

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2025**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Steven McCarty, Chair, ANC 2G04
Howard Garrett, Vice Chair, ANC 2G01
Nicole Shea, Secretary, ANC 2G03
Rachelle Nigro, Treasurer, ANC 2G06
Alex Padro, ANC 2G02
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05

Absent:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Agenda: MOTION:** Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to approve the Business Agenda as amended to **table** El Techo, 606 Florida Avenue NW, due to the placard showing incorrect hours. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- B. Approval of Minutes: MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2025 ANC 2G Public Meeting as amended to correct item 4, C, “NOI# 25-93-MSED: Safety Improvements at Massachusetts Avenue/L Street” to read “NOI# 25-93-MSED: Safety Improvements at New York Avenue NW.” The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- C. Approval of April Treasurer’s Report:** Commissioner Nigro provided the Treasurer’s Report for April 2025.

3. COMMUNITY FORUM

- A. Report from Events DC**
Solana Vander Nat, Senior Manager of Community Engagement, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, <https://eventsdc.com>
Visit: eventsdc.com; please sign up for Events DC electronic mailing list.

Solana Vander Nat provided updates on the following: **(1)** ATD25 International Conference & Expo, May 18-21, 2025; **(2)** United House of Prayer Memorial Service, May 24-25, 2025; **(3)** FY26 Community Grants will be announced next month; **(4)** FY25 Community Grant Non-Profit Resource Fair, May 22, 2025; **(5)** Passport DC: Thanks to all who attended the Around the World Embassy Tour; **(6)** EU Open House with 24 embassies open to DC residents, Saturday, May 9, 2025; **(7)** Fiesta Asia, Saturday, May 17, 2025; **(8)** Savor the Flavors participating restaurants; **(9)** World Pride 2025, May 17, 2025 to June 8, 2025; (8) NFL Draft 2027 taking place in DC.

B. Metropolitan Police Department – Third District – PSA 308

Lt. Gavin Harrell

Lt. Harrell provided a crime report for the last 30 days. A question-and-answer period followed.

C. Report from Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)

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

Ty Abilla provided updates per the following: **(1)** the Mayor’s FY26 Budget; **(2)** bringing the Washington Commanders back home to DC; **(3)** District’s Federal Medical Assistance Percentage; **(4)** Mayor’s FY26 Budget will include a \$100 million investment into the Housing Production Trust Fund.

D. Report from Ward 2 Councilmember Pinto’s Office

Aukima Benjamin, Committee & Constituent Services Manager, abenjamin@dccouncil.gov

Aukima Benjamin provided updates per the following: **(1)** residents should contact members of both Houses to urge the House to take up the Senate bill allowing DC to spend the \$1 billion that was approved by Congress for DC’s FY25 budget; **(2)** the Mayor’s FY26 Budget will be presented to the Council in the next couple of weeks with a vote expected in July/August; **(3)** proposed cuts to Medicaid; **(4)** Washington Teachers Union support of Councilmember Pinto’s bill to ban cell phone use in schools during the school day; **(5)** Councilmember’s Pinto’s “Peace DC” plan to drive down crime; **(6)** Public Safety Forum in Ward 8 and Public Safety Walks in Wards 1, 2 and 7; thanks to Commissioners Garrett, Padro and Shea for attending the Ward 2 Walk; **(7)** Bike to Work Day, May 15, 2025; **(8)** World Pride: Our office will be marching in a parade down 14th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue NW on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. A question-and-answer period followed.

E. Update from Department of Health – Loose Dogs

Joy Mcfarlane-Mills, Division of Animal Services, DC Department of Health

Commissioner Shea introduced the topic and stated there was an incident last week with dogs that were on the loose and one of them attacked another dog and injured it quite seriously. There have also been other incidents in the last few weeks to few years with other dog attacks in the area and the reporting and resolution of those has not been great.

Joy Mcfarlane-Mills joined the call to talk about this most recent incident and to also talk with community members about how to report these incidents. The contract is no longer with Humane Rescue Alliance. The new contract is with Brandywine Valley SPCA. Their phone number is 202-888-PETS (7387). The situation in question involved loose dogs that had gotten out of the home. This incident is currently being pursued as a potentially dangerous dog case and she advised that she is not at liberty to give out any further information on the case. She was asked to share any additional information along with contact information in the Chat. A question-and-answer period followed.

F. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

- o Commissioner Padro stated there was a series of alarms coming from the Carter G. Woodson Home at 1538-1542 9th Street NW. These were actually perimeter alarms and it was determined that there had actually been an intrusion into the building. Contractors have made some repairs there and the door that was used to gain access was also repaired. He shared the National Park Service phone number – 202-610-7500 – in the event anything else is noted related to those properties.
- o Commissioner Nigro provided an update on 501 New York Avenue NW and stated the BZA did not reconsider the case. The question remains whether we want to go to the courts or not. She may present a motion at the end of the meeting.

G. Public Updates

None.

4. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. 2G02 ABCA Licenses and Renewals

- 1) **Oyster Oyster – ABRA-115347 – C Restaurant w/Summer Garden**
MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G **support** the ABCA license renewal for Oyster Oyster, 1440 H Street NW, (ABRA-115347) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 2) **Chaplin's – ABRA-095700 – C Restaurant w/Entertainment & Sidewalk Café**
MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G **support** the ABCA license renewal for Chaplin's, 1501 9th Street NW, (ABRA-095700) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 3) **Hyatt House – ABRA-128557 – C Hotel w/Entertainment & Summer Garden**
MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G **support** the ABCA license renewal for Hyatt House (ABRA-128557) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

- 4) **El Techo – ABRA-104119 – C Restaurant w/Entertainment & Summer Garden –**
Tabled.

B. 2G04 ABCA Licenses and Renewals

- 1) **San Lorenzo – ABRA-109176 – C Restaurant**
MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for San Lorenzo, 1316 9th Street NW, (ABRA-109176) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 2) **Ghostburger – ABRA-099558 – C Restaurant w/Sidewalk Café**
MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for Ghostburger, 1250 9th Street NW, (ABRA-099558) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 3) **CherCher Ethiopian Restaurant & Mart – ABRA-090311 – C Restaurant**
MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for CherCher, 1334 9th Street NW, (ABRA-090311) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 4) **All Purpose Pizzeria – ABRA-098919 – C Restaurant**
MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for All Purpose Pizzeria, 1250 9th Street NW, (ABRA-098919) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 5) **The Dabney – ABRA-097803 – C Restaurant w/Entertainment & Summer Garden**
MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for The Dabney, 122 Blagden Alley NW, (ABRA-097803) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 6) **Courtyard Marriott – ABRA-112340 – C Hotel w/Entertainment & Summer Garden**
MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Hotel ABCA license renewal for the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 901 L Street NW, (ABRA-112340) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- 7) **Causa – ABRA-114552 – C Restaurant w/Entertainment & Summer Garden**
MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **protest** the Class C Hotel ABCA license renewal for Causa, 920 Blagden Alley NW, (ABRA-114552) pending completion of a Settlement Agreement. Further, once a Settlement Agreement is executed, the protest will be withdrawn and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8) **Calico – ABRA-104594 – C Restaurant w/Summer Garden Endorsement**

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G **protest** the Class C Hotel ABCA license renewal for Calico, 50 Blagden Alley NW, (ABRA-104594) pending completion of a Settlement Agreement. Further, once a Settlement Agreement is executed the protest will be withdrawn and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

9) **Don Fuego – ABCA-126790 – Medical Cannabis Retailer Requesting Safe Use Treatment Facility Endorsement**

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded that ANC 2G **support** the substantial change request for the addition of a Safe Use Facility Endorsement at Don Fuego, 1126B 9th Street NW, (ABCA-126790) and that we enter into an updated Settlement Agreement enhanced to support this endorsement and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **failed** by a vote of 2 years (Commissioners McCarty and Garrett) – 2 nays (Commissioners Padro and Berry) – 2 abstentions (Commissioners Shea and Nigro).

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the updated Settlement Agreement as negotiated between ANC 2G and Don Fuego, 1126B 9th Street NW, (ABCA-126790) on behalf of the Whitman residents and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** 5 years – 0 nays – 1 abstention.

10) **Port Royal – ABRA-131764 – New C Tavern License w/Entertainment & Summer Garden**

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **table** consideration of the new Class C Tavern ABCA license renewal for Port Royal, 1118 9th Street NW, (ABRA-131764) until the ANC 2G June 12, 2025 Public Meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. **2G03 ABCA License and Renewal**

1) **Ambar – ABRA-100804 – C Restaurant w/Entertainment Endorsement**

MOTION: Commissioner Shea moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Hotel ABCA license renewal with Entertainment Endorsement for Ambar, 1547 7th Street NW, (ABRA-100804) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** 6 years – 1 nay (Commissioner Berry) – 0 abstentions.

D. **2G06 ABCA Licenses and Renewals**

1) **Petite Cerise – ABRA-118037 – C Restaurant w/Sidewalk Café**

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for Petite Cerise, 1027 7th Street NW, (ABRA-118037) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

2) Kinship / Metier – ABRA-097172 – C Restaurant w/Entertainment

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for Kinship / Metier, 1015 7th Street NW (ABRA-097172) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3) Rumi's Kitchen – ABRA-114693 – C Restaurant w/Sidewalk Café

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for Rumi's Kitchen, 640 L Street NW, (ABRA-114693) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

4) Flight Club DC – ABRA-129134 – C Restaurant w/Entertainment Endorsement

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the Class C Restaurant ABCA license renewal for Flight Club, 641 New York Avenue NW, (ABRA-129134) and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

5. RESOLUTION REQUIRING CRITICAL INFORMATION BE PUBLISHED ON ABCA PLACARDS

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G adopt the Resolution requesting ABCA to include licensee contact information on public placards. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

6. CAPITAL BURGER PROTEST CASE

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that Commissioner Rachelle Nigro be designated as the ANC 2G representative in the protest case against Capital Burger and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

7. ANC 2G QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FY25 Q2

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded to approve the ANC 2G Quarterly Financial Report for FY25 Q2. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8. MOTIONS RELATING TO 501 NEW YORK AVENUE NW

- A. MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G apply to the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund in the amount of \$912.00 for the invoice submitted by Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC for the reconsideration case for the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the Central Cell Block at 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

- B. MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G write a check in the amount of \$912.00 to Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC for their legal assistance for the BZA reconsideration case for 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- C. MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G apply for funding from the OANC Legal Assistance Fund so that ANC 2G can go before the Court of Appeals in regard to the case for 501 New York Avenue NW based on renegotiation with the OANC. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Garrett).

9. INFORMATION AGENDA


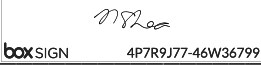
Next ANC Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on June 12, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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

Attested by: 
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Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G

Jul 25, 2025