

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2026**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Nicole Shea, Secretary, ANC 2G03

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 5 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of January 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of January Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3. COMMUNITY FORUM

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

Captain McHauley Murphy

Captain Murphy 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: **(1)** DC Government's response (or lack thereof) to snow and ice removal from the January snow/ice storm; **(2)** DC Water's response to the recent sewage spill into the Potomac River; **(3)** Risk of collapse of the 14th Street tunnel and steps being taken; **(4)** Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety 2026 Schedule of Performance Oversight Hearings; **(5)** Council's finalization

of FY27 Budget requests; **(6)** Decoupling of DC's Tax Code from the Federal Tax Code; **(7)** Meet the Constituent Services staff on 2/19/26, 8:30 am to Noon, Coffee Republic, 601 13th Street NW. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

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

Tiffany Wimenta, tiffany.wimenta@dc.gov

Tiffany Wimenta reported on the following: **(1)** DC Government's response (or lack thereof) to snow and ice removal from the January snow/ice storm; **(2)** DPW Trash & Recycling collection; **(3)** 311 app not working. 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)** the Coastal at the Capitol Super Nationals on February 21st through the 22nd; **(2)** Blossom Kicks for Kids program; visit: <https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/blossom-kicks-for-kids/>; **(3)** Capitol Hill Volleyball Classic, February 14-16, 2026. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

E. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

- Commissioner Padro stated he will be partnering with the National Park Service again to offer the Walk with Woodson Black History Month tour that is coming up on Saturday, February 21st at 10:30 a.m. It will start from the Mary McLeod Bethune House on Vermont Avenue. There will be a Woodson reenactor that will be participating as part of the tour, and Commissioner Padro will also be providing some historical insights.

F. Public Updates

- None

4. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Genika Café: New Class C Tavern License at 1400 9th Street NW [2G02]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G support both the permanent and stipulated licenses for Genika Café LLC,, trading as Genika Café, at 1400 9th Street NW and that ANC 2G also approve the Settlement Agreement and submit it to ABCA along with the letter of support. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. 501 New York Avenue NW: Public Space Application [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G formally object to the advancement of the Public Space Committee application for 501 New York Avenue.

Objection #1: Due to admission of required tree plan, the applicant failed to include the proposed trees in the former National Park Service parcel at 5th and L Street in the submitted plans. These trees were explicitly discussed at the prior meeting, and the applicant was instructed to add them. Their admission prevents reviewers and the public from evaluating the full public space impacts and contradicts prior representations made to the community.

Objection #2: Due to sidewalk accessibility and ADA compliance, sidewalks along New York Avenue, L Street, 5th Street, and 6th Street must maintain a minimum 4-foot accessible pedestrian route to comply with ADA requirements. The PSC has repeatedly required that other New York Avenue developments widen their sidewalks where existing conditions fail to meet current standards. Based on the submitted plans, the New York Avenue frontage does not appear to provide the required 4-foot accessible route.

Objection #3: Due to the high fence height and public right-of-way impacts, even with the HPRB approval, the perimeter fence should not exceed 42 inches in height. The Department of Corrections had repeatedly stated that there are no safety concerns that should justify this height. A higher, more imposing fence would further constrict the public right-of-way and degrade pedestrian conditions. The PSC has historically been reluctant to approve security fences that dominate or encroach upon public space. The proposed fence contradicts that precedent.

Objection #4: Parking plan deficiencies. The revised parking plan does not accommodate the number of vehicles required for the central cell block operations. Parking impacts are a core component of public space review and must be evaluated by the PSC before any application advances. Proceeding without this review undermines the transparency, operational planning, and the integrity of the PSC process.

Objection #5: Due to improper advancement of the hearing, PAC rule states that the application receiving two formal objections from reviewing agencies must not advance to a hearing. Both ANC 2G and Single Member District 2G06 submitted formal objections. Despite this, the application was advanced contrary to the PSC's own procedural safeguards. Additionally, PSC's public-facing website was altered to reflect a position in favor of Department General Services against ANC2's objections, raising further concerns about process integrity.

The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. 501 New York Avenue NW: Request to Revote Permit [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G support the appeal to the BZA that the Department of Buildings had violated the order for 21177, specifically Condition #5, that the Department of Buildings show up quarterly to the ANC 2G and ANC 6E meetings. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

D. Lincoln Westmoreland Presentation 801-811 R Street NW [2G01]

A presentation was provided by Lincoln-Westmoreland Housing, Inc. related to their acquisition of 801-811 R Street NW in the summer of 2024 under TOPA (Tenant Opportunity Purchase Act). Timelines were provided related to Financing and Design. They have submitted a NOI for rezoning to MU10 and it is anticipated that Department of Housing and Community Development funding may become available in the spring or summer. They will be returning to a future ANC 2G meeting to formally submit an application. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

E. Request for Additional Public Litter Cans [2G04]

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G request from DPW additional placements of public litter cans at the southeast corner of Massachusetts Avenue NW and 10th Street NW, the northwest corner of Massachusetts Avenue NW and 9th Street NW, the 1000 block on the west side of 9th Street NW, and then search for suitable locations for additional trash receptacles in the 1100 and 1200 blocks on the west side of 9th Street NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

F. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$248.00 for the Post Office Box and \$72.36 for the GoDaddy webpage. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

G. UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Visit: <https://www.anc2g.org>)

ABCA Committee Meetings: 4th Thursday of every month, 6:00 p.m.

Transportation Advisory and Public Space: 4th Tuesday of every month, 8:00 p.m.

Zoning, Planning & Historic Preservation: March 3, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

5. INFORMATION AGENDA

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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

Approved on: 03/12/2026

Attest:


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May 8, 2026

Secretary
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G