

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

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

Present:

Steven McCarty, Chair, ANC 2G04
Howard Garrett, Vice Chair, ANC 2G01
Nicole Shea, Secretary, ANC 2G03 (joined at 6:33 p.m.)
Rachelle Nigro, Treasurer, ANC 2G06
Alex Padro, ANC 2G02
Sheena Berry, ANC 2G05 (joined at 6:32 p.m.)

Absent:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 4 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of February 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. [Commissioner Shea had not yet joined the call.]

3. COMMUNITY FORUM

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

Lt. Stanley Mark Rawls

Lt. Rawls introduced himself and made brief comments. He reported on a shooting and provided crime stats for 2025 compared to the same period for 2026. He will follow up via email with crime stats for the last 30 days. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

Commissioner Shea provided some of the crime stats that the Commander shared on the community walk yesterday.

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

Tiffany Wimenta, tiffany.wimenta@dc.gov

Tiffany Wimenta reported on the following: **(1)** she sent an email setting up one-on-one meetings with Commissioners; **(2)** she sent an email about setting up a community walk in April with relevant agencies; **(3)** April/May Monthly Budget Roadshows; **(4)** Emancipation Day Parade, April 19, 2026; **(5)** DPW Spring Services start up; **(6)** 311 App; **(7)** Potomac River Recreational Advisory lifted; **(8)** Ward 2 Roll Off Day, March 28, 2026, 2500 N Street NW, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; **(9)** Food Waste Smart Bins, requests to: foodwastedropoff@dc.gov; **(10)** Sidewalk Palooza! Sidewalk safety and accessibility, March 21-29, 2026, please contact her. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

C. Ward 2 Update Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

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

Diya Mehta reported on the following: **(1)** DPW Oversight Hearing; **(2)** Submit pothole and damaged flex posts to 311; **(3)** Potomac River Recreational Advisory lifted; repair to be completed by mid-March; **(4)** Potomac River Tunnel Project to be completed by 2030; **(5)** nearing end of Agency Performance Oversight & Budget Hearings; preparing to receive Mayor's FY27 Budget proposal in April; **(6)** Body-Worn Camera Transparency for Use of Force Emergency Amendment Act of 2026; **(7)** Federal Agent Documentation Act; **(8)** Tax Decoupling; **(9)** Earth Day Cleanup in Shaw, Saturday, April 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m., outside Kennedy Rec Center. 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)** AwesomeCon, March 13-15, 2026; **(2)** St. Jude's Rock & Roll Fitness Expo, March 19-20, 2026; **(3)** 2027 NFL Draft Local Business Opportunity; **(4)** National Cherry Blossom Festival, March 20-April 12, 2026; **(5)** 2026 NCAA Division One Men's Basketball East Regional, March 27-29, 2026. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

E. Department of General Services (DGS) – 501 New York Avenue NW Construction Updates

A slide presentation was provided highlighting the following: **(1)** Recap Since last ANC 2G Update; **(2)** Construction Progress; **(3)** Permitting Overview; **(4)** HPRB/Regulatory Coordination; **(5)** PSC Clarifications; **(6)** Upcoming Milestones. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

F. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

- Commissioner Padro reported the following: **(1)** Shaw Main Streets Annual Meeting, March 25, 2026, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Drawing from registered participants for free dinner for two at a Shaw restaurant; **(2)** New Endeavors By Women Walk, March 28, 2026, more info at: nebw.org **(3)** Shaw Main Streets and District Cleanups holding annual Earth Day Cleanup in Shaw, Saturday, April

11, 2026, 10:00 a.m., outside Kennedy Rec Center; **(4)** Eat Drink Shaw, Howard Theater, Thursday, April 30, 2026, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

G. Public Updates

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4. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Public Space Permit Application #473-843 at 501 New York Avenue NW [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **not support** the Public Space application for Application #473843 for 501 New York Avenue NW due to the following objections and that these objections be communicated in writing to the DC Public Space Committee:

1. Objection: Due to Omission of Required Tree Plan The applicant failed to include the proposed trees for the former National Park Service parcel at 5th & L Streets in the submitted plans. These trees were explicitly discussed at the prior meeting, and the applicant was instructed to add them. Their omission prevents reviewers and the public from evaluating the full public-space impacts and contradicts prior representations made to the community.

2. Objection: 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. PSC has repeatedly required other New York Avenue developments to widen sidewalks where existing conditions failed to meet current standards. The applicant has not demonstrated a continuous 4-foot ADA-compliant accessible pedestrian route along the New York Avenue frontage.

- The submitted plans contain no measurements, engineering sheets, or documentation addressing the existing sidewalk pinch points created by tree boxes.
- The proposed fence alignment confirms the applicant does not intend to widen the sidewalk, leaving the accessible route non-compliant.
- Public Space Committee precedent on New York Avenue requires applicants to widen sidewalks or document ADA compliance, and this application does not meet that standard.

3. Objection: Due to Fence Height and Public Right-of-Way Impacts Even with HPRB approval, the perimeter fence should not exceed 42 inches in height. The Department of Corrections has repeatedly stated that no safety concerns justify a taller fence. A higher, more imposing fence would further constrict the public right-of-way and degrade pedestrian conditions. PSC has historically been reluctant to approve security features that dominate or encroach upon public space; the proposed fence contradicts that precedent.

4. Objection: Due to Parking Plan Deficiencies The revised parking plan does not accommodate the number of vehicles required for Central Cell Block operations.

Parking impacts are a core component of public-space review and must be evaluated by PSC before any application advances. Proceeding without this review undermines transparency, operational planning, and the integrity of the PSC process.

5. Objection: Due to Improper Advancement to Hearing, PSC rules state that applications receiving two formal or more objections from reviewers must not advance to a hearing. Both ANC 2G and SMD 2G06 submitted formal objections. Despite this, the application was advanced, contrary to PSC's own procedural safeguards. Additionally, PSC's public-facing website was altered to reflect a procedure "not in favor" of ANC 2G's objections, raising further concerns about process integrity.

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

B. Transportation and Public Space Committee Recommendations

1) Installation of "No Left Turn" Signs – Glick Court NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW [2G01]

MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G request DDOT to install "No Left Turn" Signs on Glick Court. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

2) Striping of Parking and Traffic Lanes on 400-1000 Block of S Street NW [2G01]

MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G request DDOT to stripe parking and traffic lanes on 400-1000 block of S Street NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3) Investigate Damaged Flex Posts on Bike Lane Between N Street NW & Allen Lew NW [2G05]

MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G request DDOT to investigate damaged flex posts on the bike lane between N Street NW and Allen Lew NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions

4) Request Extended Hours for Shaw/Banneker Soccer Field Next to the Skate Park [2G01]

MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **table** the request for extended hours at Shaw/Banneker Soccer Field until the April ANC 2G Public Meeting to allow for resident feedback. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

C. ABCL Committee Recommendations and Licenses

1) Substantial Change: Hyatt House, 899 O Street NW (ABRA-128557) [2G02]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 2G protest the application for a Substantial Change to ABRA License 128557, 899 Beverages, LLC, t/a Hyatt House, Washington, DC Convention Center, Realm at 899 O Street NW, on the grounds of adverse impacts on peace, order and quiet and that we communicate this protest to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

2) New License: Café Joy, 906 P Street NW (ABRA-135103) [2G02]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G support the application for a new Retailers Class C restaurant license for Donut 906 LLC, t/a Café Joy, 906 P Street NW, that we support both permanent and stipulated licenses for this establishment, and that we communicate this support to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G approve the Settlement Agreement between the Commission and Donut 906 LLC, t/a Café Joy, 906 P Street NW and that this be communicated to ABCA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

5. INFORMATION AGENDA

Next ANC Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Shea seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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

Approved on: 04/14/2026

Attest:


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Secretary

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G

May 6, 2026