

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2026**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Steven McCarty, Chair, ANC 2G04
Howard Garrett, Vice Chair, ANC 2G01
Nicole Shea, Secretary, ANC 2G03
Rachelle Nigro, Treasurer, ANC 2G06
Alex Padro, ANC 2G02
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05

Absent:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 6 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda – Additions to Item 4, Business Agenda:

Item J, 501 New York Avenue NW – Letter to Department of Buildings – Revocation of Permit

Item K, Resolution to Urge Ward 2 Representation on ABCA Board and to Request Procedural and Investigation and Oversight Into the Temporary Issuance of Class G Licenses to Play DC, 1541 7th Street NW

Item L, 501 New York Avenue NW – Retention of Legal Counsel

B. Approval of December 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of December 2025 Treasurer’s Report

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3. COMMUNITY FORUM

A. Metropolitan Police Department, 3rd District (PSA 308)
Lt. Alan Herring

Lt. Herring provided crime statistics and reported on crime for the last 30 days. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

B. Ward 2 Update Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

Diya Mehta, dmehta@dccouncil.gov, 202-724-8058

Diya Mehta reported on the following topics: **(1)** Councilmember Pinto's "Peace DC" initiative to drive down crime and promote sustainable peace; **(2)** Councilmember Pinto's "Prosper DC" plan to catalyze economic opportunities for DC residents and businesses; **(3)** DPW's leaf collection wrap up in Ward 2; **(4)** the Local Budget Act and the Budget Support Act; **(5)** Ward 2 Community Budget Forum; **(6)** Councilmember Pinto's work to secure the Council's approval to bring the Washington Commanders back home to DC; **(7)** Community Office Hours, Café Joy, January 14, 2026, 8:30 am – 10:00 a.m. to be followed by Wiltberger Alley's East Dedication Ceremony in front of Howard Theater in the 600 block of T Street NW.

C. Report from Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)

Jimika Williams, Ward 2 Liaison, jimika.williams@dc.gov, 202-805-7122

Jimika Williams introduced herself as the new Ward 2 Liaison. She stated the DC Snow Team Heroes Program is looking for volunteers to assist senior citizens and residents with disabilities by helping to clear snow from their walkways and driveways after winter storms. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

D. Report from Events DC

Solana Vander Nat, Senior Manager of Community Engagement, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, <https://eventsdc.com>
Visit: eventsdc.com; please sign up for Events DC electronic mailing list.

Solana Vander Nat reported on the following: **(1)** DC Auto Show, January 23-February 1, 2026; **(2)** Community Grants Program application deadline February 2, 2026; **(3)** Metropolitan Washington Restaurant Week January 19-25, 2026. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

E. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

- Commissioner Shea stated the two Class G temporary licenses that were issued to Play DC over Christmas and New Year's will be brought up as a topic of discussion at the next ABCA committee meeting in two weeks and will be posted on the ANC 2G website. She and Commissioner Padro attended an ABCA Board Meeting where this topic was discussed at length. Commissioner Padro added that Play DC is under new ownership and they have indicated they plan to open a sports bar, they will apply for a business license, and they have submitted an ABC license application that has not been placarded. It is anticipated that they will enter into a settlement agreement to ensure that the business does not operate as a nightclub, does not provide entertainment, and that there are no adverse impacts from that business operating.

- o Commissioner Nigro stated a letter was written to HPRB about the jail at 501 New York Avenue and the fence. She went to the hearing and the Department of General Services was given a pause on the design, which means they will have to come back to next month's meeting for further discussion.
- o Commissioner Berry stated she is putting together a Community Resource Newsletter and would love to involve high school students who need community service hours. We are also planning an SMD 2G05 beautification project to take place within the next 30 days. Please stay tuned for updates and more opportunities to volunteer. Further details were provided in the Chat.

F. Public Updates

- o Ibrahim Mumim thanked the Commissioners for their efforts in helping to stop the opening of Play DC on New Year's Eve.

4. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Election of 2026 Officers [All SMDs]

Former Commissioner Tony Brown presided over the Election of 2026 Officers.

Position	Nominee	Motion	Second	Vote	
				Yeas	Nays
Chair	Steven McCarty	Rachelle Nigro	Nicole Shea	6	0
Vice Chair	Howard Garrett	McCarty	Nicole Shea	6	0
Secretary	Nicole Shea	McCarty	Rachelle Nigro	6	0
Treasurer	Rachelle Nigro	Rachelle Nigro	Steven McCarty	6	0

B. ANC 2G Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair

MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Shea seconded to nominate Maggie Snipes to serve as Chair of the ANC 2G Transportation and Public Space Committee. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. NOI #25-299 – Seaton Elementary School [2G02]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G **support** the installation of a new crosswalk at the west wide of the intersection of Columbia and P Streets NW, with the provision that DDOT study reducing the 35 feet of daylighting that is required on the west side of the intersection and institute this, if feasible, due to this being a non-standard intersection that would have no traffic coming from the area to the north of P Street NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

D. NOI #25-281-MSED – 7TH and New York Avenue NW [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G **table** NOI #25-281-MSED until the ANC 2G February meeting pending an update from DDOT about connecting with Events DC. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

E. Public Space Permit #11175634 – Streatery Design Permit at 1239 9th Street NW (TallBoy) [2G05]

MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **table** Public Space Permit #11175634 – Streatery Design Permit at 1239 9th Street NW (TallBoy) until the ANC 2G February Meeting ANC 2G is able to see the design. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

F. Public Space Permit #11171288 – Streatery Design Permit at 1017 7th Street NW (Pearl's Bagels) [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** Public Space Permit #11171288 – Streatery Design Permit at 1017 7th Street NW (Pearl's Bagels). The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

G. Cafeteria y Taqueria la Loca – Entertainment Endorsement Request [2G02]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G **support** the application for a substantial change to ABRA License #131150 for Solis Food Group 3, LLC, trading as Cafeteria y Taqueria la Loca, and to support Live Entertainment and that we communicate that support to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

H. Dolci Gelati Café – Renewal of Class DT Tavern License at 1420 8th Street NW [2G02]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class DT Tavern License (ABRA License #098384) for Dolci Gelati Café, 1420 8th Street NW, and that we communicate that support to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

I. The Passenger – Class C Tavern License Renewal at 1539 7th Street NW [2G03]

MOTION: Commissioner Shea moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class C Tavern License (ABRA License #100573) for The Passenger, 1539 7th Street NW, with the stipulation that a Settlement Agreement be entered into with the establishment, and that we communicate that support to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

J. 501 New York Avenue NW – Letter to Department of Buildings – Revocation of Permit

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G send a letter to the Department of Buildings if the Department of Buildings does not respond by Noon tomorrow, January 9, 2026, to the email that Commissioner Nigro sent to them last night asking them for a response to her questions about Permit Extension No. 3 for 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

K. Resolution to Urge Ward 2 Representation on ABCA Board and to Request Procedural and Investigation and Oversight Into the Temporary Issuance of Class G Licenses to Play DC, 1541 7th Street NW

Tabled.

L. 501 New York Avenue NW – Retention of Legal Counsel

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G apply for Expert Assistance Funds (EAF) from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) for the Legal Retainer for Lyle M. Blanchard of Greenstein, DeLorme & Luchs, P.C. to assist ANC 2G with any legal concerns at 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

M. ANC 2G 2026 Meeting Schedule [All SMDs]

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the following ANC 2G 2026 Meeting Schedule:

Date	Time
Thursday, January 8, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 12, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 12, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 14, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 11, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 9, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Recess – No August Meeting	
Thursday, September 10, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 8, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 12, 2026	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 10, 2026	6:30 p.m.

The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

N. Approval of ANC 2G Quarterly Financial Reports [All SMDs]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to approve the ANC 2G Quarterly Financial Report for FY25 Q4. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to approve the ANC 2G Quarterly Financial Report for FY26 Q1. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

5. INFORMATION AGENDA

Next ANC Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on February 12, 2026


6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Prepared by: Karen Jehle, Minute Taker
(Transcribed from Recording)

Approved on: Mar 3, 2026

Attest:


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Secretary
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G