

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

February 2024 Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 20, 2024

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Kristin Roe, Commissioner Thomas Lee, and Commissioner Rebecca Strauss

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm over Zoom ([2024 February 20 ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2024_February_20_ANC_2C_Community_Meeting)).
2. **ROLL CALL:** Four out of the four commissioners were present.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:** The commissioners introduced themselves.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: Roe motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Strauss. (Vote 4-0-0)

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

MOTION: Roe motioned to approve the amended minutes for January. Seconded by Strauss. (Vote 4-0-0)

6. **TREASURER REPORT:**

Commissioner Lee reported that he submitted the quarterly financial report for FY23. Quarter one was due and he was working to submit it. In quarter one, there was \$64,000 for a starting balance with an expense of \$2,750 for minute taking. There was \$50 for the ANC security fund. The total expenses were \$2,800. The closing balance was \$61,458.44 as of the end of December 31, 2023. There was a discrepancy and there was more in the bank than what Dawn reported in the forms. Commissioner Lee reported that he emailed her. A disbursement of \$2,271.14 from the city was received. He stated he would work with Dawn to fix the discrepancy. There was a check for minutes from November for \$250. There was another check for \$500 to pay Minutes Services for January. The December invoice was missing, and he reported he would follow up on February 21st so that he could send a check.

Commissioner Shankle reminded Commissioner Lee about the reimbursement for the mailbox.

Commissioner Lee clarified that \$2,750 for minute-taking was for April through October.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the documentation for the annual fee renewal for the security fund was submitted. Commissioner Lee stated that he would submit it.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Sharde Harris, shared.harris@dc.gov, 202.821.8414, Sargent Philip Robinson, or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, Sylvester.garvin@dc.gov, 202.774.6866

Lieutenant Garvin introduced himself. He reported that there was a homicide in which an individual who had several mental health conditions killed multiple people. There were two AWDs (assaults with deadly weapons). The first case was closed by arrest. The second case was an AWD with a knife following a verbal altercation, and the case was under investigation. YTD, there were no robberies. In 2023 at the time there had been 10 robberies. The motor vehicle thefts had decreased. One issue was that work trucks were being targeted, and he reported that that was being looked into and they were alerting workers. There was a total of 43 arrests YTD, and 27 firearms were recovered YTD. There were more operations conducted at two of the stores that experienced the most theft, which were Macy's and Nordstrom. There were four to five arrests in Macy's YTD. It was reported that there would be a community walk on March 17th at 4:00 pm.

2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Sherrelle Williams, sherrelle.williams@dc.gov, 202-729-2179 or Lieutenant Jeremy Kniseley, jeremy.kniseley@dc.gov, 202.839.1357.

Captain Paul Hrebenak reported that he was taking over for Captain Sherrelle Williams, and he introduced himself. He reported that crime was down YTD in PSA101. There were nearly 28 fewer crimes than at the same time in 2023. There were only two incidents, one of which was an AWD involving a string of incidents at Walgreens. A series of robberies was closed related to the robbery that occurred at Walgreens. The second incident was an overnight burglary at a restaurant. MPD was going to be staffing the Chinatown hub 24/7. There would be overtime units in the area in Chinatown and the Mt. Vernon area to prevent crime, concentrating mostly on the businesses in the area. The challenges that were still being seen were thefts from automobiles and retail locations.

Commissioner Shankle commented that the community safety hub was well-needed and well-received in the community. He stated that he hoped it would continue to deter crime from happening in the area. He thanked Captain Hrebenak for staffing the area 24/7. A resident commented that there were 21 guns taken off the streets. The Commissioners thanked Captain Hrebenak for all of his hard work. A resident stated that the community safety hub was not ADA-compliant and asked if he was aware. Captain Hrebenak reported that he did not know that and that he would bring it up to his commander. The resident stated that she would ask the mayor's office for information as well.

3. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Christopher Powell, Ward 2 Liaison, Christopher.powell2@dc.gov, 202.805.7122 and Grace Reeder, Ward 2 Liaison Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), grace.reeder@dc.gov.

Mr. Christopher Powell reported that Mayor Bowser opened the Safe Commercial Corridor Hub in Chinatown at 675 H St. The hub would connect residents to a range of city services and would work on keeping corridors safe and clean. The space was turned over in a quick amount of time. It was discovered that the lift was inoperable, and the top priority was that a new one was being ordered. He stated that he would make a note to add an automatic door. Mr. Powell reported that on February 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the district's plan to implement AI into district government operations to serve residents, businesses, and visitors better. Summer camp lottery registration was open and would close on February 26th for youth between 3 and 13. Everyone was encouraged to share their values and priorities at the budget engagement forum on Saturday, February 24th.

4. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202-724-8058, Maddy White, mwhite@dccouncil.gov, Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, bromanowski@dccouncil.us, 202-285-9195.

Ms. Maddy White provided an update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's office. She reminded everyone to sign up for the newsletters for Ward 2 updates and community-specific updates. Councilmember Pinto joined Mayor Bowser to launch the Gallery Place Task Force and was an appointed member of the Task Force. Councilmember Pinto was in Chinatown for the announcement of the Safe Commercial Corridor Hub. The budget hearings were taking place until March 1st. There were hearings for all government agencies. The FY2025 budget approval process followed the oversight. The budget proposal would occur on March 20, 2024. A final vote on the budget would occur in May 2024. Ms. White asked for any requests to be emailed to her if unable to attend the budget forums. Ms. White reported that Councilmember Pinto introduced the Secure DC Omnibus, which was a public safety legislative package that included over 100 interventions. There were hearings on the bills in Fall 2023. There were three main goals, which were to increase prevention, end cycles of violence, and ensure accountability when crimes did occur. The Committee unanimously approved the bill on January 17th, and the full Council approved the bill on February 6th. The Omnibus would have a second vote on March 5th. Many of the bills had no cost and could be implemented immediately, but others would require funding.

Commissioner Lee asked if the ANC could be part of the Mayor's Task Force. Ms. White stated that she would reach out and see what collaboration opportunities were available.

A resident asked about the DC Condominium Act, specifically regarding to prohibition of HOA fee schedules within condominiums. He raised concerns about the law and discussed the many changes that would require adjustments in fee schedules. He asked what Councilmember

Pinto's office's position was and what the political considerations were. Ms. White reported that the legislative team was working on it, and they were exploring what other states were doing. They were currently in the process of working on it. Ms. White reported that she would connect the resident with the legislative director.

Commissioner Lee asked for clarification on the DC Condominium Act and if the relative share could not be changed between units. It was clarified that that was the concern.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

- 1. Marine Corps Marathon, Sunday, October 27, 2024. Charles W. Harr, Marine Corps Marathon, Operations Coordinator, 703.432.1239, Charles.harr@usmc-mccs.org.**

Charles Harr reported that the Marine Corps Marathon was the largest single-day event for the Marine Corps. He stated that the race was scheduled for October 27. The setup would begin at 5:30 am, and the interior of the mall would have the largest impact. The first athletes were anticipated to be arriving in the ANC around 8:30 am, which did not include the 10K that would begin around that time. It was estimated that the last athletes would be existing around 1:10 pm. There were approximately 30 minutes allowed following the last runner for the cleaning convoy. The goal was also to leave the city cleaner than it was found.

Commissioner Shankle asked how many runners were expected. It was stated that there were 23,000 marathoners expected, 1,500 50K runners, and 7,000 10K runners. Registration was still ongoing.

Commissioner Roe asked how long a 50K was. Mr. Harr reported it was approximately 31 miles.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the Marine Corps Marathon. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 4-0-0)

- 2. Artechouse Society Foundation requests for a Letter of Support for DMPED Grant for FY24 DC Family Fun Destinations. Tati, tati@artechouse.com**

Commissioner Shankle stated that he understood a letter of support was provided in 2023, but there were technical issues last year when submitting the grant. Tati reported that there was a technical issue, and they were not able to be considered, so they were applying again with the same spaces. She stated that they would like to have an updated letter of support with a more current date. Commissioner Shankle clarified that it was a letter of support to implement the project.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to update the letter of support for the DMPED Grant for FY24 DC Family Fun Destinations. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 3-0-0)

3. Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN), 15th Annual PurpleStride 5K Walk-Run, Saturday, April 27, 2024, on Pennsylvania AVE NW. Jeff Ruday, Jeff Rudy Productions, 202.495.1870, jeff@jeffruday.com

Mr. Jeff Ruday reported that the event had occurred for the past 14 years and used the well-established 5K course. The mission statement for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and PurpleStride event was read. It was stated that the event would be produced simultaneously in 59 cities across the United States. On Friday, April 26th, Pennsylvania Street will be closed from 12th St to 14th St at 7 pm for setup. The setup would finish by midnight. On Saturday, April 27th, the remainder of the 5K course would close at 8 am for a 9 am start. All roads that were closed would reopen at 11 am except for Pennsylvania Street, which would open by 2 pm. The staging assembly start and finish areas and entertainment were all confined to Pennsylvania Street between 12th and 14th Street. The MPD would staff all points of road closure, and there would be upwards of 100 police officers. At 11 am, any participants still on the course would be asked to move to the sidewalks so roads could be opened.

Commissioner Shankle asked how many individuals were anticipated. Mr. Ruday reported approximately 3,000.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network PurpleStride 5K. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 4-0-0)

4. Stop Project Pipes. Diana L Menendez, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Executive Assistant and Special Projects Coordinator, dmenendez@chesapeakeclimate.org, 919.633.2683

Namoi Cohen-Shields introduced herself and stated that she was presenting in place of Diana Menendez. Ms. Cohen-Shields reported that PROJECTpipes was a 40-year accelerated pipeline replacement program that was launched in 2014 and spanning until at least 2054. The response to leaks was to replace pipes proactively. Ratepayers would pay for PROJECTpipes through their gas bills. PROJECTpipes phase one had its budget extended to cost \$141.25 million. Phase two cost \$150 million. For phase three, \$671.8 million was requested. The total cost was projected to be \$27,000 per ratepayer, for a total of approximately \$4.5 billion. If adjusted for inflation, it would cost approximately \$12 billion. Washington Gas wanted a decision on Project Pipes as soon as possible. It was discussed that WGL was greenwashing PROJECTpipes and that they claimed that greenhouse gases would be reduced; however, it was stated that DC should move off of methane gas as a fuel. WGL claimed that the program would enhance the safety and reliability of DC's pipeline system, but there were a continued number of leaks. It was stated that PROJECTpipes block DC's climate goals, there were equity issues due to skyrocketing bills for those left on the gas system, and burning methane was dangerous and released toxic substances. Ms. Cohen-Shields reported that Stop Project Pipes was attempting to raise

awareness of the issue. The goal was to move to integrated energy planning. Every additional resolution would add another voice that the Council would take into decision-making.

Commissioner Shankle asked if PROJECTpipes were implemented and the leaking pipes were repaired, how much money would be needed to repair the pipes. Ms. Cohen-Shields reported that the pipes could be repaired instead of replaced at 1/25th of the cost. Washington Gas was already charging ratepayers for leak repairs.

Commissioner Lee asked how the organization proposed the city would achieve carbon neutrality by the 2040s. Ms. Cohen-Shields reported that DC committed to be carbon-neutral by 2045 and DC committed to have 100% clean electricity by 2032, such as by solar and wind. She stated that studies were showing that DC's grid could take these changes on. Commissioner Lee asked what the position of the organization was on nuclear power. Ms. Cohen-Shields stated that there was yet to be a concrete position on nuclear power. Commissioner Lee stated that it would be important to come up with a position on nuclear power given the commitment to being carbon neutral.

Commissioner Roe asked if there was a study on the cost of replacing existing structures to move to electric. Ms. Cohen-Shields reported that there was a lot of money coming from the federal government to replace appliances in individual homes. On average, households could save a few hundred dollars per year when switching from gas-powered to electric systems.

Commissioner Shankle asked if there was a deadline. Ms. Cohen-Shields reported that there was no concrete deadline, and no timeline was published, which was the reason for the urgency.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to ask Ms. Cohen-Shields to provide the resolutions that other ANCs submitted and the Council's letter, that they be reviewed, and that the discussion be tabled until the March meeting. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 4-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA)

- 1. The Westin Washington DC Downtown, Sunstone K9 Lessee, Inc., 999 9th ST NW, Substantial Change to Retailer's Class "C" Hotel (ABRA-085654). Stephen J. O'Brien, sobrien@malliosobrien.com, 202.625.7700.**

Manalle Mahmoud reported that the change was for the addition of a summer garden located at the back of the hotel, not on the street level. The requested hours were Sunday from 10 am to 12 am and Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 12 am. There was a request that the entertainment endorsement of the license be extended outdoors daily from 11 am to 12 am. There were no residents along the block currently. A stipulated license was not needed.

MOTION: Roe moved to send a letter of support for a summer garden for the Westin Washington DC Downtown. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

- 2. Rendezvous, One Market, LLC, 1825-1875 I ST NW, New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant (ABRA-127181). Manalle Mahmoud, Esq., mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com, 202.625.7700.**

Manalle Mahmoud reported that the food hall was already open, and it would be a seafood-centric stall in the market. The requested hours, which were consistent with other licenses in the food hall, were Sunday through Thursday, 6 am to 2 am, and Friday and Saturday from 6 am to 3 am. There was also a carryout endorsement requested daily from 6 am to 1 am. Most stalls closed around 8 pm, but most of the licenses had full hours. There was no stipulated license needed.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the license of Rendezvous. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 4-0-0)

- 3. International Square Food Hall Bar LLC, One Market LLC, Atrium Bar, 1825-1875 I ST NW, Substantial Change to Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant (ABRA-121651) – Request for an Entertainment Endorsement to provide live entertainment. Manalle Mahmoud, Esq., mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com, 202.625.7700.**

Manalle Mahmoud reported that International Square Food Hall Bar was part of the food hall as well. They wanted to bring acoustic hours for the common area, which required an entertainment endorsement to provide live entertainment.

MOTION: Roe motioned to send a letter of support for the entertainment endorsement. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the stipulated license for live music endorsement. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 4-0-0)

- 4. One Market, LLC, Marz, 1825-1875 I ST, NW, Space #10, New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant (ABRA-127249). Manalle Mahmoud, Esq., mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com, 202.625.7700.**

Manalle Mahmoud reported that it would be a coffee stall with coffee, pastries, and sandwiches in the mornings and cheese boards and wine in the evenings. The same full hours were requested. A stipulated license was requested.

MOTION: Roe motioned to send a letter of support for the stipulated license of Marz. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

5. **Carlyle Room & Brennan's Bar, Carlyle Club, LLC, Substantial Change to Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant (ABRA-120781), 1350 I Street, NW, Jeff Jackson, 202.251.1566, jjharlem112@gmail.com**

Commissioner Shankle reported that the change to the license was a class change from Class "C" to a retailer's tavern. The hours were Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 12 am, and Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 am. Live entertainment was allowed daily from 6 pm to 11:30 pm. It was clarified that the change required a different food-to-alcohol ratio so that less food was required to be sold. It was not near residents.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for substantial change from a Class "C" restaurant to a Class "C" tavern. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 4-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SPACE

1. **12th St NW & Constitution Ave NW (Stop ID: 1000901), Relocation of bus stop and Metrobus zone. Maya Coleman, Transportation Planner, Transit Delivery Division, District Department of Transportation, maya.coleman@dc.gov**

Matthew Spaniol presented a map to show the existing and new Metrobus zones and bus stops. DDOT received a request to relocate the ADA non-compliant bus stop on 12th St NW. The ADA required that the stop be eight feet in length in five feet in width. A planter could not be relocated, so the stop was moved. Five parking spots would be lost.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the old space would become parking. Mr. Spaniol reported that it would remain no-parking because it was within 40 feet of an intersection.

Commissioner Lee asked why the planters could not be moved. Mr. Spaniol reported that it was a historic property and could not be moved.

MOTION: Roe motioned to send a letter of support for the relocation of the bus stop. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

2. **Installation of No Parking Zone along the 800 Block of 9th ST NW. Matthew Spaniol, Transportation Planner, Curbside Management Division, District Department of Transportation, matthew.spaniol@dc.gov**

Matthew Spaniol reported that a request was received to remove parking to accommodate commercial trucks' loading bay onto 9th St. An auto-turn analysis was conducted to determine the number of parking spaces that needed to be removed. It was proposed that a No Parking restriction be placed on 80 feet of metered parking

from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Parking would be allowed before or after these times and on weekends. The street view was presented.

Commissioner Lee asked if there was no other way to get into the parking garage. Mr. Spaniol reported that the semi-trucks were 61 feet and were unable to make the turn.

Commissioner Shankle asked if it was a result of the bike lane. Mr. Spaniol reported that it was. Commissioner Shankle raised concerns about the loss of parking in a congested area of town.

Commissioner Lee asked if there were any other sites along 9th St where the issue would arise. Mr. Spaniol reported there were no other sites that he was aware of.

MOTION: Lee motioned to send a letter of support to approve DDOT's proposal to install the no-parking zone along 9th Street. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 3-1-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. **600 block of Eye Street, NW, Extension of BZA (BZA Order No. 19124-D). Jessica Bloomfield, Holland & Knight LLP, Jessica.Bloomfield@hklaw.com, 202.457.7167**

Jessica Bloomfield presented on the Extension of BZA. A map was presented of the approved site plan. She stated that they were ready to begin at the end of 2022, but the interest rates increased rapidly in 2022, and the lender backed out in August 2022. Lenders were increasingly concerned about the state of the neighborhood, especially given the future of the Capitol One Arena. Monument was working to secure project financing and was currently negotiating term sheets with several potential capital sources. Approval was received from the Mayor's agent to demolish an existing building. Construction drawings were finalized and ready to be filed. The Mayor's approval was extended in December 2023. They were engaged with community organizations. If the extension of BZA were not approved, the project would be significantly delayed. A decision will be made on February 28th. The ANC submitted letters of support previously.

Commissioner Roe asked how long the extension was for. Ms. Bloomfield reported it was for two years. The Office of Planning also submitted a letter of support for the extensions.

Commissioner Shankle stated that he was excited that the project was getting closer.

Commissioner Lee asked if the financing could be closed within six months and then if construction could begin. He asked if the space would be used for retail or residential.

Ms. Bloomfield reported that it would be ground-floor retail and residential above. Once there was financing, the goal would be to file for the building permit and move forward with construction. Commissioner Lee asked how long it would take for construction. It was reported it was estimated to take 27 months.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the extension of the BZA. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 4-0-0)

Ms. Bloomfield will send the prior letter of support.

2. **901 New York Ave NW – PUD Modification of Consequence (ZC 01-01B).**
Lawrence Ferris, *goulston&storrs*, lferris@goulstonstorrs.com, 202.721.1135

OTHER

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Minutes Services

Minutes Approved by: 03/12/2024

Next Meeting: March 12, 2024, 6:00 pm. It will be a hybrid format.

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