

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2025**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, October 9, 2025 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

B. Approval of September 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes: MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the September 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes as amended by substituting the following language in section 3, E, I Street Task Force, per the following: "The Task Force has been responsible for improved lighting on 7th Street and the removal of parking on the east side of the 1900 block of 7th Street NW."

C. Approval of September Treasurer Report

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

3. COMMUNITY FORUM

A. Metropolitan Police Department

Sgt. James Hoever

Sgt. Hoever provided crime statistics year to date and reported on crime for the last 30 days as well as crime prevention. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

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

Tadai "Ty" Abilla, Ward Manager, tadai.abilla@dc.gov, 202-297-6566

Ty Abilla reported on the following: **(1)** Talent Capital Initiative; **(2)** the Mayor joined Bloomberg Philanthropies to celebrate the new Ward 8 Advanced Technical Center and launch of the new district-wide DC Healthcare Employment Apprenticeship link; **(3)** the 30th annual 17th High Hill Race Tuesday, October 28, 2025; **(4)** leaf collection begins on November 3, 2025; **(5)** measures being taken to address ongoing overflowing trash at Carter G. Woodson Park; **(6)** vehicle parked between 6th and M Streets; **(7)** Halloween event. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

C. Ward 2 Update Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

Hannah Ames, Hames@dccouncil.gov, 202-724-8058

Hannah Ames reported on the following: **(1)** there will be a new representative reporting to 2G starting in November; **(2)** the Federal Government shutdown; **(3)** Councilmember Pinto has been actively meeting with members of Congress in both chambers and from both parties to prevent the many bad bills that are attacking DC home rule; **(4)** finalization of RFK Stadium deal; **(5)** 13% pay increase for local MPD officers and recruits; **(6)** improving public safety, including continued oversight of the 911 call center and the Office of Unified Communications; **(7)** Councilmember Pinto will be holding a roundtable on October 23, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. on power outage emergency planning and response, and the recent PEPCO incidents in Ward 2 over the past year; **(8)** additional public safety-related hearings in the coming months; **(9)** DDOT's permanent streetery regulations are going into effect next month. 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 provided updates on the following: **(1)** Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting and Exposition on October 13-15, 2025; **(2)** Art All Night; **(3)** Race a District, a high-energy go-kart experience powered by K1 Speed, October 9-12, 2025; **(4)** Because They're Funny Comedy Festival, October 10-12, 2025 at The Wharf; **(5)** Free Public Art Tour, November 12, 2025. A question-and-answer period followed.

E. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

- Commissioner Berry stated she is having Office Hours on October 22, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Commissioner Shea stated Warner Street is having their famous Halloween block party again this year on October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- Commissioner Padro stated City Market at O is hosting a Fall Fest this Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 1400 block of 8th Street NW.
- Commissioner Garrett introduced Ian Callender who represents Suite Nation, a design and development firm that programs and activates vacant lots and blighted and abandoned properties across the region. Suite Nation beautifies them with corporate partners, and then they are turned back over to the community. Suite Nation is working with DMPED on the blighted lot on 7th Street NW to activate some sort of art component there. A question-and-answer/comment period followed.

F. Public Updates

- None.

4. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Seaton Elementary Modernization Project [2G02]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 2G send a letter to the Chancellor, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor for Education, and Ward 2 At-large Councilmembers of the Council of the District of Columbia on the four issues that have been raised by the parent-teacher organization for Seton Elementary School related to the Seton modernization: **(1)** preference for the same concept A, keeping the main entrance on Rhode Island Avenue Northwest; **(2)** importance of ensuring modernization allows for growth and enrollment; **(3)** importance of providing equal number of classrooms for all grades; **(4)** preference for natural grass at soccer field rather than artificial turf. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas (Commissioners McCarty, Garrett, Shea, Nigro, Padro) – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Berry).

B. TG Cigars – Renewal of Class C Tavern License [2G04]

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Shea seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class C Tavern License (ABRA License 097774) for TG Cigars, 1120 9th Street NW, and that this be communicated to ABCA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Padro).

C. Your Only Friend – Renewal of Class C Tavern License [2G04]

MOTION: Commissioner McCarty moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class C Tavern License for Your Only Friend, 1114 9th Street NW, and that this be communicated to the ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

D. Morris American Bar – Renewal of Class C Tavern License [2G05]

MOTION: Commissioner Berry moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **support** the renewal of the Class C Tavern License for Morris American Bar, 1020 7th Street NW, and that this be communicated to the ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

E. Flirt Cocktail Bar & Social Lounge – Renewal of Class C Tavern License [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **not support** the renewal of the Class C Tavern License for Flirt Cocktail Bar & Social Lounge, 1015-1/2 7th Street NW, that ANC 2G protest the renewal, that Commissioner Nigro be the representative at the hearing, and that this be communicated to the ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

F. Public Space Permit Application #473843 for 501 New York Avenue NW [2G06]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G **formally oppose** the Department of General Services Public Space Construction Permit application for 501 New York Avenue NW, the central cell block facility, for the Department of Corrections. The application includes proposed curb cut modifications on New York Avenue and L Street, as well as the installation of perimeter fencing. ANC 2G opposes the application for the following reasons:

Objection of the curb cuts, violation of public space regulations. The proposed vehicle layout violates 18 DCMR § 2405.2(c), which prohibits standing or parking within 40 feet of intersecting curb lines or within 25 feet on the far side of a one-way street. Additionally, the parking configuration appears to encroach into public space, further violating 18 DCMR § 2405.2(c), which prohibits standing or parking within 5 feet of an alley or driveway.

Objection of the fence - Historic Preservation oversight. The fencing proposal must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Review Board, as the site lies within the Mount Vernon Square Historic District. The design and placement of the fencing must be evaluated on the context of historic character and preservation standards.

Objection of the parking plan. The parking plan was not made available to ANC reviewers prior to the public hearing on September 25th undermining transparency and informed review. The new plans will not fit all the cars needed for the central cell block.

Objection to improper advancement to hearing. Per public space committee rules, the application with two formal objections from reviewers should not advance to a hearing. Both ANC 2G and Single Member District 2G06 submitted objections, yet the application proceeded in violation of this procedural safeguard.

Furthermore, there has been insufficient discussion regarding the impact on sidewalks and existing trees, issues previously flagged by the committee. With these objections, ANC2G recommends that the application be **denied**.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 2G request funds from the Expert Assistance Fund of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions for concerns with the Public Space Committee for 501 New York Avenue NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions

G. Public Space Permit Application #479526 – 631 P Street NW

MOTION: Commissioner Shea moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 2G support the Public Space Permit Application #479526 for 631 P Street NW and that this be communicated to the Public Space Committee and DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

H. 1000 S Street NW – HPRB Recommendations [2G01]

MOTION: Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Berry seconded that ANC 2G support the following recommendation of the ANC 2G Zoning, Planning, and Historic Preservation Committee pertaining to 1000 S Street NW; further, that ANC 2G supports the most recent design concept that includes the mansard roof, and that this be communicated to the Historic Preservation Review Board:

- 1) Deem the proposed concept design for 1000 S Street NW compatible with the historic character of the U Street Historic District, provided the applicant incorporates the Historic Preservation Office staff recommendations, specifically:
 - Reducing the overall height to no more than five feet above the adjacent structure;
 - Eliminating the roof deck atop the mansard roof;
 - And providing detailed plans for the location and screening of HVAC and utility meters;

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

I. Added Language to July Minutes:

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and seconded by Commissioner Shea to add the following language to Section 4, D of the July minutes:

Item D. Request for Neighborhood Beautification Funds: Add the following: “The project took place on September 13, 2025 and the work included design work, plans, and labor.”

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

5. INFORMATION AGENDA

Next ANC Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on November 13, 2025

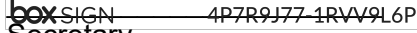
6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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

Approved on: 11/13/2025

Attest:

Secretary
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2G

Jan 13, 2026