



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2026; 7:00 p.m.

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

Online via Zoom – <https://dc-gov.zoom.us/j/84625516723>

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 sent out and posted to the ANC 2D website with the following changes: 1) Mayor's budget presentation has moved to our May meeting; 2) ANC 2D Authorization to OANC for supplier registration and renewal; 3) ANC 2D Resolution to request the D.C. Council enact legislation to name the Dupont Deckover Plaza after the Washington Color School Painters. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Approval of ANC 2D March 23, 2026 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

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 as well as city representatives and others for participating in the meeting. Chair Feld recognized fellow Commissioner Robyn Lipton for her service.

Approval Authorization to OANC for Supplier registration and Renewal-

Commissioner Feld moved to approve ANC 2D's formal authorization to designate the OANC as our agent solely for the purpose of completing the initial setup, account registration and 3-year renewal of our supplier profile in the District's DIFS and PASS system--Including the ACH Direct Deposit Authorization Form. And, to collect required information that must be submitted as part of the District's supplier registration process, recognizing that this information and authorization are necessary to ensure that ANC 2D's quarterly allotments can continue to be electronically deposited in our checking account. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Lipton noted that the bank balance for March 2026. Beginning balance was \$21,576.05; ending balance was \$19,590.45; we earned \$14.40 in interest and gave an ANC2D grant of \$2000.00 to the Sheridan Kalorama Call Box Restoration Project to rehab their call boxes.

Approval of ANC 2D Q2 2026 QFR. January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026; Ending balance was \$19,590.45; consistent with what was shown in the bank account. Commissioner Lipton moved to approve the Q2 2026 QFR for ANC 2D. Chair Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Government Reports

Mayor's Office—Jimika Williams, MOCRS, Ward 2 Liaison, updates and Q&A

Updates & discussion included: Updates. Tuesday, April 14, DC Council will receive the Mayor's proposed budget. A rep. from the budget office will attend the next ANC meeting to answer any question. Holiday DPW Sanitation & Parking suspensions will slide through the remainder of the week. April 21 Council will vote on the proposed youth curfew. Reach out with any thoughts or concerns. Invited all to the Mayor's Spring Clean up at Garrison Elementary, reg. on Eventbrite, begin with a neighborhood cleanup. win national tickets, and other festivities. etc.

Issues within Ward 2 discussed included:

- DPW problems with regular trash pick-up and parking violators –
- Parking enforcement (blocking access, not following Ward 2 only parking regulation, parking illegally, not being ticketed on the streets (Belmont, Tracy Pl., etc.) near the Islamic Center on Mass/Belmont during services. Discussion about whether this is an unwritten understanding, or an oversight. Ms. Williams indicated she would get back to us on this. Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton thanked Ms. Williams for her service and being at the meeting in person.

Councilmember Brooke Pinto's office, Ward 2 Updates and Q&A, Brian Romanowski, Deputy Chief of Staff, Updates and Q&A

Updates and Discussion included:

- DPW problems with regular trash pick-up;
- Budget --Tomorrow will have the full detailed budget, expecting a tough budget year, Chairman doesn't want to see anything new funded. Holding budget hearings for Agencies starting April 17. Council will vote at the end of May. Vote on the final budget before and after the June primary.
- The Homes Act. Leg. Bill on Housing—7 diff. bills to make homeownership more affordable, less cumbersome to obtain and increase production of housing inventory. 1) Housing Acceleration Fund; 2) Mortgage Interest Tax Credit; 3) Transform Vacant Properties; 4) HUD Lease to Home Ownership Pilot Program; 5) Housing Tax Increment Financing; 6) Improving Permitting; 7) Divide Residential lots (make easier)
- Public Safety: Council did not extend the juvenile youth curfew zones (temp. 5 day curfew) —MPD ability to break up a group of 8 or more under a certain age 17/18 (National trend teen takeover events), can't be meeting after a certain hour, a tool that MPD has been successful, took it back to the judiciary committee, voted to approve a permanent bill on these zones, and try to pass an emergency bill will go to full Council April 21. Emergency might fail, but permanent will pass. If feel strongly call Councilmember. Pinto's Prosper DC has many bills that give youth more opportunity. While we wait for those bills, MPD likes to have these zones. DPR hosting many public events for teenagers. Check DPR's website.

Question/Comments centered on:

- ATV hitting younger kids riding bikes. ATVs are a complicated issue. To solve, illegal to ride in the street. U Street is a popular spot for them. MPD has a no chase policy. Strategy to impound them when filling up for gas. Also follow in helicopters. 4 out of 5 have a gun in their pocket (fanny packs).

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Romanowski for attending and his ongoing support.

Metropolitan Police Department—Lt. A. Sakulich and Capt. Doneigan updates and Q&A

The Commissioners welcomed Lt. Sakulich and Capt. Doneigan and thanked them for attending and their service.

- Crime Report: One crime reported in ANC, electronic bike theft on Calif. Street end of March.
- America's 250th: Lots going on in the summer. Check the America 250 Website for the events, normal 4th of July events, UFC fight on June 14; Pride after that. Planning for The Freedom 250 Grand Prix of Washington DC. (August 21-23, 2026) Race Day: Sunday, August 23 around the National Mall (US Capitol, Washington Monument and Smithsonian museums).
- Fountains ceremony or being on date?—Lt. Sakulich will investigate.

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)—Christophe Wassmer, Community Engagement Specialist, Ward 2 & 3, Updates and Q&A.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Wassmer for his support and for attending the meeting in person.

- Dupont Deckover. Working to make sure pedestrians are safe and traffic moves smoothly.
- Traffic Safety Input Program: April 1 Kalorama Circle selected. Will provide more details when an engineer has made a determination on the traffic safety improvements at the location.
- Florida Ave. and Connecticut, west side going south. Pedestrian and Traffic lights are covered with black paper. No crossing signal for pedestrians. Very dangerous. Still can cross there. Can't see the cross light—Mr. Wassmer will follow up.
- Streetlight at 2110 Bancroft Place --Glass top is at a 45-degree angle. There is a work order for that—Comm. Lipton mentioned that she had a similar problem that was resolved quickly. Urged people to call 311 and let the ANC commissioners know.
- Wooden sign that says Connecticut Avenue next to the pole is on the ground and needs to be removed.
- Traffic speed cameras. Mr. Wassmer said they are still working. Automatized safety cameras –go to website of the same name, see cameras and citations. Realized talking about Live View Cameras where you can see traffic live—supposedly all other cities have them.
- Audible for crossing the street at Mass and S. was not functioning. Mr. Wassmer will address.
- Sheridan Circle Medians potential agreement between DDOT and Restore Mass Ave to take over the median plant care and planting was discussed.
- Taft Bridge restoration. Lovely restored beaux arts lamp posts will be restored. Done by the Fall this year. Temp cross light and signal.

DC Water, Sean Moore & Niraj Bhoir & John Ingle, Updates & Q&A Lead Pipe Replacement Project

- Fourth of July Mr. Moore also asked the Church and neighbors to let them if have any events planned for July 4th etc., to ensure that utilities and water are not turned off. Fourth of July holidays, DC Water has no planned shutoffs in the area.
- Past problems with lead replacement were discussed: brick and planting replacement not done properly, parking signs left up too long and coordination with DDOT resulting in delays and repetition of work. Mr. Moore said he's addressing this and encouraged people to contact the D.C. water team with any problems.
- Lead Pipe Replacement Phase Updates—Chair Feld recommended people look go to the ANC 2D website and look at the minutes and meeting recording of the last ANC meeting if want to hear more detail about DC Water's Phases for this project. Phase 4: Alley connects Phelps and Connecticut Ave – involves some Bancroft Place houses. Unforeseen utility conflicts required a redesign. Will take 3-4 months, start in June and wrap up in September. Want to make sure doesn't impact parking and trash pick-up while doing temporary bypass will contact people ahead of time.

New/Old Business

2146 Wyoming Ave NW - HPRB Submission, Dave Bloom, RA LEED AP, District Architecture

HPRB Submission, to build a new 2-story garage at the rear. Single family semi-detached rowhouse. Mr. Bloom walked the participants through the plans and answered questions. On the agenda for the next HPRB meeting most likely on the consent calendar. No response from adjoining neighbors, across the street; notified two weeks ago by mail. Will maintain the same number of parking spaces (3). SKNC indicated that they had no objections.

1825/1875 Connecticut Avenue, ANC Approval to build a fence encircling the development during construction, Update & Q&A, Joshua Guelbart, Co-Chief Operating Officer, Post Brothers,

- Mr. Guelbart did a small presentation. DDOT needs a letter from the ANC to approve an 8-foot-tall plywood painting fence to encircle entire site. Will be up for two years while they build the project. Only take half of the sidewalk. Remaining sidewalks will be at least five feet in width not including tree beds.

Most of the loading will be there. Rents will reflect neighborhood, top of market, inclusionary zoning units. Parking will be for residents. Largest office to housing conversion in DC and perhaps the country.

- Chair Feld moved to approve the proposed fence surrounding the project during construction, making sure that the sidewalk is at its minimum 5-feet wide and the painted wooden fence is 8'feet tall. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

2222 Q St NW Development plan. Request for a Zoning Variance Update & Q&A, Jeff Certosimo, Vice President, Development of the UIP Companies, Council, Lawrence Ferris, Kevin Keuleman

- Mr. Certosimo stated their expertise and described their company and the project—a 1922 5-story apartment building on the South side of Q Street NW between 23rd and 22nd Streets. He did a presentation and indicated they are asking for support for a BZA zoning relief to add four units (from 20 to 24) to the basement of the building since it's zoned R-3. Mr. Certosimo indicated that the building requires extensive renovation, addressing environmental issues, bringing it up to modern standards, and historic restoration. He answered questions re: the variance and indicated reaction by neighbors and others have been positive. Already met with HPO and CFA. Took questions; no issues arose with the request. Tenants have signed a TOPA agreement, will be market rate, and dedicating one unit to IZ (Inclusionary Zoning Affordable Housing Program).
- Chair Feld motioned to file Form 129 ANC Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment of the District of Columbia recommending that a BZA variance be granted for 2222 Q Street NW. If a letter is necessary, which we don't think it is, we would do a letter too. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

2201 R Street NW (old Pakistani Embassy) Update & Q&A, Stephen duPont, Jr., owner representative Kyrus Freeman of Holland & Knight, Eric Colbert and Megan Mitchell of Eric Colbert & Associates

- Stephen duPont was the previous architect to the nation of Pakistan. Indicated made progress cleaning up the "mess; was vacant for over 20 years when bought -- been used for staff housing for the embassy who were parking on public space. Exterior is in pretty good shape, interior was suffering.
- In an R-3 Zone, asking for a variance, was built in 1906 as a single-family home—not suitable for that purpose going forward. Ms. Mitchell did a presentation showing the current interior and plans to remodel it. Proposing 6 units total on 3 floors (2 units/2 bdrs. on each floor, approx. approx.. 1100 sq. feet each) on the site. No change to the appearance to the building except restoring the façade, restoring historic gate, talked about creating a garden and swimming pool, in back and parking spaces for tenants. Mr. Freeman is filing a BZA application for a variance relief to allow use of property as a multi-family dwelling consistent with the character of the neighborhood. Will be in the public record. SKNC indicated support. Another neighbor asked the ANC to exercise oversight to make sure the project will be completed paying attention to the financing, etc.
- Questions answered included: Market conditions will decide if condo or rental; All the space outside of the building, 22nd and R is public space, will not remain paved except for sidewalk. Parking—will provide as much as possible recognizing constraints; Haven't begun a formal process to reach out to neighbors; one neighbor who advocated for its sale in the past expressed support for its development given its prominence in the neighborhood.
- Chair Feld moved to approve and file Form 129 – Advisory Neighborhood Commission Report Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment of the District of Columbia recommending the BZA Variance be granted for 2201 R Street NW. In the form we will also recommend that the developer make their best effort to work with the community to add tree canopy to their landscape plan which is a priority for the neighborhood. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Mitchell Park Multipurpose Court Resurfacing, Bojana Jankovic, jankovicbojana4@gmail.com.

Ms. Jankovic is a pickleball player at Mitchell Park. She did a presentation advocating on behalf of herself, neighbors and Friends of Mitchell Park for DPW to prioritize the resurfacing of the Multipurpose Court (Pickleball, tennis, daycare children etc.) in Mitchell Park. She indicated structural issues, surface issues, etc. which makes it dangerous and not playable at many times. She requested that the ANC support the complete resurfacing of the course to DPR and indicated that they collected 75 signatures for a petition to

support the resurfacing. Mitchell Park is recommended by DPR as a major recreation site renovation. The last resurfacing was in 2014. Ms. Jankovic discussed possible estimates which ranged widely. Commissioner Lipton asked how the costs are divided between DPR and Friends of Mitchell Park. Commissioners Feld and Lipton indicated that they would contact DPR as they needed more information in terms of where Mitchell Park stands in terms of priority, and the multi-uses of the court (daycare/church, tennis?) before they wrote a letter to DPR and the DC Council supporting prioritization of the court resurfacing and how many people living in ANC 2D are using the court. They thanked Ms. Jankovic for attending the ANC meeting and making her case and also indicated that she should testify at the Council's upcoming budget hearing.

ANC 2D Resolution Requesting the Council Fund the Amplified Sound Mitigation Amendment Act of 2024 in the District's FY'27 Budget

- The Commissioners decided at the meeting to make a budget request to the Council to fund The Amplified Sound Mitigation Amendment Act of 2024 that was passed by the Council subject to funding. The Council previously determined that this legislation has merit and is necessary to modernize the District's regulatory framework. It was anticipated that funding would be included in the FY2027 budget, beginning October 1, 2026, though it had recently been withdrawn. The legislation remains both relevant and necessary. Commissioner Feld made a motion that that funding for the Amplified Sound Mitigation Amendment Act of 2024 be included in the District's FY2027 budget. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

ANC 2D Resolution to request the D.C. Council enact legislation to name the Dupont Deckover the Washington Color School Painters Plaza or the Washington Color School Plaza for this D.C. infrastructure naming opportunity

- The Commissioners made the point that The Washington Color School artists left a lasting impact, both on the DC art scene and on the international artworld. The Dupont Deckover Plaza project is in proximity to The Phillips Collection, America's first museum of modern art, founded in 1921 in historic Dupont Circle by collector and philanthropist Duncan Phillips, who played a pivotal role in supporting and fostering the Washington Color School artists. Moreover, this significant D.C. art movement has not been recognized by any significant infrastructure project in DC, and it is long overdue. They thanked an attendee at a previous ANC meeting and neighborhood advocate Marie Drissel for making this suggestion. Chair Feld motioned to do an ANC 2D Resolution to request the D.C. Council enact legislation to name the Dupont Deckover the Washington Color School Painters Plaza or the Washington Color School Plaza for this D.C. infrastructure naming opportunity. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Announcements and Open Comment

- The Commissioners encouraged neighbors to attend the Friends of Mitchell Park Pickleball Tournament, Sat., April 18, 2026; 10:00am-1:00pm.
- Neighbors were encouraged to sign up for the ANC 2D ListServ at <https://www.anc2d.org/>
- Next ANC 2D Meeting will be on: Monday, May 11 at 7:00 pm in person or via zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

COMMISSIONERS:

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Respectfully submitted by Carole Feld, ANC 2D Chair and Secretary.

