



Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

July 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 14 July 2020

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Wilsey called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS**
3. **QUORUM:** A quorum of three of three commissioners present.
4. **OPENING REMARKS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Wilsey notes additions to the agenda, including approval of the quarterly financial report along with the treasurer's report. Add artistic rendering of the call boxes in the downtown area by Downtown Business Improvement District to New Business. Wilsey made motion to approve agenda, seconded by Burton. (Vote 3-0-0)
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** April and June minutes – Wilsey and Burton have not had an opportunity to look over June. Wilsey suggests moving approval for both sets of minutes to August meeting as well as July. Wilsey made motion to approve, seconded by Burton. (Vote 3-0-0)
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shankle provided the June treasurer's report. The current balance as of end of June was \$56,821.04. There had been one District Allotment of \$1,821.05.

FY2020 Q3 Financial Report For the period of Apr-June 2020, Shankle noted Quarterly Financial Filing is due shortly. He stated quarter began with \$54,995.99, with a District Allotment of \$1,821.05 for Q2 FY20. The balance at the end of the quarter was \$56,817.04. Quarter started \$4 short. This issue has been solved at the ANC Office as a bank issue. Shankle made a motion to approve ANC Quarterly Financial Report, FY20 Q3, and was seconded by Wilsey. (Vote 3-0-0).

BRIEF COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

7. **Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison, Nicole Goines, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 2 Liaison, Nicole.Goines@dc.gov:** Goines reported data from July 13, 2020 includes 40 new cases which brings overall positive Covid-19 case load to 10,946. Free Covid and antibody testing is

available. For Ward 2 the Judiciary Square F St. location between 4th and 5th St. NW is open Monday-Friday 10am-2pm for testing. Preregistration available at www.coronavirus.dc.gov/register. Opened 3rd antibody testing site at Tacoma Rec Center 300 Van Buren St. NW. The other two locations are Canal Park in SE and Hillcrest Rec Center in NE. All require an appointment. Please call (855) 363-0333 to schedule. For all other testing sites, you can preregister or walkup.

Partnering with CDC to learn more about the spread of Covid-19 along with DC Health Department. 850 randomly selected households will be selected to participate in an invite only antibody testing. Will include all people living in the household. Age limit for youngest is 6. Free transportation to and from the testing site and a prepaid VISA card.

Noting there is a delay on pools reopening. For Ward 2 there is a staggered opening for Volta Park, it will be closing on August 25. Francis Pool at N St. NW will be closing September 2, Jelleff Pool will close around the same time as Volta Park.

Mayor has announced the DDOT will install car free lanes in high use areas to ensure that travel is equitable for all. 7th St. to Mass and Penn will be a test pilot for them. More info on DDOT's website. Shankle notes he and Wilsey had a meeting with DDOT to discuss the car free lanes and will be hosting a special meeting to discuss information, will share notice of intent, email Shankle if interested in that information.

- 8. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Jonathan Dorrough, Jonathan.Dorrough@dc.gov, and/or Sgt. Erica Dortch-Jones, Erica.Dortch-Jones@dc.gov.** Dorrough notes a quiet month. For the year looking at 30% reduction in violent and property crimes. Much lower levels due to Covid-19. They are still seeing disorderly behavior in Chinatown, an increase, some has shifted north into Ward 6. As things reopen, Dorrough believes they will receive complaints about disorderly conduct. The approach to what is enforced and how will need to be considered. Two robberies – one related to sale of single cigarettes and one involving a homeless gentleman and a group of juveniles that assaulted him. Those are the only two violent crimes in the last 30 days.

Shankle asks for update on marijuana sales moving from McDonald's up the street. Dorrough notes that there are some narcotic sales, that the sellers are very mobile and that MPD have been following them for the last month. There's not one particular spot. He notes that there have not been any Operations in the last month, as this must be arranged with Crime Suppression or Narcotics, who haven't been available in the past month. Dorrough requests narcotics alerts be sent to him as community requests assists in getting the resources to address.

- 9. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Renato Caldwell, Renato.Caldwell@dc.gov, and/or Lieutenant Michael Hamelin, Michael.Hamelin@dc.gov.** Hamelin notes a spike in property crime last month

due to events that took place with riots and protests. Since then have returned to a normal state. Property crime is down. Not much violent crime. Capital One at 12th and F St. had a robbery today, no suspect on the scene but a lot of video footage. The FBI will be investigating with MPD. No one was injured in the robbery. City Center is one of the biggest targets for theft, also the corridor along F St. from 10th to 13th have a lot of theft. For this month, down significantly from last month. Back on par for where they were prior to riots / protests. A lot at CVS, Sephora. Lieutenants and Captains have been visiting the stores to see if there's anything they can do to reduce the quantity of theft. Do increase officer presence to try to deter theft as well.

10. The Department of Public Works, Wendy Cadell, Inspector,
Wendy.Cadell@dc.gov. No one present from DPW.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

11. Holiday Market, F St. NW between 7th and 9th St. NW with street closure, November 20 to December 23, 2020. Mike Berman, Director of the Downtown Holiday Market, MBerman@HIS.org. Berman states Holiday Market has been going on for 15 years, 14 in same location on the sidewalk. They are requesting a change in operation in order to accommodate social distancing and protocols for pandemic protection. They need a wider area to circulate than the sidewalk previously used. Requesting to close F St. between 7th and 9th St. NW for the period of the whole market. Would need to shut down earlier as the build takes about a week. Has provided map and details about the market. Berman will talk to the City and Emergency Task Force this upcoming week to find out how the different agencies and Mayor feel about it. Company also run farmers markets and are currently operating one in SW as well as Eastern Market, operating with City approval and in a safe manner for participants. Berman reviewed the map and protocols. Noted stage and entertainment is not something that is occurring right now in the city.

Wilsey asks if they have been in contact with Hotel Monaco. Berman states the Downtown BID has started the conversation with the Hotel Monaco and that he will follow up to create synergy with them. Wilsey also asked if they had been in contact with Olivia as well, Berman notes that details need to be reviewed with them. Wilsey concerned if there's no traffic on 7th St. NW how guests will get to the Hotel Monaco. It was Berman's intent to buy out parking for Hotel Monaco on 7th St. but if that space will not be available, he will work with them on alternative plans. Second plan is 8th St. If that doesn't work, they will rework the plan to make something work on F St. Berman states that they will modify or update as needed. Seeking input as well as the Letter of Support from the ANC. The Mayor's Special Event Task Force is not meeting in its traditional way but are accommodating review of the presentation on this plan. Mayor's

Office of Community Engagement will also have a significant role. Berman will send Wilsey the contact information.

Wilsey states he is in favor as long as Hotel Monaco guests can be accommodated. Makes motion to send Letter of Support, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 3-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABRA)

12. Jemal's Bulldog, LLC and Atlas Hospitality Group, LLC, 1011 K St. NW (ABRA-116918). New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License. Matt Minora, mminora@malliosobrien.com.

Steve O'Brien states that the license is for the ground floor restaurant which has its own sidewalk café, and the rooftop. The hotel has its own liquor license. When the hotel applied for their license, it included the rooftop. An agreement was negotiated with the 1010 Condominium Association regarding hours, screening, etc. As business plans evolved, the hotel is not going to run the rooftop, it is going to be run by the restaurant under the restaurant license. Phil Gardner with Douglas Development has been in contact with the Condo Association and trying to "transfer" the settlement agreement that was already negotiated to this application. Believes the Association is satisfied with this. Kate Kronquist, President of the 1010 Condominium Association notes there is an agreement and that it was provided to Shankle. The Condo Association wants to make sure the settlement agreement and terms are attached to the granting of the new license, as settlement agreement does talk about the terms of the south facing summer garden, entertainment hours, and alcohol service hours.

O'Brien would like to execute a one page settlement agreement for this license that incorporates Exhibit A which is the settlement agreement. Kate finds that agreeable. O'Brien notes everything in the application conforms to the agreement.

Wilsey asks O'Brien to send the document to him upon completion. Wilsey makes a motion to send a letter of support for the new license pending that receipt, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 3-0-0)

13. Iraklion, LLC, 1412 I St. NW (ABRA-116082). Transfer of Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub License. Richard Bianco, Esq, Rich@lawrijb.com. Bianco states the application is to transfer a "C" license to 1412 I St. NW. The nightclub to operate on 4 floors plus rooftop deck. 675 seats, 1,100 total occupancy, with a 100-person rooftop deck. Hours of operation 8am-3am Sunday-Thursday, 8am-4a Friday-Saturday. Hours of alcohol sales and service 8am-2am Sunday-Thursday, 8am-3am Friday and Saturday. Director of Operations John Fierido listed experience with mega nightclubs in the area. Notes this will employ 250 TIPS trained people from the DC area and have state of the art security. Protective measures are in place for noise mitigation – a sound barrier board will

be built inside so no sound can go through. At the entrance doors a second set of fire rated doors will be installed. The second set of doors cannot be opened until the first set closes completely. For the roof deck they will be using a barrier wall deflector similar to what airports use. The roof deck will have no alcohol or music. It is a smoking area only. There is a garage next door that is primarily used for daytime parking that may provide valet service. There will be no lights or signage added. Security staffing will be in house, trained properly. Human trafficking is covered in special training programs. Plan to have a direct contact with the FBI if anything comes up. Also work with the Secret Service regarding counterfeit money. For anything else they will work closely with the MPD. Fierido reviewed some items they look for in human trafficking and what kind of communication can be taught to help identify trafficking and discussed protocol for follow up.

Wilsey states this is new for the downtown area. The last business like this had no issues. The area is not considered residential. Shankle notes that two individuals requested a delay in approval so more community input could be received.

Shannon Mulsey 1444 I St. Manager notes they were just notified of the change. They are having issues with the Opera Nightclub which isn't open as regularly or open during the day. States it is a busy area next to Metro with high homeless population and commuters. They experience urination and defecation, glass breaking calls, smoking. Employees have had altercations between buildings or going toward the park. Their building looks over the club location. She suspects pushback from other buildings in the area.

Lyle Blanchard representing SPJ Properties that own 805 15th St NW notes that they sold the license to the property in 2008. When sold, there was a restrictive covenant that stated the property was not supposed to be used as a nightclub or discotheque that has any kind of entertainment or dancing. If applicant does not withdraw, they will be filing in DC Superior Court to enforce the covenant.

Bianco states that they are aware of the deed issue. States it is pending legal issue but not before the ANC. Bianco states this will not impact peace, order, quiet or any other factors appropriate for ANC consideration.

Blanchard requests deferral to August 11 meeting so that other property owners and tenants can let their concerns be known to the ANC.

Wilsey notes deferral is well advised. ANC's concern is the ABRA license and the appropriateness of it. Given that, he does want to hear from others in the neighborhood. Burton notes it may be helpful for Bianco to speak to the business owners in that Ward.

Wilsey states no downside to taking another month to look at it. Fierido states that there will be extensive security cameras that go all the way to 14th St and that they will be paying for MPD officers. It will bring people and jobs in that alley. Having the business occupied and good security cameras will reduce the

number of issues and allow more of a presence in the alley. They will keep the alley immaculate and safe. Mulsey states MPD has access to cameras already in place and has not been helpful. Also concerned about parking access to patrons. They currently have security on site to 11pm. With opening of this business, they would increase security to 24 hours which is an expense they are unable to incur.

Shankle moves to table decision until August 11, seconded by Burton. Burton requests they add the Commissioners from 2F that are in that area to the meeting. Wilsey makes formal motion to table decision, seconded by Burton. (Vote 3-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION / PUBLIC SPACE

- 14. Tamak SPN, LLC, Cranes, 724 9th St. NW (DDOT-10795847) New Sidewalk Café Un-Enclosed. David Tracz, Projectdox@studio3877.com and Pepe Moncayo, Pep@cranes-dc.com.**

Leslie states Cranes is a Spanish Japanese fine dining restaurant that opened in February. They have this seating presently on a temporary basis through Mayor's Streatery Program. Proposing (7) two top tables permanently. Shankle made motion to send letter of support, seconded by Wilsey. (Vote: 3-0-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- 15. 717-719 H St. NW, NE corner of 8th and H St. NW (HPA 20-345), Historic Preservation Review Board Application to plan renovation and restoration of the building to deliver new retail and office space. Whitney Robinette, Principal, L3 Capital LLC, Whitney.Robinette@L3Capital.com.**

Robinette states Eleanor Krause Senior Associates with MV+A Architecture also on call. Robinette states they are planning a gut rehab on the interior and a full restoration on the exterior in order to deliver prime retail and office space. Just under 10,000sq. ft. Goal to start construction before the end of the year. Anticipate 9-12 months of construction. Krause states she is a qualified historic architect and lists items on exterior to be addressed. Review of concept drawings. They have worked with DC Historic Preservation on this plan. Planning to work closely with whatever tenants Whitney and team find to make sure signage stays within Chinatown guidelines.

Wilsey and Shankle both appreciate the design and approach. Wilsey made motion to approve, seconded by Shankle.

- 16. Loving Angel's Health Care. Wah Luck House, 800 6th St. NW, Certificate of Need to establish new health facility or service. Demi Kelley, RN, Owner, Loving Angel's Health Care, info@lovingangels.care.**

Zixiang Sun notes they are a home health care agency in VA that coordinates home care aides who speak Chinese with seniors to accomplish their daily tasks. Newly in DC, they want to serve the senior Chinese American population in DC. Approximately 200 seniors in the Wah Luck House. About 60 of them are over 65 and realize they need home health aides, but they don't speak English and won't work well with a non-Chinese speaking aide. Not aware of any current agencies providing this service. Shankle asks Sun to confirm that the letter of support for the Certificate of Need is operating in the existing building. Sun confirmed that they have an office in DC, but the aides will go to the senior's locations. Wilsey notes that this service has been provided in the past but did not do well due to lack of Chinese speaking aides. Shankle made motion to approve sending the Letter of Support for their Certificate of Need to the Department of Health, and Wilsey seconded.

NEW BUSINESS:

17. Call Boxes Mazi Mutafa Executive Director of Words Beats & Life, arts consultant for Past is Present. When application was submitted it was missing some detail so reapplying. Call Box Art Project supported through the Public Arts Building Communities Grant. Effort to call artists to transform what was once a tool for public safety to become a tool of public history and imagination. 12 diverse artists have been chosen to be part of this outdoor 'street art' gallery. Mutafa provided a review of Call for Artists entries. Grant Application due July 2020. Provided grant is received, paint removal, priming, repairs, outreach and permitting would happen November 2020-April 2021. April-June 2021 painting, July 2021 unveiling and walking tour. Mutafa believes the Letter of Support from last year will work if the date is changed. Wilsey will send the Letter of Support to Rachel and Ebony at the BID. Wilsey moves to submit the updated letter, seconded by Shankle.

18. Events DC Theresa DuBois Senior Community Engagement Manager noted that the Events DC Community Grant Program deadline to submit is August 1 2020. This is Cycle 1 of FY21 Grant. Two cycles happen every year. Funding increased from \$200,000 to \$500,000 so each cycle will be \$250,000. The funding is for DC based non-profit organizations that work with DC youth in sports, entertainment arts or cultural arts. Individual grant rewards would range from \$2,500 to \$25,000. List of past recipients can be seen on website www.eventsdc.com. Will be inviting Commissioners to grant constituents tickets to Park Up, the pop-up drive-in movie theater at the RFK Memorial Stadium.

ADJOURNMENT: Wilsey moved to adjourn, and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Gayle Gardner

Minutes approved by: ANC 2C Commissioners

Next meeting: 11 August, 6:30pm

Minutes Approved: August 11, 2020