



## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

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At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting held on April 14, 2026, with a quorum of 3 of 4 commissioners being present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 2C voted to approve these Minutes by a vote of 3-0-0.

### ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

Sincerely,

*Nancy Groth* electronic signature

Nancy Groth, Secretary, ANC 2C

## Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

### February 2026 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** February 10, 2026

**ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Thomas Lee, Commissioner Jim Swart, Commissioner Nancy Groth

#### ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

##### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. ([2026 February 10 ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)).

##### 2. ROLL CALL:

Four out of the four commissioners were present when the meeting was called to order.

##### 3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

The commissioners introduced themselves.

##### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION:** Swart moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

##### 5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

**MOTION:** Groth moved to approve the January 2026 minutes as amended. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

## **6. TREASURER REPORT:**

Commissioner Lee stated that there is little to report that is different from last month's treasurer report. He noted that two checks need to be signed for Minutes Services Inc.

Commissioner Groth gave a reminder that an administrator needs to be identified to handle matters such as meeting preparation, help with the minutes, generating such things as letters of support, and managing the website. A job announcement will be posted.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

### **1. Chinatown Architectural Design, Updating the Chinatown Design Guide Study from 2007, Marvin Hodges, DC Office of Planning, Community Planner, Urban Design, [marvin.hodges@dc.gov](mailto:marvin.hodges@dc.gov), 202-442-8843**

An ongoing project involving Chinatown architectural design was introduced, including a brief history of Chinatown and its design guidelines dating back to the 1970s. Timothy Maher of the DC Office of Planning outlined the scope of the project noting that it is, in essence, a technical updating of existing architectural guidelines. Accurate Chinese characters, imagery and style, along with considerations such as lighting, colors, signage, fences and railings, entrances, etc. were referenced as sample revisions that will be undertaken.

An online neighborhood survey about these architectural matters is available for residents to make comments. It can be accessed through February 24, 2026.

In response to a question from Commissioner Shankle, Maher explained that a balance is being sought between legal requirements versus policy requirements. Maher also talked about the importance of having the community involved in these matters and not just business owners in Chinatown.

Commissioner Shankle also inquired about the Office Planning and whether it convened the Chinatown Steering Committee. Maher said the original Chinatown Steering Committee predates the existence of the Office of Planning. Commissioner Swart asked about boundaries and streetscape regulations.

The community was encouraged to participate in the upcoming Chinese New Year festivities.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Michael Hamelin, [michael.hamelin@dc.gov](mailto:michael.hamelin@dc.gov), 202.698.1405 or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, [sylvester.garvin@dc.gov](mailto:sylvester.garvin@dc.gov), 202.774.6866.**

Lieutenant Garvin talked about traffic issues owing to street marches that are happening. Property crime has dropped. Commissioner Groth asked for further details about a gunfire incident that began inside a venue that spilled out onto the 1100 block of 18th street. She also raised the issue of a pedestrian tragedy that occurred. Lieutenant Garvin had no further information on the pedestrian incident, but said it is still under investigation.

**2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, [Captain Paul Hrebenak](#), [Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov](mailto:Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov), 202.643.8471, Lieutenant Araz Alal, [Araz.Alali@dc.gov](mailto:Araz.Alali@dc.gov), 202.698.0066.**

Captain Hrebenak said no violent crime was reported over the past 45 days. Property crime is down and there are no burglaries to report. Teism was broken into twice last year and arrests have been made and they are being prosecuted. Additionally, there have been no reported auto thefts.

**3. Metro Transit Police Department, Deputy Chief Stephen Boehm, [SBoehm@wmata.com](mailto:SBoehm@wmata.com), Captain Aaron Donald, [ADonald@wmata.com](mailto:ADonald@wmata.com), District 1 Commander, Lieutenant David Barga, [dbarga@wmata.com](mailto:dbarga@wmata.com), District One Evenings, 202.306.5783.**

Lieutenant Barga said last year's positive trends have thus far continued into 2026. Mr. Swart asked if there will be an increased police presence during the Chinese New Year celebrations. Lieutenant Barga stated that there will be increased staff as well as patrols.

**4. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Tiffany Wimenta, Ward 2 Community Outreach & Relations Specialist, [tiffany.wimenta@dc.gov](mailto:tiffany.wimenta@dc.gov), 202.297.6566 Mobile; Jimika Williams, [jimika.williams@dc.gov](mailto:jimika.williams@dc.gov), Ward 2 Liaison.**

Jimika Williams reported on city services in the wake of the winter storm. She encouraged residents to reach out to her with any issues or questions. Williams went on to discuss the Lunar New Year celebrations and referenced a Small Business Opportunity Guide that is available for the festivities.

Ms. Groth talked about the challenges associated with navigating outdoors via wheelchairs, etc. given the accumulated, and lingering winter precipitation. Williams said better performance with snow/ice/sleet removal by the city is being examined.

Commissioner Lee asked about a prospective Freedom 250 Grand Prix auto race being held in Washington. Williams said no information is available yet, pointing out that this initiative is made via the president himself as opposed to the mayor.

**5. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, [bpinto@dccouncil.us](mailto:bpinto@dccouncil.us), 202.724.8058; Diya Mehta, Constituent Services, [dmehta@dccouncil.gov](mailto:dmehta@dccouncil.gov), 202.285.9195.**

Diya Mehta noted the problematic snow/ice/sleet removal effort, saying many challenges remain. Trash collection is getting back to normal. She also warned of the importance of being aware of water main breaks, and the dangers of electrocution by walking over electrical grates, especially by dogs.

Mehta talked about the sewage spill into the Potomac. Drinking water remains safe, though people and animals are encouraged to not come into contact with river water. Additionally, she referenced a century-old tunnel under 14<sup>th</sup> Street that presents the threat of collapse and the closure of a section of street. Work to correct this situation is ongoing.

**6. DowntownDC BID, Ellouise Johnson, Deputy Director of Public Space Operations, Lukas Umana, Director of Public Space Operations, [lukas@downtowndc.org](mailto:lukas@downtowndc.org), 202.270.0366.**

Lukas Umana noted a street closure letter of support that the BID is seeking. He also talked about curb and ramp clearing problems in the aftermath of the winter storm.

Umana provided clean and safe data from December through January. He spoke too about preparations for the Lunar New Year events as well as with the cherry blossom celebrations.

Umana raised the issue of an April 19<sup>th</sup>, all day street closure proposal associated with a music festival, on K Street (between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> streets). Events such as this help drive visitors to the District.

Commissioner Groth extended the heartfelt thanks for the BID Ambassadors' heroic and extraordinary effort to clear the ice berm from the median of the crosswalk of 14<sup>th</sup> Street just south of Thomas Circle. This crosswalk is a vital route for the 150 seniors and disabled residents of The Residences at Thomas Circle to access the CVS Pharmacy, as well as hundreds of other residents of that block; even if curb ramps are cleared on both ends of the crosswalk, the median is not.

**MOTION:** Groth moved to send a letter of support for a BID event K Street closure on April 19 pending the submission of further documents. Seconded by Shankle. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

## **7. LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY**

Commissioner Shankle raised the topic of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual PanCAN (pancreatic cancer) PurpleStride planned for April 25, 2026, noting that ANC 2C has supported this event in the past.

**MOTION:** Groth moved to send a letter of support for the PanCAN PurpleStride event. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

## **8. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA)**

**1. Nando's Peri Peri at 836 F St NW, Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant ABC License (ABRA-122856) Stretery Endorsement, request for stipulated endorsement, Matthew Minora, 202.625.7700, [mminoram@malliosobrien.com](mailto:mminoram@malliosobrien.com).**

**MOTION:** Shankle moved to send a letter of support for the Nando's Peri Peri for their stretery endorsement and stipulated license. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

**2. Lagos District Restaurant and Lounge, 1627 K Street NW, Suite 100, ABC License (ABRA-135048), request for stipulated initial Class "C" restaurant license, Chukwuma Ideh, 804.651.4042, [thefourty9company@gmail.com](mailto:thefourty9company@gmail.com).**

**MOTION:** Groth moved send a letter of support to Lagos District for a stipulated initial Class C restaurant. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

## **3. Onyx Lounge ANC 2B protest**

Commissioner Groth outlined the protest of the license renewal of the Onyx Rooftop Lounge, located on the 1800 block of M Street NW. The protest is still ongoing as mediation was disrupted by an interested party external to the confidential mediation process. Groth noted that open air rooftops are problematic, because amplified sound can travel very far and very unpredictably. Also, office conversions are ongoing, and even more residents could be impacted. Groth was called as a witness at the February 4 ABCA Protest Hearing but the four-hour proceeding ended at 5:30 before her place in the testimony schedule, and the Hearing was put into continuance at a date to be scheduled in March.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Commissioner Shankle noted that representatives of the two agenda items under Transportation and Public Space have asked to be postponed until the March meeting, as has the 503-517 H Street NW item under Planning, Zoning, Environmental Preservation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Shankle moved to Adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Seconded by Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Minutes Services