

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

March 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 11, 2025

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Thomas Lee, Commission Nancy Groth, Commissioner Jim Swart

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: All four commissioners were present when the meeting was called to order.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS: The commissioners introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Shankle noted that Councilmember Pinto had to postpone presentation until April 8 meeting. Shankle also requested that the agenda be modified to include a presentation from DC CAP 2025, Friday, April 11, 2025. This presentation will be given under Community Events that Impact the Community. Shankle moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Goth moved to approve both the January and February meetings as submitted. Second by Commissioner Swart. (4,0,0) Unanimous approval. Commissioner Shankle reported that he would look into why the September, October, November, and December meeting minutes were not on the website.

TREASURER REPORT: Commissioner Lee reported that February started with a balance of \$66,940.82. There were two expenses, \$375 and \$250 for Minute Services. A check was received for ongoing operational expenses in the amount of \$2,271. The current balance was \$68,586.82. Commissioner Lee asked for the signatures from the Commissioners once he had resent the link.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Michael Hamelin, michael.hamelin@dc.gov, 202.698.1405, or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, sylvester.garvin@dc.gov, 202.774.6866

Not present for presentation.

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

We've been experiencing some issues with retail and commercial establishment burglaries over the last couple months. We did recently have a closure in those burglaries. We arrested an individual that was part of a group that committed nearly 20 of those burglaries. That case was closed on February 27th with the hard work of both the detectives and patrol working together. We will continue patrols overnight of those areas that have commercial retailers.

Encouraged business owners to be sure alarm contacts are up-to-date.

No violent crime to report out on the 1D side of 2C for the last 30 days.

Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Tadaï Abilla, Ward 2 Manager, Tadaï.Abilla@dc.gov, 202.805.7122, and Adriana Macedonio, Ward 2 Liaison Adriana.Macedonio@dc.gov

Presentation from Mayor Office attached.

Commissioners questioned Liaison on the following:

- Removal of homelessness encampment near State Department
- Lack of response from Mayor for getting Porta Potty near MLK, Jr. Library for unhoused residents to use bathroom when library is closed.
- Failure of Mayor's Office to notify Commissioner of Closure of BLM plaza.

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

Presentation from Council Member Pinto is attached.

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

Lukas Umana provided updates on the DowntownDC BID's clean and safe data, trash collection, graffiti removal, personnel hours, safety team operations, and business wellness check-ins. He highlighted recent activations such as the Lunar New Year Parade and upcoming spring planting and pressure washing. He emphasized the importance of stakeholder engagement and partnerships with city agencies.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY (CONSENT AGENDA):

#FITDC HerStory 5K and Kids Dash. Saturday, 8 March 2025. Julie Hanson, Event Organizer, hpeventsdc@gmail.com, 703.307.2734

The event was successfully held on March 8, 2025. The ANC will send a letter of support to close the record.

DC College Access Program held April 11, 2025. Requesting parking restrictions around Capital One Arena for high school college bound program.

Shankle moved to send letter or support for both event. Second by Commissioner Lee, Unanimous vote in favor.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA):

709 Street NW, Licensee: Lucky Danger Triangle, LLC, Trade Name: Lucky Danger, New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern (ABRA-131210), Candace Fitch, 202.258.8634, cfitch@eslmgmt.com

Tim Ma, one of the owners of Lucky Danger, requested a letter of support for the stipulated license. Shankle moved to send letter or support for both license and stipulated license. The ANC voted unanimously to send a letter of support for the establishment and the stipulated license.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SPACE:

615 H Street NW (DDOT #455363) for the HID development for new eleven-story residential building with a parking garage. Khara James, RA, Senior Project Manager, InterAgency Inc., khara.james@interagency.biz, 410.292.8620

Presentation by AJ Luce and Kevin McCormick on the streetscape plans for 615 H Street Northwest. Discussion on the existing conditions and proposed improvements including new brick sidewalks, bike racks, planters, and closing the curb cut. Shankle moved to send letter or support for the streetscape process at 615 H ST NW. Second by Lee. Vote unanimous in favor of project.

919 19th Street, NW, support for Common Ground, an interactive public artwork that features 25 interconnected wooden tables and benches, with a different handmade mosaic pattern. Andrew Huff, Associate Director of Member & Government Relations, Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID), ahuff@goldentriangledc.com, 202.684.8922

800 block of Connecticut Avenue, NW, support for Streets For People Public Art Exhibition, a temporary 6-month installation of sculptural artworks on the sidewalk in the DDOT Right-of-Way and around Farragut Square park. Andrew Huff, Associate Director of Member & Government Relations, Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID), ahuff@goldentriangledc.com, 202.684.8922

Presentation by Andrew Huff and Deirdre McWilliams on two public art projects. Discussion on the relocation of "Common Ground" to 919 19th Street Northwest and the Streets for People grant for six new art pieces. Motion to send letters of support for both projects: Passed unanimously.

Shankle moved to send letter of support for both projects. Second by Swart. Unanimous vote in favor of both projects.

Curbside Changes to Implement WMATA Better Bus Network Redesign in ANC 2C (NOI# 25-23-CPD), Christophe Wassmer, DDOT Ward 2, Community Engagement Specialist, christophe.wassmer@dc.gov.

Discussion on the proposed changes including new bus stops and removal of parking spaces. Motion to table the item until the next meeting for further clarification and coordination with ANC2F081.

608-624 Eye Street Development, (DDOT: 455363), support for the “Pedestrian” North-South Alley. AJ Luce Monument Realty, aluce@monumentrealty.com, 202.777.2014

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PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

Update renderings on Monumental Sports and Entertainment Capital One Arena. Crispus Gordon III, Vice President, Government Relations and Strategic Affairs, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, cgordon@monumentalsports.com, 202.661.5165

Presentation by Crispus Gordon, Brandon Milmerstein, and Will Pepperman on the proposed exterior design changes. Discussion on the new main entry, Metro entrance, Gallery Place Way, and accessible entry on 6th Street.

Motion to send a letter of support for the exterior design concept with considerations for additional screen and resident engagement. Votes: Motion to send a letter of support: Passed unanimously. Commissioner Lee moved to consider adding an extra screen near the Portrait Gallery Step. Second Commissioner Groth. Passed with three votes in favor, one abstention (Shankle). Commissioner Swart made the motion to ensure resident engagement (primarily to support the many residents at the Gallery Place Condos). Second Shankle. Passed with three votes in favor, one abstention (which was Commissioner Groth).

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2025, 6:00 pm. It will be a hybrid format.

Minutes Submitted by: Minutes Services

Minutes Approved by: April 8, 2025

Signed by:

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Secretary