

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

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

Present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. with a quorum of 6 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Brown seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**3. POLICE REPORT – METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, 3RD DISTRICT
Commander Michael Pulliam; Sgt. Nefetia Stevens**

Commander Michael Pulliam and Sgt. Nefetia Stevens (PSA 307) reported on crime for the last 30 days and answered questions from Commissioners and the community.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. 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

- o Brian Romanowski provided updates on the 50th Anniversary of Home Rule, Swearing In of New Commissioners on January 2, 2025, Fall Legislative Updates, the Downtown Arena Revitalization Act, New "Center City" Middle School, Leaf Collection, and Hate Crimes.
- o A question-and-answer and comment period followed.

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

Tadai "Ty" Abilla, Ward Manager, tadai.abilla@dc.gov, 202-297-6566

Did not join the call.

C. REPORT FROM EVENTS DC

Solana Vander Nat, Senior Manager of Community Engagement, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, <https://eventsdc.com>

- o Visit: eventsdc.com; please sign up for Events DC electronic mailing list.
- o A report was provided highlighting November events that included the American Rheumatology Annual Meeting, 25th Annual Safeway Feast of Sharing, Legends Game Night, and City Center's 11th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting.
- o A question-and-answer and comment period followed.

D. Commissioner Announcements:

- o Commissioner Nigro provided an update on the BZA Hearing yesterday for the potential Central Cell Block at 501 New York Avenue and stated we lost our fight. The Commissioners voted 5 – 0 against us. More information will come later in the meeting. She thanked the ANC commissioners and the public for their support.
- o Commissioner Padro stated on November 30, 2024 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. as part of Small Business Saturday, Shaw Main Streets will be distributing \$5,000 in \$20 increments called "Shaw Bucks" that can be used to make purchases at neighborhood businesses. Also, on November 30, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the City Market at O will be hosting the annual Shaw Holiday Tree Lighting.
- o Commissioner Berry stated the Kennedy Recreation Center is having a Friendsgiving on November 20, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. RSVP to DPR.
- o Commissioner McCarty stated he is hosting a community meeting for ANC 2G04 on Sunday, December 1, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lost & Found in Blagden Alley.
- o Latoya Davenport, 3rd District Community Outreach Specialist with the U.S. Attorney's Office, stated this is her first time attending the ANC 2G meeting and just wanted to introduce herself. She stated she is available to assist with any questions or concerns. Assistant U.S. Attorney Bonnie Lindemann, Community Prosecutor for the 3rd District, also introduced herself.

**5. ABCA DIRECTOR PRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY'S ROLE IN ADDRESSING CANNABIS SHOP APPLICATIONS, THE CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORIZED ESTABLISHMENTS, AND THE RECENT ISSUES WITH OUR HOTLINE SERVICE [2G03]
Director Fred Moosally**

Director Fred Moosally introduced himself and stated ABCA is responsible for the regulations of licensed alcohol establishments and recently took over the responsibility of the medical cannabis program in terms of new licensees and the recent legislation passed by the Council related to cannabis enforcement as well as forthcoming changes in the current role of the community in the protest process.

The floor was turned over to Commissioner McCarty who posed a series of questions relating to: **(1)** the number of current cannabis investigators; **(2)** the number of medical cannabis licenses that have been approved; **(3)** the 400 ft. rule between establishments; **(4)** community protesting rights; **(5)** the 400 ft rule and closure of I-71 compliant operators; and **(6)** ABCA outages, all of which were answered by Director Moosally.

Commissioner Berry asked what residents can expect after filing a complaint and how many complaints have to be filed before enforcement action takes place to which Director Moosally responded.

Commissioner Padro asked about enforcement actions on I-71 establishments and renewal placards not having contact information for the establishments' owners.

Commissioner Brown asked if the 400 ft. rule is the same for medical and retail and was informed yes.

6. DDOT UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF S STREET PROJECT
Mohamed Abdullahi, S Street Project Manager
Art Arias, Construction Manager

A slide presentation was provided that highlighted completed milestones, upcoming milestones, and the project timeline.

Commissioner Brown extended kudos to Mr. Abdullahi and Mr. Arias for their outstanding work on this project and also to Mayor Bowser, Director Kirschenbaum, and Councilmember Pinto for their support of this project.

Sam Kleinman stated his earlier concerns about additional work being done have been assuaged and he looks forward to the completion of this excellent project.

7. RESOLUTION CONCERNING ABCA HOTLINE OUTAGES

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G pass the Resolution as presented urging timely reporting and transparency in ABCA's online complaint systems. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8. BUDGET DISCUSSION

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to approve the ANC 2G FY 2025 Budget in the total amount of \$16,045.71. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. Approval of November 2024 Financial Report

FVC Bank Statement Date:	09/30/24		
FVC Bank Ending Balance:		\$ 9,575.88	
OANC Legal Assistance Allocation:		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Checks Written:	\$10,877.47		-10,877.47
Allotment Received:		<u>\$4,375.29</u>	
Sub-Total		\$ 3,073.68	
Outstanding Checks		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Ending Balance:		\$ 3,073.68	

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to accept the November 2024 Financial Report as presented. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. Approval of Quarterly Financial Report FY24 Q4

Balance Forward (Checking):		\$ 6,138.29	
Total Receipts:		+ <u>\$ 7,335.43</u>	
Total Funds Available During Quarter:		\$13,473.72	
Total Disbursements:		- <u>\$ 3,897.86</u>	
Ending Balance (Checking):		\$ 9,575.86	

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to accept the November 2024 Financial Report as presented. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. Approval of Expenses

- MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$275.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the November 14, 2024 ANC 2G Public Meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G apply for additional grant money from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund to in the amounts of \$12,624.00 and \$2,448.00 for invoices submitted by Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC as it relates to 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G apply for additional grant money from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund in the amount of \$1,350.00 for Todd S. Baldwin, Esq. for 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

- 4) **MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G write checks payable to Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC in the amounts of \$12,624.00 and \$2,448.00 as it relates to 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 5) **MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G write a check payable to Todd S. Baldwin, Esquire in the amount of \$1,350.00 for 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

10. DISCUSSION - THIRD LEGAL ACTION – CENTRAL CELL BLOCK AT 501 NEW YORK AVENUE NW CONCERNING A POTENTIAL APPEAL

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G go to the Court of Appeals against the decision made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment and that we continue the fight against the Special Exception and that ANC 2G apply for additional grant money from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund for this Court of Appeals legal action. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2024 ANC 2G Public Meeting 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 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 9:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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