



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 8th, 2022; 7:00 pm
In-Person – Church of the Pilgrims, 2201 P Street NW
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners Ashley Warren (2D01) and Carole Feld (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum. There were 19 residents and visitors in attendance.

Norman Kelley, a representative for the Church of the Pilgrims, introduced himself to meeting attendees.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of June 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's regular June 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Chair Warren gave an overview of the founding of a new Ward 2 chapter of the DC Young Democrats.

Commissioner Feld thanked meeting attendees for attending the meeting. She said that there are going to be updates regarding the Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project during the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Feld said the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$14,636.68.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Chair Warren moved to approve the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department

Lieutenant Charles Morris, 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 increased traffic enforcement in the neighborhood.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed an individual experiencing homelessness in Mitchell Park with Lieutenant Morris.

Councilmember's Office

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Update Regarding DC Council Bill B24-0433 – the “Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 2021”

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an overview of the immunizations that are required for returning DC Public Schools (DCPS) students. He said that Councilmember Pinto will be touring Ward 2 schools next week to make sure that they are ready for the new school year. He also gave an overview of the new walk-up monkeypox vaccinations that DC Health is offering.

Mr. Rodriguez said that the “Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 2021” is still in its early stages and is intended to start the conversation about making the size of parking zones smaller. He said that the intention of the bill is to make sure residents do not occupy parking in different neighborhoods than their own for long periods of time. He said that there would be some wiggle room for residents who live on the boundaries of two ANCs. He added that many of the details of the bill have not been worked out yet.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the current monkeypox vaccine requirements, an individual experiencing homelessness in Mitchell Park, and structural concerns regarding a building at 2131 Florida Avenue NW with Mr. Rodriguez.

Mayor's Office

Julius Terry, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave the details for Art All Night on Saturday, September 24th in Shaw. He said that the Shaw site will offer kids activities for the first time this year.

Old Business

Update Regarding the Status of the District Department of Transportation's Rehabilitation of Massachusetts Avenue NW Project

Shaun Davis, a Construction Manager for HNTB, said that there is a lot of construction activity going on along the project corridor. He said that, on the project corridor east of Sheridan Circle, the project team is wrapping up the underground utility installation and sidewalk reconstruction. He said that he is hoping to have those activities wrapped up within the next month and a half. He said that roadway reconstruction will then come next.

Mr. Davis said that, on the project corridor west of Sheridan Circle, roadway reconstruction is continuing. He thanked community members for their patience and understanding during the construction.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the types of sidewalk being installed, the landscaping plan for the corridor, the installation of street lights, and the project completion date with Mr. Davis.

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

Chair Warren said that no one bid on the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW during the recent tax sale. She said that the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) said that the property can now be foreclosed upon if the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG) receives a request to initiate a foreclosure process. She said that the CFO's Office said the property is also eligible for over-the-counter sale.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the efforts by the Embassy of Pakistan to sell the property, the current state of the property, declaring the property a nuisance, and asking the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to ask OAG to initiate a foreclosure process for the property.

Commissioner Feld 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:

WHEREAS, the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW, which does not have diplomatic protection by the U.S. Department of State, has been vacant for many years and has an outstanding DC tax bill of approximately \$1.3 million,

WHEREAS, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) recently held a tax sale for the property on July 19, 2022 and July 20, 2022, however no bids were placed for the property, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2D has long considered the property to be a nuisance and a health hazard for the neighborhood that could be used for better purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2D requests that the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) requests that the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) initiates foreclosure actions for the Embassy of Pakistan's property at 2201 R Street NW.

Update Regarding a Speed Camera for the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW

Donovan Boyd, the Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), said that the installation of a speed camera at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW remains a top Ward 2 priority for DDOT. He said that DDOT has received funding for more speed cameras but there are not currently any plans to deploy more in the immediate future.

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

ANC 2D requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) installs automated traffic enforcement (ATE) at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW. This has been a long-standing safety issue and request.

Update Regarding Alleyway Signage in the Neighborhood

Mr. Boyd said that DDOT has reopened the request for alleyway signage in the alley between Massachusetts Avenue and Waterside Drive NW and the request is working through DDOT's normal timelines.

Mr. Boyd said that traffic safety investigations (TSIs) are currently ongoing for R Street NW and S Street NW related to traffic speed issues. He added that the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project will begin in spring 2023 and the total project will last 27 months.

Update Regarding Noise Concerns at the Churchill Hotel at 1914 Connecticut Avenue NW

Tsjenna Daley, an Account Manager for the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), said that DCRA recently conducted another inspection at the Churchill Hotel which resulted in another Notice of Infraction (NOI) being issued. She said that this is the second NOI that has been issued against the hotel. She gave an overview of DCRA's noise inspection processes.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed the lack of noise fixes being made at the Churchill Hotel, the drawbacks of the NOI enforcement process, the possible need for legislative

fixes to the NOI enforcement process, and the community possibly meeting directly with hotel management with Ms. Daley.

New Business

Application by Sushi Ogawa for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 2100 Connecticut Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for July 30th, 2022

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Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for September 10th, 2022

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Spanish Steps Wedding Permit Request for September 17th, 2022

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

ANC 2D supports the Spanish Steps wedding permit requests for July 30th, 2022; September 10th, 2022; and September 17th, 2022.

Announcements and Open Comments

There were not any announcements and open comments.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Warren said that the ANC’s next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.