



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting ANC 2A
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 7 pm
Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: Commissioner Ed Comer
Approved on: June 18, 2025
Attested by: Commissioner Ed Comer

1. Call to Order

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

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Minutes of the April meeting was adopted by unanimous consent.

2. Administrative Matters

Commissioner Youngstone reported that OANC has indicated that our ANC can obtain new equipment at no cost, which would simplify holding meetings in person and online at the same time. Commissioner Youngstone moved to obtain the equipment and Chair Patel seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor of this proposal. (6-0-0)

3. Community Forum

Report from MPD:

Lt. Howden reported that crime has decreased in ANC2A, mainly consisting of thefts from CVS and of mopeds. He stated that a knifing around 2400 Virginia Ave. NW involved people who knew each other and resulted in an immediate arrest. He plans to lead a community walk Saturday night at 26th and L St. NW at 7:00 pm and invited people to join.

Report from Aston Community Advisory Committee:

Courtney Cooperman and Chris Labas reported that the May 12 monthly meeting indicated there are now 83 residents at the Aston and 108 people have lived there since it opened. The building is assessing the feasibility of upgrading the electric generator. The Aston website is now accessible at dhc.dc.gov/ave/aston.

Ms. Cooperman reported that she was moving out of town this weekend and was stepping down as the ANC representative. Commissioners thanked Courtney for her service. Commissioner Malec expressed concern that trash cans in front of the building were overflowing and indicated that DHS would address this.

Report from CM Pinto's Office:

Brian Romanowski reported that the blockage of \$1 billion in DC funds continue, at least until the House finishes the current tax bill. He urged residents to contact members of Congress to resolve this problem. Meanwhile, the Mayor intends to announce the budget next Tuesday and budget hearings will begin May 26. He explained the remainder of the budget consideration process. He also reported on upcoming events, including World Pride.

Report from Mayor's Office:

Adriana Macedonio also talked about the budget schedule, World Pride and other matters.



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Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Yang asked for input on the Velvet proposal. Commissioner Malec sought information about residents concerned with very high Pepco bills and residents' views as to whether the number of residents allowed in the Aston should be increased. Commissioner Youngstone indicated he would be preparing a resolution to increase the number of residents using the Aston.

Public Comments:

It was reported that the Post Brothers succeeded in the auction of 2100 M Street and discussions on their community benefits agreement will begin shortly. There was discussion of the need to improve the ability to find documents on the ANC website.

4. Certificate of Need to DC Health Planning and Development Agency

Sominek and Pittman, a cosmetic surgery practice (emphasizing breast reconstruction) at 2440 M Street, seeks approval for a surgical practice. They reported that they have been operating since 2020 and now realized they should apply for a Certificate of Need. They are fully accredited with a 100% compliance scores from the accreditation agency and described the nature of their practice. Commissioner Yang moved and Chair Patel seconded a motion to support the Certificate of Need. All Commissioners voted to approve the application. (6-0-0).

5. License Change Before the Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

Sixty Vines requests to change its Friday and Saturday closing hours from 10 pm to 11 pm. Commissioner Malec proposed we should take no action. Commissioners Comer and Patel agreed and the ANC took no action.

6. Renewals Before the Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

Chair Patel moved to bundle applications for renewals of alcohol licenses b through u with the exception of e (Rasika) and Commissioner DiCapo seconded. The members approved unanimously. The ANC took no action on items b through u. On Item e, Commissioner Youngstone filed a Motion to Protest and Chair Patel seconded, based on concerns about their treatment of employees. Commissioner DiCapo voted yes, Commissioner Yang voted No, Chair Patel voted Yes, Commissioner Comer voted no, and Commissioners Malec and Youngstone abstained. The Motion did not pass. (2-2-2).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Comer
Secretary