

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Tony Brown, (Treasurer), ANC 2G01
Alex Padro, ANC 2G02
Sranda Watkins, (Secretary), ANC 2G03
Steven McCarty, (Vice Chair), ANC 2G04
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05
Rachelle Nigro, (Chair), ANC 2G06

Absent:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 5 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Brown seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The Motion **passed** unanimously 4 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioners Watkins and Berry had not yet joined the call.]

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

Lt. Alan Herring (PSA 308) reported on crime for the last month per the following:

- o Homicides: None
- o Sexual Assaults: None
- o Assault with Deadly Weapon: None
- o Robberies: **(1)** 900 block of O Street NW: Closed; **(2)** Other two robberies remain open.
- o Burglaries: 2
- o Thefts from Auto: 14
- o General Thefts: 20
- o Stolen Autos: 9

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Padro stated on the evening of March 3, 2024, there were a series of car vandalism incidents that took place on the 700 block of Q Street, NW. There were a number of vehicles broken into resulting in broken windows. Do we have any suspects on this or any intel, or any knowledge as to whether this was related to similar incidents nearby? Response: Do you happen to have the report

numbers by chance? Commissioner Padro: No, he (Commissioner Padro) was not the complainant, so he does not have the report numbers, but can certainly try to get them. So, there were four cars on the north side of the street that were affected and neighbors saw individuals who were wearing masks. The police were called right away and arrived 4 to 5 minutes later but the suspects had departed at that point.

And then the other incidents were two instances dealing with window breakage taking place at the new Urban Grape (1301 9th Street NW) in the past week. Apparently, there is camera footage of the suspect, who apparently is very distinctive, and I know the business owners were eager to try to get those images out to the public so we can try to catch these characters before they strike again. They might have been responsible for the glass breakage incident another week ago down at the Petite Cerise at 7th & L Streets NW. So, we've had a rash of window breakages at local businesses. So, anything on that? Response: 1301 9th Street NW: Looking at a blurry photo of a black male wearing a white sweater.

- o Commissioner Watkins stated she sent an email to him regarding an invitation to attend her 2G meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at Watha T. Daniel Library, 1630 7th Street NW, at 5:30 p.m. There were quite a few car break-ins in the area on 6th Street NW and she even sent pictures of the break-ins. Response: He did get a response from Assistant Chief Robinson saying that there will be more patrols in that area, especially during those weekend times when the clubs are open. He will plan on attending Commissioner Watkins' meeting.
- o Commissioner McCarty asked whether it would be helpful to MPD if commissioners sent in questions 24 hours before the meeting so that MPD had time to prepare reports for our monthly incidences and make sure you could have the information to respond to any of our specific questions? Response: That would be very helpful.

4. 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

- o This week Mayor Bowser signed Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Secure DC Omnibus legislation into law, and it contained provisions from Mayor Bowser's Safer Stronger Amendment Act of 2023, as well as the Addressing Crime Trends Now Act of 2023.
- o Mayor Bowser attended the 10th Annual March Madness event at the Ronald Reagan Building's, Atrium Hall, which is the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's 10th Annual March Madness event, which is the District's yearly business showcase of new real estate housing and workforce support initiatives.
- o Additionally, Mayor Bowser wrapped up her a series of four public engagement forums for DC residents to share their priorities for the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which included two citywide forums, a Senior Budget Engagement Forum and a

Gen Z Budget Engagement Forum. You can continue to share your priorities and ideas with Mayor Bowser at: <https://budget.dc.gov>.

- She will put in the Chat a link to the recording of the Mayor's Public Safety meeting she hosted with ANCs a couple of Saturdays ago.
- Additionally, this week Mayor Bowser launched the Housing in Downtown Program. After touring the newly completed Elle Apartments, which is the first major office residential conversion in DC's Golden Triangle Business Improvement District, the Mayor announced that the preliminary request for applications (RFAs) for the Housing in Downtown Program is now live on the DMPED website. Housing in Downtown Program is an innovative program designed to catalyze new residential development and add thousands of residents downtown through a 20- year tax abatement. The submission window for applications will open on Friday, March 22, 2024 and applications will be considered on a rolling basis. The Housing in Downtown Program was included in Mayor Bowser's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, so last year's budget, and additional technical amendments were adopted through emergency legislation in January 2024 to allow for the effective administration of this program. In total, the program is capped at \$41 million, and from Fiscal Year 2024 to Fiscal Year 2026 \$2.45 million dollars will be available to projects increasing to a total of \$6.8 million in Fiscal Year 2027, and then to \$41 million in Fiscal Year 2028. This program is expected to support the District in reaching 90% of the goal to add 15,000 residents downtown by 2028.
- A couple of weeks ago Mayor Bowser joined the Downtown DC and Golden Triangle BIDs as they unveiled the Downtown Action Plan and Downtown Public Realm Plans. The Downtown Action Plan was developed by the Downtown DC and Golden Triangle BIDS and provides a detailed roadmap for the reimagination of downtown DC through a targeted and curated approach. You can check out a highlight summary at: <https://www.reimaginedowntown.dc.com> and the full action plan will be available for the public in the spring 2024, and then the Downtown Public Realm Plan was developed by the District's Office of Planning and recommends urban design and public space improvements to downtown streets, sidewalks, parks, and plazas. You can view that plan at: <https://www.planning.dc.gov/downtownpublicrealm>.
- DPW started street sweeping last week from March 1st through the 7th. Warning tickets were being issued, but now there are \$45 fines in place if you are parked in a street sweeping zone during the time that parking is restricted. For more information about that program. You can go to: <https://www.dpw.dc.gov>

B. REPORT FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO'S OFFICE

bpinto@dccouncil.gov; 202-724-8058; <https://www.brookepintodc.com/> Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, bromanowski@dccouncil.gov

- Last week the Council voted to pass Secure DC, Councilmember Pinto's Public Safety Omnibus that we have talked about for the past few months. The Council passed a permanent version of the bill and an emergency version which means that any portions of the bill that do not have a cost can be implemented immediately.

While there was spirited debate, and many changes were made, 12 to 0 was the final vote count, and we think that that shows that the Council recognizes the seriousness of our public safety challenges, and that we are actually pretty united in our efforts to make meaningful and sustainable improvements to public safety around DC. As Grace mentioned, Mayor Bowser signed the bill on Monday, and we thank her for her collaboration throughout the process.

- The first three Drug-Free Zones began today. The first one is in Chinatown around the Metro exit on H Street and he thinks it's a 1,000 square foot radius. There is also one in Ward 7 around Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road, and one in Ward 8 and around the Woodland Terrace housing community. Councilmember Pinto is going to be closely monitoring the implementation of these zones. There is interest in having one possibly in 2G or right over the border in 2G around the Howard Theater area, so we will definitely keep you posted on any declarations that are made for your area.
- Another bill of Councilmember Pinto passed last week and it deals with Dram Shop Reform. This bill deals with liquor license liability insurance for businesses in the District. We had heard from bars and restaurants across Ward 2 and around DC that many are going without coverage because of how high insurance premiums are in DC which then leaves the businesses and the victims with limited financial recourse if there is a violation of liquor license laws that leads to some sort of lawsuit. This law will hopefully bring DC more in line with other states' Dram Shop laws and will also ensure that victims have substantive recourse.
- Two weeks ago, Councilmember Pinto transmitted her FY 25 Budget Letter to Mayor Bowser. We expect the Mayor to release her budget hopefully next week and then that will be followed by budget hearings and Council debate and, of course, changes to the budget. As you've probably seen in the news or heard from us, we are facing a tough budget this year. There's declining commercial property tax revenue and the expiration of pandemic-related Federal emergency relief funds that we have received in the past.

Council Member Pinto's letter laid out her three major priorities this year: **(1)** funding all of her Secure DC plan, and bolstering funding to support staffing at our critical public safety agencies like MPD, FEMS, OUC, the ONES office, the Department of Youth and Rehabilitative Services and DOC; **(2)** investing in the reimagination of our Downtown to ensure it is economically viable; and **(3)** fully funding WMATA to ensure we have an affordable, safe and reliable transit system.

There is some additional funding in there for full time parking enforcement agents for safe routes to school and street safety upgrades in our school zones which includes Seaton Elementary and Kipp.

And then continued funding for our Small Business, Main Streets, programs and Clean Teams as well as necessary funding for World Pride planning which is coming next year in 2025, and we're hoping that will bring a lot of business to the District.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Padro stated he did not see that Councilmember Pinto had posted her Budget Letter on Twitter. Response: She definitely posted it and he has placed the link in the Chat.
- Commissioner Nigro asked if there was anything in the Budget Letter about the Central Cell Block and carving out funds for the Daly Building. She believes there was an email and she will go back and double check. Response: He was not sure what Commissioner Nigro was referencing but it may not have been in the Budget Letter.
- Commissioner Berry asked how will the Drug-Free Zones be enforced?
Response: There's only one in Ward 2 right now and that is in Chinatown, and, like he said, it's about 1,000 square feet. The order from the Chief of Police says the 600 to 700 block of I Street NW, 700 to 800 block of Eighth Street NW, 700 block of G Street NW, 700 block of Seventh Street, NW, Gallery Place NW, and the 700 to 800 block of Sixth Street, NW. There is a big orange sign that says this is a drug-free zone established by the Chief of Police and it tells you that you cannot be doing anything dealing like dealing drugs or using drugs in that area. And if you are, you'll be asked to disperse, obviously, or be subject to arrest for any illegal activity. This is seen as a tool to help the police break up that activity and make it less of a known spot for people to go and buy their drugs or use drugs. Commissioner Berry: How are you monitoring to make sure people are not being harassed for just hanging out in the area. Response: He thinks there is an office of police complaints.
- Commissioner McCarty stated he reached out to Councilmember Pinto, Councilmember Nadeau, and Councilmember McDuffie about concerns with ABCA's performance. He did receive responses from both Councilmember Nadeau and Councilmember McDuffie about how they could play their role in helping my constituents in 2G04 but we're really having trouble with record keeping and the new ABCA reporting system. And so, he just wanted to ask, as Councilmember Pinto does sit on the Business and Economic Development Committee which oversees ABCA, why has he not received a response? And could you outline what Councilmember Pinto's steps are in terms of holding ABCA accountable to their own record keeping and a new online portal?
Response: Sorry you did not receive a response...been a busy couple of weeks. He contacted ABCA and they told me that they spoke to you and that there was an issue with some of the locations you had been entering, and they said that all of the complaints that they had had been addressed but that there were not a large number of complaints until the location issue was solved. Does that sound correct to you? Commissioner McCarty: That is correct, and he can follow up with Brian Romanowski more. But he has had complaints and ABCA has not given him his FOIA request for those complaints, so the issue continues. But you are correct, there was an error in their reporting system that would not let constituents submit complaints. Response: If you send him the complaints that have not been addressed, he will follow up with ABCA.
- Commissioner Watkins stated she sent an invite out three weeks ago to Councilmember Pinto and several other officers from the MPD as well as the Mayor's Office to attend a meeting in ANC 2G on March 19, 2024 to talk about security and she never received a response. Response: Sorry to hear that. If you can forward the invite to him, he will pass it on to Maddy White, Councilmember Pinto's scheduler.

- C. Commissioner Watkins provided the details of her March 19, 2024 meeting: Watha T. Daniel Library, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Topics: Safety, Transportation, Secure DC.
- D. Commissioner Padro announced that the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has extended the deadline for all of the grants in their portfolio that are available to businesses that was due tomorrow, March 15th to March 29th, so folks who may not have been able to get estimates from contractors and were concerned they were not able to get their applications in for the grants, the most attractive one being the Great Streets retail grants at \$85,000 apiece maximum, now have another two weeks to do so, so you can go to: <https://www.obviouslydc.com> for more information about those grants.
- E. Commissioner Berry stated the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. A new resolution will be presented regarding Rhode Island Avenue NW.
- F. Commissioner Nigro provided an update on the BZA Hearing for 501 New York Avenue NW that was held yesterday. The hearing lasted close to five hours. Jackie Delaney was one of 2G's witnesses. She thanked all the witnesses who testified and everyone who helped with the petitions and getting the word out. No decisions were made at the hearing because the BZA wants the government to give them further information, so this will take at least another month. Once the government submits their information, then ANC 2G will respond. More to come.
- G. REPORT FROM EVENTS DC**
Solana Vander Nat, Senior Manager of Community Engagement, Walter E. Washington Convention Center
 - o Visit: eventsdc.com; please sign up for Events DC electronic mailing list.
 - o March 14-15, 2024: Rock 'n' Roll Running Series with an estimated attendance of 10,000. A traffic advisory was issued last week.
 - o March 18-21, 2024: Satellite 2024 Conference Center and Exhibition with an estimated attendance of 15,000.
 - o March 22-25, 2024: ASCD Annual Conference and Exhibit with an estimated attendance of 15,000. A traffic advisory was distributed yesterday, providing further details.
 - o March 28, 2024: Free Public Art Tour. We are very excited to share our collection with new viewers and the community. The art collection is the best kept secret in the Nation's Capital. In addition to being a state of the art Convention Center, the building is home to one of the largest public art collections in Washington, DC Museum with 137 works by 93 artists.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Chat: Someone asked if there were any updates about the little shops on 9th Street NW that were talked about last month. Response: As of right now, we're still exploring ways to help our tenants open for business and still evaluating the best way to move forward. We are doing as much as we can for the tenants. Events DC has already assisted the tenants with responding to comments received from Department of Health with respect to the restroom access. The tenants need to finish up and do the remaining steps that need to be done, so

it's on the tenants. Again, as a reminder, it is the tenants' responsibility to obtain their permits and we're here again to assist as much as we can as we have been.

Commissioner Padro recapped the virtual meeting that he and Chair Nigro had with the team. The Department of Health had expressed concerns about bathroom access for those kiosks that do not have plumbing but that Events DC had clarified that access to bathrooms inside the center would be made available to customers and staff that might need to access bathrooms, so we are still a little unclear as to how that was all going to work, because, obviously, there are ticketed events at the center and security concerns that might preclude a customer of one of the kiosks just being able to access general spaces at the center. But the impression that we were given was that Events DC, having stated that access would be available, should have eliminated the Department of Health's concerns. So it is unclear whether or not the Department of Health still has concerns, whether or not, in fact, Events DC's correspondence was satisfactory. Response: Again, as stated before, we've done as much as we can as they are the tenants. The tenants have to obtain their permits and certificates of occupancy, and whatever additional paperwork that they need to get done. As we all know, any business needs to do that, so once that is complete, then they'll be able to move forward.

Commissioner Nigro stated that what she is saying is they just need to get their permits and their COO and there's no more problems about the bathrooms? Response: What Events DC has done for the bathrooms is that we have done on our end as much as we could to help them. Now they have to finalize what DOH is asking of them in order for them to open.

Commissioner Padro stated we will have to go back to the businesses and ask what the source of the obstacles are because apparently that is not being shared with Events DC.

5. 1322 9th STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT [2G04]

Representatives Present: Caterina Ferreira, Architect
Marty Sullivan, Zoning Counsel

Commissioner McCarty introduced the topic and stated there has been an overwhelming outreach of community support in favor of the project. Right now, it is a gravel lot that tends to collect graffiti, trash and drug paraphernalia, so his constituents are very happy to see this hopefully being infilled soon with the new development. There were concerns from his constituents about shade and the shade cast by the building but the shadow studies done by the architect show minimal impact of shading onto their properties.

Mr. Sullivan stated they are asking for four (4) areas of relief.

The first is for a Special Exception from the Lot Occupancy requirements. The maximum is 75%. And the requested is 86% and there are two reasons for that. One is we have got certain areas of the building that don't go all the way up to the highest level. One reason there's the historic carriage house in the back, and so that's staying at the at the one level. And then there are some openings on the side to allow light and for the neighboring property. So, while we're we've maxed out the permitted FAR, we are over the lot occupancy because it's not one single block, so that's 86%.

The second area of relief is Special Exception relief for the penthouse setback requirements. There's a one to one setback requirement, meaning the penthouse walls need to be set back from the roof edge a distance equal to their height and so that's 10 feet and that's on all four sides.

The third area of relief is a Special Exception from side yard setback requirements. There's a jog in the southwest corner of the property, and for that space, which is about 5 feet, the side yard shrinks from exceeding the requirement, which is 8.1 feet to a little less than the requirement. It's 66 and a half so it's a foot and a half short for a stretch of about 5 feet at the back there. So, we're asking for relief from that.

And the fourth area of relief is Special Exception relief from the parking space requirement. We have a requirement of 6 spaces. We have a car share space and a regular space so that equates to 4 spaces, so we're asking for relief from 2 spaces to complete the parking requirement.

Catarina Ferreira reviewed the drawings and explained the project in a little more detail.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Padro explained that he will not be voting to support the parking relief requested. As he explained during the committee meeting last week, this Commission as recently as last year has declined to support parking relief for developments in this particular type of scenario. Parking is the number one issue that we hear from our constituents related to development and is the one that we get the most push back on. So in the past, we have declined to support requests for parking relief and instead have asked of the developers to do what is indicated, which was to make other parking arrangements nearby to be satisfied, especially when there are so few parking spaces that are involved here. So, in order to be consistent with previous votes and positions of the Commission, he will not be voting in support of the parking relief. If there are separate votes on each of the individual requests for relief, he will only vote against the request for the parking relief. If it's just one overall vote, he will have to vote to not support a project that otherwise he completely supports.
- Commissioner McCarty countered Commissioner Padro's statements and stated he, the architect, and the developers have been doing extensive outreach to the community and constituents over the past 2 months and parking is not the number one issue on his constituents' minds.
- Commissioner Berry stated we live in a very condensed area and parking issues arise when visitors to the Convention Center, for example, park in 2G. We need to be aware that parking is slowly being taken away from residents who pay for Residential Permit Parking.

Commissioner McCarty thanked Commissioner Berry for sharing her opinion and stated there are definitely other avenues to address parking. Most of 9th Street NW is paid parking. It's not residential parking, and that could positively impact a lot of his constituents and your constituents as well as any of our constituents that are located near Ninth Street. If you walk down that street any day, those are all Virginia and Maryland plates who are driving into the city paying to park. Why can we not focus on working with DDOT to make sure that maybe some of those spaces are opened up to our actual residents? That is one option that he would encourage. If this Commission is serious about making sure residents have more access to residential parking, we should consider that there are parking

garages owned by the Convention Center, where Convention Center attendees can pay to park there and so it should not be a burden on 9th Street. This project is in the Shaw Historic District and there are a lot of extra regulations. It is hard to add more parking, because there is a historic row house, a carriage house in the back of this lot and it's going to be hard to add parking spaces no matter what.

- o Commissioner Padro stated **(1)** the Convention Center does not have public parking lots; and **(2)** Commissioner McCarty made a statement that 9th Street was paid parking and south of P Street, that is the case, but north of P Street that is not the case – between P and T Streets NW, there is no paid parking.
- o Chat: Lauren, a constituent in 2G03, stated high density is a huge benefit to the neighborhood that allows for more vibrant community.
- o Chat: Robert Goldberg: the average person who lives in Blagden – Naylor does not drive -- we need a population to make our area more vibrant and safer.
- o Commissioner Berry stated she wants to support this project but when exceptions to parking are granted, she does need to speak out and stand up for people who already have an issue with it.

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 2G grant the zoning relief requested by the applicant at 1322 9th Street, NW in the following 4 areas: **(1)** Special Exception relief from the Lot Occupancy requirements of G-404.1 which is a maximum of 75%, whereas relief would be granted with 86% pursuant to G-1200.1; **(2)** Special Exception relief from Penthouse Setback requirements of C-1504.1(c), pursuant to C-1506.1; **(3)** Special Exception from the Parking Space requirement of C-703.2 to reduce the parking requirement by two (2) spaces pursuant to that same regulation, with the recommendation that the developers form a partnership to offer nearby discounted parking even if that parking is available more than 600 feet away from the premises; **(4)** Special Exception relief from the Side Yard Setback requirements of G-208.2, pursuant to G-5200.1. The Motion **failed** by a vote of 3 nays (Commissioners Padro, Berry, and Watkins) – 2 yeas (Commissioners McCarty and Nigro) – 1 abstention (Commissioner Brown).

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved that ANC 2G **oppose** the granting of relief requested by the developer for 1322 9th Street NW and that we communicate that opposition to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Motion **failed** for lack of a second.

6. 1250 9th STREET NW: ALL PURPOSE PIZZERIA – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO EXPAND THE PREMISES TO INCLUDE THE ADJACENT SPACE TO THE SOUTH ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND BASEMENT LEVELS, THE FORMER BUTERCREAM BAKESHOP SPACE [2G04]

Representatives Present: Colin McDonough
Matt Minora

Commissioner McCarty introduced the topic and stated this is again another very widely, generally supported project by 2G04 constituents. The only two complaints that he received from constituents were to make sure that All Purpose Pizzeria was not accepting deliveries in the internal portion of Blagden Alley. Mr. Minora relayed to him they are only accepting deliveries on the 9th Street loading zone and on N Street NW. We also have constituent concerns about metered utilities because All Purpose is in the restaurant retail first floor of The Colonel apartment building, and so Mr. Minora also

assured him they are completely separately metered from all individually metered for all utilities aside from The Colonel apartment building.

Commissioner Padro stated the ABC Licensing Committee did meet last Thursday and discussed this matter, and provided unanimous support for the application to extend the operations and the sale of alcohol by the establishment to the space that is being added to it.

Colin McDonough stated he appreciates the support from the community, the ANC, and is looking forward to getting another storefront activated in Shaw so that can help the neighborhood.

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G expresses **support** for the request and new ABCA placard for All Purpose Pizzeria at 1250 Street NW, ABRA License 098919, and for Retailers Class C restaurant license to expand its premises to the adjacent space to the south, formerly Buttercream Bake Shop on both the ground floor and basement levels. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

7. 1301 9TH STREET NW, URBAN GRAPE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS A RETAILER LICENSE [2G05]

Commissioner Padro stated Urban Grape was represented by counsel at the committee meeting last Thursday and although the establishment did just open in January, they are already having to renew their license because of the license renewal cycles. There have been no complaints about the operations of Urban Grape and Commissioner Berry indicated that she supported license, so the committee voted to recommend that the Commission support of a license.

MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class A Retailer License for Urban Grape, 1301 9th Street NW and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE OANC EXPERT ASSISTANCE FUND FOR 501 NEW YORK AVENUE NW LEGAL ASSISTANCE [2G06]

Commissioner Nigro provided some background on the reason for this request and stated last week the Government said she did not file in a timely manner, so the attorney had to work on that and that was completely unexpected. It worked out fine yesterday and the attorney had to actually defend her in her submission.

Commissioner Padro stated he is obviously in support of the request for that funding but now that OANC has land use counsel in place, should not that land use counsel be taking over the representation beyond the original assignment? Commissioner Nigro located the email that said “Thank you again for the \$5,000.00. How would the Commission go about reapplying for additional funds for the same issue and lawyer once the \$5,000 is used up?” He included the link and said we have to vote at the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** ANC 2G's request for an additional \$5,000 grant from the Office of Neighborhood Advisory Commissions (OANC) for their expert assistance fund for ANC 2G's legal assistance concerning the 501 New York Avenue NW case. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

Commissioner Nigro stated there was a letter that was put out concerning Councilmember Pinto's concessions, or whatever compromise, or whatever it was she said regarding 501 New York Avenue. The letter was only signed by Delano Hunter, Director, Department of General Services, and it has to do with that anyone who is detained at the potential 501 New York Avenue spot, they would not be released. She (Commissioner Nigro) brought up the issue in several emails about, well, what about constitutional rights? And they responded they're just going to be driven back to Indiana Avenue. The letter is not notarized and there is no Mayor's signature. She will be talking about this in the future with Kent Boese (OANC) and get the letter looked at and if it even makes any sense that they can even say that no one can be released from there. If you're free to go, you're free to go. She is just putting that on the table right now.

On a different topic, Commissioner McCarty stated there was just a comment in the Chat saying some of the participants could not actually raise their hands in regard to 1322 9th Street NW and so he just shared that this absolutely is not the end of it. The Commission took no formal action in support or opposition to the project tonight and that folks can reach out to him at: 2g04@anc.dc.gov and we will continue to rally the overwhelming community support to make sure Zoning knows what the community desires.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. Approval of Minutes of 2/8/24 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Watkins seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2024 ANC 2G Public Meeting with any corrections to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. Treasurer's Report

1) Quarterly Report – Q1

He got together with Dawn Dickerson at OANC to go through the new automated process. They had not added in the additional \$7,730 until this year so nothing balanced coming into this year, so Dawn was supposed to go back to the programmers to get that fixed in order for us to use the system to do the 1st Quarter report. As soon as that is done, we will be able to approve the 1st Quarter report.

Once the 1st Quarter Report is finalized and forwarded to the OANC, we should receive our first allotment for this year and that should be approximately \$8,000.00.

2) Legal Expenses

He will also follow with OANC and see about the \$5,000, because we have already written a check for \$1,500 of that \$5,000.

3) Post Office Box

There was a change in the Post Office Box annual amount from \$460 to \$474 and we will need to go back and make that amendment in the 1/9/24 Meeting Minutes.

4) February 2024 Treasurer's Report

For the statement ending 1/31/24, there was an opening balance of \$660.90, we received the second allotment (2023) of \$7,730.82 for a total of \$8,391.72. We had three debit charges, one on 1/2/24 for Zoom for \$100.69, one on 1/24/24 for the Annual Fee for the Post Office Box of \$474.00, and one on 1/24/24 for Annual Squarespace subscription in the amount of \$292.56, for a total of \$867.25. There were outstanding checks totaling \$598.12 that brings the ending balance to \$6,926.35.

5) March 2024 Treasurer's Report

For statement ending 2/29/24, there was an opening balance of \$7,513.46. We had two debit charges, one on 2/2/24 for Zoom for \$100.69, one on 2/1/24 for USPS postage in the amount of \$6.75, for a total of \$107.44. There were four checks written (Check #1047 and Check #1048 each for \$275.00 for Karen Jehle), Check #1049 for \$68.32, and Check #1052 for \$1,500 for the legal fees for the 501 New York Avenue case) for a total of \$2,118.32. There are six outstanding checks totaling \$598.12 which brings the ending balance to \$4,689.58.

6) Expenses

- a. **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the total amount of \$273.48 for hosting the online petition for 501 New York Avenue for February (\$136.74) and March (\$136.74). The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).
- b. **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$275.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the March 14, 2024 ANC 2G Public Meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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