



# Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

## April 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**ANC 2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Michael Shankle 2C01, Commissioner Nancy Groth 2C02, Commissioner Jim Swart 2C04, Commissioner Thomas Lee 2C03

**ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm over Zoom ([2025 April 8 ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)).

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Four out of the four Commissioners were present.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:**

The Commissioners introduced themselves.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Groth motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Shankle. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

**6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Swart motioned to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

**7. TREASURER REPORT:**

Commissioner Lee delivered the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Shankle noted that the quarterly financial report will be provided at the May meeting.

Commissioner Groth spoke about exploring ways to better outsource administrative tasks. The Commissioners will email her their thoughts, and the matter can be addressed at the next meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**1. Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto, [bpinto@dccouncil.us](mailto:bpinto@dccouncil.us), 202-724-8058**

Councilmember Pinto touched upon ongoing efforts in terms of improving public safety. She noted that things are much better than they were two years ago. Her presentation included a slide show outlining various provisions that were included in an omnibus bill, such as the creation of drug-free zones, and a grant program to establish safe commercial corridors.



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Councilmember Pinto addressed changes that have been made in terms of holding criminals accountable, as well as improvements in information sharing within government and law enforcement circles.

Councilmember Pinto gave an overview of improved crime statistics and better response times with 911 services. Pinto talked about work within her committee and taskforce assignments, and her next project, the Peace DC Plan. She spoke about efforts to improve sidewalks, lighting, etc. in Chinatown/Gallery Place.

Councilmember Pinto referenced the major upgrades being made to Capital One Arena. Councilmember Pinto spoke about the district's budget process.

Commissioner Groth asked Councilmember Pinto to help in getting a response from the Department of General Services concerning the Green Court shelter.

Commissioner Swart talked about the residents' and his concerns regarding the details about the Sound Mitigation Act.

A resident spoke of the design plans for the Capital One Arena and thanked Councilmember Pinto for her help in working with Monumental Sports concerning things such as problematic lighting.

A resident with Save Chinatown Solidarity Network DC asked that drug-free zones not be made permanent. They also asked about taskforce updates on matters relating to Chinatown.

A resident from Penn Quarter asked Councilmember Pinto about accountability within the police.

A resident of Penn Quarter complained about late-night problems such as large crowds, cars that are racing, and other issues on the weekends, saying these matters are not being enforced. Councilmember Pinto asked for more information on these late-night problems, saying there will be a follow-up. The resident also commended the opening of a farmers' market.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Michael Hamelin, [michael.hamelin@dc.gov](mailto:michael.hamelin@dc.gov), 202.698.1405.**



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Captain Hamelin addressed the Penn Quarter resident's complaint regarding late-night problems originating from nearby clubs. He went on to talk about reductions in property crime and efforts to reduce auto theft. Captain Hamelin encouraged everyone to leave nothing in their vehicles as even the most innocuous of items can spur a break-in.

Commissioner Swart asked about a robbery and how one can find out what happened via the police report. Captain Hamelin said to reach out to him directly with such questions.

A resident spoke of a controversial reinstatement of two police officers and a resolution that was passed by another ANC condemning this action. They also asked that the ANC 2C commissioners pass this resolution.

**2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, [Captain Paul Hrebenak](#), [Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov](mailto:Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov), 202.643.8471, Lieutenant Araz Alal, [Araz.Alali@dc.gov](mailto:Araz.Alali@dc.gov), 202.698.0066.**

Lieutenant Greg Archer introduced himself, saying that he will be delivering the MPD 1 update at future ANC 2C meetings. There were no questions for the lieutenant.

**3. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – [Tadai Abilla](#), Ward 2 Liaison, [Tadai.Abilla@dc.gov](mailto:Tadai.Abilla@dc.gov), 202.805.7122 and [Adriana Macedonio](#), Ward 2 Liaison, [Adriana.Macedonio@dc.gov](mailto:Adriana.Macedonio@dc.gov).**

Tadai Abilla announced an April 13 celebration marking the 20th anniversary of the Emancipation Parade. Commissioners were encouraged to participate in the parade, walking alongside other city officials. She also spoke of the annual spring clean-up on April 19, initiated eight years ago by the mayor.

Commissioner Shankel asked about an earlier request regarding the installation of portable toilets around the MLK Library. Tadai Abilla hopes to have an update on this matter by the end of the week.

Commissioner Groth asked about having a central portal to aid displaced federal workers. Tadai Abilla said there is a portal, the link to which she will share.

**4. DowntownDC BID, [Lukas Umana](#), Director of Public Space Operations, [lukas@downtowndc.org](mailto:lukas@downtowndc.org), 202.270.0366.**



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Ellouise Johnson provided an overview of DowntownDC BID and its programs, especially concerning Chinatown. Lukas Umana talked about ensuring that residents understand the mandate of DowntownDC BID.

Commissioner Lee talked about closing off streets during cherry blossom season and other events, and festivals. He also spoke of food trucks not displaying their prices, thus gouging tourists and giving the city a bad image. Lukas Umana referenced having people bussed in from places such as Maryland and Virginia rather than driving.

Commissioner Shankle asked about the Throne bathrooms and said that they might be moved upon completion of the pilot program. Lukas Umana said he wasn't aware of this, though creating further locations for these facilities is desired.

Commissioner Swart spoke of a specific unhoused individual. Lukas Umana said this case will be examined and hopefully the person will accept the help that is offered.

A resident asked about prospective vendors being unable to secure approval for their outdoor licensing in the Chinatown area. Lukas Umana asked that the resident specifically, and vendors in future, reach out to him regarding such problems.

**5. Traditional and Fair Elections Campaign Finance Programs, Office of Campaign Finance, District of Columbia Board of Elections. Kalvanetta Peete, Office of General Counsel, [kalvanetta.peete@dc.gov](mailto:kalvanetta.peete@dc.gov), 202.671.0552.**

Kalvanetta Peete provided an overview of the Office of Campaign Finance and its programs as well as responsibilities.

#### LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

- 1. Amazon Armed Forces Cycling Class and Challenge Ride, Saturday, May 31, 2025, 7AM-10:30AM. Diane Romo Thomas, Event Organizer, 202.439.5104, [dianeromo-thomas@hotmail.com](mailto:dianeromo-thomas@hotmail.com).**

Commissioner Shankle explained that this is a new event and stated that he supports ANC 2C submitting a letter of support.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shankle moved to approve a letter of support for the Amazon Armed Forces Cycling Class and Challenge Ride. Seconded by Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)



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### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA)

1. **Central Michel Richard 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW is requesting an entertainment endorsement (indoors only) to allow for live music on the premises. No other changes are being requested. Manalle Mahmoud, Associate Attorney, Mallios O'Brien & Sandground PLLC, 202.625.7700, [mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com](mailto:mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com).**

Manalle Mahmoud underscored that an entertainment endorsement is being sought for the indoor portion of the establishment. Commissioner Shankle noted that there are no residences in this area.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shankle moved to approve a letter of support for Central Michel Richard and its entertainment endorsement. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

2. **BB&R USA LLC, trading as Berry Bros. & Rudd. This application is for a transfer of Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store to be located at 888 17th Street NW. Berry Bros and Rudd is a centuries-old UK-based wine and spirits merchant. This will be their first venture in the United States. Manalle Mahmoud, Associate Attorney, Mallios O'Brien & Sandground PLLC, 202.625.7700, [mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com](mailto:mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com).**

Manalle Mahmoud provided an overview of the application.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Groth moved to approve a letter of support for the BB&R USA application for a Retailer's Class "A" liquor store. **SECONDED** by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

3. **Barbouzard DC LLC trading as Barbouzard for a New Class-C restaurant license. Barbouzard is going to be a French-Mediterranean restaurant located at 1700 K Street NW (in the former Kellari space). The restaurant has 171 seats indoors and 22 seats outdoors. Manalle Mahmoud, Associate Attorney, Mallios O'Brien & Sandground PLLC, 202.625.7700, [mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com](mailto:mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com).**



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Manalle Mahmoud provided an overview of the license request. Commissioner Groth asked about accessibility and ADA compliance. Manalle Mahmoud said that she would consult with the architect and get back to Commissioner Groth.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Groth moved to approve a letter of support for the BB&R USA application for a Retailer's Class "A" liquor store. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

4. **RIDC LLC t/a Residence Inn/Wash.DC/Thomas Circle.** This substantial change application is to convert the existing hotel license from only beer and wine (Class D-Hotel) to beer, wine, and spirits (Class C-Hotel). No other changes are requested. Manalle Mahmoud, Associate Attorney, Mallios O'Brien & Sandground PLLC, 202. 625.7700, [mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com](mailto:mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com).

Manalle Mahmoud provided an overview of the change application, noting that it relates to the banquet space.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Groth motioned to approve a letter of support for the change application made by RIDC LLC t/a, Residence Inn. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Swart. (Vote 4-0-0)

#### TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

1. **Art at the Intersection grant proposal, Andrew Huff, Associate Director of Member & Government Relations, Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID), 202.463.3400,** [ahuff@goldentriangledc.com](mailto:ahuff@goldentriangledc.com).

Andrew Huff provided an overview of the letter of support that is desired in support of a grant application. This is for the replacement of a sculpture at Connecticut Ave. and K Street NW. Deirdre MacWilliams spoke further on the project goals. The visibility of this artwork is a priority.

Commissioner Groth noted that she had been asked to serve on the final selection panel for choosing the artwork being proposed in the grant application, and thus would recuse herself by abstaining in the vote.



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**MOTION:** Commissioner Shankle moved to approve a letter of support for the project. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Swart. (Vote 3-0-1)

**2. Curbside Changes to Implement WMATA Better Bus Network Redesign in ANC 2C (NOI# 25-23-CPD), Christophe Wassmer, Community Engagement Specialist -- Ward 2, District Department of Transportation 202.809.8453, [Christophe.wassmer@dc.gov](mailto:Christophe.wassmer@dc.gov)**

Christophe Wassmer provided an overview of the curbside changes relating to four new bus stops along Massachusetts Avenue. This will entail the removal of parking spaces. Commissioner Groth talked about the impact on church parking.

It was also noted, by Commissioner Swart, that a residential building will also suffer a loss of curbside street parking. He suggested not placing these bus stops directly in front of residences as it would eliminate parking and cause other problems such as air pollution.

Commissioner Swart also recommended moving the bus stop one block to the East. Additionally, he said that bus shelters should not be installed next to residential units in this area because traditionally the bus shelters go unused by bus riders because they are used as encampments. Christophe Wassmer said that he would express these concerns to his team

**MOTION:** Commissioner Swart moved to recommend that Bus Stops Number 1 and Number 2 be moved one block to the east to 11<sup>th</sup> Street and also to investigate the impact of Bus Stop Number 4 on Metropolitan AME Church parking. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

#### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shankle moved to Adjourn at 8:22 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6 pm

**Minutes Submitted by:** Minutes Services

**Minutes Approved by:** May 13, 2025



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Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month.

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Secretary

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