

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

July 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 12, 2022

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

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.
3. **QUORUM:** A quorum of two of two commissioners present.
4. **OPENING REMARKS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shankle noted the vacancy of the ANC 2C02 position. That seat will soon be part of Ward 6. Shankle also noted that ANC 2C has expanded after the new redistricting boundaries and the Commission will add two more Commissioners. Shankle reviewed the agenda (available at www.anc2c.us). Nelson motioned to approve the July 2022 agenda, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 2-0-0)
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2022 MINUTES:** June 2022 minutes are not available and will be approved at the next meeting.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Nelson provided the June 2022 Treasurer's Report. The opening balance was \$66,919.71. There was one transaction in the amount of \$175.00 for the meeting minutes. The closing balance was \$66,744.71.

Nelson also provided the Third Quarter Financial Report. The opening balance for the quarter was \$61,846.54. The receipts for the quarter totaled \$5,423.17. The total disbursements were \$525.00 for the meeting minutes. The ending balance for the quarter was \$66,744.71. Shankle motioned to approve the Third Quarter Financial Report, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Julius Terry, Ward 2 Liaison Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCR), julius.terry@dc.gov, 202.805.7122**

Terry provided updates from the Mayor's Office. On July 19, 2022 at 1pm, there will be a multi-agency DC Nightlife Task Force town hall. Mayor Bowser would like to hear from businesses, workers, and residents regarding the nightlife culture. On July 14, there will be

an active shooter preparedness training. Commissioners are encouraged to join these two events and should email Terry if interested.

2. Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto Update -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202.724.8058, Victoria Casarrubias.

Casarrubias provided updates from Councilmember Pinto's Office. First, if residents notice rats, they can submit a 311 request for rodent inspection, treatment, and/or a new trash or recycling bin. DC Health is also hosting a two-day rodent academy at George Washington University. Second, DC Health is distributing monkeypox vaccines to residents 18 years or older who are members of the LGBTQ+ community. Residents should visit preventmonkeypox.dc.gov to check vaccine eligibility and appointment availability. Third, Councilmember Pinto's office attended the DC Nightlife Task Force town hall event today for U Street and will attend the town hall next week for Connecticut Avenue. Fourth, the Council is going into legislative recess from July 15 through September 15, 2022. Councilmember Pinto's office will be open and active throughout the recess.

Shankle raised concerns about access to the monkeypox vaccines and appointments via the DC Health website. Casarrubias said Councilmember Pinto's office will raise these concerns to DC Health.

Shankle also raised a concern about the vendor who established residency outside of the White House. Casarrubias said Councilmember Pinto's office is following up with DCRA and Pepco regarding the permits that apply to the vendor.

3. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Lieutenant Philip McHugh, Philip.McHugh@dc.gov, 202.763.9936

Lieutenant Philip McHugh introduced himself as the newly appointed lieutenant for MPD 1st District. Moving forward he or Captain Roth will be joining the ANC calls. Lieutenant McHugh provided the monthly crime updates. He attended the Downtown BID meeting a couple weeks ago and heard the concerns about the drug activity in the parks on 9th Street between New York and Massachusetts Ave. Had then had a meeting with the points of contact for MPD 1, MPD 2, and the Park Police to coordinate their actions regarding the drug activity. There was an uptick in robberies this month, specifically in the Chinatown area. The Chief has permitted extra overtime hours to patrol Chinatown during higher times of violence, between 10pm-4am. There have been two shootings in the last two weeks in Chinatown, and a carjacking last night. There has been a reduction in stolen vehicles and thefts from autos. In the last 30 days, stolen autos have decreased 33% and theft from autos have decreased 75%.

Shankle asked about the shootings in the Chinatown area. The first occurred on July 6 in front of Hotel Monaco; no one was hurt. The second one happened on July 11 on the 900 block of 7th street between a group of females. Shankle also raised concerns about the area between 5th and 6th Street just north of H Street. There are public health and public safety issues including urination and public intoxication.

Multiple constituents raised safety concerns and concerns about the two encampments at 9th Street and New York Avenue and 9th Street and Massachusetts Avenue. Concerns

were also raised about loud street noise on 11th and K Street and from motorcycles and ATVs in the middle of the night.

4. **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**

Lieutenant Hamelin had to jump off the call early.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

1. **Shelter Contract, 1009 11th Associates, LLC, Negative Impact on Community. Michael Edwards, me1s@comcast.net.**

There was a large showing of residents from the 1010 Mass community to support the letter written by Michael Edwards regarding the shelter located at 1009 11th Street.

Edwards provided an overview of the letter. He asked for two advisories from the ANC Commissioners. The first is to cancel contract TA23-0793, the lease for the shelter located at 1009 11th Street. The second is to advise DHS to reissue the request for space for three 65 bed facilities instead one 200 bed facility. Regarding the current contract, the ANC and the Councilmember did have time to provide written comments about the contract and there was no vote by the DC Council to approve the contract.

The Commissioners and various constituents discussed the contract, the concerns with the shelter, residential safety concerns, and the response by the various agencies involved in this shelter and the Pat Handy shelter.

Shankle motioned to send a letter asking the Mayor and DC Council to not renew the 1009 shelter lease and return the women to the Pat Handy Shelter, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

2. **2022 DC Bike Ride, Saturday, September 10, 2022. Diane Romo Thomas, Event Organizer, dianeromo-thomas@hotmail.com.**

Thomas gave an overview of the 2022 DC Bike Ride. The finish line for the event is on the 300 block of Maryland Avenue, inside ANC 2C. There will also be a festival at the finish line. The ride starts at 8am and ends at noon; the festival will wrap up at 2pm. They anticipate around 9,000 riders. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the 2022 DC Bike Ride, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABRA)

1. **Sunstone K9 Lessee, Inc, Renaissance Hotel, New Retailer's Class "B" 25% Beer and Wine, (ABRA-121685), 999 9th ST NW, Stephen J. O'Brien, sobrien@malliosobrien.com, 202.625.7700**

Mathew Minora presented in place of O'Brien. The Renaissance Hotel is applying for a New Retailer's Class "B" 25% Beer and Wine license and a stipulated license for a grab-and-

go market in the lobby of the hotel. The market will sell beer and wine to hotel guests. The hours of operation for the market are 6am-2am during the week and 6am-3am during the weekends. The hours for alcohol sales are from 7am-12am daily. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the New Retailer's Class "B" 25% Beer and Wine license, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0) Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the stipulated license, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

2. Mi Vida. New Retailer's Class C Restaurant (ABRA-121638), 575 7th ST NW, Matthew Minora, (202) 625-7700, mminora@malliosobrien.com.

Minora presented the New Retailer's Class C Restaurant license application for Mi Vida, a full service Mexican restaurant. The inside hours of operation are 8am-2am during the week and 8am-3am on weekends. There will be a sidewalk cafe endorsement for a total of 65 seats. The hours of operation for the sidewalk cafe are 8am-12pm during the week and 8am-2am on weekends. The restaurant is also applying for an entertainment endorsement that will have the same hours of operation as the inside. There are no residences nearby. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the New Retailer's Class C Restaurant license application, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

1. Mi Vida, 575 7th St NW, New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed (DDOT: 10940019), Dean Sartain, Innovator, ds@studio3877.com, 202.350.4244.

Sartain presented the New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed license for Mi Vida. The Public Space Review Board made comments to the plan that require the cafe to maintain a 10-foot clear sidewalk approach at the corner of the street. There will be 56 total seats in the cafe. All the fixtures and furniture are not permanent and removable. The hours of operation as part of the application are 11am-11pm daily. Shankle raised a concern about the planters on wheels and the possibility that they would get stolen. Sartain said that the planters have locking capabilities. Nelson motioned to send a letter of support for the sidewalk cafe, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 2-0-0)

2. City Swing, 901 New York Ave, NW, New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed (DDOT: 10933443), John Stokes, john@stokesplans.com, 240.257.5631.

No one showed up from City Swing. Nelson proposed to cover this at the next meeting.

3. 800-899 H ST NW, Replace Grating -- Electrical Vault Cover (DDOT- 390993), Jeffrey Owens, Owens Technologies, inc., jowens02@comcast.net, 301.213.4845.

Owens presented about grating replacements at the corner of 9th and H Street near the U.S. Mint headquarters building. Four electrical vault covers need to be repaired along with the surrounding brick sidewalk. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support to DDOT for the replacement of the electrical vault covers, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- 1. Façade (North-Facing) Art Installation. National Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Avenue NW. Kathryn Wat, Deputy Director for Art and Programs/Chief Curator and Hannah Shambroom, Exhibition Coordinator, 202-783-7375, hshambroom@nmwa.org.**

Shambroom gave a presentation about the National Museum of Women in the Art's newest public art initiative as part of the "Lookout" series. The purpose of Lookout is to install large-scale works of art by women on the exterior of the building while the museum is closed for a 2-year renovation. The next artist whose work will be displayed on the exterior of the building from October 2022 to February 2023 is Katharina Cibulka. She is an Austrian artist who specifically works at construction sites. She hand-stitches messages on scaffolding in bright pink thread that highlight gender-based inequities. She involved the local community to come up with the phrase on the scaffolding. Shambroom shared what the phrase was but asked that it be kept secret until the piece is installed. The museum asks for a letter of support just for their files; it does not need to be sent anywhere. Nelson motioned to provide a letter of support to the museum for the art installation, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 2-0-0)

- 2. T-Mobile, 726 7th Street NW. Installation of New Signage. Mark Sanchez, 703.577.0108**

Shankle displayed proposed signage for a new blade sign at the T-Mobile on 7th Street. The Office of Planning and Urban Design had no recommendations for the sign. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for T-Mobile sign, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

OTHER

- 1. Reproductive Healthcare Resolution.** Shankle read and explained the Reproductive Healthcare Resolution that ANC 2C was asked to sign by other ANCs. Constituent Howard Marks raised the point that signing this letter seems beyond the purpose and scope of the ANC, even though he agrees with the content of the letter. Nelson and Shankle agreed. Shankle motioned to table signing the resolution and further explore the purpose and use of the resolution, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)
- 2. No August Meeting.** Shankle reminded the Commission that there is no meeting in August. The next meeting is September 13, 2022 and will be a hybrid format.

ADJOURNMENT: Shankle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm, seconded by Nelson. Commissioners were in favor of adjourning the meeting (Vote 2-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Laura Stateler

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: September 13, 2022, 6:00PM

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