



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting ANC2A
Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 7 pm
Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: 2A04 Commissioner Comer

Approved on: July 16, 2025

Attested by: Secretary, 2A04 Commissioner Comer

1. Call to Order.

Chair Trupti Patel called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners Keaton DiCapo (01), Trupti Patel (03), Ed Comer (04), Jim Malec (08) and Sean Youngstone (09) were present.

A Motion was made to amend the agenda to add a discussion of whether, in light of Commissioner Yang’s absence, to assign a second Commissioner to represent the ANC at the Velvet mediation on July 2 and to have this discussion after the discussion of BZA matters. The amended Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Draft Minutes of the May 25 ANC meeting were adopted by unanimous consent.

2. Community Forum.

Report from the Mayor’s Office.

Sam Abed, Director of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, presented slides about the FY26 budget. Ty Abila and Adriana Macedonio, the Mayor’s representatives for Ward 2, accompanied him. A few questions were asked.

Report from MPD.

Lt. Howden reported that crime has decreased significantly in ANC2A, largely because of the closure of the E Street CVS. He warned against locking bikes in public and leaving anything in vehicles. He discussed the proposed juvenile curfew and electric bikes on sidewalks.

Report from Aston Community Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Malec reported for Chris Labas, who was not present, that there have been no complaints from the community about the Aston. He stated that a trash compactor is being installed to address concerns about overflowing trash cans. Chair Patel reported that the ANC will allow members of the public to apply to represent the ANC on the CAC and she indicated that the ANC would vote on the new appointment in the July meeting.

Report from CM Pinto’s Office.

Hannah Ames discussed the process for reviewing the Mayor’s proposed budget. Chair Patel indicated that funds have been reallocated for a back-up generator for the Aston.

Commissioner Updates.

Commissioner Malec indicated he would be holding office hours on July 9 at the West End Library.

Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

3. Matters Before the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) 2413 I Street, NW.



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The request is to expand the back of the building to achieve parity with the neighboring properties’ building lines. Proponents indicated that this will have no impact on windows of the neighboring property. Chair Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a motion to support this proposal. All present voted yes, except Commissioner Malec who voted “present.” (4-0-1).

4. Matters Before ABCA Regarding the Velvet Settlement Discussions.

Chair Patel reported that in light of the ANC’s objection to this proposal a mediation is scheduled to take place on July 2 when Commissioner Yang will still be out of the country. Chair Patel indicated that she is already designated as one of the ANC representatives and wanted to be the sole representative in Commissioner Yang’s absence. Commissioners Comer and Malec expressed a desire to be assured that any “settlement” during the mediation would be brought before the full ANC to give the ANC and the community an opportunity to comment before any “settlement” agreement is approved. Commissioner Malec and Commissioner DiCapo moved to have Commissioner Comer represent the ANC at the mediation on July 2. During discussion on this Motion Chair Patel expressed her desire to reach a settlement agreement in this matter. Several nearby residents commented that it is important for a settlement to be presented to the public. Commissioner Malec indicated that our protest vote agreed to provide the public 7 days notice before the ANC would vote on the agreement.

The Motion for Commissioner Comer to participate in the mediation failed 2-2-1. Specific votes were: Commissioner DiCapo, No; Chair Patel, No; Commissioner Comer, Yes; Commissioner Malec, Yes; Commissioner Youngstone, Abstain.

Commissioner Malec moved that any settlement agreement negotiated during mediation must be approved by the Commission after public review and comment. Commissioner Comer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed 4-1-0. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, No; Commissioner Comer, Yes; Commissioner Malec, Yes; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

5. Matters Before the DC Council.

a. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Aston to Increase its Intake to Use its Full Capacity.

Commissioner Youngstone moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a motion to approve this resolution. Several people spoke in support of the Motion. The Motion passed 4-0-1. Specific votes were: Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, Yes; Commissioner Malec, Abstain; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

b. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council’s Performance of Oversight Hearing for the Department of Human Services to Assure that the Aston Purchases an Emergency Generator.

Chair Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded this Motion to approve this resolution. After a brief discussion the Motion passed 3-2-0. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, No; Commissioner Malec, No; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

c. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council’s Performance of Oversight Hearing for the Department of General Services to Assure that the Aston Purchases an Emergency Generator.



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Chair Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a Motion to approve this resolution. This Motion passed 3-2-0. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, No; Commissioner Malec, No; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

d. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Initiative 82, Regarding the District’s Tipped Minimum Wage Policy.

Chair Patel moved and DiCapo seconded a Motion to approve this resolution. The Motion passed 4-0-1. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, Abstain; Commissioner Malec, Yes; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

e. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Initiative 83, a Voter-Approved Initiative that Aims to Change the Election Process.

Chair Patel moved, and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a Motion to approve this resolution. The Motion was approved unanimously 5-0-0.

f. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Sanctuary Values.

Chair Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a Motion to approve this resolution. The Motion passed 4-0-1. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, Abstain; Commissioner Malec, Yes; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

g. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Metro Lift Program of WMATA.

Chair Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a Motion to approve this resolution. The Motion passed 4-0-1. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, Abstain; Commissioner Malec, Yes; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

h. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council’s Oversight for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

This resolution sought to reallocate funding for the 26th and I Street project. Chair Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a Motion to approve this resolution. The resolution failed 2-2-1. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, No; Commissioner Malec, No; Commissioner Youngstone, Abstain.

i. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council’s Oversight for the Office of Attorney General Budget.

This resolution seeks funding to address worker wage issues. Chair Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a Motion to approve this resolution. The resolution passed 3-2-0. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, No; Commissioner Malec, No; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

j. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council’s Oversight for the Office of Tenant Advocate.

Chair Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a Motion to approve this resolution. The resolution passed 3-2-0. Specific votes were Commissioner DiCapo, Yes; Chair Patel, Yes; Commissioner Comer, No; Commissioner Malec, No; Commissioner Youngstone, Yes.

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



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Commissioner Malec moved and Commissioner Comer seconded a proposal to consolidate the 3 matters listed for Café Maman, Ruth’s Chris Steak House and Char Bar. The Motion was approved without objection. Discussion indicated that there were no concerns about any of these renewals and thus the Commission took no action.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Comer
Secretary