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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

JANUARY 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 14 January 2020

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

PRESENT: Aungelic Nelson, Nicole Goines, Sonya Smart, Michael Hamelin, John Sprague, Sidon Yohannes, Julie Hanson, Inez Saki-Tay, Angela Robinson, Jo-Anne Neuhaus, Peter Bayne, Geoff Dawson, Camila Misard, Norman Glasgow, Gene Weissman, Stephen Varga, Cozen O'Connor, Peter Fillat, Shawn Weingast, Andrew Huff, Ari Wright, Matt Minora, Farhad Mirzadeh, Jared Kline, Jeff Ruday, Hari Nathan Kalyan

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order made by Chair Kevin Wilsey at 6:35pm.
2. **OPENING REMARKS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Wilsey moved to approve the agenda. Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Wilsey moved to approve the December minutes, Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shankle provided the treasury report and noted that the balance at the beginning of December was \$53,813.48. There was one withdrawal for \$9.54 for printing. The balance at the beginning of January was \$53,803.94.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5. **Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Nicole Goines, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 2 Liaison, Nicole.Goines@dc.gov, 202.805.7122.** Goines introduced herself and her office's services. The mayor released her accountability report outlining her spending for the past year. The report focused on the areas the Bowser administration prioritized, such as education, jobs and economic development, safety, health, and wellness. Go to accountability@dc.gov to review the report. On Friday they will host a "New Year New Housing" housing event at the DC housing agency on Florida Avenue at 11am to highlight priorities as they work to achieve 36,000 new units by 2025. She encouraged residents to be aware as they walk through their neighborhoods and bring any concerns (such as broken sidewalks, broken streetlight, graffiti, etc.) to her office.
6. **MPD 2nd District Crime & Community Awareness, Lieutenant Michael Hamelin, Michael.Hamelin@dc.gov, 202.317.2028.** Lt Hamelin has been recently assigned to the area. He said that theft and theft from autos had increased. He is trying to address the issue by putting flyers out to warn people against leaving property visible in their cars. He is working



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with hotels to put flyers inside them too. Burglaries are a concern, so they are monitoring that as well. He noted that the dividing line between MPD 1 and MPD2 is 9th Street NW.

7. **Department of Public Works – Sonya Street.** Discussed collection of Christmas trees. Change for collection. The website said to call for a tree to be collected and composted, but most people were not aware of that and didn't call. So the city is doing a blitz to collect. For Ward 2, collection day was today, and the next is Friday. This is only for buildings with three or less units. Bigger buildings are responsible for their own tree removal.
8. **Street Vendor Enforcement.** Inez K. Saki-Tay, Community Outreach Specialist, Communications Department, Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, Inez.Saki-Tay@dc.gov, 202.299.2176 and Angela Robinson, Officer, 2nd District, MPD, angela.robinson2@dc.gov, 202.715.7300. Saki-Tay addressed the issue of unlicensed vendors operating in front of legitimate businesses with licenses and what if any, enforcement occurs. Her contention as that some of the locations where the vendors operate are federal property and do not fall under the jurisdiction of the city. DCRA does not have enforcement capability for individuals or businesses on federal lands (they have no authority to arrest or ticket). MPD is the DCRA's enforcement arm, but they also have no jurisdiction over federal land. That belongs to either the National Park Service or the Secret Service—with whom MPD does collaborate. The commission felt that as DCRA is the regulatory agency that issues licenses and permits to businesses, they should also be capable of enforcing that vendors obtain and maintain appropriate credentials. There was also some discussion about the possibility of DCRA being divided into two entities to better manage the workload. The suggestion was made to write letters to the at-large councilmembers (since Ward 2 no longer has a council member) and outline the issues businesses are facing with unlicensed vendors. After much discussion, it was determined that DCRA had not been sufficiently prepared to discuss actual solutions to the problem and that a senior supervisor, Vincent Parker, along with representatives from the Secret Service, MPD, NPS and Monumental Sports, would be invited to appear at the next ANC-2C meeting and discuss a collaborative path forward.

EVENTS IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

9. **Chinese Lunar New Year Parade. 26 January 2020. Rita Lee, Parade Committee Vice-Chair. Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association DC, ritacrllee@5168@gmail.com, 301.613.2795.** This is the year 4718, the year of the rat. The parade setup begins at 9 a.m. There will be about 35,000 attendees. The Lion Dance and other events like Shaolin Kung-Fu are on the agenda. The route will be the same as last year. Shankle moved to send a letter of support and Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
10. **#FITDC Herstory 5K Run/Walk, March 7, 2020. Julie Hanson, Hanson Productions, LLC, hpeventsdc@gmail.com, 703.644.6434.** Hanson made the presentation and said that she is representing EPR, and that this event is part of the mayor's #FitDC initiative for the district. The



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run begins at Freedom Plaza at 9am and set up will be the day before. Streets will reopen between 10-10:30am. They expect about 1000 participants. This run is in its second year. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

- 11. 14th Annual Police Week 5K. May 9, 2020. Julie Hanson, Julie Hanson, Hanson Productions, LLC, hpeventsdc@gmail.com, 703.644.6434.** This race will be the same as in previous years. There will be approximately 2500 participants. The race begins at 9 and streets will reopen between 10 a.m. and 10:30. There will be about 2500 participants. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
- 12. 7th Annual Race4Respect 5K & Kids Dash. June 6, 2020. Jeff Ruday, Event Director, Jeff Ruday Productions, jeff@jeffruday.com, 202.495.1870.** This run is to help eliminate discrimination against children with Down Syndrome. They expect about 1000 runners. MPD and the Park Police will be stationed along the route. They will not be using Freedom Plaza and streets will reopen around 11 a.m. Burton moved to send a letter of support and Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
- 13. 11th Annual Purple Stride Washington, DC 5K Run/Walk. June 13, 2020. Jeff Ruday, Race Director, Jeff Ruday Productions, jeff@jeffruday.com, 202.495.1870.** This is a fundraiser for pancreatic cancer research. Setup will begin the day before. The run is timed and will begin at 9 a.m. They expect about 3600 participants. There was some discussion about the ANC getting a calendar of all races as they seem to fill up a lot of weekends in our ANC. Shankle moved to send a letter of support for the race and Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
- 14. Marine Corps Marathon. October 25, 2020. Jared C. Kline, Operations Coordinator, Marine Corps Marathon, jared.kline@usmc-mccs.org, 703.432.1163.** This race is designed to promote fitness and community goodwill between the Marine Corps and the community. The race enters ANC-2C at 15th Street. No tunnels or highways are impacted. 30K sign up for marathon, 2K for the 50K, 8-10K for the 10K. The 10K begins on the National Mall. There will be water and medical stations. The website is www.marinecorpsmarathon.com. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support and Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING:

- 1. National Children's Museum, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW – ABRA-115739. Request for new ABRA license, Hari Nathan Kalyan, Esq., VP and General Counsel, Bluestone Lane. hari@bluestonelane.com, 917.653.0633. Matt Minora, Associate Attorney, Mallios & O'Brien PLLC, mminora@malliosobrien.com.** Bluestone will operate the café inside the Children's Museum and serve brunch, lunch and dinner. The hours are 7a-10p, the hours when alcohol could be served are noon – 10 p.m. There will be outdoor seating as well. They seek a full class license. Shankle moved to send a letter of support. Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)



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2. **600 13th Street NW (at 13th and G), Matt Minora, Associate Attorney, Mallios & O'Brien PLLC, mminora@malliosobrien.com.** Another application is for an outdoor café for food and beverage—but no liquor license. There will be 13 tables and 34 chairs in the former Johnson & Murphy space. There will be planters to separate the tables from the sidewalk. This application is currently with DDOT for planning and approval. Shankle moved to send a letter of support. Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
3. **Riot Act DC, LLC t/a Penn Social at 801 E Street NW (ABRA-086808). Substantial change to license – Retailer's Class "CX" Multipurpose Facility (Game of Skill Endorsement), Matt Minora, Associate Attorney, Mallios & O'Brien PLLC, mminora@malliosobrien.com.** They are applying for a "Game of Skill" endorsement added to the ABC license. This is not gambling as it is not a game of chance. There will be three tables total. One for eight players (on the ground level) and then two consoles for one or two players each on the first floor. The game is to shoot at dragons. This application is deemed a substantial change only because it is the first of its kind. They must keep the door closed, so noise will not be an issue. There was some discussion of violence being perpetuated with the game. Some residents felt that there are other games of skill that do not promote violence. Shankle moved to send a letter of support and Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
4. **Eddie V's Holdings, LLC t/a Eddie V's at 1001 Pennsylvania Ave NW—formerly Tadachi Grill. (ABRA-115492). New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License. Matt Minora, Associate Attorney, Mallios & O'Brien PLLC, mminora@malliosobrien.com.** This will be a high-end fine dining concept with seafood and steak. There will be 262 indoor seats and 89 in the summer garden for a total of 399. There will be a nightly jazz trio. The hours will be 11a-10p on Sunday, and 11a-11p Monday-Friday. On Saturday they will operate from 11a-midnight. The entertainment ends one hour prior to closing each night. There is currently one in Tyson's Corner and this is the first in DC. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support and Burton seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)
5. **The Cheesecake Factory Restaurants, Inc at 1426 H Street NW (ABRA-113566), New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License. Farhad Mirzadeh, Doyle, Barlow & Mazard PLLC, fmirzadeh@dbmlawgroup.com, 202.589.1834.** This will be in the old Woodward Table restaurant. There is already another location in Chevy Chase, so this will be the second. It is family-friendly and there will be seating for 300 inside and 70 in the sidewalk café. The hours will be 1130a-11p Monday-Thursday, 10a-12:30a Saturday and 10a-11p Sunday. Patrons will have to come into the restaurant to access the sidewalk café. They hope to open by July. Burton moved to send a letter of support and Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
6. **Taste LLC, 916 G ST NW – (ABRA – 115513). New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License with Sidewalk Café Endorsement. Sidon Yohannes, The Veritas Law Firm, syohannes@thevertaslawfirm.com, 202.686.7600.** The commission agreed to send a



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conditional letter of support pending sound mitigation. There will not be live music, just background music. There was some discussion about the lateness of operation on Saturday. Shankle recommended supporting the ABRA license if it is amended to 11pm pending the board's email to the residents—if the residents don't approve. The ANC will work with Matt to do a settlement agreement. Wilsey moved to send the letter of support and Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE:

7. **900 F Street NW (corner of 9th and F Streets NW), New Sidewalk Café Un-Enclosed (DDOT – 0758512). Riggs R&B LLC. Matt Minora, Associate Attorney, Mallios & O'Brien PLLC, 202.625.7700, mminora@malliosobrien.com.** The commission decided to reassess the café seating after the first four months to determine if the last table on that corner needs to be removed so as not to impede pedestrian traffic. The restaurant representative stated that their concern is the customer experience, so if patrons are avoiding that table due to crowding, they will remove it anyway. Shankle moved to send a letter of support and strongly encourage them to remove the last table and umbrella from the F Street side to alleviate congestion, and Burton seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)
8. **900 F Street NW (corner of 9th and F Streets NW), Canopy (DDOT – 340810). Riggs R&B LLC. Ari Wright, Lore Group, 510.827.8166, ari.w@loregroup.com.** The canopy was initially rejected by DDOT so they are seeking a variance. Shankle recommended that both variances be approved—one for five feet and one for ten feet. Shankle moved to send a letter of support that DDOT approve the variances to replace the canopy in kind. Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

1. **Johns Hopkins University. Support for Bill 23-564—"Modification of the Freedom Forum, Inc. Real Property tax Exempt Act of 2019," Andrew Huff, Director of Community Relations & Outreach, Sibley Memorial Hospital, whuff2@jhmi.edu, 202.660.5156.** JHU requires a legislative fix for the old Newseum building to no longer operate as a museum. There is also a stipulation in which the Newseum paid the city \$2M, but as an educational entity, JHU will not have to make that payment. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support to amend the local code governing that property. Shankle seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)
2. **H Street Hotel. Historic Preservation Review Board. Shawn R. Weingast, ACUMEN Companies, General Counsel, Director of Capital Markets, shawn@acumencos.com, 202.536.260 and Peter A. Fillat III, Fillat + Architecture, peter.fillat@pfarc.com, 202.373.1535.** In this hotel, the rooms will begin on the second floor. The first floor will house a coffee shop, bar/lounge area, and a small lobby. The space may become a music venue or be turned into vending space for four vendors. Fifty percent of the ground level must be commercial per



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Chinatown guidelines. Additionally, the building is required to have two loading bays, but there is only one—this requires a variance. There was some discussion from a local Chinese housing advocate, who was concerned that the actual remaining Chinese community isn't being taken into account with the development planning—in terms of remaining community space. As this is only the concept design phase, the commission directed that all stakeholders (Chinatown Steering Committee, developers, tenants' rights organizations, and the ANC) take part in future meetings to determine a way forward that includes Chinese residents. Fillat agreed to a dialogue. Shankle moved to send a letter of support to the historic preservation review board for the design concepts of the property, and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

3. **DC Superpack LLC, (450 Mass Ave NW), Special exception under Subtitle I-303.1(a) an U-513.1(a), and an area variance under Subtitle U-513.1(a)(2) to permit the operation of an animal boarding use (BZA-20201). Stephen Varga, Planning Services Director, Cozen O'Connor, SVarga@cozen.com, 202.747.0770.** The request was made to for a BZA application to rezone so that animal 24/7 boarding (doggie daycare) is allowed in the space on the ground floor of 450 Mass NW—a commercial building. There will be no grooming or veterinary services on site. They expect between 50-55 dogs at any given time. It was previously a convenience store and drycleaner. Wall space is shared with an adjoining apartment unit. More soundboard will be put in place in those areas that abut. But the dogs won't be near that wall. Waste management, noise, and air filtration mitigation are in place to lessen the impact on the surrounding environment. Shankle moved to send a letter of support and Wilsey seconded. (Vote:3-0-0)
4. **Canterbury Apartment Building (corner of 3rd and G Streets NW). Design review applications, CFA (SL 20-094) and HPRB (HPA 20-113). Gene Weissman, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Vice President, Architecture Incorporated, genew@archinc.com, 703.390.2062 and Norman Glasgow, Equity Partner, Holland & Knight LLP, 202.419.2460, norman.glasgowjr@hklaw.com.** They are in the concept approval phase and are in the process of choosing colors for the walls and window/door trim. The rooms will be small but with larger common areas. The goal is to keep the exterior in line with existing historic structures. There will be a speakeasy entrance in the back alley and a rooftop terrace. Shankle moved to send a letter of support to the Commission on Fine Arts and a letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:34 p.m. Wilsey moved to adjourn. Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Aungelic Nelson

Minutes approved by: ANC 2C Commissioners

Next meeting: 11 February, 6: 30pm, John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, Room G-9.



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