

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Tony Brown, (Treasurer), ANC 2G01
Alex Padro, (Chair), ANC 2G02
Steven McCarty, ANC 2G04
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05 (joined slightly late)
Rachelle Nigro, (Vice Chair), ANC 2G06

[Secretary, ANC 2G03 – Vacant]

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 4 out of 5 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Lt. Stephen Miller reported the following:

- o 4/12/23 assault of business owner on the 1300 block of 9th Street NW: Status: Had a mental health status hearing and decided to hold the individual in DC Jail. Next hearing May 23, 2023 with Department of Mental Health. Suspects defense attorney wanted to have him sent to St. Elizabeth and judge denied that.
- o 4/19/23, 11:00 pm, Homicide at 8th & Rhode Island Avenue – Case still open. Victim succumbed to his gunshot wound.
- o Uptick in Carjackings – 3 incidents where people on scooters have come to a stop at a light or stop sign and juveniles jump out of a car and knocks them off and steals the scooters. We've had 3 of them since April.
- o While attempting to apprehend two individuals, found an individual suffering from a gunshot to his leg. They apprehended those two individuals and they had 2 guns and 2 illegal ghost guns with extended magazines.
- o 1 homicide
- o 7 Robberies (three of those were carjackings)
- o 25 Thefts from Autos
- o 9 Motor Vehicle Thefts
- o One Arson

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Nigro thanked MPD for their work on the carjackings. Thanks, too, for removing an encamped individual from a building.
- o Matteo De Sabbata – lives at 4th & M – back alley – been in contact with MPD because of problems with teenagers in the back alley smoking and defecating. Widespread problem in the area. What is the plan to address this problem? Response: Aware of the situation on Ridge Street, Morgan Street, and 5th Street – now all shifts go to monitor those areas for 15 minutes. If you see it, dial 911 to get officers to respond. Commissioner Nigro stated this is a truancy problem. Assistant Chief Morgan Kane stated we need to collaborate and get the schools involved. We know where the issues are and if we need to call someone else in, that is what we have to do.
- o Siranda Watkins concerned about the uptick in drugs and her concern is what can she do to keep the drug traffic from increasing. Lives in the 2nd NW Cooperative and concerned about our safety. How is this going to be addressed? Assistant Chief of Police Kane will put her cell phone and email in the chat.

4. SPECIAL GUEST: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE MORGAN C. KANE, PATROL SERVICES NORTH

25 years with MPD; spent 5 years as the 1st District Commander. Her philosophy is she would like to be collaborative...we are intelligence and data driven. Believes in hearing from residents...aware that people don't feel safe... really want to hear your questions and concerns. Invested in the safety of our city.

Q&A

- o Commissioner Nigro stated we would love a foot patrol in 2G06. Response: Are you familiar with the Focus Patrol Strategy that was rolled out a week ago? We are out walking and engaging. The number of personnel that we have does not allow for that strategy anymore. Focused patrols pay dividends. We eliminated those fixed posts. We went to increasing patrols once every couple of hours, 10-15 minutes, still walking the area – still engaging with the public – see what is going on. Had to identify four areas where we implement the focus patrol – this actually stops what the behavior is. There are about 7 different policing strategies and this one has been the most effective. When the officers are not on calls for service, we shift them to the Focus Patrol.
- o Commissioner Berry thanked her for being willing to collaborate and to finding solutions for teenagers and not arresting them. Are there any enrichment programs that you would be willing to work with us, maybe community service, etc.? Also, on the street where she lives there is a police car parked but no one is in it. Criminals watch the police and look for a pattern and she suggested switching it up a bit to throw them off. Are you open to collaboration with working with some of these children? Response: We do have children who are in crisis. However, we are seeing kids getting arrested for the first time for violent offenses. We have to get them off the street and prosecute them. We do need to be part of the prevention... there are so many agencies -- Youth and Family Engagement Bureau – there are a lot of outreach activities we are doing with our kids but we are

still missing something. Finding ways to provide help and services to the other kids is something we need to focus on.

- Commissioner Padro stated one of the biggest issues we have is even though the number of people do not feel safe – sense of lawlessness in our community – MPD staffing levels – courts releasing individuals arrested overnight – and what folks are encountering on the streets – drug addiction, assaults of business owners, are there any observations you can share where we can get back to the pre-pandemic normal? Response: Have to have collaboration to work with mental health services and nonprofits – has to be a coordinated approach. If you watched Mayor's Public Safety Summit yesterday, the judges were following a law from 1992 that says that they have this high barrier to show that someone should be held, the presumption is they will be released pending their trial and unbeknownst to us, this is what the judges are using to make decisions on release and they felt like their hands were tied. The Mayor and her team are looking at how we can do something with that legislation. Prosecutors were at the Summit explaining how they make decisions...there is a gap where people are falling through and able to come back on the street.
- Minnie, an educator in the city and a resident of DC, stated one of her concerns is there are no suspensions in DC – typically schools try to stay under 20 suspensions per school year, so those kids are troublemakers. We don't want them to have a record; there is no accountability...parents are not being held accountable...while she does not want her students to be handcuffed, parents need to be accountable. Response: Had a breakout session on juveniles yesterday....Mayor, Chancellor, Department of Youth Rehabilitation, DHS, all present, and just what you talked about – no suspensions – talked about this heartily yesterday. Two years ago, Council introduced legislation to reduce School Resource Officers (SROs) – 60 last July, 40 this July, and then 20 until we have done. Council members introduced legislation to repeal this legislation. In regard to threatening parents who threaten school staff, there is a process for this and if they violate or threaten a staff member of a teacher, they will be arrested.
- Carolyn: What can we as residents do to help address all these issues? When she sees kids fighting, defecating, counting their money, she calls the police. It takes 5 minutes to receive a response from 911. Has a 10-month-old baby and is about to leave the city because she does not feel safe. Action must be taken now...everything you are saying is right, but there is no change in behavior. Response: We need to strategize with counterparts have the Youth and Family Engagement Bureau, security officers at schools, outreach workers at schools and get some accountability.
- Syranda Watkins – sees children late at night riding bicycles – these are elementary school kids – parents should be held accountable. Start at the elementary school level to address this. Response: MPD are trying to reach these kids but there is a whole school system where we have to do this as well to bring this into the conversation – it's a collaboration – need to fill in the gaps.
- Kenyattah Robinson: Re crime reports -- used to get reports as pdfs – can this be reinstated?

5. 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

Grace Reeder provided a slide presentation, highlights of which follow:

- o Mayor Bowser held a Public Safety Summit yesterday with school leaders and Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners.
- o This week is Teacher Appreciation Week and Mayor Bowser attended several events celebrating the role that teachers play for the youth in our city. The Mayor's FY2024 budget proposal also includes investments to attract top teachers including \$97 million to ensure that every DCPS teacher will receive and every public character school teacher will be eligible to receive a 12.5% raise net year, and \$1.6 million to create the District's first Teacher Apprenticeship Program offering a tuition-free paid pathway to become a teacher and grow DC's local talent pipeline.
- o DC Council will be voting on the FY 2024 Budget soon and it's more important now than ever that you join her, and residents all over the city and call on Council members to pass a budget that supports DC.
- o Many of the current initiatives and proposed investments in the Mayor's Budget support the three-pronged approach to the transformation and revitalization of downtown. We're talking about filling the space, changing the space, and bringing back the people and some of the proposed investments that have been cut.
- o One example of this is the Committee on Business and Economic Development's decision to cut the \$1.5 million Festival Fund recovery to offset costs for community organizations hosting events in DC. This means that the Capital Pride Parade and Festival next year will not be able to take place if the money is not there in the budget to fund and host that event. She asks residents to join her in asking the Council to fund investments in DC. Visit: budget.dc.gov; comeback.plan@comeback.dc.gov.
- o DPW's Curbside Composting Pilot Program was extended to May 19, 2023.
- o DPW has year-round yard waste collection so you can place excess yard waste in paper yard waste bags. Plastic bags will not be accepted.
- o Upcoming Events:
 - DC Annual Citywide Baby Shower, Culture House DC, 700 Delaware Avenue SW, Saturday, May 13, 2023, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - DPR Senior Walking Club, May 3 and 20 at Oxon Run Park, May 31 and June 10 at Marvin Gaye Park.
 - Walk With Your MOCRS: Schedule walks with Christopher Powell or her on Tuesdays and Fridays. Grace.reeder@dc.gov; Christopher.powell2@dc.gov

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Jaren Price from Downtown DC BID wanted to flag that these funds in the Festival Fund support many important community events in DC including the Downtown Holiday Market and the Annual Downtown Lunar Parade amongst many others in addition to the Pride Parade.

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

Brian Romanowski provided a slide presentation, highlights of which follow:

- Final negotiations underway on FY2024 Budget with the first vote scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023 with the final vote in early June. Councilmember Pinto is fighting hard to make sure your Ward 2 priorities are included in the final budget.
- Councilmember Pinto now chairs the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety and the Committee released their 136-page draft budget. Councilmember Pinto sees this budget as a blueprint for making DC safer and for making you safer and that remains her top priority.
- We are funding new safe commercial corridor grants to help keep our main streets safer and funding violence interrupters and community-based crime prevention programs that have proven results.
- Also, a new pilot program for enhanced security and custodial services at schools that function as public playgrounds and fields. And this is a big deal for Shaw because the pilot is intended for Garrison and Banneker and will also allow them to upgrade their cameras and add cameras too to field areas.
- Budget also includes funding for MPD to recruit and retain officers which is critical to ensuring faster response times and increasing patrols.
- There's also funding to allow schools to retain School Resource Officers.
- Another things that just came up is support for the Department of Forensic Sciences to ensure accurate and timely evidence analysis.
- The Budget also promotes data collection and sharing by allowing the Office of the Attorney General to hire data analysts they currently do not have.
- It also strengthens OAG's ability to penalize folks who are illegally dumping which is a common issue in Ward 2.
- It also restores funding for victim services and legal aid that were not in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- We have enjoyed working with MPD's Chief Conti who is departing and Councilmember Pinto looks forward to working to confirm a new chief who is ready to take on the very serious public safety challenges that we are facing.
- There's \$200,000 to help with public safety and substance abuse issues around the Howard Theater area and funding for a recording studio inside the Kennedy Rec Center which was requested.
- We were able to include a requirement that DDOT adds an option for repairs to porous flexible pavement on sidewalks via 311
- Also working to add additional funding to the emergency rental assistance program which is going to be seriously strained the next fiscal year.
- Trash Compactor Grant Program – The Mayor's budget actually cut this program and we are working hard to restore funding. Please contact Chair Mendelson – he needs to hear from residents to show that this is an important program and that it needs funding.
- Councilmember Pinto sent a letter to the Construction Code Coordinating Board asking them to re-evaluate the timeframe that residential buildings with central air are required to turn the air conditioning on. Currently the law says the buildings are required to have it on May 15 to September 15, but the last update to that was in 2017 and we know that climate change has only made this issue more pronounced. Councilmember Henderson also introduced legislation that Councilmember Pinto is co-sponsoring that would change those dates to April 15th to October 31st.

- o Councilmember Pinto will be marching the Capital Pride Parade which is on Saturday, June 10, 2023.
- o Sign up for our newsletter at www.brookepintodc.com; Brian Romanowski, bromanowski@dccouncil.gov

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Jackie Delaney stated she is a senior and she normally swims at Turkey Thicket Aquatic Center; she has bad arthritis and she goes there because they have a hot tub; that tub is always broken. The therapeutic pool in SE is being renovated. Are they going to keep the hot tub at Turkey Thicket available for people to come and swim because the water is just too cold and she needs a pool where the water is not too cold because of her arthritis. Response: Will be happy to talk to DPR on the status of repair.
- o Matteo De Sabbata – **(1)** stated Pinto’s plan to revitalize the downtown will fail unless the Council starts enacting the law and starts to push for accountability. It’s not acceptable to see groups of ATVs and dirt bikes storming the city with no consequences. It’s not acceptable to see people walking out of CVS with stolen merchandise and no consequences. He has sent many emails to Councilmember with no responses. We need to enforce the law now and the city has not acted on it. Otherwise, people will leave the city, high taxpayers will leave the city and the city center will not come back to where it was; **(2)** stated M Street is a heavily traveled commuter street and people are trashing it on a daily basis and nothing has been done. He hopes Councilmember’s office can address this.
Response: Hoping to address this by allowing the Office of the Attorney General to go after illegal dumping more. But on M Street it’s a smaller problem in that there is not one suspect dumping but more people just throwing things out of their cars as they drive through and then there’s also the issue of DPW doing a better job of not dropping trash that they’re collecting from residential bins as they’re putting it into the trucks to take away. On the Public Safety front, Councilmember Pinto completely agrees that a major issue for downtown recovery and for the entire city’s recovery is that it needs to be safe or businesses aren’t going to open here.
- o Carolyn – **(1)** How do we get Councilmember Pinto to respond to emails? Is there someone monitoring the inbox? Response: We do our best to respond – get so many emails – send your emails to him; **(2)** would you be willing to join the council of people we’re pulling together to address the kids who are doing all this stuff along with Dunbar? Response: Yes.

C. REPORT FROM EVENTS DC

Solana Vander Nat, Senior Manager of Community Engagement

- o Visit: eventsdc.com; please sign up for Events DC electronic mailing list.
- o Upcoming events – one single day and 4 multi-day; no additional security measures are expected for these events.
- o May 19-24, 2023: American Thoracic International Conference with an estimated attendance of 17,000 – this is the largest event of the month.
- o May 27-28, 2023: United House of Prayer will host their Memorial Day weekend celebration with an estimated attendance of 7,000.

- o May 30-June 2: Association of International Educators Annual National Convention with an estimated attendance of 8,000.
- o Will be announcing FY24 community grants next month.
- o We will host informational sessions in July, with dates forthcoming and the application deadline is August 1, 2023.

6. 501 NEW YORK AVENUE NW: PROPOSAL FOR TEMPORARY HOLDING CELL BLOCK – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC), METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS) [2G06]

Representatives Present: Peter Ovarsky
Agyei Hargrove, Public Safety on Justice Portfolio, DGS
John Stewart, Assistant Director-External Affairs
Gobbohan Williams, Acting Deputy Director-Capital Construction
Mike Sammy, Project Manager
Peter Obarowski
Dana Forrester

A slide presentation was provided. Highlights include:

- o **Project Background:** Renovation of 501 New York Avenue is a sub project to the Daly Swing Project. The Daly Swing Project provides a temporary solution to the current tenants of the Daly Building due to its deplorable conditions (failing HVAC systems, water infiltrations, environment issues/mold, etc.) by providing a temporary swing space for the tenants while the larger Daly Building project is addressed.
 - o Daly Swing Project has two tracks:
 - Track One: MPD HQ swing into the Marion S. Barry, Jr. Building – Project already underway with projected completion in February 2024.
 - Track Two: Department of Corrections (DOC) Central Cell Block (CCB) swing into 501 New York Avenue (current MPD Units at 501 New York Avenue NW will be relocating to 2850 New York Avenue NW in October 2023 to make way for this renovation work to proceed.
- o **501 New York Avenue Background:**
 - o Building is the only building that meets the criteria in the DC inventory that had proximity to the courthouse existing holding cells/existing sallyport and a central location in the District for MPD operational requirements.
 - o It currently serves as MPD Traffic Safety and Specialized Enforcement Branch (TSSEB).
 - o Construction activities are planned to begin around October 2023 and will generally be contained within the 501 site.
 - o Interior renovation project is in final permitting.
- o Department of Corrections (DOC) Operations
 - o This location will serve as a temporary home for the Central Cell Block (CCB) holding facility for initial arrestees from MPD or other law

- enforcement agencies until immediate court appearance (typically no more than 12-24 hours)
- Overnight detainees are transferred to the courthouse by 7:30 am.
- Detainees from the Police Districts who have missed arraignment court are received at CCB from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
- Visual renderings provided. Possibility of adding some fencing to the project.
- Building Plans: Provided and reviewed for the Basement Level, Level One, Level Two
- Schedule:
 - Design Complete: February 2021 – November 2022
 - Permitting: December 2022 – May 2023. **Have not gone out to bid yet; still finalizing bidding documents because we are waiting for the permit.
 - MPD Move from 501 New York Avenue NW to 2850 New York Avenue NW: October 2023
 - 501 New York Avenue construction (14 months): October 2023 – December 2024
 - DOC-CCB Move-In to 501 New York Avenue: January 2025 – March 2025.
 - Daly Building Vacated: March 2025

A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

- Commissioner Nigro stated she has many external stakeholders who want to give their opinion. She also stated the community found out about this project via her social media and there was no outreach from the government whatsoever about this project and it was interesting, seeing that timeline, that they've been working on this since February 2021. This is absolutely insulting to the community, all of her constituents, and all of the stakeholders that surround this building. This is impactful to all of the residents, especially the people who live nearby. What was the process? How was I supposed to be notified? It shouldn't have been via her Instagram.
 - Response: – John Stokes – Director of External Affairs, Department of Services: We normally work with our client agencies regarding the community engagement, so he will have to get back to her on that but we are definitely committed to meeting with the community and having conversations with the community moving forward.

Commissioner Nigro stated the operator and the management of this facility is the Department of Corrections (DOC) and, as she has said before, they are not on this call. Her constituents were completely dismissed by the DOC and this is disgusting. She reached out several times to DOC via email and the DOC could not be bothered to be on this call. This is about safety and we didn't know and thank goodness for her social media.

Commissioner Nigro asked about sound mitigation measures in the building.

Response from Agyei Hargrove: We are willing to work with the Commissioners and the community. This building already had holding cells and it already had a Sally port. A sally port is the two way garage that opens by rolling up and you drive a van in and off load detainees. This is a government-owned facility that checked most of the boxes. Yes the numbers are being increased. Regarding the noise, will get with the architect and get you an answer.

- Commissioner Padro added that while the DOC was not able to attend the April ANC meeting, we gave them until the May ANC meeting to have their representatives available to speak and they failed to do that.
- Commissioner Berry asked is there any way to stop this and asked for a POC at DOC.
- Elder Dane Thomas, United House of Prayer (closest residents to the building): We are not happy at all about this and the fact that there was no community outreach to us. We vehemently oppose this and will work towards not making this happen. There will also be traffic issues and he has concerns for the safety of children.
- Sean Sullivan, Boston Properties and Stewart Investments – stated they are working on a development across the street at 1001 6th Street NW and are planning for 540 new residential units, 30,000 square feet of new ground floor retail, and 800 residents. We will have over \$1 billion invested in this block. No community outreach.
Concerns: Safety – the already unrest in the neighborhood is troublesome and you are adding to this. The Mayor is touting her comeback plan, trying to get people back downtown, and property value shortfalls but you missed one box – its location. This is a downtown residential commercial district. It's two blocks from the Convention Center and you're going to be having people walking by from their hotels listening to people coming in and out of vans at 7:30 in the morning. This is not a good look for local businesses. He finds this incredibly short-sighted and his ownership group is going to be very active in fighting this. Already looked into filing injunctions on the permits.
Question: It is being framed as temporary...how temporary is it? Investing in this building leads him to believe this is permanent. John Stokes: Don't have an exact timeline – could be a couple years...still working on an exact timeline.
- Commissioner Padro: Is the Daly building not funded yet? What is the timeline?
Response: Does believe it is funded. Agyei Hargrove: Not funded for this year; put in a budget request for 2025 and we're waiting to hear back.
- Sawsan Eltayeb, General Manager, Brookfield Properties: Building at 655 New York Avenue. We were actually informed by others about this. We have a daycare in our property and have children dropped off right in front of the building you are planning to open. This has a huge impact for parents dropping off their kids but families will relocate because they are not going to feel safe. Also, potential tenants are not going to want to come in the building. This will adversely impact our operations. We were not notified as stakeholders.
- Commissioner Nigro: Douglas Development lost a client and this hasn't even happened yet.
- NiYi Adekanye, General Manager, Homewood Suites/Hilton Hotels: Hotel caters to convention center folks and families, international visitors that come into DC and having to walk by that building definitely impacts us. The optics are not good. It's a 24 hour facility, right? Police cars, sirens, and volume of traffic will impact our hotel and businesses. DOC has been negligent in not communicating this with all the stakeholders and businesses and residents in the area. Fully intends to fight this with his ownership group.
- Elder Dr. L. Murray, United House of Prayer: He lives on that L Street block. Dismayed that we haven't been consulted. Government has tried to insult the intelligence of the people in this particular area and we plan to join with you. We need to fight and protect our neighborhood and keep our neighborhood the way we want it to be instead of accepting these changes. We have been in the community longer

than the building at 501 New York Avenue has and we should have a voice in what happens in the neighborhood.

- o Kyle Everett: Lives on 6th & L and is a recent purchaser. Wants to echo everything that has been said by previous callers. There's a daycare across the street, increasing number of businesses on L street and a growing residential area and the fact that DOC is not here is shameful. He would be willing to put his name on any sort of legal filing and thinks injunctive relief is a good option and would encourage those filing law suits to notify everybody in the community.
- o Avi: Shame on the government folks who are on this call for not informing the community because you are just as responsible for the lack of communication as the Department of Corrections. What's the impact on parking? And any barbed wire to support the facility? Agyei Hargrove: parking will remain as it is, no increase into the neighborhood; no barbed fence around the facility. Commissioner Nigro: that parking area is owned by the National Park Service. Response: it is on the plat.
- o Luis S – lives at 6th and L. Very concerned. Should focus on how we are going to stop this. We should mobilize to see what we need to do to stop this.
- o Resit Gecgil: Thank you for bringing this up. Ceiling height and parking.
- o Gerrin Price, DowntownDC BID: Will have an impact on both the immediate businesses that are in this vicinity and the residents. Disappointing not to have the DOC here today, as we were really hoping to get some clarity with respect to some of the intentions for how this property would be used and what their intentions are around timelines. One of the most poignant things that has come up is just really understanding what the intent is in terms of the timing for this space to be temporary. Before this moves forward, there should be a clear plan for the future of the Daly Building in place and funded before you know anything really happens here. We want to offer ourselves as a resource and also want to acknowledge the DGS team for being here and attempting to bring the information that we do have.
- o Commissioner Nigro: On behalf of my 2,000 constituents and the external stakeholders that surround the building, we are against this project and we will fight this project. It is utterly ridiculous that this is being moved forward without any community consultation. I am happy I was able to move this forward through her social media.
- o Commissioner Berry: Where is the money coming from? We need to see if this in the Mayor's Budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **oppose** the proposed Temporary Holding Cell Block at 501 New York Avenue NW and that said opposition be communicated to the Department of Corrections, Department of General Services, Metropolitan Police Department and the Mayor in a letter detailing and describing ANC 2G's outrage at the lack of communication and engagement with the community about this project that has been funded for a number of years and that it is important that plans for restoration of the Daly Building be in place before any further consideration of the project. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

7. BLAGDEN ALLEY NW: RESOLUTION REGARDING DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT) TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING SIGNAGE, ESTABLISHMENT OF PICK UP/DROP OFF ZONES AND RIDE SHARE GEOFENCING [2G04]

Commissioner McCarty introduced his proposed resolution regarding DDOT Traffic Safety Improvements, Including Signage, Establishment of Pick Up/Drop Off Zones and Ride Share Geofencing. He stated that residents of Blagden Alley have been facing a whole host of issues due to the mixed use nature of Blagden Alley and so this resolution is targeted to urge DDOT to take a few steps to help promote more peace and order and make Blagden Alley a better place for not only business patrons and visitors, but for residents. [Commissioner McCarty reads the resolution].

Commissioner Berry asked where the delivery will be on 9th Street and was informed there is already a 9th Street loading zone. She also asked whether residents of Blagden Alley using Rideshare will be able to be dropped off in the alley and was informed no.

Sryanda Watkins asked how many residents live in Blagden Alley. Commissioner McCarty stated he will have to research this, but he believes that there are at least 50 people living in the apartment building. Ms. Watkins stated she was concerned about people being dropped off and then having to walk through the alley.

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G support the Resolution to promote traffic safety and peace and order in Blagden Alley and communicate same to the District Department of Transportation. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8. EAST SIDE OF 1500 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SPACE OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR PLACEMENT OF TRAILER FOR ONE-DAY EVENT, JUNE 27, 2023 (US SOCCER FOUNDATION) [2G02]

Representative Present: Drew Dubé, U.S. Soccer Foundation

Mr. Dubé introduced himself and stated he has been with the U. S. Soccer Foundation for 6 years. U. S. Soccer Foundation is a nonprofit foundation based in DC but it does work across the country in the after school programming space so our goal is growing access to the sport of soccer. One of the ways we do this we facilitate donations of small soccer courts in communities where there is underused space. We call these soccer courts a mini pitch and then we manage the physical project installation with our vendors. We've done over 600 of these across the country and this project is in relation to an ongoing partnership. We've completed 9 of these projects with DC Public Schools when the school administration requested them. We've been communicating with Seaton Elementary School on this project. To that end, he is requesting support for a Public Space Occupancy Permit to park a 53-foot trailer on the east parking lane of 10th Street NW, just west of Seaton Elementary. 10th Street is a one-way street, we need about 2 hours on Tuesday, June 27th, from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. We don't anticipate traffic disruptions during those hours and then we plan to fully complete the project by mid-July.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G **support** the request for support of the U. S. Soccer Foundation for a Public Space Occupancy Permit for placement of a trailer for a one-day event on June 27, 2023 for two hours and that said support be communicated in writing to the District

Department of Transportation and the Public Space Committee. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

9. 902 S STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR EXCEPTION FOR INSTALLATION OF PLANTER ON SIDEWALK IN PUBLIC SPACE (KIRSTEN NEUS) [2G01]

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Public Space Exception for the installation of a planter in front of 902 S Street NW, that the applicant provide ANC 2G with a written agreement for upkeep and maintenance of the planter, and that said support be communicated in writing to the District Department of Transportation and the Public Space Committee. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

10. 901 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR NEW SIDEWALK CAFÉ IN PUBLIC SPACE (STK) [2G05]

Commissioner Padro stated this is a sidewalk café on a portion of public space that is nearest to the northeast corner of 10th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW on the Massachusetts Avenue side in front of the entrance to the restaurant which is currently under construction. ANC 2G previously approved the liquor store license for this establishment and they are now requesting support for the Public Space Permit for the sidewalk café.

MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the request for support for an Occupancy Permit for a new sidewalk café in public space for STK, 901 Massachusetts Avenue NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to the District Department of Transportation and the Public Space Committee. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

11. ELECTION OF ANC 2G SECRETARY

Commissioner McCarty stated he is happy to volunteer for the role of Secretary. In his past Board experience, he has been Secretary many times before and has already been helping maintain the website. He hopes, if elected Secretary, he can help bring more organization and hopefully help us keep our gaskets firing at the right cadence.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 2G elect Commissioner McCarty as Secretary of ANC 2G. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. Approval of Minutes of 04/12/23 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2023 ANC 2G Public Meeting as amended. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. Approval of Expenses

- 1) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro for Meeting Agenda copies in the amount of \$38.16. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).
- 2) **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 May 11, 2023 ANC 2G Public Meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 3) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to reimburse Commissioner Padro for the monthly Zoom One Pro fee for May in the amount of \$15.95. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Padro).
- 4) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to reimburse Commissioner Padro in the amount of \$83.74 for Zoom Webinar 500-1 for the May ANC meeting. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Padro).
- 5) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to reimburse Commissioner Berry in the amount of \$58.04 for Agenda copying expenses related to the May meeting. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Berry).

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Padro – (1) encouraged those on the call to join as volunteers. We have a new Public Safety Committee, we are looking for a Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, as well as the Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee, and the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee. Email: 2g@anc.dc.gov and Commissioner McCarty has posted a link with the description of the committees in the Chat; (2) stated we should be getting out notice about the public engagement process for the Florida Avenue Bus Priority Project – we requested a presentation from them for this meeting, but they deferred to the June meeting until after the initial public meeting has taken place.
- B. Commissioner Berry stated she is having an in-person meeting at the Kennedy Recreation Center, 1401 7th Street NW, at 6:00 pm on May 15, 2023 and is trying to make it hybrid. Her meetings are on the third Monday of each month. Please come out and bring your concerns.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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