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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

OCTOBER 2019 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 8 October 2019

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Michael Shankle, Jamaal Burton, Kevin Wilsey

PRESENT: Commissioner Jamaal Burton, Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Kevin Wilsey, Angelic Nelson, Dennis Hughes, Phil Telfeyan, Dara Satterfield, Erica Dortch-Jones, Steve Andelman, Linda Greenan, Matt Minora, Brian Bray, John Sprague, Trina Stewart, John Fanning, David Gilliland, Greg Leinweber, Georgina Sperber, Gary Martinez, Chris Leonberg, Mike Brand, Wendy Cadell, Winny Abdul-Rah, Sandi White, Jo-Ann Neuhaus, Beruk Bunaro

ABSENT: NA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order made by Chair Kevin Wilsey at 6:32p.m. Kevin Wilsey introduced himself and the other commissioners.
2. **OPENING REMARKS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** There were no additions to the agenda, but Shankle noted that there was a correction since Culture Counter LLC had withdrawn their application for the Class "D" ABRA license. Wilsey moved to approve the agenda as is and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Shankle made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting; seconded by Wilsey. (Vote: 3-0-0)
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shankle provided the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of 30 September was \$52,404.58. There had been two withdrawals in September for the September and August meeting minutes for a total of \$300. The quarterly financial report is due. Beginning in July (4th Quarter), the total was \$229.81 in disbursements from the DC government. The district paid allotments totaling \$4,624.77. Other expenses of \$450 were withdrawn from the account. These were related to the drafting of the minutes and the ending balance of \$52,404.58. He moved to approve the quarterly financial report and Wilsey seconded. (Vote 3-0-0).
5. Shankle also discussed the proposed ANC-2C budget for FY20 which was available via handouts. In addition to the proposed FY20 budget, the approved and actual budget for FY19 is on the handout. The difference is that currently the ANC receives an allotment of \$1,541.59 per quarter from the District. This will increase to \$1,821.05 per quarter in FY20. There is a small increase from the approved FY19 to the proposed FY20. You'll see the in the FY19 actuals are higher because the district got behind in disbursing allotments so we'll receive a number of allotments in FY19 that that were not previously received by the commission.

The ANC has a line item for \$2000 for the website in FY20. This is up slightly by \$300 because we are advancing the site and doing additional work with it. For office supplies, there was no budget line item for printing the agenda and other documents. There is a proposed line for \$50



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per month for a total of \$600. Additionally, there is a bank charge of \$1 which is the standard annual fee received in January. Under other costs is the minute preparation cost at \$150 per meeting. Also, there is a \$25 ANC security fund which is due annually. The starting budget for FY20 which began 1 October is \$52,405.00. The ending balance is projected to be \$55,264.00. Shankle moved to approve the proposed FY20 budget and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

6. **Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison - Nicole Goines, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, 202-805-7120, Nicole.Goines@dc.gov.** Goines noted that her office serves as the eyes and ears for the Mayor to relay concerns and provide city services regarding safety concerns. She said the Mayor has begun her investments to meet her FY20 Fair Shop budget. That includes an allocated \$116M for the Housing Production Trust Fund up from 100M in FY19. Also, there is an expanded affordable housing program--Schedule H--where the income ceiling has been expanded for seniors and those at a lower income and max credit is now \$1200. There are handouts in the back on the 54-month progress report.

Since the last meeting, Goines said she has reached out to the city's encampment team to provide outreach to all of 7th street beginning at Mount Vernon Square to the 600 block of Indiana Ave. She can be contacted to report encampments. The encampment team can be reached at 202.727.7973. Or send an email with a physical description of the issue to encampment.reports@dc.gov

There is a scheduled cleanup on 17 October for the 3rd Street Tunnel and the area at 3rd and G NW.

There is new signage, courtesy of DDOT, for commercial loading and unloading space at 920 I St where Del Frisco's is located, at Residences at City Center. She has also requested sidewalk repair at 600 block of I St. There is a repainted crosswalk at 6th and I, and a repaired sidewalk for 1801 7th St.

Goines has asked for an update regarding the renovation of the Chinatown Arch from the Commission of Arts and Humanity. Shankle noted the commission wants a timetable and an outline of possible impacts the renovations could have on the neighborhood. Goines will share updates as they become available.

7. **MPD 1st District Crime & Community Awareness, Captain Jonathan Dorrough, 202.729.2179. Jonathan.Dorrough@dc.gov:** Lieutenant Steve Andelman provided updates on the last thirty days and the last thirty days for the previous year. The issues are still robberies, thefts, and shootings. Hotel Monaco noted 5 incidents in the last 5 weeks. Capt Andelman said that Sergeant Dortch-Jones is working on a plan to ensure crime isn't migrating south from Chinatown to Penn Quarter. They are working to not just displace crime but prevent it altogether.



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8. **MPD 2nd District Crime & Community Awareness, Captain Brian Bray, 202.715.7362 and Lieutenant Iris Beistline, 202.715.7339, iris.beistline@dc.gov.** Capt Bray noted that there has been a uptick in assaults. Bar fights are the root of many of the issues. There has also been an increase in theft and auto theft. One person on the force has been detailed to coordinate and work with the city's mental health and homeless agencies on the homeless issue. The big takeaway is to remind people not to leave anything visible in your car, and always lock it. Wilsey discussed the possibility of putting signs up at the parking ay stations to remind people not to leave things. Bray said he would look into that. Bray also noted that if people see anything suspicious, they need to call the police because the call gives the police a reason to get out of their vehicles and investigate an occurrence.
9. **The Department of Public Works, Inspector Wendy Caddell, Wendy.Caddell@dc.gov.** Cadell noted that she'd misplaced the notes she'd taken at the previous ANC-2C meeting and offered an apology. She said it is now leaf season and alley cleaning ends 31 October. Residents can still put in service requests for assistance as necessary. She noted that 515 D St NW is now finally cleaned up. Burton noted there still has been no cleanup action at 400 Massachusetts Ave NW.
10. **DC Office of the Inspector General Community Update, Ms. Jaime M. Yarussi, M.S., Deputy Inspector General for Business Management and Public Information Officer for the DC Office of the Inspector General, 202.727.5064, jaime.yarussi@dc.gov.** Yarussi provided an overview of exactly what the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) actually does and doesn't do. They conduct independent audits, inspections, and investigations, and evaluate district agencies for fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement. They check for efficiencies and ensure that programs are being run in accordance with stated policy. They look for things like Medicaid fraud. They cannot assist with tenant-landlord issues, DMV tickets, complaints against police, ABRA violations, etc. Additionally, the OIG does not provide status updates on where a complaint is at any given time. However, residents can access information via a FOIA request.
11. **Office of Campaign Finance, Fair Elections Program, Delores K. Ramsey, Supervisory Training Officer, 202.671.0552, deloris.ramsey3@dc.gov.** Ms. Belinda Hills-Perry, policy analyst with the Fair Elections program, provided an overview of the new program. She said it is an opportunity for DC to join the ranks of taking large corporate donors out of politics and leveling the playing field. The program allows more people a fair chance by matching funds 5 to 1 and a payment of a base allowance--the first half upon declaration and 2nd half upon making it to the ballot. Candidates must agree not to take corporate dollars or PAC money, must agree to limit contributions, and take part in a debate. Candidates are running for ward seats, ANCs, and the school board.



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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING:

1. **Jayhawk Lessee LLC, Hotel Monaco & Dirty Habit Restaurant at 700 F Street NW - ABRA 085256 - Substantial Change to Retailer's Class "C" Tavern.** Minora spoke on behalf of the licensee and noted that the goal of the change is to line up the ABRA license with the building occupancy certificate which allows for 548 people. The 548 number on the building cert is based on the square footage of the property. The current ABRA license only allows for 46 people inside the summer courtyard although there is space for more than that (between 50 and 70 seats). But because of the ABRA license, the owner can be fined if 50 people are in the courtyard. They do not plan to create any additional space. They just want the ABC and the building certificate to match in number. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support for a stipulated license and Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

2. **Fords Theater Society, 512 10th Street NW (DDOT --#337230) Marquee Projections: Other (Exception -- Not to Building Code).** Georgina Sperber, Senior Associate, OTJ Architects, 202.621.2022. Sperber presented the plan for the marquee projection. The first issue is that the canopy is supposed to project into public space and is subject to a public space review by DDOT. The canopy will look exactly the same as the canopy at 514 10th St NW. But there is a 2-foot grade to match the slope of the street. DDOT also wants Ford Theater to put fences around two trees for protection during construction. At the 512 location, there will be wall-mounted uplights, a metal and glass canopy and exterior wall sconces installed. At the 514 location, there will be wall-mounted uplights installed. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support to DDOT, Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

3. **Ford's Theater Society, 512/514 10th Street NW (BZA -- #20164) renovation project.** Dennis Hughes, Holland & Knight LLP, 202.419.2448. They made an application to the BZA for two special exceptions related to the addition. There is a rear yard special exception because the building is pushed back as far away from the street as possible, so there is no setback from the alley. The second is the penthouse setback special exception request and application for similar reasons. Both buildings predate CR-16, so they are non-conforming structures--hence the need for an exception. The hearing is set for 11 December. Shankle moved to send a letter of support related to BZA application for the setback and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)



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4. **Pepco's Capitol Grid project, Linda Greenan, Pepco External Affairs Manager/District of Columbia, linda.greenan@pepco.com.** Greenan provided an update on the grid project. They had come before the ANC in April to present it initially. Phase 1 was approved by the Public Service Commission in August. Construction will begin early next year. They are in the permitting process now. The 2C piece is on the National Mall and Pepco worked with the Architect of the Capitol and expects to proceed. The project has a ten-mile underground transmission line from Takoma Park, MD, to the Southwest Waterfront (essentially through the center of the city). They will work in segments and the first segment goes through the Harvard substation and from Harvard to Champlain then Champlain to Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon is a proposed new substation at 1st and K St NW. The commission has put that on hold for now and will look at that construction in Phase 2. From Mount Vernon to Southwest is the last segment. Each segment has different contractors who will all be working simultaneously to finish it in 2023. They will keep the ANC updated as they proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. **875 and 825 10th Street.** The commissioners discussed the proposal made by the Apartments at CityCenter to add two planters next to the entrances to each residence. Wilsey moved to approve both application and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
6. **1636 Connecticut Ave NW.** There was also a discussion regarding a proposed medical marijuana dispensary at 1636 Connecticut Ave NW in Dupont Circle. Because of the nature of the business, all of Ward 2 can provide feedback/input on the proposal. The commissioners voted to support the application. (Vote: 3-0-0)
7. **Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G St NW.** Shankle noted that the executive director of the library, Richard Reyes-Gavilan, would be present at the next ANC-2C meeting to provide an update on the reactivation of the MLK library and its Sep 2020 opening.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:17p.m. Wilsey moved to adjourn. Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Aungelic Nelson

Minutes approved by: ANC 2C Commissioners

Next meeting: 12 November, 6: 30pm, Wilson Building, Room G-9.