



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

ANC2A Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Meeting via Zoom, 7:00pm

Call to Order.

Chair Trupti Patel called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Commissioners Keaton DiCapo (01), May Yang (02), Trupti Patel (03), Ed Comer (04), Jim Malec (08), and Sean Youngstone (09) were present.

Administrative Matters.

1. Council Member Brooke Pinto gave remarks regarding the current and future budgets, mentioning both the Aston and a potential 27th bus parking lot. There was discussion about both these matters from Commissioner Comer and several community members.

2. Commission Officers were elected.

Chair– Commissioner DiCapo nominated and Commissioner Youngstone seconded Commissioner Patel. Five Commissioners voted yes, and Commissioner Malec voted no. The tally was 5-1-0.

Vice Chair – Chair Patel nominated and Commissioner Comer seconded Commissioner DiCapo. All Commissioners voted yes. The tally was 6-0-0.

Secretary – Chair Patel nominated and Commissioner Malec seconded Commissioner Comer. All Commissioners voted yes. The tally was 6-0-0;

Treasurer - Chair Patel nominated and Commissioner DiCapo seconded Commissioner Youngstone. All Commissioners voted yes. The tally was 6-0-0.

3. The Agenda was adopted with 5 Commissioners voting yes and Commissioner Malec voting no. The tally was 5-1-0.

4. The November Special meeting minutes were adopted unanimously .

5. The November regular meeting minutes were adopted with 5 Commissioners voting yes and Commissioner Malec voting no. The tally was 5-1-0.

6. The December meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.

7. Adoption of 2025 Budget.

Chair Patel moved and Comer seconded approval of the proposed 2025 budget. Commissioner Malec moved to delete the inclusion of \$ 10,000 in grant funds. After discussion, the Commission voted to amend the budget to delete the \$10,000 in grant funds. The amendment



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was approved unanimously. The amended budget was approved unanimously. It will require a second reading.

8. The Commission unanimously approved allowing new agency officers to have their names listed on the ANC checking account.

9. The Commission approved unanimously creation of an ANC 2A debit card which is to be held solely by Treasurer Youngstone.

10. The Commission approved unanimously the 2025 meeting schedule; which provides for a meeting at 7 pm every third Wednesday of the month.

Community Forum.

1. Lt. Howden of the MPD gave advice on security.

2. Aston CAT members Courtney Cooperman and Chris Labas confirmed that the CAT recommended increasing occupancy to 100 and that occupancy today is at 88. They also reported the residents of the Aston were taken to a safe place during the Pepco outage. The Aston website is undergoing testing and should be up shortly. Friendship Place will host an open house at the Aston on Monday, March 31 at 6 p.m.

3. Andrew Deen, Rob Spellman and Linda Greenan from Pepco explained the cause of the 2 Pepco outages that took place recently. Several Commissioners commented about insufficient communication during the crises and criticized the complexity of the reimbursement claims requirements.

4. Hanna Ames gave an update from CM Pinto’s office and was asked about the impact of the budget on pre-school education opportunities.

5. Adriana Macedonio gave a short report on the Mayor’s activities, the importance of assuring the Congress allows DC’s full budget to proceed, unemployment and employment information, and community support activities. Several Commissioners and members of the public asked many questions about recent clearings of homeless encampments. Members of the community raised the lack of parking enforcement in the historic district.

6. Commissioner Updates. Several Commissioners commented. Chair Patel indicated she is focusing on oversight issues, Commissioner Comer announced that work on the 26th and I



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project had started and trees were scheduled to be planted there and Commissioner Malec announced office hours on April 1 at 5:30 at West End Library.

7. Public Comments. John George of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) announced that the Foggy Bottom-West End Main Street has hired Ben Sisler as its Executive Director and that the FBA will have a March 29 gelato event at Tazza for a monthly meeting. The Foggy Bottom-West End Village will have an April 10 afternoon smartrip card clinic for a transit discount card.

Marine Corps Marathon.

Commissioner Malec moved to move up the Marine Corps Marathon presentation in the agenda and this was approved with unanimous consent. Krista Lenzmeier announced the Marathon will take place on October 26, using the same course as before. She indicated that closures will start about 3 am, runners will come through 2A about 7:30 am and final clean-up will take place mid-afternoon. This will be the 50th Anniversary of the Marathon and it may have up to 30,000 runners. A resolution supporting the Marathon was approved unanimously.

Bus Routing Issues

Commissioner Youngstone offered and Commissioner DiCapo second consideration of a Motion about a Notice of Intent identifying the creation of a new bus stop along New Hampshire Avenue south of Washington Circle. After comments from a member of the public questioning routing buses on New Hampshire Avenue, and considerable discussion about the congestion this would cause, Commissioner Youngstone withdrew his motion. The Commission expects to address this issue at its next meeting with a presentation from Ddot.

Matters Before the DC Council

Chair Patel raised a resolution asking for improvements in the OUC response to 911 calls. The Commission approved this with Commissioners Patel, Comer, DiCapo and Youngstone voting yes, Commissioner Malec voting no and Commissioner Yang abstaining. The tally was 4-1-1.

ABCA Issues

Commissioner Comer moved and Commissioner Malec seconded that we consider ABCA issues approving license renewals before the rest of the resolutions. The motion was approved unanimously. The Commission then unanimously moved to approve items a. through e.: Proper 21 (ABRA-113983), The Metropolitan Club Of The City Of Washington (ABRA-000086), Froggy Times Pub (ABRA-090412), Magic Gourd Restaurant (ABRA-115942), and Best Vending (ABRA-006447). The Commission vote on item f. at Chef Geoff's West End ((ABRA-121618) did



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not result in approval. Commissioner Comer moved to take no action on this item. Commissioner Comer, DiCapo and Yang voted yes, Commissioner Patel voted no and Commissioners Malec and Youngstone abstained. The tally was 3-1-2.

Resolutions.

1. A resolution about problems in the Claridge House and Department of Buildings was offered by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo. After questions and discussions, Chair Patel withdrew the Motion and Resolution.

2. A resolution from Chair Patel regarding Department of Human Services management of the Aston was seconded by Commissioner DiCapo. Commissioner Yang moved to table the resolution and this was seconded by Commissioner Malec. The Commission voted unanimously to table the resolution.

3. Commissioner Comer moved to table all remaining resolutions except J, regarding homeless encampments. Commissioner DiCapo seconded this motion. This would table the following resolutions: Resolution regarding the DC Council’s performance oversight hearing for the the Department of Buildings (DOB), Resolution regarding the DC Council’s performance oversight hearing for the Department of Human Services (DHS), Resolution regarding the DC Council’s performance oversight hearing for the Department of General Services (DGS), Resolution regarding the DC Council’s performance of oversight hearing for the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR), Resolution regarding the DC Council’s performance oversight hearing for the Department of Employment Services (DOES), Resolution regarding the DC Council’s performance oversight hearing for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Resolution regarding the DC Council’s performance oversight hearing for DC Water, and lastly, the Resolution regarding the DC Council’s performance oversight hearing for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

The Motion to table was approved by all Commissioners, except Commissioner Youngstone who abstained. The tally was 5-0-1.

4. Commissioner Youngstone moved and Commissioner DiCapo moved to consider Resolution J, addressing how the Department of Human Services cleared homeless encampments, and criticizing a failure to give 14 day notice. Five Commissioners voted to approve this resolution with Commissioner Comer abstaining. The tally was 5-0-1.

Adjournment



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The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 am on March 20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trupti Patel
Chairperson