

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

December 2024 Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 10, 2024

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Thomas Lee, Commissioner Rebecca Strauss

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:15pm over Zoom ([2024 December 10 ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)). Meeting started late due to a computer problem that was preventing the ANC from accessing the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL:

Three out of the three commissioners were present.

3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

The commissioners introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Shankle motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Strauss. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Strauss motioned to approve the September and October meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Shankle. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

6. TREASURER REPORT:

Not provided.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. **MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Michael Hamelin, Michael.hamelin@dc.gov, or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, Sylvester.garvin@dc.gov, 202.774.6866**

Garvin provided a report.

Commissioner-Elect Groth asked if there was an update on the shooting from November 2nd or if there was any information on the fire and police presence on December 10. Garvin stated he would look into the fire and police presence and get back to her and stated that the shooting was still under investigation.

- b. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Paul Hrebenak, Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov, 202-729-2179 or Lieutenant Araz Alal, Araz.Alali@dc.gov, 202.698.0066.**

Hrebenak noted that there was an increased presence of resources in Chinatown and that there was any time the Holiday Market was open. There were no incidences during the concerts or during the Holiday Market, including some of the more concerning concerts where issues were expected. He stated that the one concern was an uptick in robberies involving high-end winter apparel. He asked people who chose to wear that clothing to be especially vigilant and call 911 or text at 50411 if there were any suspicious sightings. There was a 49% reduction in violent crime for the whole year, with Chinatown leading the way in the reduction.

- c. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Tadai Abilla, Ward 2 Liaison, Tadai.Abilla@dc.gov, 202.805.7122.**

No one was in attendance to provide an update.

- d. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202-724-8058, Maddy White, mwhite@dccouncil.gov, Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, bromanowski@dccouncil.us, 202-285-9195.**

White thanked Commissioner Strauss for her service to 2C and congratulated the newly elected commissioners. She stated that the swearing-in would take place on January 2 at the Washington Convention Center. There would also be a virtual swearing-in on January 6 if the in-person one could not be attended. The Aston DHS Bridge Housing in the West End opened, which was a non-congregate bridge housing site with the goal of having 24/7 case management with all meals provided in-house and a private indoor and outdoor space. It also allowed people of different genders to be in the same room. White reported that they were taking the concerns regarding Green Court Shelter very seriously and working toward providing answers to the many questions raised in the constituent meeting October 30, and that the Councilmember was consulting with the Executive about the Green Court Shelter. She stated that they were at the end of Council period 25. JPS held its second oversight hearing on the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, and they questioned Interim Director Kwelli Sneed, who was nominated as the permanent Director. There was also a hearing on the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) on technology and agency coordinator, and updates from OUC were provided, including on tech outages. There were only six call-taker vacancies, down from 36 in June, and 91% of calls were being answered within 15 seconds or less, which was up from 62% of calls over the summer. At the legislative council meeting on December 3, the Council voted to move forward with the Fraudulent Tag Enforcement Act, which established a clear and easily enforceable standard for the display of vehicle tags. They also moved forward with the Clean Act, which addressed trash overflow and rodent control. There was currently no requirement for frequency of trash collection for multi-family buildings, and the act mandated it to occur two times per week. A bill was also moved forward to give the department for higher vehicles full oversight of food parcel delivery services. A ban on child marriage for anyone under 18 also moved forward, along with bills on various permanent amplified noise bills. White noted that the next final council meeting of the legislative period would be held on Tuesday,

December 17, and a budget forum would be held in January for residents and ANCs to present their budget requests and updates.

A resident asked about the bill regarding dumpsters and garbage cans because it meant that apartments had to buy new, smaller trash cans. White stated that she was not entirely sure of the answer yet, but they were looking into the issue to see what the exact requirements were.

Commissioner Lee asked if the final votes for the arena would occur in 2024 or 2025. White stated it was planned for the last meeting in 2024.

Commissioner Strauss thanked White and asked for a sense of timeline regarding the Clean Act. White stated that they did not have an exact timeline, but she would check in and see if she could provide a clear update.

Commissioner Elect Groth asked if there was a timeline on the Councilmember's response about the Green Court Shelter. White stated that there were no updates yet, but she would reach out to DHS to ask them to be at the next meeting.

**e. DowntownDC BID, Lukas Umana, Director of Public Space Operations,
Lukas@downtowndc.org, 202.270.0366.**

Elloise Johnson discussed the Clean and Safe Data and reported that over 19,000 pounds of trash were collected. The graffiti and sticker removal numbers had reduced from 437 to 427. Regarding the safety team, there were 120 hours worked in November. There were 380 business wellness checks. She discussed what was being done in conjunction with the Holiday Market and stated that there was a larger footprint, which would be lasting through December 23. There was another addition in the Chinatown corridor with the Mistletoe Mingle Event. The event ran from 12 pm to 8 pm, and the hotels and businesses were partnered to make it a festive event. The team with the safety hub had been working for over eight months. Daily check-ins were being done to establish a presence in Chinatown and cultivate partnerships to create a clean and safe Chinatown corridor. Johnson noted the pilot program in the Chinatown corridor.

Commissioner Shankle asked about the event on I and 8th Street and what the dates were. Johnson stated that the first launch was on December 7th, and the next date would be December 14th.

Commissioner Shankle commented on the Holiday Market and noted that he was excited to see the footprint and the booths that were there. He stated that he hoped the turnout was high. Johnson stated that the turnout had been good, and expectations were exceeded.

Commissioner Lee noted that the reviews of the Holiday Market had been wonderful.

Umana thanked the Commissioners for their continued support and stated that they were working hard to continue creating a vibrant downtown DC. He asked everyone to stop by the event on Anthem Row at I and 8th Street.

8. LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

a. None

Commissioner Shankle noted that he had conversations with the Secret Service regarding the inauguration and stated that there would be an expanded footprint downtown and there would be anti-climb barriers. He stated that they would send out further information, but there would be more residential buildings in the area than in the past.

9. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS LICENCING (ABCA):

- a. Miss Likklemores Washington, LLC, Trade Name: Miss Likklemores, 1100-1102 15th Street NW, (ABRA-130601), Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant. Manalle Mahmoud, Esq, mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com, 202.625.7700.**

Mahmoud presented information on the license application, noting that it was a new restaurant with a total indoor and outdoor capacity of 324 and that only an indoor entertainment endorsement was being requested, with the hours of Sunday through Thursday, 8 am to 2 am and Friday and Saturday from 8 am to 3 am. The owners presented further information on the concept, noting that it would be a globally inspired Mediterranean seafood concept. The smaller space was more relaxed but would have similar food.

Commissioner Lee asked for more information about the name. The owners stated that they were still thinking about the name, but the word Likklemores meant "see you soon".

Commissioner Elect Groth asked for clarification on the location, and Mahmoud explained where the location was. Commissioner Elect Groth asked if an architect did an ADA review. One of the owners reported that a review was done, and the architect ensured that the restaurant was ADA-compliant.

Umana welcomed the owners to DC and stated that they could reach out if they needed help with anything.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to write a letter of support for Miss Likklemores. Seconded by Strauss. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE:

- a. 350 12th St NW, NOI# 24-315-TOA, Install a New Hotel Guest Loading Zone. Stephen Hanrahan, Program Analyst, Curbside Management Division, District Department of Transportation, Stephen.Hanrahan@dc.gov.**

Commissioner Shankle stated that it was an installation of a new hotel guest loading zone, and he displayed the NOI. The loading zone would be placed on 12th Street. The hotel did not yet have a loading zone in place, and Commissioner Shankle commented that it made sense to have one.

Commissioner-Elect Groth asked if it would provide wheelchair access. Commissioner Shankle stated that he was not 100% certain, but he did not think there was one. Commissioner-Elect Groth stated that there used to be one, but it was always locked. Commissioner Shankle stated that it could be included in the letter.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to write a letter of support for the NOI for the hotel guest loading zone with the wheelchair accessibility clause if physically feasible. Seconded by Strauss. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

b. Safety Improvement at 6th St NW and D St NW Intersection, NOI 24-300-TESD, Christine E. Mayeur, Associate Director, Multimodal Safety Engineering Division, District Department of Transportation, christine.mayeur@dc.gov

Kelemework presented the NOI, noting that it was to change parking into angled parking and add a no-turn on red signs in response to a fatal crash at the intersection. Reflective backplates would also be added. Changing the parking to angled parking would reduce the sustained widths to 12 feet and add 15 parking spots.

Commissioner Shankle asked if it was back-in-only parking. Kelemework confirmed that it was.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the change to angled parking was just to reduce the lane width. Kelemework stated that it would reduce speeding and the proximity to pedestrians.

Commissioner Lee stated that he had no concerns about the plan.

A community member stated that they recently purchased the office building nearby and stated that organizing the parking building was great but asked to connect, given that they would be building a hotel and would want to use the street for pickup and drop off.

A community member stated that the plan looked great and asked how those sorts of projects began since the intersection seemed like a low-stress area relative to other intersections. Kelemework stated that it was one of the projects they were trying to address, given that there had been a fatal crash.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to write a letter of support for the NOI for the safety improvement at the 6th St NW and D St NW intersection. Seconded by Strauss. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

11. PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

a. 601 Indiana Avenue NW, introduction of new owner, Taylor Callaham, Managing Principal, Calco Hospitality, tcallaham@calcohospitality.com

Alex presented a photo of the current building at 601 Indiana Avenue NW, noting that the building was empty and they were in the planning stages of converting the office building to a hotel with 122 rooms and a small bar and restaurant. They intended to retain the existing limestone and façade and hoped to improve the patio to make it more accessible.

Commissioner Shankle asked which street the entrance would be on. Alex stated that it would be on Indiana Street. Commissioner Shankle asked about the retention of the limestone. Alex stated that the preference of the Historic Committee was to retain the limestone since it was built in the 60s. Commissioner Shankle commented that he thought it would be advantageous to open the space. He asked if they were considering requesting a drop-off zone. Alex stated that it was currently metered motorcycle parking, and they were planning to request the removal of one to three spots for cars and move the motorcycle parking down to have the drop-off zone.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the area was already a zone for a hotel, and Alex confirmed that it was.

Commissioner Shankle stated that he was happy to provide a letter of support whenever one was needed. He suggested including in the previous NOI a statement that the property on 601 Indiana Avenue NW would be a hotel and that one to two parking spots would be requested to be used for hotel drop-off. The information would go to DDOT.

Commissioner Lee asked if they were okay with the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Review Board or if it would affect their business. Alex stated that they were happy to continue with the recommendation and that it would not affect the overall plan.

b. Applicants Request for a Two-Year Time Extension on BZA Order 18878. Meridith Moldenhauer, DC Office Managing Partner, Co-Chair Zoning, Land Use & Development, Cozen O'Connor, mmoldenhauer@cozen.com, 202.747.0763.

There was no one present to represent the establishment, so Commissioner Shankle recommended remaining mute on the item.

c. Chinatown Express, 746 6th ST NW, Installation of New Store Front Signage. Chinatown Design Review. Hang Zheng, mysunnysigns@gmail.com, 301.221.8078

There was no one present to represent the establishment. Commissioner Shankle presented the request. There was a fire at the location, and they were in the process of renovating the property. The new letters would be installed on the sign, and the required Chinese characters would be on the sign. The lettering was 13 inches across the top and the green awning that there was currently would be retained.

Commissioner-Elect Groth asked if the front entrance would be wheelchair accessible. Commissioner Shankle stated that he would send a second letter associated with that issue since it was not related to the signage.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for Chinatown Express signage. Seconded by Strauss. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

OTHER

A community member from the 1882 Foundation stated that they were planning to bring in the Lunar New Year with a parade through Chinatown on January 28 from midnight to 1 am.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the Lunar New Year parade with the 1882 Foundation. Seconded by Strauss. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Shankle motioned to Adjourn at 7:32 pm. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 3-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Minutes Services

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: January 14, 2025, 6:00 pm. It will be a hybrid format.

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