

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

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

Present:

Tony Brown, (Treasurer), ANC 2G01
Alex Padro, (Chair), ANC 2G02
Sranda Watkins, ANC 2G03
Steven McCarty (Secretary), ANC 2G04
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05 (joined at 6:37 p.m.)
Rachelle Nigro, (Vice Chair), ANC 2G06

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Berry had not yet joined the call].

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

Officer Christopher Vandenberg joined the meeting but did not have crime stats available to him. A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Watkins stated PSA and CAC meetings are supposed to be held the last Thursday of every month. The last one she saw was in October and she wondered if there was a new schedule. Commissioner Brown informed her that there are no meetings scheduled for November or December. She brought up the PSA walks with Lt. Romeo that were scheduled from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and asked if they could be changed to between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to accommodate residents who work during the day. Officer Vandenberg will check with Lt. Romeo.

Commissioner Padro added that a number of years ago there were individual PSA meetings that were held for the different PSAs but in more recent years representatives from 3D have been coming to Commission meetings to review crime stats and put a public face on for MPD. So, if there's a desire to try to re-initiate some of those meetings, that is something on which 2G can pass a resolution and submit to the Commander of the Third District. The Public Safety Committee can be tasked to draft a resolution for consideration at the December meeting.

Commissioner Watkins added that she appreciates the work that MPD has done in the Co-Op.

She also asked what comprises a focus patrol and is there a schedule for them?

Response: So, unfortunately for the focus patrol, right now, it is one vehicle assigned with one officer, and they go to what our department calls hotspot areas that are high crime areas, or looking to become a high crime area, in order to prevent that and to start focusing every hour at all these different locations. He went out to 5th and O and there will be officers that get out of their vehicles. They will walk around a little bit, they will talk to anybody who is willing to talk to them, and then they will move and go to the unit block of North Capital and so on. He believes there are six different locations on which they are focusing where MPD will spend 20 or 30 minutes walking that area, and then we will get in the vehicle and move to the next area, and that way we can cover as much as we can while the other officers are focusing on the 911 calls coming in.

- o Commissioner Brown stated we have had a rash of rear yard intrusions and even breaking into individuals' homes. He spoke with Lt. Fleming and Lt. Fleming has assured him that they have increased patrols and, particularly on the weekends, they are even bringing in additional resources from other areas of the city to assist with the level of crime that we are dealing with. So, for the residents of 2G01, that is on their radar. They are addressing it. He asked if residents have any further questions or issues to send him an email.

- o Commissioner Nigro stated there have been concerns in one of the larger alleys (the alley behind her) and she just wants to thank MPD because it was mayhem there for a little bit and now it has calmed down. So, there was the carjacking/ robbery last week on the 400 block of M Street. Do you have an update on that? Response: He believes that is still with our Third District detectives office. They are still looking into that. I mean, they still have to get all the camera access from that block. As of right now, the lieutenants are trying to get more focus on that area (400 block of M Street). So, MPD has a focus patrol in the area, but it is also shared amongst 5th and O and then also the first unit block of O, so it is kind of like that between New Jersey to North Capital and New York to Florida, that block right there. There is an officer who is assigned to check those areas and spend time in those areas communicating with the citizens during their time of duty. Commissioner Nigro stated, well, can they get out of the car and continually walk around? She has been talking about this forever.

- o Commissioner Berry stated there is a lot of crime that has been happening, especially at Eighth and O Streets. She really would like the officer to shed some light on the shooting that occurred at Giant and the crime that has been happening on the 8th & O Streets block. She has been in contact with some of the violence interrupters. It has given her a little bit of insight on that but people are still very upset and scared, especially because it happened at a grocery store. Response: Those details have not been given to him. That would be with a detective's office, and the lieutenants would know more about that. He is aware of the issues that are going on down there and MPD has two designated units. One is typically stationary within that 600, 700, 800 block of O Street. And then there is an additional unit that is roving around that same area to pay special attention

specifically to that area after that shooting.

Commissioner Berry added there was one previous to that where we had the victim on the 800 block of O Street. Outside of having a car stationed there, what can residents do to feel safe? Is there any type of advice you could give people for this this type of climate that we exist in? On Halloween night, three people were injured. There was a lot of crime going on that night. Response: He would recommend getting additional crime cameras in the area. If residents could come together as a community to ask for a crime cameras for that block, he knows that they have been putting crime cameras in a lot of the crime areas there to help MPD with case closures.

Commissioner Padro stated you have got cameras at the corners of 8th & O and 7th & O, so where else would you propose installing a camera? Commissioner Berry stated the camera at 5th and O does not work. Response: He will bring this up with his lieutenants. Definitely, the interaction with law enforcement and giving us a call and letting us know what people are seeing and where they are seeing it, along with the descriptions of when people do call and let us know.

- o Commissioner Padro raised a question related to the shooting which resulted in several windows being blown out at the Giant in his single member district. He continues to hear from constituents that public safety is their number one concern right now – folks do not feel safe. There are plenty of folks that will not go out after dark and these are folks that are of all ages and persuasions and we need to do better. He knows that Councilmember Pinto has some legislation that the Council is considering and the Mayor is also considering some other initiatives -- that all takes time. In the meantime, residents should do what the officer suggested and try to report when we see anything out of the ordinary taking place. Try to provide as detailed a description as possible but if you see something, say something.
- o Chat: Boyd Stevenson – 1726 6th Street NW – reported incursions into his back yard. He has called the police regularly to deal with these incursions. They have suggested increased patrols of the alley immediately west of the 1700 block of 6th Street NW. It has not happened, so he is coming to the ANC tonight asking that 2G liaise with the MPD, the DC Council and the Mayor's Office to take care of this matter. Commissioner Padro stated, yes, MPD is under resourced in terms of its current staffing. As he mentioned previously, Councilmember Pinto and Mayor Bowser both have some legislative proposals that they are trying to move forward to try to make improvements in terms of public safety.
- o Chat: Grace Reeder stated MPD is also leading weekly public safety walks in each police district. She will be sure to share upcoming safety walks.
- o Shikha Kapil stated Boyd Stevenson is her neighbor and her concern is that we have been experiencing escalating trespassers over the past month or so, where people have broken into our backyards and moved things around. And last Sunday somebody actually broke into her house. Her alarm system worked and went off and the cops arrived and it has been escalated. There is a detective on the case but she does not feel safe in her own home, and we have not slept here in the last

couple of weeks while we're waiting for bars to be installed. Response: When you have cameras installed and you have a security system with an alarm that sounds rather than a silent alarm that just goes to a company, it is more likely to draw attention from neighbors and act as a deterrent to that person from entering into the house. He know there is a lot of success with people who have audible alarms rather than the silent alarms. He is not sure if the city is still doing it and he needs to speak with his officials but the city was reimbursing at one point in time for citizens to do a rebate program with the Ring camera and go through their security alarm as well. Commissioner Padro stated, yes, his understanding is that there still is a rebate program that is available. Commissioner Berry asked about the process for getting cameras on light posts.

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 The Council yesterday confirmed Chief Pamela A. Smith to lead MPD.
- o Tomorrow is Veterans Day and today Mayor Bowser and the Department of Human Resources hosted a Veterans Hiring Fair at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library.
- o Tomorrow at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, there is a Veterans Day Concert with the U. S. Navy Band that starts at 1:00 p.m.
- o In the summer, Mayor Bowser announced a program for dash cams for rideshare and mobile delivery drivers. This program was announced earlier this year and was funded in part by a \$500,000 investment from DoorDash. We have two distribution events. One took place on Tuesday and the next one will take place on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. at RFK Parking Lot 3.
- o We have started leaf collection. DPW started collecting leaves on October 30, 2023. ANC 2G was in Section A in Ward 2 and they will start Section B on November 12, 2023. So, if residents are in Section B, they should currently be receiving door hangers. Residents can call the DPW Leaf Pickup Line at 202-671-LEAF (5323). There is also an online tracker that is updated every Friday. If there are any issues, please email her.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Berry asked if there any events for Thanksgiving for those that are less fortunate? Response: We have tons of community events. She will have to look for one specifically around Thanksgiving.

B. REPORT FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO'S OFFICE

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- Councilmember Pinto's top priority is improving public safety. It continues to be the top concern we hear about from residents across Ward 2 and all of DC. Councilmember Pinto recently completed public safety walks in all 8 wards meeting with business owners, residents, community organizations, and the ANCs in their neighborhoods to hear exactly what issues they are facing and what interventions the Council can make. His office is especially thankful to all the residents of 2G who attended the Ward 2 walk and for providing really important insights and feedback.
- As part of her safety plan, she recently held a joint public round table with Chairman Mendelson and Councilmember Bonds on DC's violence prevention efforts and coordination with these programs. The City Administrator, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, and the Office of the Attorney General's Chief of Violence Reduction Unit all were there and provided testimony on behalf of the Government along with numerous violence interruption specialists, community organizations, faith leaders and members of the community. One of the top things raised was the need for increased resources and coordination between the different violence interruption programs which the City Administrator did commit to and he also announced the launch of a new 211 system to provide quick referral resources and support to loved ones who are seeking help for a child or family in need. If you think that somebody might be at risk of, you know, going down the wrong path in life, you can now call 211, and that number is now operational, as of Halloween, he thinks.
- The next hearing for the Judiciary Committee is going to be on the Mayor's Act Now proposal and that is on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. There are going to be hearings on the rest of the Secure DC Plan continuing for the next few months, hopefully the rest of this year at least to get as many of them in as quickly as possible, so we can get some votes on this legislation. If residents do feel strongly about improving public safety, they ask that residents sign up to be a witness for any of these hearings. You can also email: judiciary@dcouncil.gov
- He met with Kipp's Shaw Campus, DDOT, DPW Parking Enforcement, and MPD. On Monday at 3:15 p.m., he went to watch the chaos, i.e., parent pickup from the Shaw Campus on P Street between New Jersey and 5th. We are working on various ways to reduce the traffic and road rage that is taking place there. And he knows it happens in the morning at drop-off time, too. He thinks the main takeaways are that parking enforcement is going to increase during those hours. But we know that cannot be the only solution. There is a lot of double parking and bad behavior. But Kipp is going to look into their procedures and make sure they can find ways to reduce the amount of time that parents need to be out of their cars because a lot of times that is what is causing an issue -- they get out of their cars to go sign their child out, and it takes 20 minutes or so and it just causes a big traffic nightmare. And then we are also working with DDOT on installing a second raised crosswalk hopefully where the other one is on the east side where the school entrance is right

across from the staircase up to Bundy Field and Dog Park where there is a parking lot that a lot of parents tend to park in. Also, there have been a lot of kids sprinting across the street there very unsafely, so another raised crosswalk is in the works hopefully. And then they are talking about potentially putting in center line flex posts, like yellow flex posts, in the middle to prevent U-turns. Illegal U-turns are a major issue that is happening with this. So, there are a lot of moving pieces. But he just wanted to make sure you all were aware of that because he knows it has been an issue for years, and sometimes it has been worse on 5th Street, but lately it seems to be worse on P Street. He thinks on the 5th Street side they figured out how to use the school's parking lot to allow the preschoolers and the younger kids to be picked up and dropped off in there.

- The S Street Revitalization Project has begun. This is a project that ANC 2G and 2G's predecessors in 6E allocated for and Councilmember Pinto funded. The work apparently started on Monday, and they are going to be working on S Street between 7th and New Jersey Avenue and on 6th Street from Rhode Island Avenue to S Street and, as a reminder, this work is generally focused on improving the sidewalks, making them wider, because right now they are not ADA accessible or particularly safe, and then also on water management, which we know is a big issue around here for stormwater, as well as other improved streetscape elements. He will post a link in the chat for the project website.
- Trash collection slides from tomorrow to Saturday in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.
- Reminder – Leaf Collection: If you bag your own leaves, you have to bag them in a paper bag and you have to submit a 311 request for DPW to pick it up. So, if you decide to bag it in a plastic bag, you can throw it out in your regular garbage, and they will collect it that way, but they will not collect it if you leave it at the curb.
- Inspector Harold Davis, DPR, joined the call.

A question-and-answer period followed

- Commissioner Nigro stated that when you called 211 not too long ago, or maybe it never ended, there was an option to ask about Social Services. And then it just went to 311 one, so are you telling me right now it is different? Response: It is. He tested it earlier tonight to make sure it was working. So, when you call it, it will give you a menu of options -- you know, do you have a police emergency and, if so, call 911. If it is a police non-emergency, please stay on the line or press #____. If you need to be connected to, he believes it was Child Protective Services, please press #____ and then it says, if you would like to speak to 211 and be connected to Social Services, please stay on the line.
- Commissioner Brown stated people have been putting not only leaves but other things and putting them in other people's alleyways. It has become a problem right around 10th Street. Response: They do not collect from

alleys. So, if residents have leaves in their alleys, they are responsible for bringing them to the front of your property or putting them in bags. Residents can also take the bags to Fort Totten Transfer Station if they have the means to do so and they do not want to wait for any collection. If residents have residential trash collection and recycling, they will collect your leaves. But if residents are in an apartment building that is more than 3 units or condo building, whatever it may be, they will not.

- Commissioner Watkins asked about the status of the work at Kennedy Recreation Center. Response: He talked to DPR and DGS. They told us that work is underway finally. So that is good and he has seen workers in there in the mornings. They told us that they are now thinking their anticipated timeline is probably a little bit longer than we would all like. Commissioner Watkins also asked if there is any information on programs or anything that is going to start taking place once the center is back up. Response: No, not at this time, but he will ask them to send it to her.
- Commissioner Berry stated she met the Director of Programming during Councilmember Pinto's safety walk and spoke to her briefly. They are creating programming as we speak. They have a very thriving senior program.
- Shikha Kapil asked if it was possible to turn the tennis courts lights on at the Kennedy Recreation Center to cast more light for safety purposes. Response: He will doublecheck with DPR.
- In response to a question about training for leaf blowers, Inspector Harold Davis, DPR, responded and stated they are shown how to use the leaf blower, but it is very difficult to prevent leaves from flying all over the place. When using leaf blowers, leaves are blown off of cars but it is very difficult to prevent leaves from flying into yards or flying all over the place because they are using blowers. He also noted DPR is having some issues with people putting their leaf bags by the litter cans; they will not be picked up. He also noted that alley and street cleaning is closed.

C. 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.
- Tomorrow, Friday, November 10, through Wednesday, November 15, 2023 the Society for Neuroscience Annual Convention will be held with an estimated attendance of 25,000.
- Wednesday, November 22, 2023, the 24th Annual Safeway Feast of Sharing will be with us with an estimated attendance of 5,000. The Feast of Sharing is one of the District's most meaningful Thanksgiving traditions, created to serve a complete seated turkey dinner to thousands of our city's residents in need, many of whom are unlikely to have one otherwise. The event offers a health and community services expo, a clothing giveaway, and more.

5. SPECIAL GUEST: CHRISTOPHER LUCAS, OFFICE OF THE TENANT ADVOCATE,

Christopher Lucas provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA) which is an independent agency within the executive branch of the DC government charged with providing legal, policy advocacy, emergency housing, education, and community outreach services to District renters. There are four (4) branches:

Legal Branch: Provides brief legal services to thousands of tenants, and in certain cases, provides limited or full legal representation. OTA attorneys may also assist tenants in their self-representation efforts and in navigating mediation and other alternate dispute resolution forums. Tenants may call 202-719-6560 for issues such as: • Eviction assistance • Rent increases • Lease-related questions • Pests, mold, and housing code violations • Security deposit returns • Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act • Enforcing tenants' rights.

Policy Branch: Works with governmental and community partners and entities, including the DC Council, the Mayor's office, executive agencies, the courts, tenant stakeholders, the tenant bar, advocates and others, to promote better tenant protection laws and policies in the District.

Education & Outreach Branch: Develops educational materials, classes, as well as virtual tutorials on issues important to District tenants and participates in community events and activities. Tenants may call 202-719-6560 to request education and outreach services such as: • Assistance forming or sustaining a tenant association. • Customized classes on tenant rights. • Request OTA attend a community event. • Request an OTA listening session. • Eviction Prevention classes.

Emergency Housing Assistance Program: Assists tenants who have been displaced by fires, floods, or government closures. The program is only activated when OTA receives an alert from the Department of Buildings (DOB), DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Dept. (DC FEMS) and/or the American Red Cross.

** The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) portal is currently closed. Each quarter, DHS will close the portal once 3,500 applications are received. Currently ERAP providers are reviewing the applications received since October 1, 2023 in the order they are received. DHS will reopen the ERAP portal again on January 1, 2024, April 1, 2024, and July 1, 2024.

We are really trying to push for stronger tenant associations where tenants really get to know one another, making it difficult for people with nefarious intentions to operate.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Chat: Is there training for people who live in co-ops? Response: Yes, we will train those tenants who live in co-ops as well as those tenants who live in condominium buildings.

6. 400-700 BLOCKS OF S STREET NW AND 1700 BLOCK OF 6TH STREET NW: PRESENTATION ON S STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT (DDOT) [2G01]

Representatives Present: Abdullahi Mohammed, Project Manager, DDOT
Jerrell Johnson, Public Outreach

Project Objective:

- Improve safety for all modes of travel
- Enhance pedestrian connectivity
- Discourage speeding
- Upgrade sidewalks to ADA standards
- Improve crosswalks, lighting, curbs, pavement and walkways
- Add greenspace

Project Activities:

- New ADA compliant concrete sidewalks and ramps
- Sidewalk widening
- New greenspace detail
- Underground Utilities
 - Water main, water meter connections, fire hydrants
 - Storm water inlets, manholes and concrete pipe
- Workhours
 - 6th Street NW - Monday through Friday – 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
 - Other Streets – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm
 - Saturday – Permitted with approval
- What to Expect During Construction
 - Travel always allowed and safely accommodated
 - Closure to traffic one lane (EB or WB only)
 - On S Street between 7th and 6th Street
- Public Outreach
 - Dedicated project website: <https://sstreetnw-revitalization.ddot.dc.gov/>
 - Virtual community meeting
 - Stakeholder notifications for major project milestones, construction activity and traffic pattern changes
 - Dedicated Community Outreach Team
- Project Timeline
 - Start of Construction: November 2023
 - Construction Completion: April 2025

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Brown stated we have been waiting for this for a long time and thank you.
- Commissioner Padro asked about the post office in the area that cuts through F Street that is enclosed between New Jersey and Florida Avenue. How are they going to handle the trucks? I know that was a question in the public meeting, and he does not recall what the resolution was. Response: We reached out to the post office and did a walkthrough. They can have access from Florida Avenue for entrance and their delivery trucks will fit in in that area.
- Chat: Please have construction teams pick up all items used, which include sandbags when the construction is done. Response: We have punch lists and we will not close out the project until all the punch list items have been completed.

7. 1606 7th STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO CONSTRUCT A REAR ADDITION TO AN EXISTING, ATTACHED, TWO-STORY RESTAURANT (JAKE'S TAVERN) [2G02]

Representative Present: Todd Cuba

- o Owned Jake's Tavern since 2019 and always intended to have the second floor as an overflow event space. We need to create a second egress for the second floor to be a contiguous space. So, that was the addition of the stairs coming off the back of the building that increased our buildable area by a few percentage points.
- o Looking to complete the project in early 2024.
- o Commissioner Nigro stated what Todd is requesting for the special exception is currently the lot occupancy is 65.5%. With the stairs, it will increase the lot occupancy to 68%, so this is the exception that he is requesting. The Zoning Committee had 7 people at the meeting last night and all 7 attendees voted for the special exception.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the application for Special Exception to construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story restaurant at 1606 7th Street, NW and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8. DESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER NIGRO TO REPRESENT ANC 2G ON THE BZA APPEAL OF 501 NEW YORK AVENUE NW

Commissioner Nigro provided a brief background and stated she did the appeal for the permit at 501 New York Avenue NW and BZA basically accepted her application. There will be a hearing on either February 7, 2024 or March 13, 2024 and she requested ANC 2G if she could be designated the lead on this matter. This is related to a proposal to convert the police building at 501 New York Avenue NW into a temporary central lock-up jail facility for the Metropolitan Police Department during the renovation of the Daly Building.

Commissioner Padro stated were it not for Commissioner Nigro's diligent reviewing of permits, we would never have known about this until it was well underway.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G designate Commissioner Nigro as the Commission representative for the appeal of the 501 New York Avenue NW permit hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

9. 1604 7th STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR NEW CLASS C RESTAURANT ABCA LICENSE WITH SUMMER GARDEN ENDORSEMENT AND STIPULATED LICENSE (LUAM MIT, LLC T/A BAAN MAE) [2G02]

Representative Present: Matt Minora, Mallios O'Brien & Sandground

Commissioner Padro stated this is the space that was most recently Hanumanh and it is actually still going to be a Laotian restaurant - same chef owner - new concept and new liquor license but all the same provisions of the settlement agreement are being retained.

Matt Minora stated this is a Retailer's Class C restaurant license going into the same space that it was most recently – Hanumanh. It is essentially the same concept, but with more of a focus on sharing dishes and a food-centric menu with a smaller cocktail program. The inside capacity we're seeking is 30. They are also seeking a capacity of 40 on the outside in the rear summer garden for a total occupancy load of 70 -- that's the seating inside, outside, plus standing room. The hours they are seeking for the inside and outside for operations and sales of alcohol are from 11 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. We have a settlement agreement that is essentially the same as the last one, just with some updates. They are also asking for a Stipulated ABC License.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Watkins seconded that ANC 2G **support** the request for support for a new Class C Restaurant ABCA License with Summer Garden Endorsement and Stipulated License for Luam Mit, LLC t/a Baan Mae, 1604 7th Street NW, and that we communicate our support for both stipulated and permanent licenses to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

10. 1251 9TH STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS B GROCERY ABCA LICENSE WITH TASTING ENDORSEMENT, UK 9TH, LLC T/A UNION KITCHEN GROCERY [2G05]

Representative Present: Mr. Cullen Gilchrist

Mr. Gilchrist stated this is a renewal of their current license. They are off premise beer and wine sales. They operate a corner grocery store at Ninth and N Street, and they will be just continuing their operations as it has been going for the last 6 years since 2017.

Commissioner Padro stated in terms of investigative history the only items are from 2020. There was one instance of no ABC Manager on duty, and the failure to post a warning sign. Mr. Gilchrist responded they had some issues with the manager, they corrected the issue, and implemented some new policies after doing a full review with ABRA and have not had any incidents.

Commissioner McCarty stated he was a little disturbed that it was mentioned operations would be kept the same while the establishment currently has 8 open NLRB cases against it, and more than 10 over the past 2 years. He would really like to hear about what ongoing unionization efforts are taking place at Union Kitchen Grocery and if Mr. Gilchrist would make any comments on all of those active NLRB cases that the establishment is involved in. Response: Union Kitchen Grocery does not have any active cases open against it currently, though he does know that a group, the OCW, did file some charges, as they have done many in the past. In 2022, a union was formed within our stores and there have been some charges filed against us of which we have not been guilty of any so far, but importantly our staff petitioned to remove the Union in July of this year, and then they held an election, and 92% asked to remove the Union, but that's kind of unrelated to the question at hand here. Of course we treat our staff well, do well by them, and are running a

good operation and would like to continue to do so and having a beer and wine license is critically important to the continued operations of our store, employment of our team and being a part of our community.

Commissioner Watkins asked for additional clarification on the open NLRB cases. Mr. Gilchrist responded that what Commissioner McCarty was referring to was a union and employment issue. So that is the extent of that. It has nothing to do with their ABCA license or our beer and wine license. Commissioner Padro stated the important thing is the employees voted to terminate the union, correct? Response: Yes.

MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class B Grocery ABCA License with Tasting Endorsement for Union Kitchen 9th, LLC t/a Union Kitchen Grocery, 1251 9th Street NW and that said support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed** 5 years – 1 nay (Commissioner McCarty) – 0 abstentions.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. Approval of Minutes of 10/12/23 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 12, 2023 ANC 2G Public Meeting with any corrections to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. Quarterly Report – 4th Quarter

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the Quarterly Report for the 4th Quarter as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

Commissioner Brown stated ANC 2G has only received half the money for the year. Once the Quarterly Report is submitted, they will provide the other half which he believes is \$9,792.23, so ANC 2G will have money in its coffers.

C. Approval of Expenses

- 1) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to approve the credit card charge of \$100.69 for the Zoom expense this month that was charged on 11/2/23. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 2) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to approve the credit card charge of \$9.65 for postage for mailing checks on 10/16/23 to Karen Jehle. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

- 3) **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 November 9, 2023 ANC 2G Public Meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

D. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Brown provided the Treasurer's Report and stated the Opening Balance in the Checking Account at FVC Bank as of 10/31/23 was \$2,381.67. We had the \$100.69 debit charge for last month's Zoom invoice and the postage charge of \$9.65. We also had 5 checks: 4 checks to Karen Jehle for \$275.00 each and 1 check for \$234.05 for the GoDaddy account with Commissioner McCarty leaving an ending balance of \$937.28. We have the Zoom charge on 11/2/23 of \$100.69. There are five outstanding checks totaling \$282.77 (#1025 for \$91.80; #1029 for \$58.04; and #1034 for \$44.10, #1039 for \$9.65, and #1041 for \$79.18), so our remaining balance after those pending deductions is \$553.82.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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