

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2025**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Howard Garrett, ANC 2G01
Alex Padro, ANC 2G02
Nicole Shea, ANC 2G03
Steven McCarty, ANC 2G04
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05 (joined following the Roll Call)
Rachelle Nigro, ANC 2G06

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 5 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3. ELECTION OF ANC 2G OFFICERS FOR 2025

Former constituent of ANC 2G06 Marcus Whitaker presided over the Election of Officers. The following are the results:

Officer Position	Commissioner	Voice Vote		
		Yeas	Nays	Abstentions
Chair:	Steven McCarty	4		2
Vice Chair:	Howard Garrett	3		3
Secretary:	Nicole Shea	6	0	0
Treasurer:	Rachelle Nigro	6	0	0

4. POLICE REPORT – METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, 3RD DISTRICT

Commander Michael Pulliam reported on crime for the last 30 days and answered questions/comments from Commissioners.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Report from Ward 2 Councilmember Pinto's Office

bpinto@dccouncil.gov; 202-724-8058; <https://www.brookepintodc.com/> Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, bromanowski@dccouncil.gov

- o Brian Romanowski provided updates on: (1) councilmember chairmanships of a number of Council committees; (2) an overall reduction in crime in the city; (3) Councilmember Pinto's 1/13/25 Budget Forum; (4) the Council's annual oversight hearings at the end of January; (5) the State Funeral for President Jimmy Carter; (6) the upcoming Inauguration; (7) trash collection and recycling schedule, and (8) snow removal.
- o A question-and-answer and comment period followed.

B. REPORT FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS)

Tadai "Ty" Abilla, Ward Manager, tadai.abilla@dc.gov, 202-297-6566

- o Tadai "Ty" Abilla provided updates on snow removal issues and DPW.
- o A question-and-answer and comment period followed.

C. Report from Events DC

Solana Vander Nat, Senior Manager of Community Engagement, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, <https://eventsdc.com>

- o Visit: eventsdc.com; please sign up for Events DC electronic mailing list.
- o A report was provided highlighting: (1) the Presidential Inauguration and Presidential Inaugural Balls on January 20, 2025, both national special security events; (2) a Secret Service Invitation Only meeting on January 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.; and (3) Virtual Community Grant Informational Sessions on Tuesday and Thursday in January.

D. Announcements:

- o Commissioner Berry stated the Transportation and Public Space Committee met this past Wednesday. Residents should check the website and look for the notices and are invited to attend and participate in the Committee's meetings.
- o Ankit Jain introduced himself and stated he is one of two recently elected Shadow Senators. Shadow Senators are elected advocates to the U. S. Senate fighting for DC Statehood and protecting our Home Rule from attack. Their focus deals with issues related to the Federal Government and are resources residents can reach out to if needed. They are in the process of writing their 2025 Budget and if residents have ideas on projects that promote DC Statehood, please email them to him. He is also in the process of setting up a website and would like residents to get involved in the fight to protect Home Rule and DC Statehood. He is also very focused on getting Federal funding for Metro. Lastly, when residents file their taxes, there is a box residents can check that says donate funds to support Statehood efforts in DC and that funding goes to their office.

**6. DDOT NOTICE OF INTENT 24-294: QUICK BUILD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSECTION OF 7TH AND Q STREETS NW [2G02 AND 2G03]
Christophe Wassmer, DDOT**

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G **support** the implementation of DDOT Notice of Intent 24-294: Quick Build Safety Improvements to Intersection of 7th and Q Streets NW, with the stipulations that the bus stop at the southwest corner of 7th and Q Streets NW be converted into a Commercial Loading Zone and that a more comprehensive traffic study be implemented for the intersection of 7th and Q Streets NW, with the objective of maximizing pedestrian, bicyclist and driver safety, and that this recommendation be submitted to the Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 1 nay (Commissioner Berry) – 0 abstentions.

7. DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS) – PRESENTATION ABOUT CENTRAL CELL BLOCK CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE [2G06]

John Stokes, Department of General Services
Allam Al-Alami, Department of General Services
RJ Hargrove

Duration: 14 Months

Completion Date: Spring of 2026

New items added to the project will require further submissions to DOB and DDOT, and engagement with the engineering firm to update the contract drawings and obtain the new or any revised permits needed, again resulting from the BZA added scope. They are also engaging with the general contractor, Keystone. They will be remobilizing at the job site, and that will be over the next 2 to 3 weeks. They will also be tasked to provide a revised project delivery schedule. The project delivery schedule will reflect again the new changes and new scope that was added, plus the new time to get the permitting done. This probably will take about 4 to 5 weeks to get completed.

A lengthy question-and-answer period followed.

8. 1001 6TH STREET NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT TIME EXTENSION [6E01, Across from 2G]

Sean Sullivan
David Avitabile

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the request of 1001 6th Street NW for a time extension and that this be conveyed to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

9. 1703 6TH STREET NW, HOTBOX DC LLC: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS RETAIL LICENSE. DESIGNATION OF ANC REPRESENTATIVE AND POTENTIAL TABLING OF VOTE [2G03]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G designate Commissioner Nicole Shea as the Commission's representative in the matter of ABRA License No. 128305, Hotbox DC LLC, 1703 6th Street NW, that ANC 2G request that the Commission's protest petition deadline be extended to February 28, 2025, and that this be conveyed to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA). The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G **table** the application of Hotbox DC LLC, 1703 6th Street NW, for a Medical Cannabis Retail License until ANC 2G's February 13, 2024 meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

10. MOTIONS RELATING TO 501 NEW YORK AVENUE NW

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G apply for grant money from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund in the amount of \$720.00 for the invoice submitted by Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC as it relates to 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G apply for grant money from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund in the amount of \$4,992.00 for the invoice submitted by Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC as it relates to 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

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11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Approval of FY25 Q1 Report

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded that ANC 2G approve the Quarterly Report for FY25 Quarter 1. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2024 Virtual Public Meeting as amended. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. Approval of Expenses

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$275.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the January 9, 2025 ANC 2G Public Meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

D. 2025 Meeting Dates

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G adopt the following meeting dates for 2025: February 13th, March 13th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August (No Meeting), September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, and December 11th. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

12. OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR ZONING SUPPORT FOR HYATT HOTEL, 899 O STREET NW

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G designate Commissioner Alexander Padro as the Commission's representative before the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia in the matter of the 899 O Street NW Hyatt House PUD modification and that this be reported to the Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

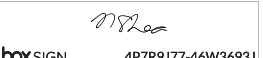
13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

Prepared by: Karen Jehle
Approved on: February 13, 2025

Attested by: 
Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G

Jul 25, 2025