



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023; 7:00 p.m.

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

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Commissioner Jim Malec (02) called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Commissioners Yannik Omictin (01), Trupti Patel (03), Ed Comer (04), Joel Causey (06), Dasia Bandy (07), and Jordan Nassar (08) were present.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Omictin made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda. Commissioner Comer seconded the motion. Chair Malec made a motion to adopt an amendment to the proposed agenda to remove consideration of CR-23-004, CR-23-005, CR-23-006, and CR-23-007. Commissioner Omictin seconded the motion for the amendment, which was adopted by unanimous consent. Chair Malec made a motion to adopt an amendment to the proposed agenda to add CR-23-009, a rule governing Aston Hall Community Advisory Team nominations and elections. Commissioner Omictin seconded the motion for the amendment, which was adopted by unanimous consent. The final motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

### Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Malec made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular and special July 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Comer seconded the motion. Chair Malec made a motion to adopt an amendment to the proposed regular July 2023 meeting minutes to amend the language regarding the adjournment of the meeting. Commissioner Comer seconded the motion for the amendment, which was adopted by unanimous consent. The final motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

### Community Forum

#### 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.

#### Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, gave updates from the Councilmember’s Office.

## Commissioner Introductions and Updates

Chair Malec and Commissioners Omictin, Comer, Causey, and Bandy gave commissioner introductions and updates.

## Announcements and Public Comments

A local resident gave announcements and public comments.

## **General Agenda**

### Update from the Department of Energy and Environment Regarding Proposed Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) Requirements

Katie Bergfeld, the Branch Chief for the Department of Energy and Environment's (DOEE) Building Performance and Enforcement Branch, gave an update regarding the proposed Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) requirements.

### **Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto**

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

## **General Agenda (Continued)**

### Update from GW Regarding an Upcoming Zoning Application for the Charles E. Smith Center

Kevin Days, GW's Director of Community Relations; Adam Aaronson, GW's Assistant Vice President for Construction Management and Campus Planning; Tanya Vogel, GW's Director of Athletics; and Lee Templin, counsel for GW, gave an update regarding an upcoming zoning application for the Charles E. Smith Center.

## **Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration**

### Eat Brgz – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Commissioner Causey made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution. Commissioner Comer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. Chair Malec made a motion to adopt an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Commissioner Bandy seconded the motion for the amendment, which was adopted by unanimous consent. The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Omictin: Yea  
Chair Malec: Yea  
Commissioner Comer: Yea  
Commissioner Causey: Yea

Commissioner Bandy: Yea  
Commissioner Nassar: Yea

The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports Eat Brgz’s application for a substantial change to the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

### **Matters Before the Public Space Committee**

#### **Public Space Application by the Golden Triangle BID for a Temporary Public Art Installation in the Pocket Park at the Intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, 19th Street, and H Street NW**

Commissioner Bandy made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Malec seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. Chair Malec made a motion to adopt an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Commissioner Bandy seconded the motion for the amendment, which was adopted by unanimous consent. The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Omictin: Yea  
Chair Malec: Yea  
Commissioner Comer: Yea  
Commissioner Bandy: Yea  
Commissioner Nassar: Yea

The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the public space application by the Golden Triangle BID for a temporary public art installation in the pocket park at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, 19th Street, and H Street NW.

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

#### **Consideration of CR-23-008, a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B25-0425 – the “Strengthening Traffic Enforcement, Education, and Responsibility (“STEER”) Amendment Act of 2023”**

Commissioner Causey made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Comer seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous consent.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Consideration of CR-23-009, a Rule Governing Aston Hall Community Advisory Team Nominations and Elections**

Chair Malec made a motion to adopt a proposed rule regarding the matter. Commissioner Bandy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. Commissioner Causey made a motion to

adopt an amendment to the proposed rule. The motion for the amendment was not voted on due to the lack of a second. Commissioner Comer made a motion to call the question for the final motion. Commissioner Malec seconded the motion for the call the question. A roll call vote was requested. The motion for the call the question was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-2-0). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Omictin: Yea  
Chair Malec: Yea  
Commissioner Patel: Yea  
Commissioner Comer: Yea  
Commissioner Causey: Nay  
Commissioner Bandy: Yea  
Commissioner Nassar: Nay

The final motion was voted and passed (VOTES: 5-2-0). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Omictin: Yea  
Chair Malec: Yea  
Commissioner Patel: Yea  
Commissioner Comer: Yea  
Commissioner Causey: Nay  
Commissioner Bandy: Yea  
Commissioner Nassar: Nay

The rule reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A is formally empowered to appoint two individuals to the Aston Hall Community Advisory Team.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following rule will govern the nomination and election of these individuals, and shall be considered binding:

1. Nominations
  - a. Nominations will be solicited from the public via open application.
  - b. The application will be created in Google Forms.
  - c. The application will be made available to the public for 10 calendar days.
  - d. Any DC resident may submit an application.
  - e. The application will ask for the following information:
    - i. Applicant's name.
    - ii. Applicant's address of permanent residence.
    - iii. Applicant's phone number.
    - iv. Applicant's email address.
    - v. "Are you willing and able to attend regular meetings, which may occur in-person or online via video conferencing?"
    - vi. "Why do you want to be appointed to the Aston Hall Community Advisory Team?"

- vii. “Please attach a copy of your resume as a Word document or PDF file.”
  - f. Every person who submits an application will be considered a nominee and listed on the ballot.
  - g. No other forms of nomination will be permitted.
- 2. Debate
  - a. Nominees will be given the opportunity (but will not be required) to speak for up to two minutes prior to the vote.
  - b. Each commissioner will be allocated five minutes. This time may be used for speech or questions to nominees.
  - c. Any time that nominees spend answering a question will be deducted from the questioning commissioner’s five minutes.
  - d. Commissioners may reserve or yield their time.
- 3. Voting
  - a. The vote will be conducted via ranked choice voting using the online platform rankedvote.co.
  - b. Every person who submits an application will be considered a nominee and listed on the ballot.
  - c. Commissioners voting in-person will be given a paper ballot. Upon completing the ballot, each Commissioner will state their ranked votes out loud for the public record. These votes will be entered into the tabulation software by the Executive Director. Their paper ballot will be submitted to the Executive Director for archiving.
  - d. Commissioners voting via Zoom or telephone will read their ranked votes out loud, and their rankings will be recorded onto a paper ballot by the Executive Director. The Executive Director will then enter the votes into the tabulation software.
  - e. Commissioners may rank all, some, or none of the nominees.
  - f. Commissioners must write their name on their ballot, except if voting via Zoom or telephone, in which case the Executive Director will write the commissioner’s name on the corresponding ballot.
  - g. Ballots will be collected and input into rankedvote.co by the Executive Director.
  - h. Winners will be determined as follows:
    - i. The two nominees with the highest vote totals after all other candidates have been eliminated through the ranked choice process will be declared the winners.
    - ii. A nominee will only be declared a winner if they meet all other requirements delineated in this rule and garner at least a majority vote in accordance with Section 3 of ANC 2A’s bylaws.
- 4. Breaking Ties
  - a. If any two or more candidates are tied after the final round of ranked choice tabulation, those candidates (and only those candidates) will be placed on a new ranked choice ballot.
  - b. Commissioners will submit a ballot to determine the winner(s) of the tie, following the procedures defined in this rule.

- c. If the tie is not resolved after the final round of ranked choice tabulation, the election to break the tie will be deemed inconclusive and none of the tied candidates will be confirmed.

#### Approval of the ANC's FY 2023 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Chair Malec made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2023 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Bandy seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous consent.

#### Approval of the ANC's FY 2024 Budget

Commissioners discussed the ANC's proposed FY 2024 budget.

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Malec adjourned the meeting at 10:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward Comer  
Secretary, ANC 2A04