

# Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

## October 2023 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** October 10, 2023

**ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Kristin Roe, Commissioner Thomas Lee.

**ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Rebecca Strauss

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm over Zoom ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P\\_rWOCxZ48k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_rWOCxZ48k)).
2. **ROLL CALL:** Three out of the four commissioners were present.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Lee stated that further discussion needs to occur on the 2024 draft budget.

**MOTION:** Roe motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Shankle. (Vote 3-0-0)

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Roe motioned to approve the September 2023 minutes with one amendment. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 3-0-0)

6. **TREASURER REPORT:**

Commissioner Lee reported on the quarter four financials, stating there were no deposits and citing Minutes Services as an expense. Mr. Shankle noted that there are 15 days until the report is due.

**MOTION:** Roe motioned to approve the FY-2023 quarter four financial report, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 3-0-0)

7. **BUDGET:**

Commissioner Lee stated that approximately \$70,000 is available and talked of inserting local community grants back into the budget.

Commissioner Shankle referenced having sent Mr. Lee a preliminary budget. Mr. Shankle spoke of direct office costs, purchase of services, and communications, such as hiring an individual to improve the website.

Commissioner Shankle stated that the ANC is slated to receive \$9,075 in reimbursement. The budget leaves the ANC with an approximate \$5000 deficit. Mr. Shankle stated that he does not want to see the ANC fall into overspending.

Commissioner Roe asked to clarify that it is okay to spend money from the reserve on grants, to which Mr. Shankle said that is correct. Ms. Roe said that she is in favor of budgeting for direct office support and using monies for grants.

Discussion ensued about postponing a vote on the budget until next month and a possible need for a sign language professional.

The board talked about adding \$10,000 back into the grants category, which would place the ANC at an approximate \$15,000 deficit going into FY 2024. Mr. Shankle noted, however, that substantial funds are available to cover these costs.

Mr. Shankle said that he would send the updated draft budget to Mr. Lee.

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to approve using reserve funds to cover grant costs. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 3-0-0)

**MOTION:** Roe motioned to use the current budget as the initial draft FY-2024 budget. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 3-0-0)

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, [sylvester.garvin@dc.gov](mailto:sylvester.garvin@dc.gov).**

Lieutenant Garvin talked about a police response to the sound of gunshots around Thomas Circle in which a victim was found shot numerous times. A BOLO was issued. Officer Garvin spoke too of a murder that took place in the 900 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The Homicide Division is actively investigating the case. A robbery occurred in the 900 block of I (Eye) Street. A stabbing took place in the 1400 block of K Street NW. A carjacking on 1600 block of M Street NW.

Lieutenant Garvin reported that property crime is down. There were 29 weapons recoveries in September, or over 335 recovered since January. Lieutenant Garvin introduced Officer Harris, who moved over from MPD 1. Officer Harris responded to a resident's question concerning the best phone number to call when an incident occurs.

Commissioner Shankle asked about focus patrols and whether they were still ongoing, to which Lieutenant Garvin confirmed yes.

**2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Justin Roth, [Justin.Roth@dc.gov](mailto:Justin.Roth@dc.gov), 202-729-2179 or Lieutenant Jeremy Kniseley, [jeremy.kniseley@dc.gov](mailto:jeremy.kniseley@dc.gov), 202.839.1357.**

**3. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Christopher Powell, Ward 2 Liaison, [Christopher.powell2@dc.gov](mailto: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](mailto:grace.reeder@dc.gov).**

Christopher Powell provided updates on the \$8.5 million award to community-based organizations, such as the Safe Passages program. Powel conveyed the mayor's welcome message to the Small Business Expo.

**4. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, [bpinto@dccouncil.us](mailto:bpinto@dccouncil.us), 202-724-8058, Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, Constituent Services Coordinator, [pvelascorodriguez@dccouncil.gov](mailto:pvelascorodriguez@dccouncil.gov), 202-724-8058, and Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, [bromanowski@dccouncil.us](mailto:bromanowski@dccouncil.us), 202-285-9195.**

Aukima Benjamin reported on the Secure DC Plan, including newly designated felony offenses such as firing guns in public. She spoke of increased lighting around bus stops and increased protections for transgender individuals. Ms. Benjamin addressed government support and oversight within the Secure DC Plan. Retention and transparency are important components as they are better coordinated, more accurate, and emergency response capabilities via unified communications.

Ms. Benjamin talked about an upcoming Agency Day hosted by Councilmember Pinto. Additionally, several constituency walks will be forthcoming. Those interested in joining Councilmember Pinto should check the website.

#### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABCA)**

- 1. Philotimo Hospitality, LLC, Trade Name: Philotimo, New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant ABRA-126255, 1100-1102 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Cameron Mixon, Esq.**

Philotimo owner Nicholas Stefanelli addressed a settlement agreement that he intends to honor and a lapse in license that needs addressing prior to the opening of the new restaurant. Commissioner Shankle said that he has no issue with the restaurant and its request.

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the Philotimo restaurant and a letter for a stipulated license. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 3-0-0)

## TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

1. **DDOT: Notice #23-202-PSD, removal of left turn lanes on G Street NW. at 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. Mike Goodno, bicycle program specialist, Planning and Sustainability Division, [mike.goodno@dc.gov](mailto:mike.goodno@dc.gov)**

Commissioner Shankle displayed the paperwork associated with the requested removal of a two-way left turn lane. He then spoke of an existing bike lane on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, saying that current conditions make it unfavorable for bikers.

Commissioner Roe asked if this project would impede deliveries to restaurants in the area. Mr. Shankle consulted the documents and noted that he misinterpreted the request, as the lane removal request relates to the low volume of traffic that it accommodates. Removal of the turn lanes will enable an extension of the bike lanes. It does not restrict left turns but entails the removal of the lanes themselves.

A resident confirmed Commissioner Roe's concerns regarding restaurant access. The individual also noted the prevalence of Uber and food delivery vehicles as presenting an impediment, as they are often found parking in the turn lane, as they have no dedicated places to park. Mr. Shankle identified an area that could serve as an out-of-traffic location for these rideshare and food delivery vehicles.

A resident talked of his frequent use of this bike lane and his support for the proposal as written. The individual also spoke of angular parking having no bearing upon an area church.

Commissioner Shankle asked about angled parking, whether this impedes the bike lane, and whether other parts of the city have this issue, which was confirmed to be the case. Mr. Shankle pondered various procedural considerations associated with this proposal, such as converting parking into loading-designated spaces, which would require a new NOA. Shankle reiterated his belief that some configuration should be created to allow for dedicated, short-term loading.

Commissioner Shankle said that he is in favor of the bike lane but is concerned about double parking. He will support the bike lane and the removal of the turn lanes. Mr. Shankle encourages VDoT to convert spaces on the north side of the Street to allow Uber and delivery drivers to park their vehicles.

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the left turn lane removal measure, along with a recommendation to create dedicated short-term parking spaces for ride-hailing and delivery service. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 3-0-0)

2. **DDOT: Notice #23-199-TDD, 1500 block of K St. NW, service lane closure.**  
**Yohannes Eagle Bennehoff, AICP, supervisory transportation planner, Transit Delivery Division, Project Delivery Administration. 202-497-1608**  
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Yohannes Bennehoff described the location of the service lane and how its closure would benefit the community and bus service along this corridor. Mr. Bennehoff referenced strong community support for this proposed service lane closure.

Commissioner Roe asked how this closure would impact turning. Mr. Bennehoff talked about new signage and markings that would ensure smooth navigation.

A resident expressed concern about potential bus stop closures. Mr. Bennehoff addressed expected changes to bus stop locations.

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the service lane closure project. Seconded by Roe. (Vote 3-0-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Roe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m., Seconded by Lee. Commissioners were in favor of adjourning the meeting (Vote 3-0-0)

**Minutes Submitted by:** Minutes Services

**Minutes Approved by:** 01.09.2024

**Next Meeting:** November 14, 2023, 6:00 pm,

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