



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

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May 2026 Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 13, 2026 (Rescheduled from May 12)

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

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – MAYOR’S PROPOSED FY 2027 BUDGET

Office the Mayor’s Office, Mayor’s Proposed Budget 2027. Brian Hanlon, Director of the District of Columbia Department of Buildings, brian.hanlon@dc.gov, Tiffany Wimenta, Ward 2 Community Outreach & Relations Specialist, tiffany.wimenta@dc.gov, 202-297-6566 Mobile; Jimika Williams, jimika.williams@dc.gov Ward 2 Liaison.

The presentation will be rescheduled.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Swart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. ([2026 May 13, ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)).

2. ROLL CALL:

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

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

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

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Lee stated that two checks have been written for Minutes Services support, the second one of which (April) still needs to be signed by Commissioner Shankle. Lee noted that the QFR must be completed by May 15, and he needs to finish this tomorrow and Friday. Commissioner Groth offered to help Lee with this task. Approval of the May Treasurer's Report will take place at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, sylvester.garvin@dc.gov, 202.774.6866.

Lieutenant Robinson introduced himself and provided the MPD 2nd District report. The month of April saw two assaults with deadly weapons, both of which ended with arrests. Robinson noted a specific effort in conjunction with MLK Library security to try and close the ongoing encampment of unhoused individuals surrounding that property. Commissioner Groth asked for more details about the MLK Library encampment to be followed up by email.

A burglary suspect is being sought, and a motor vehicle theft was reported. There have been 76 reported thefts, 25 of which were closed with arrests.

2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Paul Hrebenak, Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov, 202.643.8471, Lieutenant Araz Alal, Araz.Alali@dc.gov, 202.698.0066.

Lieutenant Tuft reported an overall decrease in crime, although property crime continues to be a driver, but it too has seen a decrease in numbers.

A resident asked about an assault in Chinatown last night, claiming this is rare. Tuft said she had no information on this, though an incident at a Walgreens may be that which the resident is referring. Two juveniles were involved in the Walgreens case, and a BOLO has been issued.

3. Metro Transit Police Department, District 1 Commander, Lieutenant David Barga, dbarga@wmata.com, District One Evenings, 202.306.5783.

Lieutenant Barga said two robberies and an aggravated assault have occurred in Gallery Place Station since April 1, all three of which resulted in arrests. Addressing the problems created by large groups of juveniles remains a priority for Metro Police.

Commissioner Lee asked about the particulars in coordinating with the National Guard, especially as it concerns patrolling Gallery Place. Lieutenant Barga noted difficulty in asking for

additional Guard support given their command structure. Barga also discussed the challenges associated with enforcing youth curfews.

A member of the community asked about an increase in fare evasion at Metro stations.

4. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202.724.8058; Diya Mehta, Constituent Services, dmehta@dccouncil.gov, 202.285.9195.

Ms. Mehta said the city council is considering the mayor's 2027 budget. Councilmember Pinto is concerned over budget cuts that will adversely impact D.C. residents. Mehta also noted Pinto's efforts at addressing large groups of unruly teens.

Pinto has expressed concern over manipulated crime statistics, an issue that has been in the news of late.

Mehta noted upcoming primary elections. Commissioner Swart expressed support, and Mehta confirmed Pinto's support, for an amplified noise law and its funding.

5. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Tiffany Wimenta, Ward 2 Community Outreach & Relations Specialist, tiffany.wimenta@dc.gov, 202.297.6566 Mobile; Jimika Williams, jimika.williams@dc.gov, Ward 2 Liaison.

No report.

6. DowntownDC BID, Ellouise Johnson, Deputy Director of Public Space Operations, Lukas Umana, Director of Public Space Operations, lukas@downtowndc.org, 202.270.0366.

Ms. Johnson talked about March-April, clean & safe data, highlighting trash collection efforts, especially given the number of events that have been ongoing. She addressed the BID's countering of illegal and unsightly posters, stickers, etc.

Johnson also discussed other BID operations, including pressure washing around Metro Center, and showed before-and-after photos of the work. She highlighted artistic projects, such as murals, that make underused spaces more appealing. She added that the BID will now manage safety services internally because grant funding for the previous safety team has ended.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

1. Community Grant Request – Wellness Services at MLK Library Rachel Wright, World Outreach, 202-709-9338, worldoutreach0521@yahoo.com.

Ms. Wright introduced a \$7000 proposal to provide mobile showers near the MLK Library, noting the benefits it would provide for the unhoused in this area.

The commissioners lamented that there is a lack of information on this proposal at present. Additionally, the commissioners want to be sure that similar nearby services not be duplicated.

Commissioner Swart cited safety considerations, especially for women, such as existed around the MLK Library until recent enforcements helped address a toilets issue confronting the unhoused.

Commissioner Groth referenced the Throne Labs' "smart" portable toilets presence in Washington and would like to have a shower-access service be a similar success story. She mentioned that the Throne toilets have the advantage of offering a measure of security for female customers.

MOTION: Groth moved to table the mobile shower proposal until greater clarity is obtained regarding potential federal clearings of the unhoused community around MLK Library, and also to ensure that such services are not duplicating similar efforts nearby. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

- 1. Reaffirmation of 2025 Letter of Support for DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Grant Application for the Installation of Sculptures at the Median located at Connecticut Avenue & K Street, NW Andrew Huff, Golden Triangle BID, 202-684-8922, ahuff@goldentriangledc.com.**

Commissioner Groth recapped the issue.

MOTION: Groth moved to send a reaffirmation letter to the Golden Triangle BID to support the installation of sculptures at the median located at Connecticut Avenue and K Street NW. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 2-0-1, Groth abstaining because she served on the final sculpture selection panel in 2025)

- 2. Amazon Armed Forces Cycling Classic, Saturday, May 30, 2026. Course roads are 3rd Street NW from PA Avenue to Independence Avenue. Closure time for the event is 6:00am - 4:00pm. Diane Romo Thomas, Local Community Outreach 2026, 202-439-5104, dianeromo-thomas@hotmail.com.**

MOTION: Groth moved to send a letter of support for the Amazon Armed Forces Cycling Classic on May 30. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA)

1. **Triple Seven LLC, Trade Name GAIA Supper Club, 1025 Vermont Avenue, NW (ABRA-130359) Retailer's Class "C" Tavern, Licensee is requesting a Substantial Change to increase the Sidewalk Café capacity from 44 to 58. Abele Tekle 202.686.7600 Atekle@theveritaslawfirm.com Dan Koffman 202-774-9353, dkoffman@theveritaslawfirm.com Cameron Mixon cmixon@theveritaslawfirm.com.**

A representative of Triple Seven LLC explained the issue regarding increasing the café's sidewalk capacity to fifty-eight.

MOTION: Groth moved to send a letter of support to Triple Seven LLC, trade name GAIA Supper Club, (ABRA-130359). Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously (Vote 3-0-0)

2. **Levy Premium Food Service, LP, Trade Name: Levy @ National Geographic 1600 M Street, NW (ABRA-135682) New Retailer's Class "CX" Multipurpose Facility. This multipurpose establishment will serve as a cultural art center for immersive art, performance, and theatrical experiences. Seating Capacity of 230. Indoor Occupancy Load of 270. Summer Garden Endorsement with a seating capacity of 125. Total Occupancy Load of 400 for the entire Establishment. David A. Carter, 301-242-8800, david@carterlawmd.com.**

Mr. Carter explained the application. An overview was given of the food and beverage plan. Lee asked if the café and summer garden would be open to the public; National Geographic representatives indicated that in the opening phase, only museum ticketholders would be prioritized; once the café operations are running smoothly, Levy will consider whether there is service capacity to also make it available to the public.

MOTION: Groth moved to send a letter of support to Levy Premium Food Service, (ABRA-135682). Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

3. **AC 608, LLC, Trade Name: Pho 88 Noodles & Grill, 608 H Street, NW (ABRA-135811), New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, Yutong Zhou, 908-239-8737, yutong@sinobergraft.com.**

No one was available to outline the application or answer questions.

MOTION: Groth moved to give conditional approval, upon receipt of Commissioner Shankle's input on the (ABRA-135811) application, since the establishment is in his SMD. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 2-0-1)

4. **Keystone International Venture, LLC, Trade Name: Chandelier, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, (ABRA-135777), New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern, Daniel Koffman, Esq., 202-686-7600, dkoffman@theveritaslawfirm.com.**

Mr. Hoffman outlined the application.

MOTION: Lee moved to approve a New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern application, along with the endorsements listed on the placard. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

5. **Status update on ANC 2B protest, joined by ANC 2C, of Onyx Rooftop Lounge (ABRA-130390), Commissioner Groth, 771-209-4799 voicemail and text messages only, 2C02@anc.dc.gov.**

Commissioner Groth reviewed the protest, noting that an ABRA board decision is expected in July or August.

ANC 2C's top issue is the creation of another open-air, rooftop bar with amplified sound in an area already full of nightclub activity. Groth also pointed out ongoing conversions of office space to residential, one 10 feet from Onyx's premises, and another in the next block.. Additionally, legal questions arose regarding the way in which ANCs submitted their official protests. The general counsel to the OANC is working on this issue to insure that ABCA gives due 'great weight' to ANC submissions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Letter of Support for ANC 5C Resolution for Equitable Metrorail Access. Given the redevelopment of RFK Stadium and the potential for other development, ANC 5C advocates for Metrorail access that serves Benning Road, Hechinger Mall, Bladensburg Road, Ivy City, Arboretum, Fort Lincoln, Langdon, and all other communities in this eastern end of Ward 5. Shawn Nelson ANC 5C04, 5C04@anc.dc.gov.**

The issue was tabled until June.

2. **Resolution to Reaffirm Resolution 2C-25-007 Full Use of Aston Bridge Housing, Commissioner Groth, 771-209-4799 voicemail and text messages only, 2C02@anc.dc.gov.**

Commissioner Groth outlined the resolution and was designated as ANC 2C's representative on the Aston Bridge Housing matter. Commissioner Swart expressed his support for the resolution. Commissioner Lee noted that the unhoused persons around MLK Library could make use of these beds.

MOTION: Swart moved to reaffirm the resolution to allow full use of the Aston Bridge housing. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (3-0-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. **2001 Pennsylvania Ave NW, (ZC- 87-23A), Modification of PUD, The George Washington University. Lee Templin, Goulston & Storrs, 202-721-1153, lttemplin@goulstonstorrs.com.**

Mr. Days updated on The George Washington University plans for a building modification. The university is exploring its long-term options for the southeast corner space of the building. Ms. Templin provided information on the zoning application, addressing planned modifications in areas such as retail and signage. A summary was provided on how to provide flexibility when it comes to long and short-term bike parking.

Commissioner Groth asked about setting aside space for student art, pop-up uses, suggesting this could help attract foot traffic, not only that of students but the public as well. She also inquired about getting student feedback as to what student representatives think should happen with this space. Mr. Day replied that these ideas have been discussed and some of them remain under consideration by the university, such as with artistic displays, however, pop-up uses would not be practical.

The Zoning Commission public hearing will take place on June 8 and, even though the space under discussion lies within the boundaries of ANC 2A, the University needs a letter of support from ANC 2C as it is situated directly across the street and thus has standing. Commissioner Groth said the best approach for ANC 2C would be to await ANC 2A's approval of a Resolution incorporating terms already negotiated by 2A08 Commissioner Jim Malec (at their meeting next week) and then come forward with ANC 2C's letter.

Commissioner Groth is the designated representative of the Commission on this measure.

MOTION: Ms. Groth moved to approve but wait on submitting a letter of support for the application until ANC 2A's formal vote on this matter, to ensure that ANC 2C is in-concert with that vote. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Prepared by: Minutes Services, edited by Commissioner Nancy Groth, Secretary

Approved on: At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting held on June 9, 2026, with a quorum of 4 of 4 commissioners being present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 2C voted to approve these Minutes by a vote of 4-0-0.

Attested by: Commissioner Nancy Groth, Secretary

Signature: Nancy Groth

Date: 06/12/2026