



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday October 7th, 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order

Chairperson Warren called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

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

Approval of Agenda

17,70

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

Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Administrative and Financial Matters

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Feld said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$14,301.35

Commissioner Feld motioned to approve the ANC Fiscal 2024 Q3 Financial Report. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioner Feld motioned to approve the ANC Fiscal 2024 Q4 Financial Report. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioner Feld announced a minutes revision of the FY2024 Q2 financial report because it did not include Check Number 190.

Fiscal Budget Fy'25 budget: Commissioner Feld announced that the ANC will receive an allotment of \$3,757 and projected that we will have a balance of \$9,458.00 at the end of Fiscal Year.



She motioned to approve the FY25 budget. Chair Warren seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Feld also thanked volunteer Peter Sacco for his invaluable help and assistance to ANC 2D.

Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department

Lt. Alexis Sakulich attended the meeting and reported that out of the 103 crimes that were reported in the broader area, only seven were reported in ANC 2D, three of which were theft from autos. Three were other thefts such as mail packages, and one was a stolen auto. The auto was stolen from Wyoming Ave NW. The stolen auto was later recovered in Maryland.

One neighbor brought up increased rush hour traffic on California Street NW coming from Massachusetts Ave NW to avoid construction on 23rd St NW, which has included many rolling through the stop sign. Lt. Sakulich said she would try to get a traffic car set up to give that area attention.

Washington Ballet

Commissioner Feld announces that Edwaard Liang, Artistic Director of the Washington Ballet, will be presenting at the meeting tonight, but has a hard stop so needs to be moved up on the agenda. This presentation is part of ANC 2D's new initiative to bring a little joy and culture into ANC meetings and is called Artist Spotlight.

Edwaard Liang introduces himself and presents the upcoming program of the Washington Ballet as well as partnerships the Ballet puts on with community organizations.

One neighbor suggested that the Washington Ballet put on a performance for local kids in Mitchell Park and alerted Liang of the upcoming Fall Fun Day.

Mayor's Office

Ty Abilla, a representative from the Mayor's Office introduced herself and her role as the Ward 2 MOCRS. She encouraged neighbors to download and use the 311 app, spoke about job opportunities within DC government agencies, covered activities and resources available during Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Earthquake Preparedness Month. She announced upcoming events such as the e-recycling drive and the Disability Career Fair.

Abilla spoke about the Mayor's response to the affordable housing crisis and changes to ERAP as well as upcoming events such as the High Heel Race.



Abilla announced she would be present the following morning to hear the unhealthy noise caused by the persistent protesters near the Chinese Ambassador's Residence along with a representative from the Office of the Secretary. Neighbors provided advice about how to arrive in a fashion that would accurately capture the level of noise.

Councilmember Pinto's Office

Linn Groft, Legislative Director from Councilmember Pinto's office attended the meeting. Groft introduced herself and provided some updates from Councilmember Pinto's office including that the first of three oversight hearings for the Office of Unified Communications which manages the 911 call center has been conducted. She also announced that Councilmember Pinto recently introduced two bills: one regarding the taxation of out of state municipal bonds and another involving a hygiene and laundry access pilot program. She provided further updates on activity from Councilmember Pinto's office.

She noted that Councilmember Pinto's office will also send a representative to meet with Abilla and the representative from the Office of the Secretary to observe the unhealthy noise. Groft spoke about the work that the Councilmember's office is doing to mitigate the unhealthy levels of noise and figure out a way that enforcement respects the First Amendment.

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

Christophe Wassmer, a representative from DDOT attended the meeting. He provided an update on the missing call box situation, stating that work with the restoration vendor has not started yet. He shared that ANC 2D TSIs have not been selected for further study during this quarter and explained how there is a queue for prioritization and a selection methodology with many factors.

Update on ANC Resolution re: Abating Obtrusive Noise that Disturbs the Peace; Harmonious Living Amendment Act of 2024; Amplified Noise Bill

Commissioner Feld thanked and recognized all who testified at the hearing on the Harmonious Living Amendment Act. She shared an update on the interview that she and Don Friedman, President of the SKNC, gave the WASU9 on the issue.

Many neighbors spoke up about how the issue has negatively affected them and how the people using amplified sound devices are disruptive.

Anthony Andrews, Director of International Affairs and Protocol Officer of the Office of the Secretary, joined the meeting. He shared that he would be present the next morning to monitor the unhealthy noise along with representatives from MPD and DOB. He clarified that the plan was to capture a sound reading, not simply to observe.

More neighbors shared their frustration regarding the unhealthy noise levels. Some shared experiences of interacting with the protesters. Andrews acknowledge how difficult this has been for neighbors and says they are working to take steps to arrive at a solution.



Announcements and Open Comments

Peter Sacco mentions that St. Margarets Rummage Sale is upcoming and the Commissioners discuss how the sale is a wonderful opportunity to both donate and purchase quality items while benefiting St. Margaret's programs and share the sale details.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Warren said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, November 18th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.