



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13th, 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 7:02 pm.

Commissioner Lipton moved to elect Commissioner Feld as the ANC's Chair and Secretary for 2025. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Chair Feld moved to elect Commissioner Lipton as the ANC's Vice Chair and Treasurer for 2024. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

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 November 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC's November 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Chair thanked everyone in the room for attending the meeting, wished all a happy New Year and welcomed Commissioner Robyn Lipton to ANC 2D.

Chair Feld moved to approve a resolution to thank former Commissioner and Chair Ashley Warren for her excellent service to ANC 2D. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's 2025 Meeting Schedule

Chair Feld motioned to approve the ANC's 2025 meeting schedule. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0). The 2025 meeting schedule is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Monday January 13th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Monday, February 10th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Monday, March 10th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Monday, April 14th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Monday, May 12th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- Regular June Meeting: Monday, June 9th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Monday, September 8th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Monday, November 10th, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Lipton said that the current balance for the ANC’s checking bank account is \$18,107.82 in the bank account.

Security Fund Participation

In case it was still in effect (we learned out later it wasn’t), Chair Feld motioned to approve the ANC’s participation in the 2025 ANC Security Fund. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Bank Signatories

Chair Feld motioned to remove former Commissioner Ashley Warren as a bank signatory to the ANC checking bank account and to replace her with Commissioner Lipton as an authorized bank signatory. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Government Reports

Metropolitan Police Department

Lt. Alexis Sakulich, and Captain Michael Hamelin representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, introduced themselves to meeting attendees and gave an overview of the recent and annual crime statistics for the neighborhood as well as how to find out about road closures etc. for the inauguration. Captain Hamelin oversees 3 PSAs and will be attending the meetings as much as possible and sub for the Lt. when she is not available.

Lt Sakulich discussed 2023 vs. 2024 crime stats and noted a slight decrease in reported crimes in 2024. She looked at 30 days compared to last year, noted there were 3 reported crimes. Asked attendees if there was anywhere in the ANC that improved lighting would be beneficial for helping to reduced crime etc. If people have any ideas, Lt. Sakulich will work to get places a bit more luminated.

Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed robberies and auto and electronic bicycle thefts, and break-ins and community concerns for the new year with the Captain and Lieutenant. Commissioners thanked the MPD representatives for their service.

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

Christophe Wassmer, the Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave an overview Traffic Safety Input (TSI) Updates from the District Department of Transportation.

He discussed the missing Call Box. Milani the contractor disputed their negligence, and it is now in Office of the Attorney General and Office of Procurements, General Council. He also gave an update the Dupont Deckover project. Entire streetscape will go up to Connecticut and California Street down to Dupont Circle, including a community bike lane; have had some delays for starting the project due to a legal review process.

No update on NPS Waterside Drive, though have some DDOT TSI asks on this. TSI for this quarter—2 selected in ANC2D, Phelps and S Street near Mitchell Park (in the same location), concern about volume of pedestrian crossing without an existing crosswalk. Will come back to ANC with what they propose. An attendee suggested to look at crosswalk for the Spanish Steps nearby.

Wassmer told the Commissioners he would get back about the situation at Phelps and S. Street with DC Water and Wash Gas. Finally Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton noted that snow removal in ANC2D especially at Leroy Place and Tracy Place was less than optimal and asked for guidance for future snowstorms as well as getting the streets salted before an anticipated snowstorm. Wassmer suggested calling 311.

Mayor's Office

Tadia “Ty” Abilla, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), could not attend due to a scheduling conflict with an all ANC meeting re: the inauguration. Since ANC2D must have both Commissioners in attendance to have a quorum at their ANC meetings, no Commissioner from ANC 2D could attend the meeting.

Councilmember's Office

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for the Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, congratulated Commissioner Lipton on her position and noted that Councilmember Pinto was sworn in and will continue serving as chair of the judiciary and public safety committee, BEGA is now part of that committee. He gave an update on other committee assignments. Ended 2024 with crime down in every district, he discussed Pinto’s priorities moving forward in 2025.

He encouraged commissioners and local residents to send their FY 2025 budget requests to the Councilmember’s office Akima Benjamin and to 5 at large councilmembers the chairman and to the mayor’s office. Use 311 for MPD and DPW services. Share 311 complaint number with Brian or Ty if need to escalate it.

Last fall Council passed the Residential Tranquility Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 and the Residential Tranquility Temporary Amendment Act of 2024. Recently submitted Residential Tranquility Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2025. Identical to previous emergency act to bridge the gap. Still working on permanent legislation, early in the year, please contact James Nance on what you want to see in the final bill. Chair Feld emphasized that ANC2D wants to be part of the team in drafting this legislation. There was discussion about the timeline and when the permanent legislation needs to take place.

New Business/Old Business

2120 S ST NW DC HPRB Submission 241014sm

Neighbors opposing the project made arguments against this project including historical and structural concerns. Emily Eig also testified about what makes the structure “contributing” and talked about Doris Fleeson, a distinguished political journalist who lived long-term at 2120 S ST NW and suggested therefore that the structure deserved landmark designation. Don Friedman, president of the SKNC also mentioned that he submitted a written statement to the HPRB opposing the application on behalf of the Council and

Kindy French from the SKHA read her statement to the HPRB opposing the application. I. Adam Greene, the architect for the application testified on its merits.

Chair Feld motioned that the ANC pass a resolution to the HPRB. The ANC did not take a stand on this application, however, the ANC is requesting that the HPRB delay ruling on the application and hear testimony from Emily Eig's report at their next meeting before they come to a decision. In addition, the ANC is requesting HPRB to take the time and seriously explore based on the criteria discussed in Emily Eig's report whether this property does deserve a contributing designation. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Commissioner Lipton confirmed with Emily Eig that she would make herself available at the next HPRB meeting, on January 23, 2025.

Kalorama Market, LLC Trade Name: Kalorama Market License Class: Retailer's Class "B" Beer & Wine
Address: 2160 California Street, N.W.; License No.: ABRA-130825 Licensee

Chair Feld mentioned that there will be a public hearing on this liquor license. If anyone has a problem with it, they should attend the public hearing and let the ANC know. Commissioner Lipton said that the new owner hopes that the market will be open in mid-February and emphasized that it will be a food market that also sells beer and wine.

Updates

There were not any updates.

Announcements and Open Comment

There were not any announcements and open comment.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Feld said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, February 10th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Feld adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.