



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

January 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026; 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

Approved on: February 25, 2026

Attested by: ANC 2A03 Commissioner Trupti Patel

1. Call to Order

- a. **Introductions** - Commissioner Patel called the meeting to Order at 7:04 pm. Attending were Commissioners Keaton DiCapo (02), Trupti Patel (03), Ed Comer (04), Jim Malec (08) and Sean Youngstone (09). Chair Patel introduced and welcomed Commissioner-elect John Dolan, who was elected to represent SMD2A06 and who was to be sworn in a few days after this meeting. Commissioner-elect Dolan was invited to join the meeting, recognizing that he could not vote until he had been sworn in.
- b. **Adoption of the Agenda** - Commissioner Patel moved and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a motion to delete Section II.b. which was a report from Councilmember Pinto's office because Councilmember Pinto was appearing herself later in the meeting. The Motion to amend was adopted unanimously. The amended Agenda was adopted unanimously.
- c. **Election of Officers**
 - i. Chair. Commissioner DiCapo nominated and Commissioner Youngstone seconded Trupti Patel for Chair. She was elected 3-1-1. Commissioners DiCapo, Patel and Youngstone voted yes, Commissioner Comer abstained as he preferred to wait until Commissioner-elect Dolan could participate. Commissioner Malec voted no.
 - ii. Vice Chair. Chair Patel nominated and Commissioner Youngstone seconded Commissioner DiCapo as Vice Chair. He was elected 4-0-1. Commissioners DiCapo, Patel, Malec and Youngstone voted yes. Commissioner Comer abstained.
 - iii. Secretary. Commissioner Youngstone nominated and Chair Patel seconded Commissioner Comer. He was elected unanimously.
 - iv. Treasurer. Commissioner Comer nominated and Chair Patel seconded Commissioner Youngstone. He was elected unanimously.
- d. **Approval of ANC January 2026 Emergency Meeting Minutes** - The draft minutes of the January Emergency Meeting were approved 4-0-1. Commissioners DiCapo,



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Patel, Comer and Youngstone approved while Commissioner Malec abstained because he did not attend that meeting.

- e. **2026 Meeting Schedule** - The proposed meeting schedule (attached) was approved unanimously, with a notation that members might modify the date of the February meeting because Commissioner Comer would be out of the country.

2. Community Forum

- a. Metropolitan Police Report - Lt. Howden was unable to provide his report.
- b. Aston Community Advisory Council Report - Chris Labas reported the building was operating well with “not a lot of concerns” from neighbors. He reported that some work in the building had been bid out, the building was working on a monthly health fair and had initiated life skills training. It was looking for donations of clothes and occupancy was close to its 100-person limit. The CAC is considering reducing the number of its meetings to less than once a month. The ANC members discussed whether to prepare another resolution to raise the 100-person cap but decided to wait until Commissioner-elect Dolan could participate.
- c. Report from Mayor’s Office - Jamika Williams discussed volunteer opportunities.
- d. Commissioner Updates - Commissioner Comer discussed the Ddot request to conduct road work to enable the installation of water fountains at the renovated 26th and I Park. Commissioner Malec urged residents to prepare for expected snow. Commissioner Youngstone explained why the ANC would need to switch banks. Commissioner-elect Dolan expressed his interest in bike issues and the Aston.
- e. Presentation from Grow Democracy DC - Kenyatta Smith of this organization, gave a presentation on voting, ranked choice voting and election issues.

3. Matters Before the Mayor’s Special Event Task Group

- a. Rock N’ Roll Half Marathon - The ANC approved unanimously the application to conduct the Half Marathon on Saturday March 21, 2026. This event has been conducted successfully for 18 years and attracts about 13,000 runners.

4. Matters Before DC Department of Transportation

- a. DPW requested the ANC approve applications to dig in the street at 26th St. NW and Queen Anne’s Lane to install pipes to provide water to the renovated 26th and I Park. The ANC supported this request unanimously.

5. Council Member Brook Pinto

- a. Discussed policing, budget and homeless matters.



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6. Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

- a. Mamelle Mohammed, owner of Slice and Pie, a new restaurant at 1750 H St. NW, appeared to request ANC support for obtaining a Class C Tavern License to sell wine and spirits. The establishment has 16 inside seats and 17 outside and will operate from 10 am to 12pm. Chair Patel moved and Commissioner Malec seconded a Motion to support this request. The Commissioners approved this motion unanimously, 5-0-0.

7. Matters Before the DC Council

- a. Resolution regarding Fy 2026 Budget Priorities. The resolution supported, among other matters, funding for the Aston to full capacity, funding for Francis Field, the West End Foggy Bottom Main Street and other activities within ANC2A, The Motion to approve was offered by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo was approved unanimously.
- b. Resolution Regarding the Safe Community Places and Policing Amendment Act of 2025. The resolution, which essentially sought to limit DC involvement in federal immigration enforcement, was offered by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo. Commissioner votes were DiCapo-yes, Patel – yes, Comer – abstain, Malec-no and Youngstone – yes. The Resolution was passed 3-1-1.
- c. Resolution Regarding the Aston. This resolution which focused on increasing the population of the Aston to its full capacity, was offered by Commissioner DiCapo. After considerable discussion regarding the timeliness and effectiveness of this resolution, Commissioner DiCapo agreed to postpone consideration until the next ANC meeting.

8. Administrative Matters

- a. Members Comprehensive Plan 2050 Task Force - None of the applicants to the Task Force appeared at the meeting to be interviewed by Commissioners and their application/ resumes had not been shared with all Commissioners. There was also considerable discussion about Task Force eligibility standards. Election of Task Force members was delayed until the next ANC meeting.
- b. Members of the Aston CAC. Dr. Les Fleischer, a resident of ANC2A appeared before the ANC to discuss his background and experience and respond to questions from Commissioners. After a motion from Chair Patel, seconded by Commissioner DiCapo, Dr. Fleischer was approved unanimously as a representative of ANC2A on the Aston Community Advisory Committee.

9. Adjournment



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- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Comer
ANC 2A04 Commissioner
Secretary