

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Tony Brown, ANC 2G01
Alex Padro, ANC 2G02
Alex Lopez, ANC 2G03
Steven McCarty, ANC 2G04
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05
Rachelle Nigro, ANC 2G06

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 6 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Nigro raised conflict of interest concerns between Commissioner Padro's role at Shaw Main Streets, Inc. and his being Chair. She will address this with the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA).

Former ANC 2C Commissioner Lydia Goring was invited to preside over the Election of Officers. The following are the results:

Position	Nominees	Vote via Show of Hands	
		Yeas	Nays
Chair	Alex Padro	5	1 (Nigro)
Vice Chair	Rachelle Nigro	6	0
Secretary	Alex Lopez	6	0
Treasurer	Tony Brown	6	0

4. APPROVAL OF BYLAWS

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G adopt the Bylaws as presented and communicate same to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC). The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

5. POLICE REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, 3RD DISTRICT

Captain Riley Hong (riley.hong@dc.gov) provided a crime report. Total crime was mainly driven by Thefts; Violent Crime decreased. Four Robberies (1 closed); 3 ADWs (all closed). A trend being seen is thefts of high-end luxury coats, in particular, the “Canada Goose” brand. He urged residents to be extra vigilant of their surroundings.

There was one question about an unlawful discharge of a weapon in December – MPD is working with potential witnesses and checking videos. Restaurant establishments are not required to have security cameras, but most of them do.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Nigro asked for an update about theft of a luxury coat from a male victim. She also stated more foot patrols are needed at Dunbar High School where there are issues of truancy, drug use, and loitering. She asked if MPD has increased its presence there and was informed yes. MPD has officers assigned for truancy. Each school also has School Resource Officers (SROs). If you see truant students out there, call 911 or text 411.
- Commissioner Berry – (1) asked if there is some type of program at the schools to get these kids back into school. She was informed the primary goal is to respond and investigate the call for service and to get them back into school; (2) asked for an update on the young man who was shot by a homeowner and was informed a press release was provided.
- Commissioner Padro asked for an update about an incident at the Roasted Boon Coffee Shop where a cook was held up with a butcher knife and had his high-end bike stolen. Capt. Hong responded that he was not aware of that incident. He advised that MPD hosts quarterly Town Hall meetings where residents can get answers to questions about crime.
- Commissioner Brown asked when the Town Hall meetings are held and was informed the dates will be emailed to Commissioners.
- Chat question: A resident asked whether residents could get the phone numbers of truancy officers so they can call them directly and was informed no.
- Commissioner McCarty stated he has been in touch with Lt. Curtis Miller about getting increased patrols in the alleys on the weekends. He asked whether the assailant was apprehended in the shooting at 9th and M Streets NW and was informed yes.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. REPORT FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS)

Grace Reeder, (grace.reeder@dc.gov; 202-297-6566), Ward 2 Community Liaison reported the following:

- 1) Mayor Bowser announced DC's Comeback Plan with 6 goals: **(i)** Create 35,000 new jobs in high-growth target sectors, which will include increasing apprenticeship programs and filling gaps in training and credentialing; **(ii)** increase the share of minority-owned employer businesses to 33% of all employer businesses; **(iii)** increase access to opportunity for residents and eliminate key amenity gaps (food, housing, and internet) across all neighborhoods; **(iv)** add 15,000 residents to the Downtown population by adding seven million square feet of residential units; **(v)** retain current residents and reach a population of 725,000; **(vi)** decrease economic disparity in DC by lifting the median household income of Black residents by \$25,000.
- 2) Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade on Monday, January 16, 2023; meet at Rise Demonstration Center, 2730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
- 3) Serve DC Day of Service at Arthur Capper Community Center on January 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to help with meal packing and preparing "Go Kits" for seniors and coat donations;
- 4) Christmas Tree pick up from January 3 to March 3, 2023; leaf pickup extended through February 11, 2023;
- 5) Miss Senior DC 2023 (age 60 and older) – applications due March 17, 2023;
- 6) DDOT will install suicide prevention barriers on William Taft Bridge;
- 7) DPR hosting public meeting on January 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for Ward 2 to discuss future of 26th and I Street Park;
- 8) She did a walkthrough in 2G01 and 02 and made 311 requests for the issues she saw.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Nigro asked about the timing of the Mayor's Comeback Plan.
- o Commissioner Berry asked for additional information about the Serve DC event on January 16, 2023 and was informed registration information can be found at: <https://servedc.galaxydigital.com>

B. REPORT FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO'S OFFICE

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Brian Romanowski reported the following:

- 1) Councilmember Pinto appointed as new Chair of Judiciary Committee;
- 2) Budget Forum on 1/19/23;
- 3) Legislation to incentivize e-bikes;
- 4) Convention Center began work on streetscape improvements;
- 5) Christmas Tree collection is curbside only;
- 6) Second round of leaf collection is supposed to be complete;
- 7) Submit a 311 request for yard waste; yard waste must be in paper bags; (8) trash collection

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Nigro stated recycling pickup is an absolute disaster in her area;
- o Commissioner McCarty stated Blagdon Alley needs extra attention for trash pickup.

C. REPORT FROM EVENTS DC

Theresa DuBois, Director of Community Engagement (tdubois@eventsdc.com) reported the following:

- 1) Events DC operates the Convention Center and Carnegie Library at Mount Vernon Square;
- 2) Thanks to Brian Romanowski for the shout out about the streetscape construction outside the Convention Center. She encouraged residents to sign up for the Events DC electronic mailing list;
- 3) Application intake period is open for FY 23 Events DC Community Grants Program which provides financial support to DC non-profits that work with DC Youth in sports or performing or cultural arts. Deadline is February 1, 2023;
- 4) Auto Show begins on January 20, 2023;

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Nigro asked if there is any movement on the retail niches beyond the pizza place? Will be invited to ribbon cutting.
- o Commissioner Berry asked if there is a way to notify residents in advance about large events.

- D.** Nick Jessee (nickjessee@monarchurban.com; 202-215-6588) stated Monarch Urban is a real estate development and construction company and is partnering with Shiloh Baptist Church on an upcoming project at 1507 9th Street NW that will include going through a MAP Amendment and HPRB approval over the next few months. They sent out a Notice of Intent to file a MAP Amendment this week to residents within 200' of the site.

- E. Josh Etim stated he has been talking with DDOT regarding RPP in the 800 block of O Street NW. There is no RPP, no signage, and no paid parking. RPP requires 50% of individuals on a block to sign a petition to put up RPP signage and stated that language within the petition states it is required to sign by hand. He was informed that it is up to the ANC to allow electronic signatures on petitions.
- F. Commissioner Berry stated she will be scheduling a Single Member District meeting this month and will be working with an individual to establish a social media presence.

7. **LOT 803, NORTH SIDE OF 600 BLOCK OF RHODE ISLAND AVENUE NW AT ALLEY NEAREST 7TH STREET: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS FOR FENCED-IN PARK AND SCULPTURE (DANTES PARTNERS) [2G01]**

Representative Present: Buwa Binitie

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the approval of the Final Plans of Dantes Partners for the Fenced-In Park and Sculpture at Lot 803, North Side of 600 Block of Rhode Island Avenue NW at alley nearest 7th Street NW. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Padro).

8. **LA JAMBE, 1550 7TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR ENTERTAINMENT ENDORSEMENT FOR EXISTING CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE [2G02]**

Representative Present: Anastasia Mori

Commissioner Padro stated the ABC Licensing Committee met last month as part of ANC 6E. The applicant has no investigative history in the past two years and the Committee recommended Commission support of their request for an Entertainment Endorsement.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G **support** the request for an Entertainment Endorsement for La Jambe, 1550 7th Street, NW and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

9. **NORTHERN LIBERTY, 1015-1/2 7TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN ABRA LICENSE [2G06]**

Commissioner Padro stated the ABC Licensing Committee met and recommended Commission support of the renewal. The licensee has no investigative history.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class C Tavern ABRA License for Northern Liberty, 1015-1/2 7th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

10. ASSUMPTION OF JURISDICTION/CONTINUATION OF ABRA LICENSE PROTESTS INITIATED BY ANC 2F [2F06] AND ANC 6E [2G01, 2G04]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G assume jurisdiction/continuation of ABRA license protests filed previously and currently underway by 6E related to Rito Loco and Quattro Osteria and ANC 2F related to TG Cigars; further, that the representative for the former 6E cases be Commissioner Lopez and the representative for the former 2F cases be Commissioner McCarty. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. Approval of Meeting Calendar

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Brown seconded to adopt the ANC 2G Meeting Calendar as follows: February 9, 2023, March 9, 2023, April 12, 2023, May 11, 2023, June 8, 2023, July 13, 2023, September 14, 2023, October 12, 2023, November 9, 2023, December 14, 2023, and January 11, 2024. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. Approval of Notice Methods

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to adopt the following methods of providing notice of Regular Commission Meetings and Special Commission Meetings:

- a. Posting written notices in at least four (4) conspicuous places in each SMD within the Commission area;
- b. Publication in a city or community newspaper, including electronic publications that operate similar to newspapers;
- c. Transmitting or distributing notice to a list of residents and other stakeholders in the community;
- d. Posting on the Commission website; and
- e. In any other manner adopted into the Standing Rules of the Commission.

The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. Establishment of Mailing Address

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded to establish a Post Office Box at the Brentwood Station in Washington, DC as a mailing address for ANC 2G. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

D. Establishment of Bank Account

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G establish a business checking account with FVC Bank. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G establish a business checking account with Wells Fargo Bank. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

E. Approval of ANC Security Fund Participation

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to approve ANC 2G participation in the ANC Security Fund at the cost of \$50.00. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

F. Appointment of Committee Chairs

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded to approve the appointment of the following Committee Chairs:

Committee	Chair
Zoning, Planning & Historic Preservation	Rachelle Nigro
Transportation Advisory & Public Space	Alex Lopez
ABC Licensing	Alex Padro
Public Safety	(Vacant)

The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions

G. Approval of FY 23 Budget

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G adopt the following FY 23 Budget and communicate same to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions:

Budget Category	Budget
Personnel	\$0.00
Direct Office Cost	\$0.00
Communications	\$1,400.00
Office Supplies, Equipment, Printer	\$2,250.00
Grants	\$0.00
Local Transportation	\$450.00
Purchase of Service	\$9,293.04
Bank Charges	\$330.00
Other	\$2,000.00
Total Budget	\$15,723.04
Total FY23 Allocation	\$15,723.04

The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

12. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

- A. MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$99.63 for the January Zoom invoice, two GoDaddy invoices in the amounts of \$18.01 and \$20.16, and a FedEx invoice in the amount of \$13.55 for a total of \$151.35. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).
- B. MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$275.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the January 12, 2023 ANC 2G Public Meeting and Website Updating. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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