

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2024**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Sranda Watkins, (Secretary), ANC 2G03

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 Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted. The Motion *passed* unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

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

Did not join the call.

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 Councilmember's Monthly Oversight Hearings, Upcoming Legislation, ERAP, and Leaf Collection Season, among other topics.
- 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

- Tadaï “Ty” Abilla provided a slide presentation that will be shared with ANC 2G that focused on Safe Commercial Services Hubs, 311, Hiring Alerts, the Mayor’s Budget Investments, Upcoming Events, and Public Safety, among other topics.
- A question-and-answer and comment period followed.

C. REPORT FROM EVENTS DC

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

- Visit: eventsdc.com; please sign up for Events DC electronic mailing list.
- A report was provided highlighting October events that included the ASLA 2024 Conference on Landscape Architecture, Ghana Week, and African American Restaurant Week.
- A question-and-answer and comment period followed.

D. Commissioner Announcements:

- Commissioner Nigro provided an update on the BZA Hearing yesterday for 501 New York Avenue and stated there was no decision and no vote. There is going to be a mini hearing on October 30, 2024 and BZA wants more information regarding release and noise, among other things. She felt the witnesses performed well.
- Commissioner McCarty provided an update on his ongoing protest with Positronics, the medical cannabis retailer applicant for Blagden Alley. He has asked Positronics three times to share their terms for a settlement agreement and they have not responded. Therefore, it does look like we will continue for a full protest at the hearing tentatively scheduled for October 23, 2024.
- Commissioner Brown stated he is waiting on DOH to give us a new date for a rat abatement sweep that had to be rescheduled due to rainy weather.
- Commissioner Padro stated there is going to be a Warner Street Halloween Block Party on October 31, 2024 for kids and grownups. There will be a DJ and a competition for Halloween yard decorations.

5. 1613 5TH STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE IN LOT OCCUPANCY [2G03]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the application for the change in lot occupancy from 60% to 70% for 1613 5th Street NW and that this be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

6. 933 N STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION RELIEF FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COURTS AND SIDE YARD, AND AREA VARIANCE RELIEF FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REAR YARD, AND LOT OCCUPANCY TO SUBDIVIDE THE PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCT A NEW TWO-FAMILY DWELLING IN THE RF-1 ZONE [2G04]

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Special Exception relief being requested for the property at 933 N Street NW, specifically side yard exception (granting the exception that they eliminate the side yard that currently exists), and with a Special Exception for allowing a proposed interior court width from 9'10" to 12'3" below the required 13', and also that we support the lot occupancy variance being requested allowing a proposed 80%, while there currently is a maximum of 60%, and that we support their request for a variance for the rear yard at proposed 0', with the current requirement being 20', and that this be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

7. FLIGHT CLUB, 641 NEW YORK AVENUE NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A RETAILER'S CLASS "C" RESTAURANT WITH AN ENTERTAINMENT ENDORSEMENT [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License for Flight Club, 641 New York Avenue NW, with their entertainment endorsement. Further, that ANC 2G support the Settlement Agreement with the changes that security be seven (7) days a week, in accordance with their hours from 7:00 p.m. until the hours they close, and that this support be communicated in writing to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8. RESOLUTION REQUESTING ABCA TO MANDATE INVESTIGATION AND REPORT SUBMISSION DEADLINES PRIOR TO PROTEST HEARINGS [2G04]

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G pass a resolution requesting ABCA to mandate investigative and report submission deadlines prior to protest hearings, and that this is communicated to the Director of ABCA, DC Council, Committee on Business and Economic Development, and the Executive Office of the Mayor. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

9. DDOT NOI 24-245-TESD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ON 6TH AND NEW YORK AVENUE NW

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G support the DDOT NOI 24-245-TESD for the Safety Improvement on 6th and New York Avenue NW and that said support be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

10. DISCUSSION ABOUT WEBSITE AND DOCUMENTATION ON WEBSITE

Commissioner Nigro stated she submitted all of her previous documents to Commissioner Watkins who will be working with Commissioner McCarty on updating the website. Commissioner Nigro requested Commissioner Padro to provide any documentation he has to the government from 2023. Commissioner Padro committed to providing this documentation by the end of December 2024.

Commissioner McCarty stated he was thinking of adding the Quarterly Reports and requested Commissioner Brown's assistance in providing same.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. Treasurer's Report – October 2024

FVC Bank Ending Balance:		\$ 9,575.86
OANC Legal Assistance Allocation:	+	\$ 3,324.00
09/25/24 \$1,500.00		\$12,899.86
09/25/24 \$1,824.00		
Checks Written:		\$3,324.00
#1067 \$1,500.00	-	\$3,324.00
#1068 \$1,824.00		\$9,575.86
	Ending Balance:	\$9,575.86

B. Approval of Expenses

- 1) **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 September 12, 2024 ANC 2G Public Meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 2) **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 October 10, 2024 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 Nigro in the amount of \$883.00 for 350 posters related to 501 New York Avenue. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).
- 4) **MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$96.47 for supplies (staplers, tape, and markers) related to the posters for 501 New York Avenue. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).
- 5) **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 \$3,780.00 for Todd S. Baldwin, Esq. for 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 6) **MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G write a check payable to Todd S. Baldwin, Esquire in the amount of \$3,780.00 for 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

- 7) **MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G apply for additional grant money from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund in the amount of \$2,496.00 to be paid to Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC as it relates to 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 8) **MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 2G write a check payable to Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC in the amount of \$2,496.00 as it relates to 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2024 ANC 2G Public Meeting as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

12. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT:** Howard Garrett announced he is having a Community Cleanup on October 26, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and invited residents to participate.

13. **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 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
(**Transcribed from Recording**)

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