



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22nd, 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 7:00 pm.

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 March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chair Feld moved to delay approval the ANC's March 2025 meeting minutes to May 2025. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Commissioner's Comments

Chair Feld thanked Peter Sacco, St. Margaret's, especially John Bello. She also recognized and thanked community leaders especially on their work on the Residential Tranquility Amendment Act of 2025. Chair Feld also recognized and thanked Commissioner Robyn Lipton for her service.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Lipton said that the current balance for the ANC's checking bank account is \$18,056.83

Approval of ANC FY 2025 Qt. 2 Financial Report

Commissioner Lipton stated that we started the quarter with \$18,107.82 and ended with \$18,056.83 with no significant expenses during the quarter.

Commissioner Lipton moved to approve the FY 2025 Qt. 2 Financial Report. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Government Reports

Chair Feld thanked our Govt. Liaisons for their time and support.

Councilmember's Office

Brian Romanowski, Constituents Services Director, attended the meeting and gave the following updates.

- *\$1 billion in fy'25 taken from our budget that Congress made. Hoped to have it resolved by now. House has not moved to join the Senate in passing a fix to spend our 1 billion dollars. We are still missing that money.*
- *Mayor Bowser did find a loophole to use the budget allows DC to increase budget on its own to 6% without Congressional Approval. Now DC has a \$410 Million gap. Most of the money will have to come from staff salaries, freezing hiring and overtime pay. DC CFO will be presenting a plan to for making these cuts to save \$410 Million.*
- *Delays FY'26 budget. Budget hearing that usually takes place, hasn't started yet, pushing everything toward the summer. Will see proposed budget sometime in May.*
- *Peace DC Plan: Councilmember Pinto's priorities: Public safety, Downtown and commercial corridors and Investing in our youth, talked about budget and other hearings. Combo of legislation, funding and strategies. Includes: Residential Tranquility Amendment Act of 2025. Go to Brookepintodc.com to find more about the Peace DC Plan. Talked about the public hearings and the govt. official hearings on the Peace Plan in the next two days.*
- *Budget hearings to start in May and go into June for Fy '26*
- *Events: Reviewed different events: Bike to Work Day, Thursday, May 13; World Pride Parade. Saturday, June 7, meeting at 1:00 pm to March at T and 14th Street down Pennsylvania Ave.*
- *Chair Feld talked about the success of the Temporary legislation on the "Noise bill." Stated that the ANC and advocates will be testifying at the hearing and asked some logistical questions. She thanked Brian Romanowski for being so helpful to the ANC.*

Resolution: ANC 2D Endorsement of the Residential Tranquility Act of 2025; Suggested Language and Content to Strengthen Enforcement and Impact of the Bill

- Chair Feld reviewed the history of the ANC's involvement working with CP and neighborhood advocates to pass the temporary legislation. She stated some concerns with the current legislation including that it did not address residents experiencing unhealthy noise because they live near a non-residence being targeted and the ambiguity of the definition of "unintended" devices.
- Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC's resolution. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Metropolitan Police Department

Lt. Alexis Sakulich, representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District reported on crime and other safety issues.

- *ANC2D Thirty -day Crime report. 2 reported crimes. 1 theft of a bike on California Street and a burglary on Mass Ave. Arrest on scene, homeowners kept the suspect at bay. PSA 208 has had a significant increase of theft from autos. Urge people to not leave valuables visible in cars and lock your car. 17th/Mass Ave/Rhode Island targeted the most. Marie Drissel stressed vigilance and the nightmare of replacing ids, computers, etc.*
- *Commissioner Feld asked about cuts to MPD in the budget. Lt. Sakulich noted that nothing yet has been put out specifically to the Dept. Chair Feld thanked Lt. Sakulich.*

Mayor's Office

Tadia "Ty" Abilla, a Ward 2 representative (the rep for ANC 2D) for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) gave an update:

- *Talked about various initiatives*, such as Spring Clean Ups. Welcomed people to host a Community Cleanup. Needs two weeks in advance notice
- *Mayor remains optimistic about the future of DC*, shifting our economy, making investments to help us grow. Bright spot within entertainment and sports. Welcomed feedback around the development of RFK stadium.
- *Chair Feld brought up the challenge of getting news from govt. agencies out to our constituents* due to administration issues and welcomed ideas and solutions to do so. Ty Abilla talked about the problems with an event to get rid of used items at Mitchell Park because the community wasn't aware of what was going on. She welcomed ideas whether it should be adding people to a listserv, distributing flyers door to door, etc. Also to let her know if there were any events that you would like her to attend.

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 including:

- *Announced Dupont Deckover Public Meeting* about construction schedule and benefits tomorrow at 6:00-8:00 pm at St. Margaret's Church and invited all to attend. He welcomed questions. There will be weekly updates on the project's website. Several questions were asked: A neighbor asked about how many parking spaces would be eliminated. Also, if the business community is in favor of the project. Wassmer stated that they are working closely with the BID and it is seen as an economic opportunity for this corridor. A bike lane will be on Connect. Avenue from Calif. Street to Q Street. Construction will start in the spring and summer. Chair Feld stressed the importance of going to these meeting, because there is a possibility to change some details and share your concerns. She suggested that once it starts would like the project or construction manager to come to our ANC meeting. Chair Feld thanked Wassmer for his help and advocacy on ANC2D's behalf. Peter Sacco added his appreciation for attending these meetings in person.
- *Kalorama Market Loading Zone Issues* were discussed.

New Business/Old Business

- *DC Water, Update on Water Main and Lead Pipe Replacement Update* John Ingle, Project Manager, Sean Moore, Communications Manager, Lead Free DC. Reps explained the project and talked about problems and miscommunications and construction impacts. Neighbors asked questions, voiced their concerns re: parking, schedule, landscape issues, etc. and the session was very informative. It was suggested that the Representatives attend future meetings. A very informative and detailed presentation was shared at the meeting.
- *Church of the Pilgrim, 2201 P St, NW* (tax account address is 1524 22nd Street, NW, intersection of 22nd and Q). Requested a renewal of a special zoning exception to permit a childcare center for 74 children and 18 staff was requested by Elizabeth Rogers. Zoning meeting is June 18 if anyone wants to support hopefully not oppose. Chair Feld moved to approve the Special zoning exception permit. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

2120 S. Street NW: Landmark Designation Update for Doris Fleeson

Note this was added to the agenda the night before the meeting. Kindy French, president SKHA provided an

update and noted that Fleeson was a distinguished political journalist who lived long-term at 2120 S ST NW. *The purpose of bringing it to the ANC was to get the ANC to endorse/ do a resolution to delay the HPRB's decision on which house to designate as a landmark for Doris Fleeson, her house on P Street in Georgetown or to endorse S. Street as the landmark house.*

French argued that at the last HPRB meeting, it recognized the importance of landmarking a home in honor of Fleeson, but HPO staff recommended that her previous Georgetown residence had a stronger connection with her. French's expert argued against that. HPO staff said that they would do an application for the Georgetown property and HPRB would choose which house to landmark at a later meeting. SKHA learned that HPO staff put the Georgetown house on the agenda for May 1 and would only have a draft landmark nomination. French believes their goal is to deny the S Street application in favor of the Georgetown house. SKNC via Marie Drissel supported the submission of the landmark application for 2120 S Street and indicated they want to do further work on identifying non-conforming properties which have become historical under the rule of 50 years. The neighbors at 2118 and 2122 argued for the landmark designation on S. Street NW. Emily Eig, their expert, also presented her arguments.

The draft nomination for the Georgetown house was not available and would be presented on Friday. Chair Feld mentioned that the ANC supports working on identifying the nonconforming properties but does not support taking a position on this based on the arguments Commissioner Lipton presented. She argued that we don't have all the information since we haven't seen the nomination for the Georgetown home, and the fact that this came up last minute and that the owner was not notified nor had a chance to present her position, the ANC does not feel comfortable taking a position on this. There was further discussion on various issues, but in the end, the ANC did not take a position on this issue.

Liquor License renewals. Chair Feld asked if there were any objections to the following liquor licenses. She heard no objections

- Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Ave NW, 20009; License # ABRA-074621; Petitions of opposition or support due 5/12
- Generator Hotel, 1900 Connecticut Ave NW, 20009; License # ABRA-111618; Petitions of opposition or support due 5/12
- Sushi Ogawa, 2100 Connecticut Ave NW #100, 20008; License # ABRA-100490; Petitions of opposition or support due 5/19
- Pesce Seafood House, 1800 Connecticut Ave, NW, 20008, License #ABRA-177845, Petitions of opposition or support due 5/5

Updates

Announcements and Open Comment

There were none.

Date of Next Meeting

Chair Feld said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 12th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Feld adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Feld, ANC 2D Chair and Secretary.

