

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

October 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 11, 2022

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle and Commissioner Gigi Nelson

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm over Zoom (available at <https://www.anc2c.us/video-recordings>).
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Shankle introduced Commissioner Nelson.
- 3. QUORUM:** A quorum of two commissioners were present.
- 4. OPENING REMARKS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shankle reviewed the agenda (available at www.anc2c.us). Nelson motioned to approve the October 2022 agenda, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 2-0-0)
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2022 MINUTES:** September 2022 minutes are unavailable and will be approved at the next meeting.
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Nelson reviewed the September 2022 Treasurer's Report. She further reported that the opening balance was \$66,263.71, with no transactions for September. The closing balance was \$66,263.71.

Nelson also provided the Fourth Quarter Financial Report. The opening balance for the quarter was \$66,744.71. The total disbursements were \$481.00 for the fourth quarter. The ending balance for the quarter was \$66,263.71. Shankle motioned to approve the Fourth Quarter Financial Report, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Julius Terry, Ward 2 Liaison Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), julius.terry@dc.gov, 202.805.7122**

Terry provided updates from the Mayor's Office. He stated that it was the 100th anniversary of fire prevention week. He reminded everyone to be prepared in advance for a fire and have a plan in place.

Shankle asked if there had been a discussion about government workers returning to the offices. Terry did not know, but he would ask leadership and report back.

2. Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto Update -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202.724.8058, Victoria Casarrubias.

Casarrubias provided updates from Councilmember Pinto's Office. The legislative updates from the last week included that the council took their first vote on elections that would allow non-citizens to vote, and they voted on protecting anyone coming to DC for an abortion or gender-affirming care. Further, the council voted on the Safe Streets ban on right turns, the legalization of stock on scooters, expanding leave to 12 weeks for maternal leave, and ensuring DC residents currently in immigration proceedings are not excluded from receiving resources. Finally, Casarrubias reported that earlier in the day, the housing community held a hearing on the Period Act which would require free period products in all government restrooms. She stated that she would keep everyone updated on that.

On October 28, the Transportation and Environment hearing will be held. The bill would re-size zones from the size of a ward to the size of an ANC. Casarrubias reported that she heard a lot of concerns from residents about not finding parking near their homes. This re-sizing should ensure that residents can find parking.

The committee on recreation libraries will hold a hearing on the Fun Act. In addition, the committee had a hearing on the Chairmen's bill on funding for schools.

Casarrubias reported that there had been continued work on the Best Act, which informs licensing processes. That bill should be marked up in the fall.

Casarrubias reported that the monkeypox vaccines would be available alongside COVID vaccines in Wards 2, 3, and 8. The bike ride scheduled for October 1 was moved to October 28. Leaf collection will begin on November 6.

Shankle asked if the Resizing Act would include downtown. Casarrubias reported that when she examined the bill, she did not see any exclusions, so it should include downtown.

A citizen raised concerns about loud events being held close to residential areas. Casarrubias stated that she would take the concerns back to the office.

3. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Justin Roth, Philip.McHugh@dc.gov, 202.763.9936

Captain Roth reported that there had been an increase in robberies, especially in Chinatown, with the most significant number of robberies. Hence, two main areas needing improvement were robberies and automobile thefts. He reported that there were significant reductions in crime for the first district. For the last 30 days, violent crime was down 31%, and property crime was down 13%. He stated he was trying to get QR codes placed in all of the businesses in Chinatown and handed out anti-theft flyers to the businesses. Year-to-date, the crime rate was trending downwards. He stated that places with tip jars and mail rooms had higher crime rates.

Shankle asked if arrests were made in the two shootings that occurred last month. Captain Roth reported that there had not yet been arrests made.

4. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Michael Hamelin, michael.hamelin@dc.gov, (202) 715-7340, and/or Sergeant John Sprague, john.sprague@dc.gov

Lieutenant Thomas introduced herself. She stated that the amount of crime had not changed much. She reported that she was still examining the most critical issues that needed to be addressed.

Shankle asked about the recent stabbing, and Lieutenant Thomas said she would report back on that.

5. Community Update. Chairman Phil Mendelson. pmendelson@dccouncil.gov and Declan Falls Community Outreach Specialist, dfalls@dccouncil.gov, 202.724.8158.

Chairman Mendelson reported that there was a hearing beginning on October 12. The council was finishing up 24, and he stated that the next five legislative meetings would be packed as they are looking to try and ensure stability in DC schools, so they do not have to worry about budget cuts. He reported they were trying to stay on top of the creation of new buildings on DCA. The committee would report on a new bill that will make its way to the council this fall. A bill was re-introduced this council period, but it had not moved. Chairman Mendelson discussed that the noise levels have returned to the pre-pandemic days of the loudness. He stated that he would like to see that bill move, but the bill was turned into a discriminatory issue.

Shankle asked if Mendelson could put on additional pressure to move the bill, and Chairman Mendelson reported that he could not. Finally, chairman Mendelson asked if any other council member showed support aside from Councilmember Pinto. Shankle reported no.

An individual spoke about the bill regarding noise levels. She pointed out that it increased the allowed decibel limit from 80 to 90 and said it was not enforceable. She stated that the safe level of decibels for adults was 70, and for children, it was 50. She suggested getting rid of amplification. Chairman Mendelson reported that 70 was conversational and that fines would be issued if the sound was registered above 90 decibels. He stated that the bill would not succeed if only DCR could enforce it.

Shankle asked about the shelter on 5th street between H and I. The women were moved out of the shelter to what was the hostel downtown because the shelter needed repair three years ago, and then men were moved into the shelter. Shankle stated he would like to see the shelter closed, repaired, and given back to the women. Chairman Mendelson stated that he would follow up on this.

Shankle raised concerns about returning to pre-pandemic police operations and stated that it had been hard to maintain the neighborhood's safety. Chairman Mendelson stated that if the police were working differently, it was not related to the council. Shankle asked if there had been any discussion between the council and the federal government about bringing people back into the offices. Chairman Mendelson reported that there had not been.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

- 1. National Veterans Day Parade, Sunday, November 13, 2022, Fran Ventura, 412.302.9901, fventura@globalema.com and Lou Williams Event Coordinator/Compliance 407.227.2384, lwilliams@globalsema.com.**

There was no one in attendance to present.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

- 1. National Children's Museum, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Meredith Hamme, Director of External Affairs, mhamme@nationalchildrensmuseum.org, 202 844 6329**

There was no one in attendance to present.

- 2. Napaway Coach Intercity Bus – Curbside Pickup Location. Daniel Aronov CEO, Napaway Coach, dan@napawaycoach.com 917.580.0100.**

Aronov presented on the Napaway Coach Intercity Bus. He stated that the concept was to have the ability to travel shorter distances, get work done, and be able to sleep. He stated the majority of the routes occur at night. Each Napaway has a seated capacity of 36 and a sleeping capacity of 18. Aronov asked for a curbside pickup location at 715 12th St. NW. Marks asked about fares. Aronov reported that the fares vary; for example, the fares to Nashville were \$125 each way.

Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the curbside pickup location at 715 12th St. NW, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 2-0-0)

OTHER

Due to election day, Shankle stated that the next meeting was held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Shankle reported a meet and would be hosted for those running for commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT: Shankle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm, seconded by Nelson. Commissioners were in favor of adjourning the meeting (Vote 2-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Minutes Services

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: November 15, 2022, 6:00 pm

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