Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2025

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, June 12, 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

B. Approval of May 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of May Treasurer's Report

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

3. COMMUNITY FORUM

A. Metropolitan Police Department
Commander Sean Connors/Lt. Herring

A report was provided on crime for the last 30 days. A question-and-answer 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

Ty Abilla introduced Director Saunders for the next agenda item. [See Section 3, C.]

C. Budget Presentation from the Mayor's Office of Public Safety
Director Kenneth Saunders, Director, DC Office of Human Rights

Director Saunders provided a detailed presentation on Grow DC's FY26 Budget which focuses on growing DC's economy, rightsizing government spending, cutting red tape and making it easier to do business in DC, and investing in shared priorities. The budget avoids any tax increases and increases and strengthens DC's long-term economic outlook by protecting critical programs and services. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

D. Ward 2 Update Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office
Hannah Ames, Hames@dccouncil.gov, 202-724-8058

Hannah Ames provided the 2025 Budget Schedule to sign up to testify on the FY26 Budget, as well as legislative and events updates from the Councilmember's office. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

E. 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)** International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis 2025 Conference, June 21-25, 2025; **(2)** Government Finance Officers Association Meeting, June 27-July 2, 2025; **(3)** FY26 Community Grant Program cycle one applications will open on June 16, 2025; **(4)** 33rd Annual Barbecue Battles, June 21-22, 2025. A question-and-answer period followed.

F. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

- Commissioner Padro announced the Shaw Main Streets Open House will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit: https://shawmainstreets.org

G. Public Updates

None.

4. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Port Royal --- ABRA-131764 – New CT License with Entertainment & Summer Garden [2G04]
MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G ***support*** the license application for a Class C Tavern license for Port Royal, 1118 9th St NW, (ABRA-131764), the applicant entering into the proposed Settlement Agreement, endorsing them for a stipulated license, and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. ABCA License Renewals

1) Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge – ABRA-104701 [2G02]
MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner McCarty seconded that ANC 2G ***support*** the ABCA license renewal for Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, 1608 7th Street NW, (ABRA-104701) and that this be communicated to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

2) STK Steakhouse – ABRA-123399 [2G05]
MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G ***support*** the ABCA license renewal for STK Steakhouse, 901 Massachusetts Avenue NW, (ABRA-123399) and that this be communicated to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3) Zeppelin – ABRA – 111146 [2G02]
MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G ***support*** the ABCA license renewal for Zeppelin, 1544 9th Street NW, (ABRA-111146) and that this be communicated to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

4) Rito Loco-El Techo – ABRA-104119 [2G01]
MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G ***support*** the ABCA license renewal for Rito Loco-El Techo, 606 Florida Avenue NW, (ABRA-104119) and that this be communicated to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. Subdivision Application Request from 427 Ridge Street NW [2G06]
MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G ***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 and that said support be communicated in writing to HPRB. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

D. Request for Neighborhood Beautification Funds [2G01]
MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to ***table*** this matter until the July meeting pending receipt of additional information. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

E. Resolution: Comprehensive Strategy to Address Gun Violence [All SMDs]
MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to fully support the resolution urging immediate action to reduce gun violence in Washington, DC and to communicate that support to our City Council and our Mayor. The Motion ***passed*** 4 yeas (Commissioners Garrett, Berry, Padro, McCarty) – 0 nays – 2 abstentions (Commissioners Nigro and Shea).

F. Request for Commission Support in Appeal of XXX Distributors Medical Cannabis License and OANC Expert Legal Assistance Funds [2G04]

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Padro seconded that ANC 2G request OANC Expert Legal Assistance Funds in the amount of $20,000.00 to support a formal appeal by ANC 2G against ABCA for the approval of the XXX Distributors Medical Cannabis Retailer License. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

5. INFORMATION AGENDA

Next ANC Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on July 10, 2025

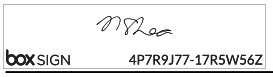
6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

Karen Jehle
Minute Taker

Attest:



Secretary
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
10.29.2025