

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G  
Virtual Public Meeting  
Thursday, March 9, 2023**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Tony Brown, (Treasurer), ANC 2G01  
Alex Padro, (Chair), ANC 2G02  
Alex Lopez, (Secretary), ANC 2G03  
Steven McCarty, ANC 2G04  
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05  
Rachelle Nigro, (Vice Chair), 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 Nigro seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**3. POLICE REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT**

Lt. Stephen Miller provided a crime report. YTD there are 0 homicides, 0 sex abuse, two ADWS, seven robberies, four burglaries, 33 Thefts from Auto, 56 Regular Thefts and 21 Motor Vehicle thefts. All of these stats are down from the previous year, with the exception of Motor Vehicle Thefts. Motor Vehicle Thefts are up due to vehicles left running. He provided information on how to obtain wheel locks. There has only been one homicide in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District this year.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Nigro – **(1)** stated thanks for the apprehension of the serial car tire slasher and what happens now?; **(2)** asked about shots fired on 400 block of N Street on 2/23/23 around 10:30 p.m.; Commissioner Berry corroborated the date and time for this incident. Response: Does not see this. She will follow up with the Watch Commander; **(3)** asked about shots fired on 2/13/23 in the 1200 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street; three shell casings found; two live rounds; video surveillance located showing three subjects running; no arrests.

- Commissioner McCarty – **(1)** stated Auto Thefts are up and is there a program with MPD to get steering wheel locks? Response: Lt. Miller provided the criteria; **(2)** he had a follow up with MPD's John Fleming, who presented at last month's meeting, about spent shell casings in the 900 block of N Street, NW, on February 8, 2023. He asked for follow-up information but didn't get any. Any updates on this? Response: MPD responded to scene, took report for unlawful discharge of firearms, but no shell casings located.

#### **4. SPECIAL GUEST: WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO**

Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto provided remarks relating to a number of topics that have been summarized below.

##### New Legislation:

- Introduced legislation to expand access to public restrooms.
- Introduced legislation to provide healthy food and expand access to hospitality and career training in DC correctional facilities.
- Introduced legislation to streamline access to medical care.
- Introduced legislation to replace lead pipes.

##### Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

- Addressing and reducing crime and violence is an absolute priority.
- As Chair of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee, she recently held a series of public roundtables on issues related to gun violence and gun violence prevention in the District. Her team is working on legislation to implement a lot of what was heard.
- Focused on the Committee on Domestic Violence and Hate Crimes, as well as improving youth interventions.
- Asking for more funding for bike patrols in 2G.

##### Revised Criminal Code

- Senate voted to disapprove the revisions of the Criminal Code and it is the first time in 30 years that Congress stepped in and directly overturned a law that was passed by the city. She Issued a statement on March 8, 2023 in regard to this.
- Working with partners to put together revisions in a practical way, one that advances the goal of statehood, promotes District values, and makes our communities safer.

##### FY 24 Budget Requests:

- Increased investment in Metropolitan Police Department to address the shortage in officers available to respond to serious public safety concerns.
- Expanded investment in school-based violence interruption initiatives and continued funding of violence interruption programming.
- Funding to respond to the increased prevalence of domestic violence.

- New investments in bridge housing and supportive services for unhoused residents.
- Increased salaries and support for outreach workers and case managers.
- Dedicated funding for downtown recovery.
- Ensuring safe, sustainable, and reliable public transit and transportation options.

#### Other

- Also focusing on homelessness, affordable housing, transportation.
- Reintroducing different version of the Recovery Act bill she introduced last year.
- Advocating for reinstatement of the Convention Center/Wharf circulator route.
- Working to secure a dedicated outreach worker for the 600 block of T Street, where we've seen challenges with drug use, weapon sales and other problems.
- Heard residents' concerns about noise, trash and traffic in Blagden Alley and is working with all our partners and ANC commissioners, including DDOT and the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture.
- Anxious to see S Street Revitalization project begin and sent a letter to DDOT urging Washington Gas to increase their hours to complete their work so DDOT can start on the project.

More information can be found at [brookepintodc.com](http://brookepintodc.com)

A question and answer period followed.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Grace Reeder, ([grace.reeder@dc.gov](mailto:grace.reeder@dc.gov); 202-297-6566), Ward 2 Community Liaison

Shooting at Kennedy Rec Center, 7<sup>th</sup> and O, during the meeting. Woman shot in leg. MPD on the scene. If you want to learn additional information, reach out to MPD's Captain Ryan Small or Captain Riley Hong. Streets are closed while they conduct the investigation.

### B. REPORT FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON'S OFFICE

Declan Falls, Constituent Services, [dfalls@dccouncil.gov](mailto:dfalls@dccouncil.gov), 202-724-8158

Representative did not appear.

### C. REPORT FROM EVENTS DC

Theresa DuBois, Director of Community Engagement ([tdubois@eventsdc.com](mailto:tdubois@eventsdc.com))

Theresa DeBois introduced Senior Manager of Community Engagement Solana Vander Nat, who has been making the rounds meeting with AC 2G Commissioners and other civic leaders. Ms. Vander Nat made the following announcements:

1. Saturday, March 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Convention Center is hosting former Mayor Marion Barry's Summer Youth Employment Program.
2. Thursday, March 16, 2023, it is United Airlines Rock and Roll Running Series, Washington Health and Fitness Expo, estimated attendance 15,000.
3. March 29-30, 2023, Summit for Democracy. No fences going up for this event.
4. Planning for the World Embassy Tour on May 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### **D. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- o Commissioner Padro stated Letha Mae Blunt, one of our neighborhood elders who's been active in the community for decades, had passed away at the age of 92. She served on a number of boards and committees in the neighborhood and was a founding board member of Shaw Main Streets. A funeral will be held on March 16, 2023.

#### **6. OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT (ONSE) PRESENTATION ON VIOLENCE INTERVENTION INITIATIVE (VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS)**

Representative Present: Byron Johnson

- o His office pretty much pushes the city-wide effort in a total of 25 communities across the District.
- o We are approaching gun violence from a public health perspective.
- o We provide resources, such as housing, vital documents, jobs, training, mental health resources, and much, much more.
- o His office has recently received a new Executive Director – Harllee Harper – who is also Director of Gun Violence Prevention at Building Blocks DC.

#### **7. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (DPR) ON KENNEDY PLAYGROUND PROGRAMMING AND RENOVATION [2G05]**

Representative Present: Tommie Jones, Chief, External Affairs, DC  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Berry provided an introduction. Mr. Jones provided some background on himself and provided an overview of DPR.

- Chris Dyer is responsible for updating the community on the day-to-day operations.
- DPR is hiring – go to [careers.dc.gov](https://careers.dc.gov)
- DPR is preparing for summer camps; registration starts March 13, 2023; visit <https://dprsummercamp.com/>; more information to follow.
- DPR offers a reduced rate for summer camps to DC residents who qualify.
- Grants: Mayor provided \$3.5 million to DPR; it is a rolling application. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$150,000 and there are four different types of categories for grants.
- Extended hours for recreation centers starting March 27, 2023; visit <https://dpr.dc.gov> for this information.
- Working on New Jersey and O Park.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- The issue was raised of dog owners using the N Street Park, between 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets as a dog park. Response: He reached out to Christopher Dyer and he corrected the issue right away.
- Commissioner Padro stated he received a report from a constituent about graffiti at the Shaw Skate Park. Is that a 311 call? Jones indicated he would look into this. Commissioner Brown offered to send photos.
- Commissioner Lopez asked if DPR is responsible for scheduling and maintaining the Bundy Sports Field. There is some conflict happening at the field with people from the community who are used to playing at the field for pickup games. Response: He believes the realty office of the Department of General Services (DGS) should be contacted.

## 8. **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT) PRESENTATION ON BLAGDEN ALLEY PARKING AND PUBLIC SPACE ISSUES [2G04]**

Representative Present: Stephen Hanrahan

Commissioner McCarty provided an introduction.

Stephen Hanrahan stated Commissioner McCarty organized a Blagden Alley walkthrough two weeks ago with some folks from DDOT, some representatives of the business community and some other folks and we listened to the concerns expressed. We tried to focus on some of the traffic, the vehicular complaints and things we can do with transportation and cars and parking signs. A service request was issued today for new “No Parking” and “No Outlet” signs to go in Blagden Alley to help prevent vehicles from getting stuck in the alley and having a hard time getting out.

We talked about ride sharing and now some business owners want to explore the options for geofencing. We talked to some of our contacts with Uber and Lyft and the general consensus was it would kind of be all or nothing. We couldn't do geofencing for a certain period of time, so it would be all ride shares

in the area of Blagden Alley and if we did geofencing, it would also involve removing parking along 9<sup>th</sup> Street and N Street. We did have a pretty productive discussion, but he is not sure we have anything else specific outside of the service request for the No Outlet signs. DDOT will respond to any specific requests for geofencing and we look forward to working with the community on this. It's kind of a two-fold solution – we need to get more feedback on geofencing the alley. He knows there are problems with rideshare drivers dropping people off on Fridays and Saturdays and getting confused and causing gridlock in the alley, honking and all of that, so that's part of the solution – to give them a space to actually drop off people or expanding the PUDO zone or the PUDO area that used to be on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. It's trying to get people out of the alley and making sure they have another place to go and drop off folks. Also, there is a loading zone on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. We understand that the deliveries often cause gridlock and confusion in the alley and also bring a lot of noise with them, so we're also kind of looking at making sure that we can find ways that push the deliveries out to the already designated loading zone so they can take full advantage of that and keep the alley clear and peaceful for residents.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner McCarty asked whether DDOT ever received a resolution regarding the feasibility of closing the alley to through traffic. Response: Yes, maybe two years ago, but he could not recall specifically if it related to through traffic. He remembered discussions about the geofencing idea before with Uber and Lyft, but closing the alley to through traffic will involve other divisions and a lot more traffic analysis.
- o Commissioner Lopez asked: so there was no response to that resolution? Response: He was not sure, but will check.
- o Commissioner Nigro stated she was intrigued about the mention of geofencing because they have similar problems in her alley at Yale Steam and DDOT gave a flat no about geofencing, so you're saying DDOT will help with this issue? Response: He will check.

**9. 1515 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION (MONARCH URBAN) [2G02]**

Representatives Present: Nick Jessee, Monarch Urban  
Kevin Ferry, Architect

A PowerPoint presentation was provided.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 2G support the Zoning Map Amendment and the Historic Preservation Concept Review for 1515 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and that said support be communicated in writing to the Zoning Commission and the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 1 nay (Commissioner Berry) – 0

abstentions.

**10. 1322 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION (KADIDA DEVELOPMENT) [2G04]**

Representative Present: Catarina Ferreira, Architect

Commissioner Nigro stated the Zoning Committee met and a majority of the Committee were supportive of the applicant's request.

Ms. Ferreira provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Berry expressed concerns about lack of parking.

**MOTION:** Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G support the request for support for Historic Preservation Review Board Approval of Concept for New Construction for 1322 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 1 nay (Commissioner Berry) – 0 abstentions.

**11. QUEENS BAR AND LOUNGE, 1503 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR NEW CLASS C ABRA TAVERN LICENSE [2G02]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G support the request for support from Queens Bar and Lounge, 1503 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G support a stipulated Class C ABRA Tavern License for Queens Bar and Lounge, 1503 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**12. URBAN GRAPES, 1301 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR NEW CLASS A ABRA LIQUOR STORE LICENSE [2G05]**

Representatives Present: Hadley Douglas  
Dan Koffman  
TJ Douglas, CEO, Urban Grapes

Commissioner Padro introduced the topic and provided the hours of operation. TJ Douglas, CEO, Urban Grapes, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Commissioner Padro stated the applicant has agreed to enter into a Settlement

Agreement.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G support the request for support from Urban Grapes, 1301 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, for a new Class A ABRA Liquor Store License and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**13. STK STEAKHOUSE, 901 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR NEW CLASS C ABRA RESTAURANT LICENSE [2G05]**

Representatives Present: Manalle Mahmoud &  
Alex Tabolski, Mallios & O'Brien  
Keith Roche

The restaurant will be located in the Marriot Marquis Hotel. It will have 100 seats indoors and a total occupancy of 213. There will also be a sidewalk café with 76 seats and a total occupancy load of 83.

Commissioner McCarty expressed concerns about traffic accidents at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts Avenue NW and that delivery drivers and carry-out orders be directed to use the main drive off of Massachusetts Avenue. The Transportation Committee will look at making recommendations to improve traffic and pedestrian safety at 10<sup>th</sup> & Massachusetts Avenue to include the possibility of a pick-up and drop-off zone for delivery and pick-up drivers.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G support the request for support from STK Steakhouse, 901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW for a new Retailers Class C ABRA Restaurant License and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**14. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS: QUEENS BAR AND LOUNGE, URBAN GRAPES, STK STEAKHOUSE**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 2G approve the Settlement Agreements reached with Queens Bar and Lounge, Urban Grapes, and STK Steakhouse. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**15. ROASTED BOON CO., 1018 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR NEW UNCOVERED OUTDOOR SIDEWALK CAFÉ [2G02]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 2G support the request for support from Roasted Boon Co., 1028 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, for a Public Space Permit and that said support be



communicated in writing to the Public Space Committee of DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**16. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR METRO FOR DC ACT OF 2021 IN FY24 BUDGET [ALL]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G support the resolution in support of funding for Metro for DC Act of 2021 in FY24 Budget as presented and communicate said resolution to the Transportation and Environment Committee at the Council. The Motion **passed** 3 yeas (Commissioners Lopez, McCarty, and Padro) – 2 nays (Commissioners Berry and Nigro) – 1 abstention (Commissioner Brown).

**17. COMMENTS ON THE WMATA PROPOSED FY24 BUDGET [ALL]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved that ANC 2G approve the resolution regarding the continuation of the current Yellow Line service in FY24. The Motion **failed** for lack of a second.

Due to the lateness of the hour, Commissioner Berry requested that this agenda item be put back on the Agenda for the April 12, 2023 ANC 2G Public Meeting.

**18. RESOLUTION REQUESTING SIDEWALK ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ON RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, NW [2G01, 2G02, 2G03]**

Commissioner Lopez discussed a proposed resolution that DDOT address specific sidewalk infrastructure issues on the following blocks of Rhode Island Avenue NW: the 500 block on the south side, the 500 block on the north side, the 600 block on the north side, 700 block on the south side and the 800 block on the south side. The Resolution further requests that DDOT consult with ANC 2G regarding options to widen sidewalks in these locations, including options that do not require tree removal, and finally that DDOT prioritize pedestrian infrastructure through implementation of improved service level agreement timelines for sidewalk repairs and crosswalks for striping, more thorough and consistent pedestrian condition assessments and more regular repair and improvements of sidewalks and pavement markings.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G support the resolution as presented and communicate said resolution to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**19. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

A. Approval of Standard Office Procedures (SOPs)

***Tabled.***

B. Approval of Minutes of 02/9/23 Meeting

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2023 ANC 2G Public Meeting as amended. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. Approval of Expenses

- 1) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to reimburse Commissioner Padro in the amount of \$83.74 for the February Zoom Webinar invoice. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Padro).
- 2) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$275.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the March 9, 2023 ANC 2G Public Meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 3) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$20.87 for copying costs to FedEx. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).
- 4) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$10.93 for an Uber ride relating to the Department of Buildings Open House. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).
- 5) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$16.95 for an Uber ride relating to the Department of Buildings Open House. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).

20. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
**(Transcribed from Recording)**

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