

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, May 9, 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 4 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously 4 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

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

Lt. Alan Herring (PSA 308) reported on crime for the last month. He was having computer issues and provided a brief report from his recollection.

- o There were four arrests in the drug-free zone – two for possession of an open container and two for urinating in public.
- o An individual was struck by gunfire at Dunbar or outside of Dunbar; juveniles were involved; there were arrests related to that. Commissioner Nigro thought it was a student who was shot through a window and the shot grazed her.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner McCarty stated he sent the following in an email so that responses could be prepared: **(1)** he has constituents, especially condominiums, in his district that would love to learn more about the Camera Connect Program and what that entails; **(2)** he is asking for an update on the shooting on the 600 block of P Street NW on March 17, 2024; **(3)** there was an incident on May 2, 2024, CCN #24065-563, and he would like to know what is happening with the perpetrator. Response: Arrested in another matter on 5/7/24; case closed.

- Commissioner Watkins asked what shift Lt. Herring works and was informed he is on the midnight shift which runs from 8:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. She is at the Second Northwest Cooperative and she has not met him yet. She stated a young man was arrested on Monday on the 400 block of N or O Street and he was in possession of a gun. Response: He will follow up with her.

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

- She will drop some information in the Chat about the budget discussions and will include a Budget Highlight Sheet.
- The Mayor spoke at the Downtown Economic Forum and when it comes to investments in downtown and investments everywhere else, we have made really huge investments across DC like St. Elizabeth's, Walter Reed and the Waterfront. It is not a question of investing here versus everything else. We can do investments but we cannot always do investments at the same time, especially with this year's budget. We had to be very strategic with our investments and that is why the Mayor's priorities for this year were doubling down on Public Safety, Public Education and Downtown. Because a healthy and vibrant Downtown is vital for a healthy and thriving DC, it enables us to make investments in programs and services that benefit communities in all wards.
- The Mayor recently spoke at the Gallery Place Chinatown Task Force and she will put some information in the Chat about this.
- She will also drop some information in the Chat about the Camera Connect Program that can be useful.

B. REPORT FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO'S OFFICE

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- Council Committees are voting on their budgets this week for FY 25. The Judiciary and Public Safety Committee voted on their budget yesterday. The first full Council vote on the full budget is on May 29, 2024 followed by a second vote on June 12, 2024 and then a final vote before the end of June.
- Councilmember Pinto is remaining focused on ensuring Ward 2 priorities are funded in this tough budget climate – Improving Public Safety, Revitalizing Downtown, and funding our Public Transportation System.
- Truancy and Absenteeism: Chairman Mendelson is holding a round table on May 13, 2024 on four different bills that have been introduced around this topic from different councilmembers. Councilmember Pinto wants to expand the family engagement partnership and improve literacy rates.
- Councilmembers Nadeau and Allen introduced a bill which will change how mopeds are regulated as it relates to registration and insurance and enforcement of general rules.
- Changes are also being made to our amplified noise regulations and a hearing is expected soon. This new legislation would actually change that the noise is measured at the source of the amplification. Right now, it is 80 decibels and this would change to 50 decibels.

- National Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 17, 2024 and we will assemble at 14th and U Streets, NW.
- A question-and-answer period followed.
- Commissioner Nigro stated she is hopeful something will be done about truancy and reiterated, in her view, that the Safe Passage program is not working.
- Commissioner Berry also addressed the issue of truancy and is very familiar with DCPS and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). She has daughters at all three levels (elementary, middle, high school) and the truancy process is handled differently at each school. Students are only allowed to miss 10 days and anything beyond that you are unenrolled and there are issues to deal with there. On the other hand, immigrants can take their children out of school for three weeks and the school will hold that spot and re-enroll the child back in school. Whereas, if you live in DC, you cannot do the same thing. She asked that OSSE be urged to communicate with the actual attendance counselors that are in the schools and record the attendance.
- Commissioner McCarty – **(1)** stated he wanted to thank Councilmember Pinto for partnering on the Harmonious Living Act with Councilmember Nadeau. They have been advocating for 2G04 on updates to the noise regulation and enforcement for quite some time. Also included in that bill are soundproofing resources for businesses. He asked after this legislation is passed, can you work with the Councilmember to bring those resources back to the existing businesses on the 9th Street Corridor who should have already been soundproofed?
Response: It sounds like there may be a funding issue there, too, so we will make sure we can get funds. There are three different noise bills – Harmonious Living, Amplified Noise, and Vehicular Noise. Vehicular Noise is with the Transportation Committee, Harmonious Living is with Councilmember Nadeau’s committee and Amplified Noise is with Chairman Mendelson. We need to make sure we have hearings on them; **(2)** asked why funding was cut from the Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ Resources. He would like to advocate for that funding for victims of hate crimes and wants the Councilmember to understand how important it is. Response: it is our hope that we are able to still fund it throughout the rest of the budget process so that we can find funds from another area.

C. Commissioner Nigro provided an update on 501 New York Avenue and stated we won our appeal against the government with the BZA. She thanked her constituents and fellow commissioners for their support. However, the fight is not over. The government could very well appeal the decision, it will go to the courts or they could come back to 6E or 2G.

D. REPORT FROM EVENTS DC

Solana Vander Nat, Senior Manager of Community Engagement, Walter E. Washington Convention Center

- Visit: eventsdc.com; please sign up for Events DC electronic mailing list.
- Six upcoming events at the Convention Center, 3 single day, and three multi day.
 - May 18 – 21, 2024: Digestive Disease Week, estimated attendance of 15,000.
 - May 25 – 26, 2024: United House of Prayer Memorial Weekend of Service, estimated attendance of 6,000.

- o Community Grant Program: Announcing the FY 25 community grants next month. We will host informational sessions in July with dates forthcoming and the application deadline is August 1, 2024.
- o NATO Summit, July 9-11, 2024. This is a national special security event, placing the U.S. Secret Service in charge of all elements of security and safety planning. The U.S. Secret Service has begun the process of meeting with Events DC to discuss plans that are not yet finalized. In early June, the Secret Service will be conducting outreach to area residents and local businesses that will be impacted by road closures and security measures implemented during the event. The Secret Service will work in conjunction with Events DC to host an Invitation Only meeting at the Convention Center in mid-June for ANCs, community leaders, residents, and business operators who can share information with their constituents, neighbors and customers.
- o Please stop by the Events DC table at the Mount Vernon Triangle's 20th Anniversary Street Festival on Saturday, May 11, 2024.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Nigro asked if Ms. Vander Nat could give everyone a visual of what the impact of the NATO Summit is all going to look like. Response: There will be a perimeter that will be on the exterior of the convention center and the extent of that perimeter has not been finalized yet by the Secret Service. Commissioner Nigro alluded to a recent past event where there was no garbage pickup, and businesses lost business. Communication from the Secret Service was a real issue and she asked that the Secret Service work with ANC 2G so that we will be ready and prepared.
- o Commissioner Berry echoed what Commissioner Nigro said and said that that past event was a nightmare for residents who live here who were blindsided in terms of road closures and the inability for pedestrians to get around. Response: The ANCs are on the invitation list.
- o Commissioner Padro added one of the issues we have had on these National Security events is that the Secret Service starts out saying one thing and by the time the event happens, it is 180 degrees away from where they started, i.e., businesses were encouraged to stay open, they brought in staff and product and then were told the block is closed. He asked that these concerns be shared with the Secret Service.
- o Commissioner Watkins asked when barriers will be set up. Response: As soon as we have that exact date, it will be shared with you.

5. 404 N STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT PLANS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD [2G06]

Representative Present: Allison Price, Architect, MCD Studio, LLC
Matt McDonald, Architect, MCD Studio, LLC

Commissioner Nigro introduced the topic and stated this property has been empty for a very, very long time and is in complete and utter disrepair. Residents are excited for some sort of

action to happen.

A slide presentation was provided.

- o Existing unit is a two-story three bedroom, one and a half bath unit and it currently has an unfinished basement. The front façade has a lot of brick articulation which we love.
- o Proposed Design: Visuals presented.
- o Flag test performed last Friday. The proposed addition will not be visible.
- o Updated this package to reflect brick on that third story so it blends with the existing condition of the structure and the neighborhood.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Concept Plans for 404 N Street NW and that said support be communicated in writing to the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

6. 1201 5th STREET NW – SANE WINE AND SPIRITS: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS/TYPE: A RETAIL – LIQUOR STORE [2G06]

Commissioner Nigro stated there was one constituent concern about garbage but she received numerous letters of accolade from her constituents that they like this liquor store. She has not heard any complaints.

Commissioner Padro stated there was no investigative history in the current renewal cycle and, based on Commissioner Nigro's expressions of support, the ABC Licensing Committee supported the renewal of this license application and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class/Type A Retail Liquor Store license for Sane Wine and Spirits, 1201 5th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

7. 1428 9th STREET NW – CAPITAL WINE AND SPIRITS: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS/TYPE: A/RETAIL – LIQUOR STORE [2G02]

Representative Present: Dipen Patel

Commissioner Padro stated Capital Wine and Spirits is formerly SNW Liquors and formerly 9th NP Liquors. They recently had a transition into new ownership. This is a liquor store that has been at this location for about 80 years. We are glad to have the new owner with us. There has been no investigative history in the past two years.

Mr. Patel stated it is a family-owned business. His mother and father are the owners and he is the Manager and is there every day. They are excited to provide excellent customer service. They have been doing renovations inside the store and have already upgraded the flooring as well as the shelves. They are continuing to add new services.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor Store license for Capital Wine and Spirits, 1428 9th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed**

unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8. 1401 6th STREET NW – MIMI’S LIQUOR: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS/TYPE: A/RETAIL – LIQUOR STORE [2G05]

Representative Present: Abeba “Mimi” Beyene

Commissioner Padro stated in terms of investigative history, there was a sale to a minor that occurred on June 10, 2023 for failing to ascertain legal age. A citation was issued, but only a warning so there was no fine involved. He asked Ms. Beyene for an explanation of why this occurred. Ms. Beyene responded at that time a new employee was hired and, although he was trained to ask for identification for every single person who entered this building, he failed to do so. He went through training again and so failing to ascertain legal age will never be repeated again. Commissioner Padro stated that, based on Commissioner Berry’s statement to the ABC Licensing Committee that Mimi’s Liquor Store was a good neighbor, the committee voted to recommend support for the renewal license.

MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor License for Mimi’s Liquor, 1401 6th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

9. 1618 8th STREET NW – ABT LIQUORS: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS/TYPE: A/RETAIL – LIQUOR STORE AND SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE: INCREASE IN HOURS OF ALCOHOL SALES [2G02]

Commissioner Padro stated the representative was unable to be present due to a family health emergency. In addition to the renewal, there is also a Request for Substantial Change and there was also an investigative matter.

The Request for Substantial Change is an increase in hours of operation. This is prompted by the fact that there was an investigative issue on November 27, 2023 when they sold alcoholic beverages outside of the approved hours. So, the hours of operation do not currently match the hours of alcohol sales and a clerk made an error resulting in a \$2,000 fine which now has been paid and, in order to try to avoid this type of error occurring in the future, the owner filed an application for a Substantial Change to be able to have the Hours of Operation match the Hours of Alcoholic Beverage Sales. There was one other investigative matter in the previous two years renewal cycle that was related to sales of vape cartridges. The owner was not aware that vape cartridges could not be sold under their ABCA license and they paid a \$1,000 fine for that and discontinued the practice. The ABC Licensing Committee voted to recommend support of the renewal of the license as well as the Substantial Change. There were two conditions, one that the fine be paid, which it has been, and that the establishment reach out to the Central Shaw Neighborhood Association to see if there were any comments or concerns on their part. The owner received no response nor did Commissioner Padro when he reached out.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor License for ABT Liquors, 1618 8th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Request for Substantial Change filed by ABT Liquors, 1618 8th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

10. 901 M STREET NW – MODERN LIQUORS: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS/TYPE: A/RETAIL – LIQUOR STORE [2G04]

Commissioner Padro stated Modern Liquors has been at 901 M Street NW at least since 1938. They have moved locations when changes in the neighborhood occurred, but they've been at that corner of 9th and M Street NW since 1938. While no representative is present, we did hear from Commissioner McCarty that he supported the renewal of the license and the Committee did vote to support that application. Commissioner McCarty stated he has done community outreach to his constituents and has not heard anything but that they are quiet and respectful neighbors.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor License for Modern Liquors, 901 M Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

11. 901 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW – STK STEAKHOUSE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE: REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF HOURS OF OPERATION, SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION, ENTERTAINMENT, AND CARRY-OUT & DELIVERY FOR RETAILER'S CLASS "C" RESTAURANT (2G05)

Representative Present: Manalle Mahmoud, Mallios, O'Brien, & Sandground, PLLC
Shawn Gleason, Training Manager, STK Steakhouse
Alex Tabolsky, Assistant Vice President, STK Steakhouse

Commissioner Padro stated this is another Substantial Change application for Change of Hours of Operation, Sales, Service, and Consumption, Entertainment, and Carry-Out and Delivery. There were several issues raised during the Commission's consideration of the matter.

The Current Hours of Operation and Alcoholic Beverages Sales, Service, and Consumption inside the premises are Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Proposed Hours of Operation and Alcoholic Beverages Sales, Service, and Consumption inside the premises are Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m., the Current Hours of Live Entertainment inside the premises are Sunday through Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m., the Proposed House of Live Entertainment inside the premises are Sunday through Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., the Current Hours of Carry-Out & Delivery are Sunday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m., Proposed Hours of Carry-Out & Delivery are Sunday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Commissioner Padro stated there was a concern from Commissioner McCarty and his constituents about incidents related to excessive numbers of delivery vehicles accumulating at the 10th Street side of the property which had been raised when the applicant had originally applied. There is signage that has been placed promoting the takeout which Commissioner McCarty felt exacerbated the issue. Commissioner Padro proposed that the establishment apply

for a Pickup and Drop Off Zone there at the 10th Street corner of the Marriott Marquis building where the restaurant is located and counsel for the applicant concurred with this. He asked the applicant's legal counsel to communicate with Commissioner Berry that ANC 2G is proposing that change. The other change that was accepted was the removal of the signage promoting the carry-out and delivery. Ms. Mahmoud stated she did not agree to the removal of the signage and that she would have to run this by STK.

Mr. Tabolsky stated the permitting process and getting through all the final inspections was challenging but they got through it. They are having some challenges with DDOT on the Enclosed Sidewalk Patio. DDOT does not want footings. STK thought that had that approved so they are going to come back to the ANC for the Unenclosed Sidewalk Patio to try to get that working. Mr. Tabolsky stated they are requesting to add some hours to their liquor license and they are appreciative of those hours, they really need them, and they think it will boost the earning capacity of our restaurant level employees which is very important. He received some feedback that there were some concerns about the takeout and carry-out signage and that is why he asked Shawn Gleason, their Training Manager, to join the call. To their knowledge, they have not received any complaints and have not experienced any issues with the takeout/carry-out situation and there have not been any double parking issues to their knowledge. The takeout/carry-out is significantly attributable to the hotel and the people who come from the hotel and into the restaurant through the hotel. They have a great business model where they have lunch boxes that they distribute to hotel folks through the takeout/carry-out area.

Mr. Gleason joined the call and stated since they have gone live on April 2nd of this year with their to-go program, it has been an integral part of our business. To date, they have done 1,005 orders and \$75,000 in sales with the average order of \$67.00 from the takeout station in the corner of the restaurant. It is a focal point for their third party vendors. They utilize this area to pick up orders for their convenience to not have to enter the restaurant. This easy execution is to get orders out to the drivers and streamline the timing of delivery to their guests. Their takeout and delivery services ensure that the superior quality of their food program is preserved when enjoying it outside of the restaurant. He believes their takeout and delivery door is a convenience for their guests and a convenience for their delivery drivers. They can deliver to a broader audience in the local market. Their guests can enjoy their signature dishes without worrying about crowded spaces in the comfort of their own homes. It enhances their customer experience and their takeout and delivery window program supports the local community and provides employment opportunities, supports local suppliers and their business as well. To their knowledge, they have not had any issues with parking. It has been a faster pickup time. It is an easy convenience to the hotel and their guests and it really streamlines and lessens the time that the drivers do park by the window by minutes and they are just trying to provide that excellent service to the local community.

Commissioner McCarty thanked Mr. Gleason for sharing how integral the carryout is, especially sharing the revenue generation. He knows that is incredibly important to any business, but he also wants to be clear that no amount of money or revenue generation can replace a life that was lost at this intersection. He is focused on making sure that there is not another loss of life at that intersection. He walks past that intersection every single day and there are always cars pulled over at the corner that is already congested and overcrowded. He has already worked with DDOT on getting an NOI to add traffic calming mechanisms at that corner because it is so dangerous, so the fact that the carryout is placed on the corner of an intersection that is already dangerous and adds to illegal double parking and standing which adds to the congestion and makes it unsafe. While he can appreciate that is convenient to STK's business and customers, it is not convenient to the community and it makes us less safe. This is not acceptable. STK has to work with the hotel to strictly enforce that STK's takeout and carryout drivers will pick up from

the hotel through lane and if STK cannot do that, then STK needs to work with DDOT to get a dedicated zone for their drivers to safely pull over that is not at the corner of 10th and Massachusetts Avenue NW.

Commissioner Padro stated that what was discussed at the committee meeting and which Ms. Mahmoud indicated a willingness to support was that STK agrees to apply to DDOT to establish a pick-up and drop-off zone on the east side of the street north of Massachusetts Avenue on 10th Street so that only pickup and delivery vehicles can park there and those spaces do not have to compete with other parkers.

Ms. Mahmoud stated that STK completely understands the ANC's safety concerns and advised that the takeout sign is not where the takeout is. The takeout station is in the restaurant and you can access it via the hotel. It is impossible for restaurants to police third party drivers and this is why they could not agree to it last year because it opens up a certain amount of liability.

Commissioner Padro stated pick-up/drop-off zones have been established throughout our jurisdiction and provide enforcement to make sure that no one is parking and preventing delivery and pickup vehicles from parking in those designated spaces, so what the ANC is asking for STK's cooperation in filing an application for a pick-up/drop-off zone. Based on his past experience, those will be approved and those spaces will be designated for the exclusive use of vehicles that are picking up and dropping off and they are basically going to only be for STK because it is the only business that would be affected by this.

Mr. Tabolsky responded and stated STK is not opposed to cooperating with DDOT and going through the pick-up/drop-off permit application process. He stated this sounds like a good policy, and is something that actually benefits the business more than it harms the business.

Extensive discussion took place among the Commissioners.

DDOT's Christophe Wassmer stated that he is willing to work with STK to connect them with DDOT's Curbside Management Division to assist them with the pick-up/drop-off permit application process.

MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Substantial Change Request of STK Steakhouse, 901 Massachusetts Avenue NW for a Change of Hours of Operation, Sales, Service and Consumption, Entertainment, and Carry-Out & Delivery for the Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant conditioned on STK filing an application for a pick-up/drop off zone by the end of next week and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 1 nay (Commissioner Watkins) – 0 abstentions.

12. ABCA TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION – INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER McCARTY

Commissioner Padro stated the ABC Licensing Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the resolution.

Commissioner McCarty introduced the resolution and stated there is a severe lack of transparency and accountability when it comes to ABCA complaints and he has advocated for adding in more mechanisms to provide transparency and clarity to complainants and residents who have concerns about the operating procedures of alcohol licensed establishments in their neighborhood. His resolution focuses on four key parts: **(1)** Automatic email confirmation of

receipt of a complaint containing the complaint number and a brief overview of next steps; **(2)** Complaint status updates when their complaint is triaged for inspection or assigned to an investigator; **(3)** Investigator comment notification when investigators assign comments or updates to a complaint; **(4)** Ticket closure notification to be sent to the complainant outlining the outcome or resolution of the investigation.

Commissioner Padro expressed support for Commissioner McCarty's resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** his Resolution Regarding Transparency and Accountability in ABCA Online Complaint System and that the Resolution be conveyed to the Director of ABCA, the DC Council Committee on Business and Economic Development, and the Executive Office of the Mayor. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

13. DDOT NOI 24-98 – 6TH AND O STREET NW CURB EXTENSIONS [2G03]

Commissioner Berry introduced the topic and stated she is opposed to the DDOT Notice of Intent to extend the existing curb along 6th and O Streets NW. It is already a very narrow roadway and cars and trucks have a difficult time turning in and out of it. She is reaching out to her constituents to send letters in opposition to this NOI.

DDOT's Christophe Wassmer stated where the flex posts are, these are tactile safety improvements. Vision Zero Hardening is a DDOT program that upgrades existing tactile safety improvements to permanent. He has spoken to the project team and the project team stated that it would actually cut back the angle so that it would not be narrowing the roadway.

Commissioner Padro agreed with Commissioner Berry's comments and stated that the current dimensions do not work and the ANC would like to see it reworked so that it is more practical while still improving safety.

Commissioner Berry added during large national security events at the Convention Center, road closures require rerouting traffic from Rhode Island Avenue down 6th Street creating major issues there.

MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **oppose** the DDOT NOI #24-98 TESD to extend the existing curb along 6th and Streets NW and that this be conveyed to DDOT. The Motion passed 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner McCarty).

14. DDOT NOI 24-87 – TESD MODIFICATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT 6TH STREET AND Q STREET NW [2G03]

DDOT's Christophe Wassmer stated this modification is a result of traffic analysis performed by DDOT to advance recommendations to improve multimodal safety by the following:

- Improvements to wheelchair ramps.
- Addition of Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) push buttons and relocation of existing poles and pedestrian signal heads to improve ADA requirements.
- Improvement of streetlights and pavement markings.

- o Implementation of No Turn on Red Signs for the north and eastbound approaches.

He stated 6th and Q Streets NW is heavily used by students that are getting to Seton Elementary and any improvements at 6th and Q Streets are welcomed by the community, Councilmember Pinto's office and DDOT as well.

Commissioner Padro concurred with DDOT's observation about Seton parents being very concerned about improving safety for themselves and their children on their path east to Seton Elementary which is in his Single Member District.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the DDOT NOI #24-87 TESD – Modification of a Traffic Signal at 6th and Q Streets NW and other improvements and that this be conveyed to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

15. DDOT NOI 24-124 – TOA CONVERSION OF CURBSIDE PARKING PROGRAM [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G **support** the DDOT NOI #24-124 TOA – Conversion of Curbside Parking Program and that this be conveyed to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

16. DDOT NOI 24-134 – TOA FOR RIDESHARE DROP OFF ON 9TH STREET NW OUTSIDE OF BLAGDEN ALLEY [2G04]

Commissioner McCarty introduced the topic and stated a year ago, ANC 2G passed a resolution calling for some DDOT improvements to Blagden Alley. He expressed his appreciation to DDOT and the team for implementing portions of that resolution. This NOI is fulfilling one of the biggest portions of that resolution which is to geofence ride shares and implement a standard stable static rideshare pickup and drop-off zone immediately outside of Blagden Alley. He has received overwhelming community support from his constituents. This is a huge win for 2G04 and the residents and businesses in Blagden Alley. He did his due diligence with DDOT and this does not have any impact on residential parking whatsoever. The parking that will be taken up is just about three spaces and they are paid meter parking so there is no impact on local residential parking. He also added that it moves the loading zone north of this ride share drop-off which is also a huge win.

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G **support** the DDOT NOI #24-134 TOA – Rideshare Drop Off on 9th Street NW Outside of Blagden Alley and that this be conveyed to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G apply for the OANC Expert Assistance Fund for legal fees for 501 New York Avenue NW in

the amount of \$2,352.00. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Watkins seconded that ANC 2G apply for the OANC Expert Assistance Fund for legal fees for 501 New York Avenue NW in the amount of \$3,168.00. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G apply for the OANC Expert Assistance Fund for legal fees for 501 New York Avenue NW in the amount of \$3,696.00. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G apply for the OANC Expert Assistance Fund for legal fees for 501 New York Avenue NW in the amount of \$3,936.00. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

18. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. Treasurer's Report

- 1) For the period ending April 30, 2024, there was an Opening Balance of \$4,169.59; Debit Charges/Adjustments: 4/29/24 Zoom (credit) of \$20.14, 4/2/24 Zoom charge of \$100.69 for a total of \$80.69. There were five checks written for \$50.00, \$275.00, \$275.00, \$804.00, and \$79.18 totaling \$1,483.18. There was an allotment received for the 1st Quarter of \$4,011.43 for an Ending Balance of \$6,617.15.
- 2) **MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Watkins seconded that ANC 2G approve the payment of \$2,352.00 to the law firm of Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC for legal fees for the case against 501 New York Avenue NW subject to receipt of the grant from OANC. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G approve the payment of \$3,168.00 to the law firm of Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC for legal fees for the case against 501 New York Avenue NW subject to receipt of the grant from OANC. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G approve the payment of \$3,696.00 to the law firm of Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC for legal fees for the case against 501 New York Avenue NW subject to receipt of the grant from OANC. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G approve the payment of \$3,936.00 to the law firm of Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC for legal fees for the case against 501 New York Avenue NW subject to receipt of the grant from OANC. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6

yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. Approval of Minutes of 4/11/24 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Watkins seconded to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 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.

Commissioner Watkins advised she received an email from Dana Jones, Operations Manager with Play DC Restaurant & Lounge, stating Play DC would like to have a “Meet and Greet” with 2G constituents on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. More to come.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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