



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

*“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”*

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023; 7:30 p.m.

In-Person – West End Library, Meeting Room, 2301 L Street NW

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Commissioner Joel Causey (06) called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Commissioners Yannik Omictin (01) (attending virtually), Jim Malec (02), Trupti Patel (03) (attending virtually), Ed Comer (04) (attending virtually), Kim Courtney (05), and Jordan Nassar (08) were present.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Malec made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda. Commissioner Comer seconded the motion. Commissioner Courtney made a motion to adopt an amendment to the agenda to remove the consideration of a resolution regarding the DC Council’s budget oversight hearing for the Department of Human Services. The motion for an amendment failed due to a lack of a second. The motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-1).

### Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Malec made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular February 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Omictin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-1).

### Community Forum

#### Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Councilmember Brooke Pinto gave an update regarding her work on the DC Council.

#### Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Lieutenant Michael Howden, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

#### Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Christopher Powell, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave updates from the Mayor’s Office.

### Commissioner Updates

Chair Causey and Commissioners Omictin, Patel, Comer, Courtney, Nassar, and Malec gave commissioner updates.

## Announcements and Public Comments

Barbara Kahlow, the Secretary-Treasurer of the West End Citizens Association (WECA), and two local residents gave announcements and public comments.

## **General Agenda**

### Update from the Office of Planning (OP) Regarding the Foggy Bottom Public Life Study

Ron Barron, a Community Planner for the Office of Planning (OP), gave a presentation regarding the Foggy Bottom Public Life Study.

### Update from the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) Regarding the Foggy Bottom and West End Main Streets Feasibility Study and Grant Award

*The Commission delayed this matter to a future ANC meeting.*

### Update from GW Regarding Proposed Changes to Lerner Health and Wellness Center Membership

Kevin Days, GW's Director of Community Relations, and David Avitabile, counsel for GW, gave an update regarding proposed changes to Lerner Health and Wellness Center membership.

## **Matters Before the Zoning Commission**

### Zoning Commission Application by Boston Properties for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Modification of Consequence at 2200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Commissioner Patel made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Nassar seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Nassar: Yea  
Commissioner Comer: Yea  
Commissioner Omictin: Yea  
Commissioner Patel: Yea  
Commissioner Malec: Yea  
Commissioner Courtney: Abstain  
Chair Causey: Yea

The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the Zoning Commission application by Boston Properties for a planned unit development (PUD) Modification of Consequence at 2200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Zoning Commission Application by Boston Properties for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Modification of Consequence of Order 06-11O and 06-12O to Accommodate a Retail Tenant at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Commissioner Nassar made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Courtney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 2-4-1). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Nassar: Yea  
Commissioner Courtney: Yea  
Commissioner Comer: Nay  
Commissioner Patel: Nay  
Commissioner Omictin: Abstain  
Commissioner Malec: Nay  
Chair Causey: Nay

Commissioner Malec made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Patel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-3). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Nassar: Abstain  
Commissioner Comer: Yea  
Commissioner Omictin: Abstain  
Commissioner Patel: Yea  
Commissioner Malec: Yea  
Commissioner Courtney: Abstain  
Chair Causey: Yea

The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the Zoning Commission application by Boston Properties for a planned unit development (PUD) Modification of Consequence of Order 06-11O and 06-12O to accommodate a retail tenant at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

**Matters Before the Mayor's Special Event Task Group**

Special Event Application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 8th, 2023

Commissioner Malec made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Courtney seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the special event application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 8th, 2023.

Special Event Application for the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade on Saturday, April 15th, 2023

Chair Causey made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Omictin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the special event application for the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade on Saturday, April 15th, 2023.

### **Matters Before the District Department of Transportation**

#### **Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Creation of Shuttle Bus Zone for the 700 Block of 23rd Street NW on the GW Campus**

Chair Causey made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Omictin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the creation of shuttle bus zone for the 700 block of 23rd Street NW on the GW campus.

### **Matters Before the DC Council**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council's Performance Oversight Hearing for the Office of Lottery and Gaming**

Commissioner Courtney made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Nassar seconded the motion, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 2-4-1).

Commissioner Malec made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Patel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-1). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Nassar: Abstain  
Commissioner Comer: Yea  
Commissioner Patel: Yea  
Commissioner Omictin: Yea  
Commissioner Courtney: Nay  
Commissioner Malec: Yea  
Chair Causey: Yea

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, in December 2018 the DC Council legalized sports wagering,

WHEREAS, the Office of Lottery and Gaming (OLG) has provided little to no guidance to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) in the approval process,

WHEREAS, in 2022 ANC 2A was the first in the city to approve a combined liquor and sports wagering license,

WHEREAS, the approval process for ANC 2A felt rushed and pressured by constituents and the proprietor,

WHEREAS, in July 2022 ANC 2A submitted testimony flagging concerns around the approval process for the DC Council's sports wagering roundtable, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A would like following recommendations that were made a year ago to be considered:

- Kiosks must have a beginning time and end time inside of establishments,
- Geofencing, if possible, should be mandatory around the establishments,
- Set limit on cash payouts,
- Have cash payouts done during daytime hours,
- Do not allow cages in residential areas,
- Require a 60 to 90 day review on all licenses issued to establishments,
- Require that safety and protocol guidelines be presented to the community, and
- The initial settlement agreement set in place is to remain in the case of a license transfer to a new establishment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the Office of Lottery and Gaming provides clarity and guidance to ANCs on the sports wagering process.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council's Budget Oversight Hearing for the Department of Human Services

Commissioner Omictin made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Comer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Nassar: Yea  
Commissioner Comer: Yea  
Commissioner Patel: Yea  
Commissioner Omictin: Yea  
Commissioner Courtney: Abstain  
Commissioner Malec: Yea  
Chair Casey: Yea

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the DC Government made a significant investment in housing vouchers in the FY 2022 budget, funding enough vouchers to house nearly every unhoused resident in the city, both sheltered and unsheltered,

WHEREAS, as of February 15th, 2023, only 22% of the locally-funded permanent supportive housing vouchers included in this investment are currently being used to house a tenant,

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS) and various advocacy organizations have cited a severe shortage in case managers and related personnel in the homeless services system,

WHEREAS, as of February 15th, 2023, 28% of voucher recipients are still waiting on a case manager to be assigned to them for their housing case to proceed,

WHEREAS, many unhoused individuals have been told they have vouchers, but cannot use them until a case manager is assigned, leaving residents with uncertain timelines and diminishing trust,

WHEREAS, encampment evictions at McPherson Square and other sites nearby have resulted in displacement of unhoused residents into nearby neighborhoods because the voucher process has not succeeded in securing housing for vulnerable unhoused residents quickly enough, and

WHEREAS, nearly a dozen residents who were displaced in McPherson Square now reside in ANC 2A and are still waiting for progress toward a housing voucher.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to consider the neighborhood-level impacts of DHS' poor voucher distribution and push for a significant investment in hiring incentives and increased wages, beyond adjustment for inflation, for case management staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council and DHS to work together to streamline voucher delivery while continuing to make high investments in new vouchers to house every unhoused person in the city.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of a Proposed ANC 2A Transportation, Public Space, and the Environment Committee**

Chair Causey made a motion to approve the creation of an ANC 2A Transportation, Public Space, and the Environment Committee. Commissioner Omictin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1).

#### **Approval of a Proposed ANC 2A Housing and Community Development Committee**

Chair Causey made a motion to approve the creation of an ANC 2A Housing and Community Development Committee. Commissioner Omictin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1).

#### **Approval of a Proposed ANC 2A Operations and Community Engagement Committee**

Chair Causey made a motion to approve the creation of an ANC 2A Operations and Community Engagement Committee. Commissioner Comer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-2).

Suspending Bylaws Language Regarding ANC 2A Committee Chairs

Chair Causey made a motion to suspend ANC 2A's bylaws language regarding requirements for ANC committee chairs. Commissioner Courtney seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Causey adjourned the meeting at 11:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Ed Comer  
Secretary, ANC 2A04