

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025

November 2024 through September 2025

Serving the Shaw and Mount Vernon Square neighborhoods in Downtown Washington, DC

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Introduction

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G is honored to present its Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report, covering the period from November 2024 through September 30, 2025. This report summarizes the Commission’s work on behalf of the Shaw and Mount Vernon Square neighborhoods in Downtown Washington, D.C.

Throughout the year, ANC 2G focused on strengthening accountability across District agencies, improving public safety, supporting housing and economic development, partnering with local businesses and institutions, and ensuring community voices were fully represented in public processes. Commissioners advanced issues central to daily life, including transportation safety, public space improvements, zoning and land use debates, alcohol and cannabis licensing, community grantmaking, and the review of agency proposals affecting the neighborhood.

This report fulfills the District’s statutory requirement that each Commission publish an annual summary of its activities, key actions, agency comments, and community investments.

About Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G

ANC 2G represents the Shaw and Mount Vernon Square neighborhoods in Downtown Washington, D.C. The Commission includes six Single Member Districts and serves a diverse residential and commercial community. Commissioners work closely with District agencies, civic associations, businesses, and residents to address neighborhood needs and guide city decisions.

The Commission meets monthly, holds public committee meetings, and regularly consults with residents on pending issues. ANC 2G operates with transparency, invites broad public participation, and works to build consensus on matters affecting the community’s quality of life.

Year in Review

During FY2025, ANC 2G addressed a wide range of issues central to the neighborhood's safety, livability, and long-term development. Several themes defined the Commission's work throughout the year:

Strengthening Public Safety:

The Commission worked closely with MPD, the Mayor's Office, and Council offices to address concerns about crime, quality-of-life issues, and environmental health. Commissioners raised issues relating to lighting, illegal activity, traffic safety, and community education. ANC 2G supported several citywide policy efforts, including resolutions on gun violence prevention, public safety strategy, and local control of policing.

Supporting Local Businesses and Hospitality:

ANC 2G reviewed dozens of alcohol and cannabis licensing matters. The Commission adopted Settlement Agreements, advocated for operational standards that respect neighboring residents, and supported many establishments that have become anchors in the local economy.

Improving Public Space and Transportation:

The Commission reviewed traffic safety proposals, construction permits, curb cut requests, alley management issues, loading zone enforcement concepts, and new designs for sidewalks and public space. Commissioners advocated for safer intersections, better pedestrian visibility, and compliance with DCMR standards.

Guiding Zoning and Development:

ANC 2G reviewed zoning applications, historic preservation cases, and land-use proposals. Commissioners weighed in on new land development, site design, and lot consolidation. The Commission pursued legal appeals when necessary to ensure that agency decisions complied with zoning law and community expectations.

Supporting Community Initiatives:

ANC 2G continued to invest in local public space and neighborhood enrichment through its community grants program. The Commission supported beautification, landscaping, and other improvements that promote community pride and enhance shared spaces.

Key Issues and Votes

Across the year, ANC 2G deliberated on and voted on matters involving:

Alcoholic beverage and cannabis licensing

- Settlement Agreements
- License renewals and protests
- Stipulated licenses
- Safe use treatment facilities

- Entertainment endorsements

Zoning and historic preservation

- Site plan reviews
- Lot consolidations
- Historic district compatibility
- Appeals before the BZA or Court of Appeals

Public space and transportation

- Curb cut applications
- Fencing and perimeter changes
- Sidewalk modifications
- Traffic safety concerns
- Intersection design objections

Legal engagements

- Requests to the OANC for legal assistance
- Votes to fund representation
- Participation in protest cases

Community and citywide policy

- Resolutions on gun violence
- Resolutions on federal overreach
- Resolutions related to voter engagement and civic participation
- Naming of public spaces
- Support for neighborhood cleanups and community events

Comments Submitted to District Agencies

Over the course of the fiscal year, ANC 2G submitted comments to:

- The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)
- The District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- The Department of General Services (DGS)
- The Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)
- The Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and Office of Zoning
- The Office of the Attorney General (OAG)
- The Public Space Committee

Comments addressed matters including public safety, transportation design, alcohol and cannabis licensing, zoning compliance, historic context, pedestrian access, and legal enforcement.

Community Grants

During FY2025, the Commission awarded grant funding for public space improvements and community benefit projects. These grants included:

Duke Ellington Plaza Landscaping Improvements (July 2025)

- Approved amount: **\$5,866.04**
- Purpose: Landscaping, community gathering enhancements, and activation of a heavily traveled plaza.
- Rationale: The project improved neighborhood appearance and supported positive use of public space.

Month-by-Month Highlights

The following summaries reflect key actions taken during each public meeting.

November 2024

(Meeting held November 14, 2024)

Legal Action (501 New York Ave NW Appeal)

- The Commission voted unanimously to go to the D.C. Court of Appeals to continue the fight against the BZA's decision on the Special Exception for the potential Central Cell Block at **501 New York Avenue NW**.
- ANC 2G voted to apply for and approve payments for **additional legal assistance funds** from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund for counsel related to this case.

Administrative and Financial Actions

- The Commission unanimously approved the meeting agenda (as amended) and the **Minutes of the October 10, 2024** Public Meeting.
- The **ANC 2G FY 2025 Budget** in the total amount of \$16,045.71 was unanimously approved.
- The **November 2024 Financial Report** and the **FY24 Q4 Quarterly Financial Report** were approved.

Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing Policy

- The Commission received a detailed presentation from **ABCA Director Fred Moosally** regarding the community's role in **cannabis shop applications**, the **closure of unauthorized establishments**, and issues with the **ABCA hotline service**.
- ANC 2G unanimously passed a **Resolution** urging **timely reporting and transparency** in ABCA's online complaint systems.

Agency Updates

- MPD Commander Michael Pulliam reported on **crime for the last 30 days**.
- Councilmember Pinto's office reported on the **Fall Legislative Updates**, the **Downtown Arena Revitalization Act**, and **Leaf Collection**.
- DDOT provided an update on the progress of the **S Street Project**, including completed and upcoming milestones.

December 2024

(Meeting held December 12, 2024)

Zoning and Historic Preservation

- The Commission voted to **oppose** the Raze Application for **1000 S Street NW**. The opposition was based on the finding that the structure is a **contributing building** to the greater U Street Historic District.
- ANC 2G voted unanimously to **support** the Planned Unit Development (PUD) modification application for the renovation of the **Hyatt House at 899 O Street NW**.
- The supported PUD modification included establishing a new eating/drinking establishment in the penthouse, relief from penthouse setback requirements, and expanding the penthouse by 40 square feet to add an elevator lobby.

Transportation and Public Space

- The Commission supported the **second concept** for the **11th Street Cycle Track** that will retain diagonal parking between Rhode Island Avenue and S Street.
- ANC 2G voted unanimously to request a **30-day extension** for the response date on DDOT's Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Quick Build Safety Improvement Project at the intersection of **7th and Q Streets NW**.

Administrative and Financial Actions

- The Commission unanimously approved the meeting agenda (as amended).
- The **FY24 3rd Quarterly Report** was approved unanimously.
- The **December 2024 Financial Report** with an ending balance of **\$8,348.68** was approved unanimously.
- The **Minutes of the November 14, 2024** Public Meeting were approved.

Agency and Community Updates

- MPD Lt. Alan Herring provided the **crime report for the last 30 days**.
- Councilmember Pinto's office reported on the **Secure Apartments for Everyone Regulation Act (SAFE Act)**, the **Fraudulent Vehicle Tag and Parking Enforcement Modernization Amendment Act**, and the annual Ward 2 Budget Forum.
- Commissioner Padro announced the **sculpture unveiling at Cooper Gordon Park** and the **holiday neighborhood Tree Lighting** ceremony at French Street Park.

January 2025

(Meeting held January 9, 2025)

Public Safety and Agency Updates

- MPD delivered a crime update and fielded community questions about recent incidents.
- The Mayor’s Office reported on winter weather preparedness and neighborhood coordination.
- DDOT summarized ongoing safety initiatives and responded to concerns about intersections and curb management.
- Events DC highlighted upcoming events for the season.

Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing Actions

- The Commission supported the application for a medical cannabis license for Hotbox DC at 1703 6th St NW.

Zoning, Land Use, and Legal Actions

- The Commission voted to pay for ongoing legal services to ensure continued representation in our case against DGS at 501 New York Ave NW.

Administration

- The Commission approved the December minutes and adopted the consent agenda.

February 2025

(Meeting held February 13, 2025)

Agency and Community Updates

- The Mayor’s Office reported on new housing legislation, upcoming community events, DPR summer camps, bulk trash drop-offs, and DDOT safety technician hiring.
- Councilmember Pinto’s office provided updates on safety along 7th Street NW, education legislation, recycling and litter legislation, oversight hearings, and constituent services.
- DC Fire and EMS reported on recent fires at vacant buildings and agreed to provide a follow-up report from the Fire Prevention Division.
- Events DC highlighted major upcoming events, including the Capitol Hill Volleyball Classic and a public art tour.
- MPD joined later in the meeting and provided a PSA 308 crime update.

Transportation and Public Space

- The Commission supported DDOT’s proposed Tactical to Permanent safety project at **4th and M Street NW** with two conditions:

Committee Leadership

- The Commission appointed Robert Goldberg as Chair of the **Zoning, Planning, and Historic Preservation Committee** in a unanimous vote of 5–0–0.
- The Commission tabled appointment of a Chair for the ABCL and Transportation and Public Space Committees until March.

Administration

- The Commission approved the February agenda in a unanimous vote of 6–0–0.
- The January meeting minutes were approved.
- The Commission received the January and February Treasurer’s Reports.

March 2025

(Meeting held March 13, 2025)

Committee Leadership Appointments

- **Russell Reid** was appointed to serve as the Chair of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Licensing Committee (ABC).
- **Katie Bies** was appointed as the Chair of the Transportation and Public Space Committee.

Zoning and Development

- The Commission voted unanimously to **support zoning relief requests** for **1311 6th Street NW** (Application No. 21237).
- The support granted special exceptions/exemptions for **residential conversion** requirements, **rear addition** requirements, **rooftop and upper floor** requirements, **rear yard** requirements, and **lot occupancy** requirements.

Alcohol Licensing Action

- ANC 2G voted unanimously to **support the renewal** of the Class C Restaurant License (ABRA-095815) for **Beau Thai Shaw, LLC**.

Transportation and Policy

- The Commission voted to support the **DDOT Better Bus Network Redesign** (NOI #25-26-CPD) with the stipulation that DDOT addresses safety, lighting, and re-evaluates the proposed bus stop location with WMATA.

Administrative and Financial Actions

- The **Minutes of the February 13, 2025** Public Meeting were approved.
- The **FY25 Quarter 1 revised ending balance** was reported as **\$11,871.68**, correcting an error from the original quarterly report.

April 2025

(Meeting held April 10, 2025)

Alcohol Licensing Actions

- The Commission voted to **support the renewal** of the Class C Restaurant license for **Baan Mae** (ABRA-126411).
- ANC 2G voted to **support the renewal** of the Class D Retailer license for **Giant #2376** (ABRA-092843).
- The Commission voted to **support the renewal** of the C Hotel License for **Marriott Marquis** (ABRA-9933961).

Licensing Protests and Conditions

- The Commission voted to **protest** the license renewal for **The Capital Burger** (ABRA-106205) based on public sanitation and order concerns related to recent trash incidences. The protest would be withdrawn if the applicant enters into a Settlement Agreement.
- ANC 2G voted to **protest** the substantial change application (extension of hours/service) for **Play DC Restaurant and Lounge, LLC**. The protest was based on adverse impacts on **peace, order and quiet, residential parking, and pedestrian safety**.

Zoning and Development

- The Commission supported the applicant's request for minor modifications to the approved BZA plans for **935 N Street NW**.
- The Commission supported a special exception to allow the construction of a 1-story, rear deck and spiral stair addition at **903 R Street NW, Unit #2**.

Legal and Transportation Policy

- ANC 2G voted to **oppose** DDOT's Notice of Intent (NOI# 25-93-MSED) specifically as it relates to the **restricted parking** on the 6th Street NW side near the new jail.
- Commissioner Nigro provided an update on the **501 New York Avenue NW** case, noting a request for **reconsideration by the BZA** and DGS's rebuttal.

May 2025

(Meeting held May 8, 2025)

Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing Actions

- **Supported Renewals (Unanimous):** The Commission supported the ABCA license renewals for: **Oyster Oyster, Chaplin's, Hyatt House, San Lorenzo, Ghostburger, CherCher Ethiopian Restaurant & Mart, All Purpose Pizzeria, The Dabney, Courtyard Marriott, Petite Cerise, Kinship / Metier, Rumi's Kitchen, and Flight Club DC.**
- **Tabled:** The license renewal for **El Techo** was **tabled**. Consideration of the new C Tavern license for **Port Royal** was **tabled** until the June 12, 2025 Public Meeting.
- **Conditional Protest/SA:** ANC 2G voted to **protest** the license renewals for **Causa** and **Calico**, pending the completion and execution of a Settlement Agreement (SA), at which point the protest will be withdrawn.
- **Settlement Agreement:** The Commission supported the updated Settlement Agreement as negotiated with **Don Fuego** (5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention).
- **Cannabis (Safe Use Endorsement):** A motion to support the substantial change request for the addition of a Safe Use Facility Endorsement at **Don Fuego failed** (2 yeas – 2 nays – 2 abstentions).

Legal and Financial Actions (501 New York Avenue NW)

- The Commission voted unanimously to apply for **\$912.00** from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Fund for the BZA **reconsideration case**.
- The Commission approved writing a check for **\$912.00** to Donohue, Themac and Miller, PLC for the BZA reconsideration case.
- ANC 2G voted to apply for funding from the OANC Legal Assistance Fund to pursue the case before the **Court of Appeals** (5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention).

Administrative and Resolutions

- The ANC 2G **Quarterly Financial Report for FY25 Q2** was approved unanimously.
- ANC 2G adopted a **Resolution** requesting ABCA to include **licensee contact information** on public placards (unanimous).
- Commissioner Rachelle Nigro was designated as the ANC 2G representative in the **protest case against Capital Burger** (unanimous).

June 2025

(Meeting held June 12, 2025)

Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing

- **New C Tavern License:** The Commission voted unanimously to **support** the new Class C Tavern license application for **Port Royal** (1118 9th St NW), contingent on the applicant entering into the proposed Settlement Agreement, and endorsed them for a stipulated license.
- **Supported Renewals (Unanimous):** ANC 2G voted unanimously to **support** the ABCA license renewals for: **Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, STK Steakhouse, Zeppelin, and Rito Loco-El Techo** (606 Florida Avenue NW).
- **Legal Appeal Funding:** ANC 2G voted unanimously to request **\$20,000.00** from the OANC Expert Legal Assistance Funds to support a formal appeal against ABCA for the approval of the **XXX Distributors Medical Cannabis Retailer License**.

Zoning and Public Space

- The Commission voted unanimously to **support** the subdivision application request from **427 Ridge Street NW** for combining the two lots for 427 Ridge Street NW and 425-1/2 Ridge Street NW.

Policy and Resolutions

- The Commission passed a resolution urging **immediate action to reduce gun violence** in Washington, DC, and to communicate that support to the City Council and Mayor. The motion passed **4 yeas – 0 nays – 2 abstentions**.

Administrative and Financial Actions

- The matter of a **Request for Neighborhood Beautification Funds** was **tabled** until the July meeting pending receipt of additional information.
- The **Consent Agenda** was approved unanimously, including the May 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes and the May Treasurer's Report.

July 2025

(Meeting held July 10, 2025)

Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing

- **New C Tavern License:** The Commission voted unanimously to **support** the stipulated license application and the application for a permanent new Class C Tavern license for **EB's Restaurant**, 1840 6th Street NW.
- **Settlement Agreement:** The Commission voted unanimously to **support** the Settlement Agreement that had been drafted and agreed upon for **EB's Restaurant**.

Zoning, Public Space, and Development

- **501 New York Avenue NW (Central Cell Block):** The Commission voted unanimously to **not support** and **not approve** the Department of General Services Public Space Construction Permit Application for **501 New York Avenue NW**, citing safety/scope concerns and historic preservation considerations, including:
 - The expanded curb access and surrounding parking may affect public space functionality and pedestrian safety.
 - The proposed vehicle layout violates 18 DCMR § 2405.2(c) (prohibiting parking within 40 feet of curb lines at intersecting streets).
 - Parking appears to extend into public space in violation of DCMR § 2402.2(c) (driveways).
 - Fencing proposed for the site should be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB).
- **1000 S Street NW (Site Design):** ANC 2G voted to **support** the findings of the ANC 2G ZPHP Committee and transmit those to the Department of Buildings and Historic Preservation Office (5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention).
- **Resolution (Harmony Park):** ANC 2G voted unanimously to **support** the resolution naming the unmarked "Park" on the 400 block of Florida Avenue NW as **Harmony Park**, in recognition of the Harmoneon Cemetery.

Policy and Resolutions

- **Resolution (Ranked Choice Voting):** The Commission voted to **support** the Resolution Calling for the Implementation of Initiative 83 – Ranked Choice Voting (3 yeas – 1 nay – 2 abstentions).
- **Resolution (Borger Management):** ANC 2G voted unanimously to **support** the Resolution requesting that the Office of the Attorney General **investigate Borger Management's negligence at The Colonel** (1250 9th Street NW) and work with relevant agencies to ensure timely corrective measures.

Administrative and Financial Actions

- **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda, including the **June 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes** and **June Treasurer’s Report**, was approved unanimously.
- **Financial Report Correction:** The Commission voted unanimously to **reapprove the Quarterly Financial Report for FY25 Q1** with specific corrections to Check #1082 and Category 7 amounts.
- **Beautification Funds:** A motion to table the **Request for Neighborhood Beautification Funds** until September failed for lack of a second. A subsequent motion to **approve the beautification project at the Duke Ellington Plaza** (618 T Street NW) in the amount of **\$5,866.04** for landscaping was passed (5 yeas – 1 nay).
- **August Recess:** There will be **no August meeting**. The next ANC meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2025.

August 2025

(Recess – No meeting held)

September 2025

(Meeting held September 11, 2025)

Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing

- **Supported Renewals (Unanimous):** The Commission voted unanimously to **support** the renewal of the Class C Tavern License for **Dacha Beer Garden** (1600 7th Street NW).
- **Supported Renewals (Unanimous):** The Commission voted unanimously to **support** the renewal of the Class C Tavern License for **Ivy and Coney** (1537 7th Street NW).

Zoning, Public Space, and Development

- **501 New York Avenue NW (Central Cell Block):** ANC 2G voted unanimously to **not support and oppose** Public Space Permit Application #473843 for **501 New York Avenue NW** (Central Cell Block Facility) for the second time, citing that they did not receive valid answers to previous concerns. The opposition was based on:
 - **Safety and Scope Concerns** related to expanded curb access and surrounding parking, and potential **violations of 18 DCMR § 2405.2(c)** (parking within forty feet of intersecting curb lines).
 - **Historic Preservation Consideration** related to the proposed fencing, requiring review by the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB).

Policy and Resolutions

- **Resolution Condemning Federal Overreach:** ANC 2G voted to **support** the resolution condemning federal overreach in D.C. policing and demanding the **immediate return of local funds**. The motion passed **4 yeas – 0 nays – 2 abstentions**.

Administrative and Financial Actions

- **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously, including the **July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes** and the **July, August, and September Treasurer's Reports**.
- **FY26 Budget:** The **ANC 2G FY26 Budget** was approved unanimously.
- **Quarterly Financial Report:** The **ANC 2G Quarterly Financial Report FY25 Q3** was approved unanimously.

Financial Overview

ANC 2G maintained responsible financial stewardship throughout FY2025. The Commission submitted required quarterly financial reports on time and funded community grants and legal representation in accordance with District law. Major expenditures included operational costs, community grant disbursements, and legal assistance related to zoning and licensing appeals.

Conclusion

ANC 2G remains committed to strengthening the Shaw and Mount Vernon Square neighborhoods and ensuring that resident perspectives guide decisions affecting daily life, community safety, and long-term development. The Commission extends appreciation to residents, civic partners, businesses, and District agencies for their collaboration throughout the year.

The Commissioners of ANC 2G look forward to continuing this work and serving the community in the year ahead.