



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 12th, 2026; 7:00 p.m.**

**In-Person – St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, 1830 Connecticut Avenue NW**

**Online via Zoom – <https://dc-gov.zoom.us/j/84592998011>**

**If you do not have a computer or access to the internet, you may join the meeting via phone at (301) 715-8592 or (646) 558-8656 with meeting ID 845 9299 8011 #.**

**Call to Order**

Chair Feld called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Establishment of Quorum**

Commissioners Robyn Lipton (2D01) and Carole Feld (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum.

**Election of Officers**

Chair Feld moved to maintain the current status of ANC officers t for 2026. She moved that Robyn Lipton would remain Treasurer and Vice Chair and she (Carole Feld) would remain Chair and Secretary.

Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0)

**Approval of Agenda**

Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC’s meeting agenda with the changes below. 1)Vote on sending a budget request letter to the Mayor and Council that the Amplified Sound Mitigation Regulation Amendment Act of 2024 be funded in the Fy 27 budget; 2) RE: the Bobbi the following people will be speaking in place of Ronnette Slamin, Founder, Embolden Real Estate: Michael Simon, Camden Carpenter and Desa Sealy from the NPH Foundation, a nonprofit real estate corporation dedicated to Community-building through sustainable, service-enriched housing. Also, Tiphanie Jones, DHCD project manager will attend instead of Nicole Hoston from that agency. 3) Lastly, Removing approval of new bank signatories as this is not required. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

**Approval of ANC 2D November 10, 2025 & December 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC’s two meeting minutes above. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

**Administrative and Financial Matters**

**Commissioner’s Comments**

Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton wished everyone a Happy New Year. They thanked their volunteer administrator Peter Sacco, St. Margaret’s, especially Rector Weinberg and John Bello for their community service along with neighborhood advocates for the work they do in supporting our community. Chair Feld recognized fellow Commissioner Robyn Lipton for her service.

**Approve the ANC 2D 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule**

Chair Feld reminded everyone that we do not meet in July, August and December. All meetings begin at 7:00 pm EST unless noted. Once the schedule is approved will be listed on our website. The proposed schedule is:

Monday, January 12, 2026	7:00 PM (today)
Monday, February 9, 2026	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 17, 2026	7:00 PM
Monday, April 13, 2026	7:00 PM

Monday, May 11, 2026	7:00 PM
Monday, June 8, 2026	7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	7:00 PM
Monday, October 5, 2026	7:00 PM
Monday, November 9, 2026	7:00 PM

Chair Feld moved to approve the ANC’s proposed 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

**Treasurer’s Report**

Commissioner Lipton noted ANC 2D received \$939.20 allotment from DC government in December and that the balance at the end of December 2025 was \$20,978.42 and that the only other activity was interest of \$14.48.

**Government Reports**

**Mayor’s Office—Jimika Williams & Tiffany Wimenta, MOCRS, Ward 2 Liaisons**, updates and Q&A  
 Chair Feld and Commissioner Lipton welcomed Ms. Williams and Ms. Wimenta to ANC 2D. They also extended their gratitude their former Mayor’s representative Ty Abilla. The new MOCRS introduced themselves discussed *DC Snow Heroes*--looking for volunteers to help seniors and residents with disabilities for snow removal and other issues related to the upcoming snowstorm.

**Councilmembers Office—Councilmember Brooke Pinto, & Brian Romanowski** updates and Q&A  
 Commissioners Feld and Lipton thanked CM Pinto and Brian Romanowski for being at the meeting in-person. CM pinto went through a PowerPoint featuring the following highlights:

- Public Safety Updates: She discussed the fact that violence, homicide and all crime is down from 2024/25, and reviewed public safety legislation
- Prosper DC Plan:
  - Economic Opportunities: for DC residents: (youth and adults), businesses, and vendors.
  - Positive Youth Opportunities: including Teen Centers, employment, education and for young parents.
  - Attracting New Businesses & Industries: Tax Incentives, Activating Vacant Spaces, etc.
  - Supporting Affordable, Healthy and Accessible Communities
- Performance Oversight: Once a year, the Council has a public hearing and asks DC agencies for written reports about their performances for the past fiscal year. Public is invited to testify about their experience, Schedule is finalized. Info on newsletter. Brookepintodc.com.
- Budget: Tues. Feb. 3. Ward 2 budget forum. Prioritized raised, are helpful to what becomes the priorities of office that year. April, the mayor submits her proposed budget to the Council, followed by hearings from every agency, negotiations, etc.
- Continue to monitor the situation with the Federal Govt. Do everything to ensure our residents are protected and lean on the Federal govt. to pull in some of the problematic immigration enforcement activities. Also, monitoring and working with Mayor and DC colleagues and Congressional Allies with several Bills in Congress that takes away power from DC.

CM took several questions:

- MPD Coordination with ICE and Dept. of Justice and House Oversight that made scathing accusations about MPD re: crime data. CM has confidence in the MPD but wants the public to know how the reporting is done and the coordination with ICE, sent further questions to MPD re: performance oversight.
- ANC Amplification Sound Mitigation Amendment asking that it be funded in FY’27. CM Pinto indicated that it will most likely be funded in the contingency budget list (surplus in the budget).
- 250<sup>th</sup> US Anniversary.
  - How will the city to be protected and what are the opportunities? Asked for a plan around homeless neighbors, need to be working now to get them in stable housing. Lobbying for funding

for emergency preparedness funded by Congress, Expecting 1<sup>st</sup> amendment activities, need to apply permits, etc.

- How to celebrate? Opportunities for the economy, local businesses around 250<sup>th</sup> we can be a part of this. 250<sup>th</sup> Commission is underway, looking at ways to benefit DC residents and residents. CM is open to ideas. 50 States (DC and other territories) Great American Fair on the National Mall starting in late June to early July. Trust for the National Mall putting in Kiosks to include local DC History to outlast this year. CM Welcomes all ideas.
- Drones: A neighbor asked who to call to stop drones, Drone Laws are not clear could be problematic with all the 250 celebrations. CM Pinto indicated that the Secret Service and Airport Authority has a vested interest in not having drones. She indicated, there needs to be more education on how to regulate and enforce it.
- Immigration Enforcement: CM indicated that every Federal law enforcement agency is also authorized and deputized for immigration enforcement, not just ICE, and DC has so many federal agencies. Need a clear understanding of the amounts of arrests from each agency to have a clearer picture. MPD doesn't handle Immigration Enforcement. Also sent DC National Guard questions about how managing other National Guards from other states that are sent here; not armed. Other National Guard from other states are armed. Want to know what their training is, etc. A judge had ruled can be here for the time being, best assumption, through the summer, expectation after the 250<sup>th</sup> the focus on DC will be diminished greatly. Currently the NG are authorized to patrol the street, be a presence in the community and a deterrent, also been them to do some trash pickup and mulching in the parks.
- If see something being done by a Fed officer is troubling--Contact CM office CM indicated that the ACLU has a great complaints portal on their website for people who need legal support. There are legal hurdles to release body camera—need family permission.
- Dupont Deckover Plaza on Connecticut Avenue was discussed: Naming Opportunities around DC Color School and Accelerating the construction of D7 Bus Shelters: A neighbor suggested naming it in honor of a neighbor art organization in its proximity to the Phillips should recognize the contribution of the DC Color School, Alma Thomas, Lou Stovall, etc. Need to make it more attractive to local businesses. CM Pinto indicated that there is a lot more work that must be done North and South of the project. Every area deserves beautification and investment and discussed D7 Bus shelters. Commissioner Feld said that it would be great to look at the entire city for naming opportunities for arts and culture and have that recognized.

The Commissioners thanked CM Pinto and expressed appreciation for her staff especially Brian Romanowski and Maddy White.

#### **Metropolitan Police Department—Lt. Alexis Sakulich, updates and Q&A**

The Commissioners thanked Lt. Sakulich for attending and her service.

- Crime Report: The Lt. discussed thefts, 2 package and one from autos in Mid-December.
- Capt. Donigian: She also indicated that Capt. Hamelin would be moving on to new section and that Captain Donigian will be our new MPD Representative. The Commissioners thanked Capt. Hamelin for his time and service.
- MPD Understaffing: Comm. Lipton asked about understaffing with the MPD. Lt. Sakulich indicated that staffing is low, possibly lowest for 21 years, making the recruitment and retention effort difficult. MPD has new incentives, including signing bonuses and housing for when they join the academy. Will get in touch with recruiting lieutenant and get back. Brian Romanowski pointed out that MPD is being challenged by incentive bonuses from Fed Agencies.
- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Anticipating first amendment activities. Planning also for UFC fight and Pride will be the weekend of June 20.

### **District Department of Transportation (DDOT)—Christophe Wassmer** updates and Q&A

The Commissioners thanked Christophe for attending and always being so responsive.

Dupont Deckover: We know that people are interested in updates to the Taft Bridge fencing and the LED Light on Florida and Connecticut mentioned at our last meeting along with other updates on the Deckover, etc.

- Streetscape northern side of Calif. Street, Phase 1B. Next step is Phase 2a between Leroy and Calif. Street. Concurrently doing Phase 4. Between S and R Street. Also doing the Deckover, removing the abutments supporting existing service lanes, replacing them with reinforced concrete to support the Plaza going over top.
- Phase :2A Will make sure signage is very visible, pedestrian traffic will have access. Projected to start Feb. 2. Four-week construction estimate. (Leroy to California, West side of Connecticut.) Shaded already complete working on now.
- Trees: 90 trees Pre-construction along the corridor; Post Construction 130 trees new planting and existing trees. Trying to preserve our largest trees providing the most canopy. Some trees had to be removed for utility work, but all those trees will be replaced with trees and plantings.

Taft Bridge Reconstruction: \$13.8 million Pedestrian railing. Keeping the existing aesthetic, just increasing the height to serve as a deterrent to suicides. He discussed temporary lane closings on Jan. 23. Crosswalk at the bridge is temporary right now, don't know will make permanent.

Light at Florida and Connecticut: Doesn't know the status of the light but will find out.

ROP 2300 Tracy Place Processes: Christophe indicated that need to get signatures from more than half of the block. Next step is to have ANC 2D submit a resolution to DDOT attaching the signatures. Special case scenario since there is already ROP in this neighborhood. Timing: Investigators go out and see how to split he block 50/50. Can take one or two weeks, then goes to the sign shop. New signs take typically 270 business days. Hopefully can be achieved in less time.

### **New/Old Business**

#### **Sheridan Circle, NPS Rehabilitation of DC Parks and Water Features—Yue Li & Dulce Naime, NPS Services Division National Mall and Memorial Parks** updates and Q&A

- Yue Li and Dulce Naime, the point of contact for the Sheridan Restoration Project, joined the meeting and gave an update on the Fountain.
- Project is part of the larger effort to repair and restore memorial fountains across the national capitol region, since many fountains are non-operational and deteriorating due to aging infrastructure and deterred maintenance.
- Part of a broader goal to beautify the city as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More than 30 fountains and water features in the region, some need repairs.
- Sheridan Circle is a big project. This round: Install a new water system and circulating and cleaning system and to operate the fountain; clean and repair the granite stone work; replace all the turf in the circle and install an irrigation for the turf; replace at least one bad tree; replace/repair trash cans and benches, lighting may also be installed; statute will be clean and refinished, done by May 15.
- Cleaning statute work coordinating that and refinished at the same time with another contractor.
- Communications: No website yet, working on communication. People will be figuring out the events and ceremonies.
- Medians surrounding the Circle: Chair Feld asked John Buntin, Board member of Restore Mass Ave to talk about the three medians around the circle and how RMA can coordinate with NPS, she also asked to have NPS take over the care and plantings of the medians or work with DDOT. There was a discussion about meeting on site with NPS and DDOT and RMA to pursue the issue further.

**The Bobbi: 2151 California St. NW DC Financing—Michael Simon, Camden Carpenter and Desa Sealy from the NPH Foundation.**

Michael Simon, project manager addressed the group. They will substantially renovate the building, have secured financing and are moving to closing the transaction and gearing up to start renovation work.

Anticipate Closing on financing in April, construction will start in May (12-15 months). Desa Sealy indicated that it is a 23-unit building. Joint venture between Embolden and NHP Foundation was created to acquire the building and obtain the financing to develop the project. Allows residents to stay in the building and provide affordable housing in Kalorama. Range of income served but all will be affordable for all residents including the residents who have been there for 25 years. Still a rental building, current tenants have a right to return to their units, protections were built in so a developer couldn't come in and kick everyone out. Will continue to come to ANC meetings to update.

**Update on Platinum Club DC: ANC 2D Resolution Opposing & Protesting Platinum DC Club Petition to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement Attached to its License (ABRA-128784)**

The Commissioners gave an update:

- Filed our Resolution within the Dec. 29, 2025, deadline.
- The Roll Call hearing to establish standing to protest is January 20, 2026, at 10:00am. Both Commissioners are attending the virtual meeting. Once the hearing takes place, there will be opportunities to negotiate with the club, and other signatories if desired. The other signatories to the Settlement Agreement, SKNC and ANC 2B also filed protests based on the ABC standards:
- ANC 2D protested on:
  - The effect of the establishment on Peace, Order, and Quiet.
  - The effect of the establishment upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.
- ANC 2B protested on the basis of Peace, Order, and Quiet. Commissioner DeFrank and Zachary Adams are representing ANC 2B on this matter
- SKNC protested based on :a) interference with peace, order and quiet, noise and litter b) adverse impact on residential parking needs, c) adverse impact on the flow of traffic that will increase the likelihood of vehicle accidents, d) adverse impact on real property values in the area and e) Platinum DC's Club non-compliance with applicable laws and the 2020 Settlement Agreement.

*The next mediation date is February 12, at 10:30 am.*

**Resident only Parking (ROP) 2300 block of Tracy Place NW ANC 2D Resolution.**

Per the discussion in the DDOT section above, ANC 2D will do a resolution to support once we receive the signatures.

**Amplified Sound Mitigation Regulation Amendment Act of 2024:** Commissioner Feld moved for ANC 2D to officially send a budget request letter to the Mayor and Council requesting that the Act be funded in the FY 27 budget. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

**Announcements and Open Comment**

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday, February 9, 2026

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:47 PM

COMMISSIONERS:

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*Respectfully submitted by Carole Feld, ANC2D Chair and Secretary.*

