



# **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A**

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

## **ANC2A Annual Report for 2025**

ANC 2A is located in downtown DC from 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW west to the Potomac River and from the National Mall north to an area which encompasses the West End, Foggy Bottom, George Washington University and the Watergate complex.

ANC 2A began 2025 with only 4 elected Commissioners and lacked a quorum because the ANC contains 9 Single Member Districts. Nevertheless, ANC 2A held community meetings in January and February, for which minutes were not prepared.

In March, ANC2A achieved a quorum with the following Commissioners having been certified by the Board of Elections: Keaton DiCapo (01), May Yang (02), Trupti Patel (03), Edward Comer (04), Jim Malec (08), and Sean Youngstone (09). ANC2A held its first official meeting on March, 19, 2025 via Zoom. The following Officers were elected:

Trupti Patel – Chair

Keaton DiCapo – Vice Chair

Edward Comer – Secretary

Sean Youngstone – Treasurer

After the initial meeting, ANC2A held monthly meetings via Zoom in each month from April through November. It also held Emergency Meetings in April and August and a Special meeting in June. Commissioner Yang resigned from the ANC before the July 15 meeting.

In each meeting, the ANC heard from representatives of the Metropolitan Police, the Mayor’s office, Councilmember Pinto, the Community Advisory Committee for the Aston, community organizations, George Washington University and individuals.

Since minutes of each meeting and copies of every Resolution are available on ANC2A’s website, this Report will focus on the major issues which occupied the ANC during the year.

1. The Aston facility for transitioning homeless individuals. Throughout the year, representatives of the Aston Community Advisory Committee (CAC) reported on developments relating to the operation and community impact of this facility. The ANC addressed concerns caused by an electricity outage and lack of a back-up generator, and supported obtaining a new generator and assuring that the Aston was adequately equipped. The CAC consistently reported that the Aston was otherwise operating well and that it was gradually filling to its 100 resident cap while a



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respectably portion of the residents were moving to more permanent housing. There were no reports of Aston residents causing problems in the community. ANC2A passed several resolutions urging that the 100 resident cap for the Aston be lifted because the building still had the capacity to accept more residents and there has been a continuing need to house more homeless individuals. This issue became even more urgent to the ANC after the federal government instigated major homeless removal efforts.

2. **Playground and Dog Park Issues.** Throughout the year, ANC2A expressed concern about obstacles and delays in completing the playground and dog park at 26<sup>th</sup> and I Streets. NW. Residents were frustrated by getting inconsistent and incomplete information about the park plans from various offices of the DC Government, including DGS and Ddot, and reluctantly accepted the fact that the park and playground would not be as large or as robust as initially promised. While the project was initially projected to be complete by summer 2025, there were long periods in which little or no work was being done. DGS continually promised explanations, but they were often late in coming or never were provided. The project was eventually opened, very quietly, in October 2025. A water source still has to be installed, however. One bright light in the administration of this effort was the fact that the Urban Forestry Division quickly and effectively responded to concerns about noise and homeless intrusions by planting a thick barrier of trees and bushes along the north side of the playground. Their efforts were highly appreciated by residents.

The ANC also supported plans to transfer some lands near Francis Field from the National Park Service (NPS) to the District government.

3. **Rock Creek Parkway Issues.** The National Park Service circulated a proposal to eliminate one-way rush hour traffic on Rock Creek Parkway and make other safety changes to the Parkway that could have significant impacts to ANC2A at the intersections with Virginia Avenue and the Potomac Freeway. These included increasing through lanes going south and additional left turns lanes from the Parkway to Virginia Avenue going south. The ANC passed resolutions to support some of the proposed safety changes and urged the Ddot to provide needed information about the potential impacts of the elimination of one-way traffic on Virginia Avenue and close-by intersections with 27<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. The ANC also urged Ddot to work with the NPS if the changes were approved to assure that these changes would not increase traffic congestion and endanger the safety of pedestrians and vehicles on nearby streets. Ddot did not directly coordinate with



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the ANC and instead submitted a short comment opposing any change. Further NPS discussion planned for October was delayed by the lengthy federal government shutdown.

4. **Federal Involvement in District Activities.** ANC2A adopted several resolutions supporting the continuation of home rule for the District and expressing considerable concern about the impact of federal intrusions into what have traditionally been local government concerns, including attempts to affect the educational policies applicable to students at George Washington University.
5. **Homeless Issues.** Some ANC2A residents continually expressed concerns when homeless individuals living in parks were perceived as creating hazardous conditions for children and residents. As indicated above, ANC2A continually urged that any removals of homeless individuals be conducted consistent with DC’s notice and other procedures and that the Aston, as well as other resources, be used to provide additional housing and support for homeless individuals.
6. **Worker, Budget and Transportation Issues.** ANC2A adopted resolutions seeking to assure that METRO provide adequate service within our ANC and elsewhere and provide reasonable service to individuals who work long hours, including late night and early morning. The ANC also passed resolutions to assure that there were adequate budgets for several DC agencies to assist workers and renters, including those impacted by federal lay-offs.
7. **Retail Services.** ANC2A supported the initial funding and operation of the Foggy Bottom West End Main Street. The ANC approved most requests for liquor and cannabis licenses and relicensing submitted to it and negotiated community benefits agreements in a few cases. Unfortunately, a hoped-for proposal to convert 2100 M Street to residential housing has not yet obtained financing, so a proposed Community Agreement has not been completed. While some parts of the West End and I Street seem to be thriving, other parts of ANC2A still lack adequate retail options. ANC members are working with the Main Street and others to promote retail services.
8. **Administrative Issues.** ANC2A operated within its budget and has complied with Administrative Requirements imposed by DC law. The ANC continues to consider ways to meet both in person and via the Internet.
9. **Resolutions:** A copy of each Resolution which ANC2A passed in 2025 is available on the Internet at [ANC2A.org](http://ANC2A.org)



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Respectfully submitted,

Edward Comer

Secretary, ANC 2A