properties although believe there was another suspect. No injuries. No theft occurred. Took place 3:30am & 3:45am. Suspect in jail last time Capt. checked.
- Package Thefts: Working with neighbors to share info & to see if a neighbor can grab and hold a package or arrange for delivery when know will be there.
- Auto Theft: Don't leave anything in vehicle, even a trash bag, or a gym bag. Remind visitors not to leave stuff in car and lock their vehicles.
- Personal Robberies: Be aware of your environment when walking, etc.

District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Christophe Wassmer Updates & Q&A.

Planting season has started. Replacing a sampling knocked over in a crash on Mass Ave.

Dupont Deckover

- Connecticut Ave Streetscape: Streetscape work on north side between S and Calif. Coordinating with DC Water. Includes manholes and utility cuts in general as streetscape work begins.
- Deckover: N. of Dupont Circle. Started excavating in the trolley tracks underneath the service lanes, will be putting in new abutments to support the plaza. Detours in place and traffic advisory on DDOT website.

Dupont Holiday market is coming back this year. New location on New Hampshire Ave

Resident only Parking (ROP): 2300 block of Tracy Place NW: Received an email re: resident only parking (ROP). 2300 block is. Curbside team is looking into that. ANC residents need to get signatures from residents on the block to get conversion to ROP on their block. ANC can support it in the form of a resolution or letter and include the signatures in the resolution and send it to Christophe. Signatures would be included in the resolution/letter.

Christophe answered questions:

General

Q: Bikers/Scooters running down pedestrians in Bike lanes?

- A: Problem around DC. DDOT works with Washington Bike Association (WABA) to put out guides, In other neighborhoods are allowed to ride on the sidewalks, under 15 miles per hour. Need to have good bike facilities for them to use. Downtown people riding on the sidewalk to pickup from a restaurant or fast-food chain. People commuting are typically in the bike lane. People are not visiting the bike rules website. DDOT doesn't have an enforcement arm, and MPD is busy with handling crime. Rush hour restrictive parking, signage and medians were also discussed.

Q: Lighting: What is new gigantic LED light with a big pole at the alley of Florida and Connecticut? Is the P3 program, replacing all the streetlights with LED complete?

- A: Will get back re: the LED light. P3 program complete.

Q: Taft/Connecticut Ave Bridge over Rock Creek for suicide prevention—chain link fencing is that permanent?

- A: Is temporary, so no one gets hurt while they change the fencing. Plan to extend current fencing a little higher so it will be harder for people to jump off the bridge. Consistent with the bridge that goes along Calvert Street, it will not sig. change the look.

Q: Lime: Problem with bikes or scooters used porch pirates, wear black masks. Does DDOT work with Lime?

- A: No DDOT works with Capitol Bikeshare, DC owned operated bikes, not Lime. Have a pin number so MPD can track the last user if used for illegal activities. Christophe and Brian Romanowski will get more info on how MPD tracks Lime. Also noted that Lime lowered their speed last week.

Dupont Deckover

Q: Connecticut Ave: Parking on both sides of street?

- A: Yes. Repurposing one lane to accommodate bike and parking lane. There will be 3 lanes during rush hour instead of 4. Rush hour restricting parking similar to now. There will be a bike lane on both sides of the street. Will be reducing a median in the middle, still be a median at intersections in a certain block.

Q: Connecticut Ave: Status of medians/trees/green scape?

- A: Middle of Connecticut the median with trees and bushes will be taken down. There will be a whole new streetscape. Q Street will have concrete pavers on the plaza, not metal. it is their interest as well to preserve the trees and minimize any effect on the tree canopy as well as have green scape on the plaza. All the trees torn down from Connecticut up to Q, Kramers and Starbucks. The rest of the trees on Connecticut Ave will not be torn down.

Q: Connecticut Ave: Trenching: Will the trenching to put In the stanchions/abutments affect gas and water lines along Connecticut Ave:

- A: If it impacts water lines, DDOT will let property owners know and fix it.

Q: Connecticut Ave: How far north does the streetscape go?

- A: Dupont Circle to Calif. Street

New/Old Business

DC Water lead pipe replacement update, Anthony Laufik gave a presentation and status update, introduced other DC Water staff John Ingle, Sean Moore.

- Capital Improvement plan. Actions: 1) Upgrading existing 12 inch and smaller cast iron water mains to improve quality and reliability; 2) Replacement of fire hydrants and valves; Inspection of water service lines during the upgrade process; 3) Free lead pipe replacement; if lead lines are found on private property can be replaced at no cost to homeowner, but need to sign up for the SDWMR Contractor to participate in the program. Public side gets replaced automatically
- Next and Final phase 4: Spring (April/May) Need a Temporary Water Main due to utility issues: Will take 12 weeks. Utility between Bancroft and S Street. Utility conflicts in in this location req. new water main to go to the same location as the existing one—need to design temporary system to provide water system. There will be likely several outages 4-5, neighborhood, 6-8 hours, houses 2-4 hours.
- Parking, Access to Garage and Trash issues: End of 12 weeks, when new main is in service, will be able to freely access garages, etc. Will be notified if alley or parking is temp. not accessible during the project. If above ground will be more restrictive, but the intention is to keep it below grade. Any contractor or sub-contractor cannot put their trash in residential bins. Chair Feld noted that people should let her or Comm. Lipton know if they have any issues so they can advocate on their behalf.
- No Parking Signs need to come down. It was noted that the no parking signs are still up and no longer needed.
- Hazardous bricks in Bancroft alley: A neighbor mentioned that the brick replacement was hazardous and misaligned. DC Water said it would address it with a walk through and a punchlist. Have documentation of what was there before the project started. Chair Feld asked to fix the brick now, because there are safety issues. Resident at 2111 Bancroft Pl. NW addressed the brick issues in the back of the alley at her home at Bancroft Place, stating the alley is a disaster. Issues include: the contractors did not rebrick near the apron, height difference of 6 inches from the apron to the parking area, getting the run around from the different contractors including Sagres.
- 2137 Bancroft Place lost water pressure. Only after the DC water work was done. Want DC Water to reimburse fixes.
- Existing problems in the Bancroft alley before the DC Water work. DDOT needs to address this after DC Water's work is done.
- Photos: Residents were advised to take pictures inside and outside of their homes before construction begins in case there is any damage.

Platinum DC Club Dupont Eatery, Inc. d/b/a Platinum DC Club, Settlement Agreement Amendment or Termination ABRA-128784, License Class/Type: C Nightclub ABCA

Renewal of the Alcohol License: Chair Feld noted that ANC 2D will not be taking any action either way on the renewal of the club's license in its current status. Protests/letter of opposition or support of the license renewal must be filed on or before 11/24/2025.

Platinum DC Club Petition to Terminate/Amend the Settlement Agreement (SA)

Chair Feld noted that the ANC cannot take any action at this meeting and needs to wait until after the club's petition to terminate or amend the club's SA agreement is placarded. Platinum's petition was filed on September 30, 2025. Will be placarded on November 14, 2025. Deadline for petitions/letters of opposition or support must be filed on or before 12/29/2025. ANC 2D will be calling a very short special ANC meeting in December to consider whether to protest this Petition.

- Chair Feld noted that at tonight's ANC meeting, she and Commissioner Lipton wanted to hear from constituents on the Platinum DC Club petition that asks to amend or terminate the club's Settlement Agreement. She gave some background on the origin of the SA and noted that ANC 2D was one of the signatories.
- Standards allowed for Protest Chair Feld noted the allowed ABC standards (see below) to protest the petition to amend or terminate the Settlement Agreement and asked neighbors keep their comments within these standards:
 - The effect of the establishment on real property values.
 - The effect of the establishment on peace, order, and quiet.
 - The effect of the establishment upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Lipton stressed that we would not be taking any action tonight on the Settlement Agreement, just looking for comments.

- Attorney: A neighbor recommended that ANC 2D find a lawyer who is familiar with the ABCA. Chair Feld asked that Don Friedman SKNC President to address the meeting. He indicated they have retained an attorney and summarized the club's 3 change requests to the SA. He indicated their inclination was to oppose all three requests. Will schedule a SKNC meeting and invite the club's owner and his attorney to discuss and then vote on it.
- Commissioner Jeffrey Rueckgauer, ANC 2B (ANC 2B also a signatory of the SA) gave his take on the petition indicating at this time they would oppose some of the requested changes to the SA.
- Chair Feld outlined Platinum DC's requests to amend the current SA:
 - Extend hours. Requested Amendment to SA: Open on weekdays at 9:00 am – 3:00 am. Weekends: 9:00 am to 4:00 am but not serve alcohol during that extra hour (3:00 am – 4:00 am). Current SA: Open 11:30 am to 2:00 am M-F, with closing time of 3:00 am on Friday. Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:00 am. Sunday 3:00 pm to 2:00 am.
 - Drop MPD Reimbursable Detail Officer (RDO) Requirement. Requested Amendment to SA: Drop RDO requirement citing that MPD is understaffed and often does not provide an officer. Current SA: Applicant shall hire reimbursable details provided by the Metropolitan Police Department to patrol the area surrounding the Premises (up to four blocks away) from midnight to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.
 - Expand business to second floor. Requested Amendment to SA: Club wants to use second floor for "occasional parties and events." Club also threatened to sublet 2nd floor out to another entirety if can't use it which would result in another entrance on Connecticut Ave. Would have to apply to amend the nude dancing endorsement to allow it on the second floor. Current SA: Can operate in basement, first floor, and mezzanine/balcony. Nude dancing only permitted on first floor.
- Neighbors unanimously indicated their opposition to the change requests in the SA:
 - Illegal activity: Likelihood that there is illegal activity going on now, as it's illegal to do private lap dances (lap dance rooms) in DC, yet that is advertised on the club's website.

- Loitering: in the past (former owner) club clientele hung out in their neighborhood alley, and it could happen again if SA is amended
- Aggressive, violent, threatening, scary and noisy: when the club was operating on two levels, it violated all the standards on Bancroft Ave. The past is a prediction of the future.
- The club is currently bound by the obligations of the existing settlement agreement. Club has the burden demonstrating why it should be relieved from those obligations and hasn't done that.
- Opposition to not using the RDO. Can never have enough assistance in controlling the noise and drunk behavior. If they don't show up, or if there are not enough off duty officers, need to find a way to address it, not throw out the RDO req.
 - Commissioners Feld and Lipton noted that they have an assigned MPD officer on the block on weekends and Lt. Sukulich noted that there is a problem getting off duty MPD officers as they are understaffed and there is a scarcity of officers available.
 - Retired MPD: A neighbor suggested having retired police officers do the RDO.
 - A neighbor noted that a security guard only patrols their club, but an MPD officer can patrol and tell people to get out of the neighborhood. And they have done so. Should require when the RDO can't show up, a car to sit in front of the club, Chair Feld thought that they may already have a car on the street, but not sure which location.
 - A neighbor suggested working with MPD to bring officers from outside of the jurisdiction.
- There was discussion about a shooting in the past and whether it was related to the club or not.
- Marie Drissel, testified for herself and her neighbors citing various ABCA standards.
 - *Oppose extension to second floor*: Affected property values when the 2nd floor was operating-- customers damaged property on Bancroft, Phelps, and LeRoy and used our streets for other problematic activity. Would take a lot of capital investment to renovate the 2nd floor. Won't make economic sense, unless high intensity use which is damaging to the neighborhood.
 - *Oppose extending hours*. Checked with police officers that the "one hour sober up" is not credible and not in the neighborhood's interest. Should have the same hours as the strip clubs on M Streets which do not have early hours or super late hours and serve food.
 - Strip club exposes the neighborhood to people who would not otherwise be there.
 - Parking issues: Universal parking closing, customers will park on the neighborhood streets.
- It was noted that whatever Jeff Rueckgauer ANC 2B02's recommendations, it's a larger ANC and he will need to get consensus from all his ANC commissioners.
- Chair Feld mentioned that there was going to be a special December ANC meeting, date TBD, to consider whether to protest the Petition to terminate or amend the Settlement Agreement. The protest deadline is Dec. 29, 2025. There was a discussion re: dates and deadlines to file the protest.

DC Office of the Tenant Advocate update, Nicole McEntee, Program Analyst, Education and Outreach, Agency serves tenants in the district. Any tenant who lives in Rental housing can get advice from our attorneys for free. A few announcements:

- Rent Control Rent Registry. Created a central online database. Asking landlords to input data by end of Nov. Then, will have an opensource database for finding rent control housing in the District.
 - Online Registry: Special discount 62 or disabled, living in rent-controlled housing can register online on this website.
- Rental Act: Legislation passed 3 weeks ago. Waiting for Mayor and Congressional review. Significant changes to TOPA, limit the number of buildings eligible for TOPA: Two to four units, not eligible for TOPA if owned by an individual and buildings five or more units not eligible for TOPA until the building is at least 15 years old.
- Tenants looking for rental assistance from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Appointments to apply opens on Nov. 20. Call DHS to make an appointment to apply.
- Q: Who do the landlords contact to go on the Rent Control Rent Registry website?
 - A: Must do it on the portal, upload a spreadsheet of all their units. Don't need photos, want info on unit size and if subject to rent control Go to: Rentregistry.dc.gov

- For tenants who want to find units available, and info on previous rent increases. Would be up to the tenant to contact the landlord and apply with the landlord.
- Q: Do you have one lease for the voucher program, or just take the lease contract from the landlord?
 - A: Done through DHS. Have a HAP (Housing Assistance Program) contract-- between DHS and the landlord Lease itself is between the tenant and the landlord.

Announcements and Open Comment

Date of Next Meeting(s):

December 2025 (TBD) Emergency/special ANC meeting to consider whether the ANC is protesting the Platinum Club Petition to amend or terminate the settlement agreement. Will be sending out notices a week before to our listserv and posting on our website. Will be very short and mainly procedural.

January 12: 2026. First regular ANC meeting of 2026.

Both Commissioners wished all a wonderful holiday and to stay safe.

Meeting Adjourned: TIME: 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Feld, ANC2D Chair and Secretary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole Feld". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "C" and "F".