

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 8, 2022

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Gigi Nelson, and Commissioner Ellie Miske

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:01pm over Zoom (available at <https://www.anc2c.us/video-recordings>).
2. **INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Shankle introduced Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Miske.
3. **QUORUM:** A quorum of three of three commissioners present.
4. **OPENING REMARKS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shankle reviewed the agenda (available at www.anc2c.us). Shankle noted the following additions to the agenda: an update on the Legacy Pat Handy Shelter under "Community Announcements," two 5K run/walk events under "Local Events that Impact the Community," an ABRA update for Tom's Watch Bar, and a discussion about the continuation virtual ANC meetings. Miske motioned to approve the February 2022 agenda, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 3-0-0)
5. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2022 MINUTES:** Nelson motioned to approve the January 2022 minutes, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0)
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Nelson provided the following updates:
 - a. **Revision to the December 2021 Financial Report.** The December 2021 statement was revised because two checks did not clear during the month. The opening balance stayed the same at \$62,812.54. The new closing balance is \$62,779.54. There was a \$33.00 change of activity for the stock payment.
 - b. **FY2022 First Quarter Financial Report.** There were two District allotments for a total of \$3,642.10. The total funds available during the quarter were \$63,162.54. The ending balance for the quarter was \$62,779.54. Miske motioned to approve the First Quarter Financial Report, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 3-0-0)
 - c. **January 2022 Financial Report.** The opening balance was \$62,779.54. The closing balance was \$62,254.54. There was a \$525.00 change of activity for three checks written for meeting minutes, each in the amount of \$175.00.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto Update – Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, Constituent Service Coordinator for Ward 2**

Rodriguez provided updates from Councilmember Pinto's office. First, the Ward 2 COVID Center is located at 926 F Street NW. It provides vaccinations, testing, and masks. Second, the Business and Entrepreneurship Support to Thrive (BEST) Act that Councilmember Pinto introduced last year had its first hearing. The Act aims to simplify and streamline the business licensing process for small business owners. Third, Councilmember Pinto sent a letter to Mayor Bowser with her fiscal year 2023 budget priorities. Fourth, agency performance oversight hearings are taking place during February and the beginning of March. These oversight meetings help the Council as they craft the budget for fiscal year 2023; constituents are encouraged to participate. Fifth, the Mayor will send her proposed budget to the Council on March 16, 2022 and the first Council vote will be take place on May 10, 2022. Lastly, the ANC redistricting task force is meeting weekly via Zoom at 6:45pm; these are public meetings open for attendance.

Constituent Howard Marks noted that he is a representative on the 2C redistricting task force. Marks and the Commissioners agreed to find a time to talk about the developments of the task force.

2. Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Joe Florio, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 2 Liaison, Joseph.Florio@dc.gov, (202) 805-7122.

Florio provided general updates from the Mayor's office. First, the Mayor is having two budget engagement forums this month: the senior budget engagement forum is on February 10, 2022 at 12pm, and a District-wide budget engagement forum is on February 16, 2022 at 6pm. Second, Florio provided a few COVID updates: the full vaccination mandate goes into effect on February 15, 2022, Mayor Bowser recently opened COVID Centers for every Ward, and the mask mandate was extended until the end of February. Third, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development just re-released funding into The Bridge Fund, aimed at local and small businesses impacted by the pandemic. The application to apply to the Fund closes on February 25, 2022 at 5pm. Fourth, Florio got confirmation that the alleyway between 5th and 6th Street just north of H Street NW will be on the 2022 Alley Restoration Plan.

Shankle raised concerns he heard from constituents about the encampments on New York Avenue between 11th and 12th Street. Florio said the City is well aware of the encampment and noted that this encampment is not within the Coordinated Assistance and Resource for Encampments (CARE) Pilot Program so the City is following its normal procedures with Pathways to Housing. Shankle motioned to send a letter of resolution to DMHHS asking for the extension of the CARE Pilot Program with wraparound support services to the encampment at New York Avenue between 11th and 12th Street, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0)

3. Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6, callen@dccouncil.us, 202.724.8072

No one from Councilmember Allen's office showed up. Miske mentioned that she and Commissioner Nelson had one-on-one meetings with Councilmember Allen.

4. **MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Jonathan Dorrough, Jonathan.Dorrough@dc.gov, 202.729.2179 , and/or Lieutenant George Donigian, Jr., george.donigian@dc.gov**

Captain Dorrough provided the monthly crime report. There were two violent crimes this month: a sexual abuse allegation with an arrest on the 400 block of 8th Street NW and a robbery of a delivery driver. Property crimes are up significantly in every category. MPD is focusing on theft from auto and increasing its presence throughout the city. Robberies of establishments are also a concern to MPD and they have put some overtime units in place. Finally, MPD just went through the process of officers picking their new beats and days off. During this process, MPD revamped the Chinatown unit.

Constituents raised concerns about safety and crimes that do not get reported. Captain Dorrough emphasized that it is important to raise concerns about safety to local leaders and noted that MPD is short-staffed.

5. **MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Lieutenant Michael Hamelin, michael.hamelin@dc.gov, (202) 715-7340, and/or Sergeant John Sprague, john.sprague@dc.gov**

No updates provided.

6. **Update on Legacy Pat Handy Shelter. DC Department of Human Services. David Ross, Chief of Staff, 202.299.5549, david.ross@dc.gov**

David Ross and Lisa Franklin, the Capital Operations Project Manager, provided an update regarding the Legacy Pat Handy Shelter. The men who occupy the shelter were supposed to transition to their new shelter in March/April 2022. However, there are delays with the construction and the transition is now pushed back to the summer.

Shankle expressed his concerns and the frustrations of the community regarding the delay of the transition. He asked how DHS plans to fix the issues that have existed for 2 years now and the issues that persist with the delays. Shankle's biggest concern is that the men are not going to be moved out of the shelter. Ross said that there are no discussions whatsoever for the men to stay at the shelter permanently. Miske and multiple constituents raised additional concerns about the housing conditions, safety, and the impacts to the community and asked for small, practical measures until the men move out. The Commissioners agreed to invite Osei Headley from DGS to give an update about the construction.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

1. **#FITDC HerStory 5K Run/Walk. Saturday, March 19, 2022, Jewel Hanson, hpeventsdc@gmail.com, 703.307.2734.**

Jewel Hanson started her presentation about the #FITDC HerStory 5K run/walk. The event is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Mayor's Office. Set up will begin on Freedom Plaza on March 19, 2022 and continue in the early morning on Pennsylvania Avenue from 12th to 14th Street. The race will follow the normal 5K route for

Saturdays. The race will begin at 10am, finish around 11am, and the streets will be cleared by 11:30am. They expect about 2,000 participants. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the #FITDC HerStory 5K run/walk, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0)

2. Colon Cancer Alliance: Scope it Out 5K. Sunday, March 27, 2022, Jewel Hanson, hpeventsdc@gmail.com, 703.307.2734.

Jewel Hanson started her presentation about the Scope it Out 5K. The event is sponsored by the Colorectal Cancer Alliance. Most of the setup is on Pennsylvania Avenue during the early morning of Sunday, March 27, 2022. The race will begin at 9am, finish around 10am, and the streets will reopen at 10:30am. They expect about 1,500-2,000 participants. Miske motioned to send a letter of support for the Scope it Out 5K run, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABRA)

1. Tom's Watch Bar. Community Agreement Reached.

Shankle provided an update about Tom's Watch Bar. Two meetings ago, the ANC filed a letter of protest against Tom's Watch Bar. Since then, a community agreement was met in mediation and an agreement was submitted to ABRA for review and consideration. The agreement will be heard at the next ABRA meeting. The agreement asks Tom's Watch Bar to remove certain speakers that are attached to the walls adjacent to the Residences at Gallery Place at 777 7th Street NW, provide appropriate contacts to resolve concerns, and for Tom's Watch bar to acknowledge concerns within 72 hours and provide strategies within 30 days. If this agreement does not prove to work, the establishment will meet with the Residences at Gallery Place to make next steps.

Shankle also provided an update about Ultrabar located on F Street NW. The ANC will move forward with a protest after putting the motion on hold for a year while the establishment was closed during the pandemic. There will be mediation in the upcoming weeks.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

1. Tatte Bakery and Café, 1090 I St NW, New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed. (DDOT #10909811). Debra Moyer, Project Director, Restaurant Consultants, Inc., 410-827-9002, debra@restconsultant.com.

Brendan Boyle from Tatte and Debra Moyer presented an application for a new sidewalk cafe. The patio will be located along the façade of the building on I Street, adjacent to the pedestrian walkway. It will consist of 20 tables for a total of 58 seats. The hours of operation are 7am-9pm daily. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the new sidewalk café at Tatte Bakery and Café, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0)

2. **11th Street NW Bus Priority Project Implementation and Concept Map. Spring Worth, Project Manager, Transit Delivery Division, District Department of Transportation, 202.359.0481, spring.worth@dc.gov.**

Yohannes Benneholf, a project manager from DDOT presented the 11th Street NW Bus Priority Project from Pennsylvania Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue. The Project is in the conceptual design phase. He displayed the two proposed concepts. Both create protected bike lanes through the entire corridor and provide a safer rider experience. The DowntownBID asked for an alternative concept map that would protect the eatery on H Street. The Project is also looking to rebalance the E and F Street stops, reconfigure the I Street and New York Ave intersection, and reconfigure how L Street interacts with Massachusetts Ave.

The Commissioners were supportive. Constituents can provide feedback via email, a Google Form on the DDOT website, or phone call. Construction is scheduled for FY2023.

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. **Penn Social LLC, 801 E Street NW -- Change Cafe Hours of Operation (DDOT – 10898602). Matthew Minora, 202.625.7700, mminora@malliosobrien.com.**

No one from Penn Social showed up. Shankle has been in communication with Matthew Minora, who represents Penn Social, regarding the extension of the café hours and the existing settlement agreement between The Lexington and Penn Social. Nelson called The Lexington but was not able to get in touch with anyone. Shankle will send the email correspondence with Minora and the settlement agreement to the Commissioners for review.

2. **RPM Restaurant LLC, Occupancy Permit, Tracking # 10904661, Veritas Law Firm, akline@theveritaslawfirm.com, 202.686.7600**

No one from RPM showed up. Shankle was able to make contact with RPM and invite them to the meeting, but no one showed up for the second month in a row. Commissioners agreed to table the item until next month.

OTHER

1. **Installation of bollards at a cross walk along I Street at CityCenterDC. Timothy R. Lowery, Director, Hines, 202.289.9000, timothy.lowery@hines.com.**

No one from CityCenter showed up. Shankle provided his understanding of the situation. According to Timothy Lowery, there have been several instances of cars pulling into pedestrian walkway. The installation of bollards would prevent cars from pulling in the walkway. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the installation of the bollards, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0)

2. **Continuation of virtual meetings.** The ANC can continue to hold virtual meetings through May 2022, and will most likely be able to extend virtual meetings through September 2022.

The Commission will explore a hybrid model when the time comes and intends on providing a virtual option available.

- 3. Additional announcements.** Nelson got an email from Templeton Academy; the school's director will present at the next meeting to introduce the school to the community. Miske will also invite Councilmember Allen

ADJOURNMENT: Miske made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm, seconded by Nelson. Commissioners were in favor of adjourning meeting (Vote 3-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Laura Stateler

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: March 8, 2022, 6:00PM

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