



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday May 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

In-Person at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1830 Connecticut Ave. NW  
and online via Zoom

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Feld called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Establishment of Quorum**

Commissioners Ashley Warren (2D01) and Carole Feld (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Feld moved to approve the meeting agenda. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

**Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Feld moved to approve the April meeting minutes at the June 2024 meeting. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

**Administrative and Financial Matters**

Approval of the ANC FY 2024 Quarter 1 Financial Report *(note: this report had already been approved by both Commissioners at the February 12, 2024, ANC meeting. This is a duplicative approval)*

Commissioner Feld motioned to approve the Qt1 Fiscal 2024 QFR; Chair Warren seconded the motion. The motion was therefore adopted again.

Approval of the ANC FY 2024 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Commissioner Feld motioned to approve the Qt2 Fiscal 2024 QFR; Chair Warren seconded the motion. The motion was therefore adopted.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Feld said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$17,843.36.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Feld noted that Chair Warren is joining the meeting via zoom, not in person. Chair Warren reminded neighbors to visit the new website of local neighborhood organizations:

<https://sheridan-kalorama.org/>



Commissioner Feld thanked and recognized Peter Sacco again for helping with the ANC meeting in his volunteer capacity.

She updated neighbors on the latest Spanish Steps efforts between neighbors and city organizations to repair leaks and irrigation of the fountain. An estimate has been submitted to the government and we are hopeful the fountain will be fixed.

Commissioner Feld also updated that Restore Mass Ave is working on Sheridan Circle, NPS has put plantings around the fountain and are working to replace downed trees as well as restoring the lighting and fountain.

### **Government Reports**

#### **Metropolitan Police Department**

Lt. Forrest provided an update on crime in the area. Moving in the right direction as crime is down, will continue to have different crime prevention units out in the area. Lt. Forrest also let neighbors know that any vehicles with Zone 2 Parking stickers may legally park in Zone 2 parking spots indefinitely in response to neighbor's concern about a car with a zone 2 stickers parking in front of their home for months. If see vehicles illegally park; follow up with 311/DDOT.

#### **Mayor's Office**

Grace Reeder, a representative of the Mayor's Office attended the meeting.

Reeder shared updates including the Safe Commercial Corridor Hubs and the Chinatown Taskforce for a reimagined Gallery Place/Chinatown. Also, that Mayor Bowser launched the Popup Permit program to support transformation of vacant spaces. She also shared that DPR summer programs signups were starting today.

Commissioner Feld asked about when the Streetlight Replacement Program and the Compost program was coming to Ward 2 and our ANC.

Commissioner Feld reiterated how much the mayor's support means for our efforts with the Spanish Steps and asked for continued support to fund the leaks once and for all.

#### **Councilmember's Office**

Maddy White, a representative of Councilmember Pinto's Office attended the meeting.

White shared updates regarding the budget votes and Secure DC as well as plans to introduce new bills with plans to address truancy and chronic absenteeism. She reiterated Councilmember Pinto's commitment to improving public safety, revitalizing downtown and funding our public transportation system.

She also wants to expand the family engagement and improving literacy rates by making sure there is funding for out of school programs and employment program funding. She also shared an update on legislation to address mopeds regarding traffic safety.



White shared changes to amplified noise regulation that could impact the issue of the Chinese Ambassador protesters using sound amplifiers has been introduced and is awaiting a public hearing called the Amplified Sound Mitigation Act of 2024.

White also shared information about the 2025 Better Bus Network Project. WMATA has released a summary of proposed changes and there will be multiple public hearings.

Commissioner Feld asked about the budget for arts programs in the city and expressed hope for them to not be slashed. Commissioner Feld also asked for recommendations about how to address the bus stop that was recently moved on Mass Ave NW and was advised that in the 2025 Better Bus Project there may be opportunity to suggest moving a bus stop through testimony.

#### Traffic Safety Input (TSI) Updates from the District Department of Transportation

Christophe Wassmer, a representative of DDOT, attended the meeting. He suggested that residents make TSIs regarding issues in the neighborhood.

Wassmer provided an update on the missing callbox on Mass Ave & 24th. He is working with the Callbox Committee, John Thomas and project team. He said that DDOT is working with the contractor to pay for this missing callbox. DDOT/Christophe is meeting with a vendor about restoration of the call box that DDOT has on hand to replace the missing one. It could take up to two weeks to restore, but this timing depends on our contractor Milani for MARP to hold them responsible to pay for the restoration of the callbox. Aki Bayz noted that the District should be held responsible for funding this because it happened due to the negligence of their contractor, Milani. And the District should pay for it, and then go after Milani for funding. Not wait for the funding from Milani to start. Wassmer said the OCP (Office of Contract and Procurement) needs to work this out.

Wassmer said the red-light camera on Connecticut Ave NW near the Florida Ave NW intersection is active.

Neighbor Kindy French asked if we could get rubber stantions on the corner of Belmont Rd NW by Mass Ave NW where people are parking in a no parking zone, and it is obscuring turning traffic. Wassmer says those are only installed after a TSI (Traffic Safety Input), but no TSI was prioritized for that area in the last quarter. Wassmer said he would reach out to DPW and Grace Reeder for parking enforcement.

Commissioner Feld asked if DDOT can assist with the bus stop issue previously mentioned in the meeting. Wassmer said as far as DDOT is concerned the bus stop is in the optimal spot. Commissioner Feld said the previous location of the bus stop was optimal and other neighbors weighed in on need to change bus stop because of how the new location creates dangerous congestion. A neighbor also emphasized the problem with the bus stop location; it creates all kinds of congestion back up and is dangerous, and hoped DDOT can address it, he said the engineers don't live here and sometimes have a solution that creates a problem. Kindy French also emphasized that DDOT promised us a traffic study regarding the bus stop, and Aki Bayz also emphasized the problem with its current location.



### **Announcements and Open Comments**

One neighbor raised a question about the former Windsor Park Hotel. Commissioner Warren is following up on this, they did not share their plans, but only let us know that it was going through a sales process. Kindy mentioned that there was not any problem with Historic Preservation because they were not making any changes to the outside of the building.

Holly Sukenik asked about the zoning at the property at 2201 R Street NW and thought it was going to stay diplomatic. Commissioners Feld and Warren said that they have heard no new updates from the developer of the property but would look into it.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Commissioner Feld said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.