



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10th, 2025; 7:00 p.m.

In-Person – St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1830 Connecticut Avenue NW

Online via Zoom

Call to Order and Election of Officers

Chair Feld called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners Robyn Lipton (2D01) and Carole Feld (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda.

Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC's meeting agenda. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Approval of January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC's January 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Feld thanked St. Margaret's for hosting the ANC meeting with a special shout out to John Bello. She noted that Sean Moore from DC Water would be added to the agenda. She introduced the meeting's temporary technical assistant Anna Noakes. Feld noted the following dates -- March 24 Friends of Mitchell Park event at the French Residence. Email friendsofmitchellpark@gmail.com; or Holly Sukenik to get an invitation. She also mentioned the Combined Annual Meeting of SK Neighborhood Organizations: Wed. April 9 6:00 PM Woodrow Wilson House at 2340 S. Street NW.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Lipton said that the current balance for the ANC's checking bank account is \$18,124.74.

Commissioner Lipton moved to approve the ANC's FY2025Q1 Financial Report. Chair Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioner Lipton mentioned 2 other small corrections of note to previous FY 2024 financial reports. ANC's FY2024Q2 Financial Report corrected to include check #190; and ANC's FY2024Q1 Financial Report was corrected to reflect the correct beginning balance which was off by \$31.00



Government Reports

Councilmember's Office

Councilmember Pinto and Maddy White, a representative of the Councilmember's Office talked about her priorities for this year: Improving public safety; economic development and empowerment, and improving our education system.

Pinto talked about the following:

** The Residential Tranquility Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 to address gaps in the District's noise laws. The Temporary Act Extends until May 2025. Working on a permanent version of this legislation and look working with ANC2D and get the balance right.*

**Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deckover Project: Deckcovering the area north of Dupont Circle between Q and California. Will be like a pavilion where people can walk and have lunch and enjoy the public space; more foot traffic will be good for businesses Hopefully start this spring. Will have more Signage explaining the project on the roadway + Traffic control officers. Sidewalks redone Dupont Circle to Florida Ave. 2 years of construction.*

**Improving city's response to weather issues was discussed*

New legislation/reintroduction: *Prohibiting the use of cell phones in schools during the school day; *Bottle bill; *Pre-trial detention reintroducing legislation If committed a violent crime will be held pretrial; * Grandfather in Municipal bond holders to be free from taxation; *Fun Act. More public input when there is a public community space considered to be used for a private purpose; *Laundry and Hygiene to folks (unhoused) around the city and take a shower; *Vehicular noise. Tap down on speed race driving; *Remove the lead from our water system and our pipesPerformance oversight hearings. Judiciary committee has several of these hearings encourage people to attend and be heard.*

Various questions and BP answers below:

Noise legislation

Q: Timeline to draft noise legislation so ANC2D can have input on it if it expires in May 2025.

BP: Started drafting the bill; constitutionality. Reach back out to the commissioners to get feedback. Intro permanent in March. Go to the MPD. Hearing in April and pass it out of committee. Come to the full Council in Late April before the temporary legislation expires

Q: Want to start talking to James Nance right away. BP: Will start soon.

Q: How realistic is home rule? BP: Sense it will not get traction this year, but need to be extremely vigilant that other roles aren't taken away.

Q: Level of the amplified noise at the Japanese Embassy is very disruptive to residents that are adjacent to the property. The target of the amplified noise may not be the actual residence but they are very much impacted. BP: Lots of pushback to the very limited version. Need to be aware of first amendment pushback.

Q: The Noise bill Fix was suggested: Prohibit unmanned remotely controlled amplified Megaphones, see the "unmanned megaphones" like "unmanned drones" that are not allowed



In the District. If did that the Japanese Embassy situation would go away. Researched many DC demonstrations. They don't hang unmanned remotely controlled amplified from trees and don't have five or even one of them.

Q: Have you got complaints about the temporary law: temp. demonstrations: BP: No Complaints. Zero arrests associated with it. Important to have MPD to have the authority to disperse someone violating the law.

Q: Mansion Tax: Concerned about big increases in assessments in addition to the mansion tax. Used to be a 10% freeze; didn't need to pay more than a 10% increase. Is that still in effect? Is the mansion tax going to hit on March 31? BP: Needs to get back to her on that doesn't think it's going to affect 2024 taxes.

Q: Christmas trees What to do? BP:DPW is still doing Christmas tree throughout the month, leave trees for collection on the street.

Metropolitan Police Department

Lt. Alexis Sakulich, alexis.sakulich@dc.gov invited Lt. Valerie Petite to the meeting to discuss any questions on the Tranquility Act that but they were covered previously. She talked about the Ice on Tracy Place and Leroy Place and gave the general crime report -- crime stats that are down. An audience member brought up a theft of packages at 2144 California Street NW that happened two weeks ago and should have been reported. Feld noted that she believed the law said that the Super was not authorized to report a crime/package theft. Only the victim of the crime is allowed to report the crime. Lt. Sakulich noted that she would check that, she thought that if the Super represents the building. that is enough.

Traffic Safety Input (TSI) Updates from the District Department of Transportation

Christophe Wassmer, christophe.wassmer@dc.gov attended the meeting.

**Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deckover Project*: Awarded to Ft. Myers Construction Corporation. Still work to be done before work begins. Will be hosting a public meeting to present the construction schedule. Encourage all residents to attend public meetings in the spring. Project will start on the northern side Connecticut at Calif. Street and work south starting on the West side of Connecticut and then go back north on the East side of Connecticut up to California Street. The crosswalk that was removed recently will also be addressed here.

**DC Waters on 22nd Street*: Reopened one northbound lane. Reduced some of the traffic that has been building up. Still another 5-6 months of construction.

**Winter/Snow*: Tomorrow will be receiving snow again. Before it starts reach out to DPW through 311 to ask to plow streets. Always ask for service request Number to keep track of request.

**Call Box updates*: Had good meetings; setting up a meeting to start the rehabilitation project for the call box.

**Speed humps on Waterside Drive* will be addressed after the next snow event.

TSI:

Q: *Belmont Stanchions*. Wassmer encouraged people to reach out to



Councilmember Pinto's office and ask her to make it a priority. The fact that it was a security issue for President Obama could also be a factor.

**Sheridan Circle traffic, a 25-mile hour sign right before Waterside Drive coming from VP House, the TSI Phelps and S. Street was also discussed.*

Mayor's Office

Tadia "Ty" Abilla, tadai.abilla@dc.gov gave an update and provided a presentation with additional info. Discussed preparing for snow fall and status of leaf collection.

Ward 2: First roll off: Mitchell Park. Bring your bulk trash and electronics. Saturday, March 22 10:00 am at Mitchell Park.

New/Old Business

Kalorama Market, Neighbor and Licensee Daniel Petitta and his partner talked about their exciting plans for the Kalorama market and met with an enthusiastic response from neighbors. danielpetitta23@gmail.com

DC Water

Sean Moore DC Water, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager, sean.moore@dcwater.com did a presentation and update on Lead Free DC, DC's plan to remove all the lead service lines from the District. They need your authorization to do the replacements for the pipes going into your home. They have a list of blocks being currently replaced and have outreach team knocking on doors getting people to sign up. Marie Drissel noted that there is a 100% participation, but people are having many problems with delays and replacements happening on Phelps, Bancroft and LeRoy Place and want to have a meeting asap.

Announcements and Open Comment

Marie Drissel noted that David Grosso said that the Temporary Tranquility Act will expire at the end of 2025 not in May 2025. It was noted that there needs to get clarification on this. Chair Feld reminded people of key community dates she mentioned in the Commissioner's Comment section above.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, March 10th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

Chair Feld adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM