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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C
September 2026 Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 8, 2026
ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Jim Swart, Commissioner Nancy Groth, Commissioner Thomas Lee

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. (2026 September 8 ANC 2C Community Meeting (youtube.com).

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Four out of the four commissioners were present when the meeting was called to order.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:**

The commissioners introduced themselves.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: Groth moved to approve the agenda as modified. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

MOTION: Shankle moved to approve the August 26, 2026, minutes. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

6. **TREASURER REPORT:**

Commissioner Lee stated that there was no transactions to report for August 2026. In August, the opening balance was $23,582.40, and the closing balance was $23,582.40. The money market earned $120 per month. There were three checks for Minutes Services and Mr. Adam Schneider for field trips and school supplies.

Commissioner Shankle noted that checks could not be issued after September 30, 2026, until an approved budget was sent to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (OANC).

7. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Commissioner Shankle reported that they received a letter from the OANC that they were ready to assist ANC 2C in transitioning websites to a more user-friendly version. Commissioner Groth volunteered as the point of contact and invited Commissioners and members of the public to contact her with anything they would like included or excluded from the website.

MOTION: Shankle moved to approve Commissioner Groth as the point of contact for the website redesign. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. 1009 11th Street NW Shelter. Raessa Singh, Chief of Staff, Department of Human Services, raessa.singh@dc.gov; Tyler Edge, Special Assistant, Department of Human Services, 202-856-5125, tyler.edge1@dc.gov.

Raessa Singh, the Chief of Staff at the Department of Human Services (DHS), provided an overview of the women's shelter. The location was previously a swing space for Pat Handy, and it was anticipated to open in July 2026 as a low-barrier shelter. The project was delayed due to the federal funding reductions. DHS planned to keep the community involved by continuing ongoing communications with the ANCs and any other groups that wanted to meet. Raessa Singh confirmed that it would be a leased facility, and the property owner was doing the interior renovations. All rodent-infested material was removed and sanitized, and the shed where the infestation originated was demolished. Bi-monthly pest control was being done and would continue. On-site security personnel would patrol the interior and property line and would not be armed. Construction was expected to begin in October 2026 depending on permitting, and the opening was anticipated in late fall or early winter of 2027. The shelter would operate 24/7. The Community Partnerships for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) would be the vendor and responsible for securing a provider to operate the shelter.

A resident who lived across the alleyway from the building noted that she spotted rodents within the past few days. She raised concerns about the landlord given the unkempt grass area.

A resident noted that the property owner removed the shed because DHS required it. An abandoned generator was likely the new source of the rodent housing. The greenery was overgrown, and there were many rodents. He noted that the rodents appeared to be trying to get into the building. He asked DHS or the Department of General Services (DGS) to provide the April 8, 2024, notice and all attachments to show who it was sent to and when.

Jessica Lugg from DGS said she was not aware of the notice, but would look into it.

The resident asked if any ANC members had received the notice on April 8, 2024. Commissioner Shankle stated that, to his knowledge, there was no notice. Commissioner Swart also confirmed, after reviewing emails, that there was no record of receiving the notice.

The resident reported that at the August 11 meeting, DHS described the prior use of 1009 as a swing space and its plan to create a more permanent use of the property, assuming it would move forward as a low-barrier shelter for women. He asked when DHS first formally informed ANC 2C and the surrounding community that 1009 was transitioning from temporary to longer-term use.

Raessa Singh stated that she could get the date. She discussed the communication with her team and said that it was important that the community felt informed.

The resident stated that the long-term lease was approved in June 2024 and asked what decisions still allowed meaningful community input. Raessa Singh stated that most decisions had been made and the project was moving forward, but there was room for collaboration on the issues raised.

The resident asked whether DHS would commit to meeting directly with the immediate surrounding community before the facility opens to discuss operational issues. Raessa Singh confirmed they would and hoped to meet more than once.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the RFP for the operator selection had been established. Raessa Singh stated that it had not been. Commissioner Shankle asked how the ANC could provide input on the RFP and whether DHS had final authority over it. Raessa Singh stated that she would look into the relationship between DHS and TCP for the RFP and how the ANC could play a role.

Commissioner Groth stated that they should have the opportunity to increase the budget to provide the best services possible to the women in the shelter. Raessa Singh stated that the money would flow from DHS through TCP to the operator. She stated that the information should also go to the TCP or provider. She stated that she was happy to work with her team to figure out how the money flowed.

Commissioner Shankle asked if DHS had the contract with TCP and if it was already awarded. Raessa Singh stated that DHS had the contract with TCP (The Community Partnership for Prevention of Homelessness https://community-partnership.org/) and she believed that it was already awarded. She said she would return with information on what the relationship between DHS and TCP would look like, the flow, any available dates and more information on programming.

Commissioner Shankle asked whether TCP had previously been involved with the shelter. Raessa Singh stated that they owned much of the continuum of care and held many shelter contracts. Commissioner Shankle stated that there were significant challenges with the previous shelter and that the new low-barrier shelter needed significant changes in how it was handled.

Commissioner Swart stated that conversations about the situation began in 2020, and no residential group was heard. The building owner was heard. So far, the lease money the property owner received from the city exceeded what he had paid for the building. There were repeated delays over the year, and the property owner continued to receive money. Commissioner Swart raised concerns that no residents had been heard. He asked if the women in the shelter would have to leave during the day. Raessa Singh stated that they needed to review the shelter's full daytime programming, but residents would not be forced to leave at a certain time each day.

Raessa Singh asked whether other concerns raised in prior meetings went unheard.

Commissioner Shankle stated that security was one issue. Security officers had to be willing to call the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) when needed. There had been fights outside, people loitering, and more issues. Garbage also overflowed repeatedly for months, even after DHS said it would take care of it. People were using the bathroom in the alleyways because they were not allowed inside the shelter.

Commissioner Groth asked how accountable TCP was to the public and whether they were subject to FOIA searches. Raessa Singh stated that she would return with a firm answer.

Commissioner Shankle recommended holding a single meeting on the topic, outside the ANC 2C meeting. He requested representatives from DGS, from the Department of Buildings and Licensing, from TCP, and the security vendor. Raessa Singh said she was happy to set up a meeting, but the security vendor would not be selected until later. Commissioner Shankle asked that their comments be included in the RFP and that DHS be accountable for enforcing them. Raessa Singh said she would return with more information and noted that she did not want to provide incorrect information or make promises she could not follow through on.

MOTION: Shankle moved to set up a special meeting to explore the shelter and get the community partners at the table.

Commissioner Shankle stated that he would send a list of individuals he believed should be there and would collaborate on that list.

The resident asked who at DHS or DGS will be responsible for producing the April 8, 2024, notice attachments and proof of transmission, and when the ANC 2C and the public could expect to receive them. Raessa Singh confirmed that she would work with her team and get back to everyone with that information. She requested that the question be emailed to her.

A resident stated that she had all of the concerns that had been stated. The main concern was that the community was never included and information was never transparently provided. She asked what would be different and asked for there not to be a replication of the prior low-barrier shelter. She said she wanted to ensure that the women coming into the community shelter were treated properly.

Commissioner Swart stated that he supported what was being offered and robust human services, but they could not accept a multi-million-dollar waste of public funds paired with an absence of planning. He stated that they needed to know more about the owner of the property, what funds had been wasted, a mandatory daytime service framework so that they were aware of what was happening during the day, dedicated perimeter mitigation funds to know what would happen with the private security if they had to contract with others for enforcement, accelerated Department of Buildings inspections, and penalties if the landlord was missing timelines while collecting city funds.

2. DC Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA) invitation to 2026 Tenant Summit on Saturday, September 19, Nicole McEntee, Program Analyst, Education and Outreach, OTA 202-531-1079, Nicole.mcentee@dc.gov.

Cristobal Puig from the District of Columbia Office of the Tenant Advocate provided information on the 2026 Tenant Summit. He reported that they were celebrating 20 years of service. The OTA was an independent agency that offered legal services to tenants for a wide variety of tenant issues, worked with government and community partners to promote better tenant protection laws, developed educational materials, classes, and virtual tutorials on issues important to District tenants, and offered a Temporary Emergency Housing Program for tenants displaced by chronic, unabated housing issues or emergencies. On September 19, 2026, a Tenant Summit will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and attendees will discuss tenant issues.

Commissioner Shankle posted the website link (ota.dc.gov) in the chat for everyone to access.

Commissioner Groth said the previous tenant bootcamp was great and thanked the OTA for their work.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Imran Khan, imran.khan@dc.gov, 202.698.1405 or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, sylvester.garvin@dc.gov, 202.774.6866.

Lieutenant Garvin reported that on September 3, 2026, an arrest for misdemeanor sex abuse was made. There was an assault with a deadly weapon (ADWs) on August 30, 2026, around 2:15 a.m., where an affray happened inside an establishment. The victim was hit in the head with a bottle, and a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) was out for the suspect. ABRA was called to the establishment for investigation. A robbery occurred on August 14, 2026, on the 900 block of 17th Street, in which two suspects approached a victim and coerced her into withdrawing approximately $10,000 from a bank institution and then took the money near the park at 15th Street. The case remained open and under investigation. Several arrests were made in the 1100 block of New York Avenue.

Commissioner Shankle asked if there were any arrests around the MLK Library related to the loggia closure. Lieutenant Garvin stated that he could not think of any, but he would get back to him. Commissioner Shankle said he was thankful for the officers helping with the closure and asked whether there had been any citations or arrests.

Commissioner Groth asked for their condolences to be conveyed to the District for the officer who recently passed.

2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Paul Hrebenak, Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov, 202-729-2179 or Lieutenant Ilah Wiggins, ilah.wiggins@dc.gov, 202.679.9554.

No one from MPD 1st District was present.

3. Metro Transit Police Department, Deputy Chief Stephen Boehm, SBoehm@wmata.com, Captain Aaron Donald, ADonald@wmata.com, District 1 Commander, Lieutenant David Barga, dbarga@wmata.com, District One Evenings, 202-306-5783.

Lieutenant Barga reported an uptick at Gallery Place Station. The plan to address the increase was highly successful, and the Sergeant executed an effective crime-prevention strategy. During August 2026, there was one robbery that was still open in which a set of headphones was snatched from an individual's head. There were six assaults, five of which were closed by arrest. The majority of offenders were juveniles. One case remained open and under investigation.

Commissioner Shankle stated that there was a series of large gatherings in the Chinatown area and that they controlled the number of individuals allowed on the platform at one time. He asked how that impacted getting the juveniles off the street. Lieutenant Barga said it helped get juveniles off the street, and they had people at the top of the escalators letting juveniles in 10 at a time. It did make it take more time, or they walked to a different station. It reduced incidents within the system. Commissioner Shankle mentioned hearing about buses being stuck in Chinatown due to the large masses of juveniles. Lieutenant Barga reported that they would send units to help move them out of the way, but they were usually temporary stops and were gone by the time dispatchers arrived.

Commissioner Swart asked if the metro felt safer if the area was declared a drug-free zone. Lieutenant Barga said he was unsure of any correlation between a drug-free zone and safety inside the system, but it was a tool the MPD could use to increase enforcement and create a stronger sentence if someone was convicted within the zone. It would have a positive effect, but he could not provide a direct correlation.

Commissioner Lee asked whether the National Guard had to be worked with over the summer, especially regarding crowd enforcement. Lieutenant Barga reported that the National Guard

was its own entity with its own orders, but they regularly spoke with individuals inside the stations. They also helped out when necessary.

Howard Marks said bus evasion was a major issue at the north end of the station, and he thanked the MPD for arresting people who tried to board without paying. He said an elevator entrance at the Capitol Arena was completely unstaffed, and people were jumping the gates. Lieutenant Barga noted they were three days into another large push to reduce bus fare evasion. The elevators within the Capitol Arena were a difficult area, and they always gave it the attention that they could. The primary focus was where most issues had been. Screens were installed so officers could monitor them from the hallway. Commissioner Groth shared her personal experience of the elevator mezzanine entrance that has many cameras and many large screens, that anyone using those faregates from either directions sees themselves on multiple screens simultaneously.

4. Office of the Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Jimika Williams, jimika.williams@dc.gov, Ward 2 Liaison, (202)805-7122.

Jimika Williams announced that Mayor Bowser will participate in the 10th annual bike ride on Saturday, September 12, 2026. The DC government is partnering with Clark and the Washington Commanders for the Commander Stadium construction kickoff on September 9, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Capitol Turnaround. The event is for business, contractors, and vendors interested in stadium-related procurement opportunities. Mayor Bowser and the DC Council will host the 2026 Welcome to Washington Reception for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 55th Annual Legislative Conference on September 16, 2026.

A resident stated that he lived at Terrell Place and the ground-floor tenant was Gordon Ramsey. Grease and oil rose to hazardous levels during operating hours. Gordon Ramsey and the landlord were unresponsive. Fire alarms had been going off over the past week due to the amount of smoke. Some residents were unable to be in their units until the restaurant closed. Jimika Williams stated that she would send an email with his contact information to discuss what was occurring with DOB on that side.

Commissioner Shankle asked if it was a new issue. The resident stated that a pizza place had been causing some issues, but the burger place that opened around July 2026 caused the ongoing issue. The problems had been occurring since September 2025.

MOTION: Shankle moved to file a protest with ABCA related to peace, order, and quiet, and the concerns related to the public health issues it is creating in the building and to appoint Commissioner Lee to represent the ANC in this matter. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

Commissioner Shankle stated that they would file a protest with ABCA. The Department of Health controls a lot of the ventilation items within restaurants. Jimika Williams noted that they

also had reached out to the Department of Energy and Environment of the District of Columbia (DOEE), but DOB was responsible for interior air quality.

Another resident at Terrell Place said he could provide specific measurements of particulate matter 2.5, a common air quality measure. During restaurant hours, the level rose to 300, well above the World Health Organization's (WHO) limit of five. He stated that he would send the data to Commissioner Lee.

5. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto – Brooke Pinto, Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202-724-8058; Brian Romanowski, Deputy Chief of Staff, bromanowski@dccouncil.gov, (202) 724-8058.

Brian Romanowski reported that the Council was in legislative recess until September 15, 2026, so they could not hold hearings or vote on resolutions. The fall schedule was taking shape, and Councilmember Pinto will hold a hearing on September 23, 2026, on seven bills under her Committee's jurisdiction. One is to modernize the police and fire stations, another to ban the sale of smoke detectors that are not tamper-resistant, another to allow the Mayor to more easily issue marriage licenses during full or partial government shutdowns, another would better protect judges' personal information, and another to clarify that short-term rental guests did not have a lawful right to remain at the property at the end of their stay.

Councilmember Pinto's Committee will hold additional fall hearings on other issues, such as MPD oversight and continued federal law enforcement actions in DC. Chairman Mendelson announced the Committee's public hearing on revenue-raising proposals for October 16, 2026.

Brian Romanowski said he would share all of the ANC's concerns about the shelter with Councilmember Pinto. He discussed lessons learned for a successful community relations strategy with Aston Bridge Housing. He recommended looking at their good neighbor protocol and their periodic meetings with the Community Advisory Team (CAT).

Commissioner Shankle asked for an update on the Throne public restroom. Brian Romanowski reported that they had not yet secured another location, but he was working to do so.

Commissioner Shankle noted several complaints from restaurants about the MLK Library regarding unhoused individuals on the sidewalks.

Howard Marks asked about the proliferation of DDOT e-scooters and e-bikes downtown. He reported that DDOT released a proposed rulemaking for modifications to the program, but none were sufficient to address the safety concerns. He said more needed to be done. Brian Romanski stated that there were ongoing conversations about the issue and agreed that more regulations were needed.

6. DowntownDC BID, Ellouise Johnson, Deputy Director of Public Space Operations, ellouise@downtowndc.org, Lukas Umana, Director of Public Space Operations, lukas@downtowndc.org, 202.270.0366.

Ellouise Johnson reported that they had also received numerous calls from the restaurant about the unhoused community and waste. Their 4 a.m. team went out to pressure wash the area, sometimes as frequently as daily. Regarding scooters on the sidewalk that could impede pedestrians, they instructed the team to move them and place them to the side or out of public view.

Ellouise Johnson presented the Clean and Safe data for July and August 2026, noting that over 18,000 bags of trash were collected in August, along with an uptick in stickers, posters, and graffiti removed due to increased events.

Commissioner Shankle asked what residents should do when they see someone plastering posters. Ellouise Johnson stated that they should call the BID. They were trying to add art in some areas since people seemed to respect art more than blank spaces.

Ellouise Johnson reviewed the BID's daily functions, such as green space maintenance. The upcoming activations for Anthem Row included Art All Night on September 12, the Black Hause Ticketed DJ event on September 26 and 27, and the Adrian Loving Howard Homecoming Celebration on October 17. Upcoming activations for Chinatown Park included the Mid-Autumn Festival on September 25 and the WBL R&B Concert on September 27. The recent art activations included the NY Ave Sculpture Garden and the Mabel Lee Mural.

The Chinatown Safety Team had been in operation for 26 months and completed over 12,000 business wellness checks for over 100 businesses.

Ellouise Johnson requested that the Director of Homeless Services, Ishan Heru.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Shankle report out on process of MLK Library Loggia Announcement, starting July 6 the office of public safety will be piloting a 90-day overnight enforcement of library rules, including no sleeping at the MLK Loggia. Michael Shankle, 2C01@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Shankle reported that there will be a meeting on September 15, 2026, for an update. He would have updates on the progress and the plan moving forward.

2. Run for the Arts Event

Commissioner Groth reported that the Run for the Arts will be on September 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Navy Yard waterfront.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

1. Proposed Protected Bike Lane, Metropolitan AME Church, 1518 M Street

Janice Ferebee reported that the Metropolitan AM was a historic anchor in this community, but the proposal threatens the ability to safely serve the congregation by replacing our active curb space with a rigid physical barrier. The project would eliminate critical Sunday parking and disrupt essential loading zones. She noted that the current layout of the 1500 block of M Street resulted from a formally negotiated August 2013 compromise when the M Street cycle track was first designed, with DDOT explicitly recognizing that a physical barrier would severely impact the church's activities. Janice Ferebee noted that they supported safe infrastructure, but it could not come at the expense of accessibility to the church. The ANC was urged to pass a resolution to preserve the vital curbside.

Commissioner Groth requested more notice for getting onto ANC 2C's Agenda in the future. She said she understood the bike lane was next to car traffic, and that they planned to switch it to a protected lane.

Janice Ferebee stated that she had not had a chance to look at the renderings, and she hoped that would be a compromise.

Commissioner Shankle asked whether a notice of intent (NOI) was out yet. Commissioner Groth stated that she believed there was no NOI yet.

Commissioner Groth suggested tabling action until there Metropolitan AME has a chance to look at the design changes provided by DDOT earlier that day.

A resident suggested reviewing the daylighting on the parking spaces to improve visibility for drivers.

MOTION: Groth moved to table the matter related to the protected bike lane near the AME Church. Seconded by Shankle. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA)

1. Radhey Krishna, LLC, Trade Name: "TBD" 1020 19th Street, NW (ABRA-137099) Retailer's Class "A" Internet, Manalle Mahmoud: (202) 625-7700, mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com.

Manalle Mahmoud reported that the business took only online orders and deliveries, with no storefront. No one from the public could go to the location to pick up an order.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for ABRA-137099, Radhey Krishna, LLC. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

2. Provenance Wine Company, LLC, Trade Name: Provenance Wine Company, 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (ABRA-137061) Retailer's Class "A" Internet, Manalle Mahmoud: (202) 625-7700, mmahmoud@malliosobrien.com

Manalle Mahmoud reported that the location was another internet-only store, with no storefront and only online orders.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for ABRA-137061, Provenance Wine Company, LLC. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

3. Update on ANC 2C and Party of Five Protest, and negotiation of Community Settlement Agreement, with Lamassu, LLC, Trade Name: Lafayette Daily Market, 625 D Street, NW (ABRA-136331), Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store. Applicant requests to Transfer License from 3938 Minnesota Avenue, NE, to a new location at 625 D Street, N.W. Licensee is a Class "A" Liquor Store. The Licensee is also requesting a Change of Hours from 8am-10pm to 9am-midnight. Commissioner Thomas Lee, 2C03@anc.dc.gov.

Commissioner Lee reported that there was a mediation session with ABCA, and a list of issues was reviewed. Three groups of residents were protesting, and the protestors planned to send a second draft of the agreement for review. A status hearing would be held in late September 2026. They would keep negotiating if needed, and a protest hearing would be held in late October 2026 if they could not reach an agreement. The different groups disagreed on hours of operation, with some protestors requesting an earlier closing time, and a percentage of the floor space devoted to spirits. The applicant was okay with adjusting the hours and did not intend to fully operate as a liquor store, but did not want the commitments to be part of the settlement agreement.

Commissioner Groth asked if the applicant was paying rent. Commissioner Lee reported that she was not because the sale was contingent upon the applicant successfully receiving her license.

Commissioner Shankle stated that he was concerned when they tried to dictate to business owners how to operate their businesses when most individuals had not run their own establishment. He said it was important to have flexibility in negotiations and to consider how certain items, such as hours, would affect residents and business owners. He asked if any of the protesters were represented by counsel. Commissioner Lee stated that they were not.

Susan Prosnitz, representing one group of protesters, reiterated that their community's concerns related to liquor sales hours and the percentage of business related to liquor. She noted that 65 residents had signed the petition, which was a third of the residents in her building. She said the business owner had repeatedly stated that the business model was more about the market and that she wanted to protect her license. Other concerns included noise, safety, loitering, and littering.

Commissioner Shankle stated that a community agreement is tied to a license, so if the business owner moved elsewhere, the settlement agreement would remain. He suggested including an item that the settlement agreement would terminate if the business moved locations. He noted that protest hearings usually did not favor the community, and it should be avoided.

Susan Prosnitz added that the applicant referenced interest in cannabis in supporting documents and that she made clear that she wanted to expand the market to both 629 and 631 D Street, which included their condominium.

Commissioner Swart asked how often a business owner had a license that they wanted to transfer to another location. Commissioner Lee noted that this usually happened when someone did not have a successful business and wanted to change locations.

Commissioner Shankle noted that alcohol and cannabis could not be sold in the same location.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

1. Update / follow-up on April 28, 2026, ANC 2C Letter to District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting remedies from bus lane changes, for residents and businesses at and near the 1100 block of 11th Street NW Commissioner Jim Swart 2C04@anc.dc.gov.

Commissioner Swart stated that the letter was similar to what was received from the previous individual who represented the bus situation. More review was required, but there was no significant change, and there were many indications that they did not want to change the current road situation. Commissioner Swart said he would review the letter further and asked about taking it to the city level.

Commissioner Shankle recommended reviewing the letter first. He stated that DDOT often cited evaluative measures without providing metrics, so they could not see the impact. He noted that one question for DDOT was to ask for the metrics.

Commissioner Swart stated that he would put together a resolution citing the ANC's concerns about the bus lane changes.

MOTION: Shankle moved have Commissioner Swart put together a resolution from ANC 2C in response to the letter. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. 436 11th Street NW (Hotel Harrington), HPA 26-375, permit/alterations and roof addition. KHP Capital Partners. Jeff Utz, Goulston & Storrs, jutz@goulstonstorrs.com, (202) 721-1132 and Lee S. Templin, Goulston & Storrs, ltemplin@goulstonstorrs.com, (202) 721-1153.

Lee Templin, Alex Lewis, Jeff Stulmaker, and Jack Paruta introduced themselves. Jeff Stulmaker said they had a long track record of historic renovation projects, with the goal of preserving the building's historic elements. Hotel Harrington has a long, rich history, and the goal was to rejuvenate the property while preserving its historic character. Part of the plan was to reactivate the east corridor by adding a restaurant and restoring a lobby and lobby bar area that would be welcoming to visitors and residents.

Jack Paruta presented photos of the building's current condition. All the historic interiors were altered, and maintenance and upkeep had been poor. The plan called for approximately 215 guest rooms, a restored double-height lobby with a lounge and bar, a new restaurant, standard hotel amenities, a ballroom, and a penthouse-level bar. Renderings of the building were presented. All of the storefronts and windows would be replaced. The façade would be cleaned up. Juliet balconies would be added, and the main entrance would be moved to the original location. The ballroom addition at the top of the building would have a stucco appearance and complement the existing building. The intent was to make the building look attractive day and night, so they would add lighting to highlight the building's architecture. The existing canopies would be removed, and new canopies similar to the originals would be added. They would install all new mechanical and electrical infrastructure.

Lee Templin noted that they would also be filing an application with the BZA, but their current request was a letter of support for the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB).

Commissioner Shankle asked if the mosaic tile was under historic preservation. Jack Paruta said they did not believe so and that nothing within the building remained that was historic.

Commissioner Lee asked whether they planned to have outdoor dining. Jack Paruta stated that they intended to have dining at the penthouse and the ballroom, and they were looking at bringing back outdoor dining along E Street.

Commissioner Lee asked when they planned to open. It was reported that they hoped to open in late quarter three of 2028.

Commissioner Groth asked if it was possible to have a historical marker for Ollie's Trolley for the generations of Washingtonians who had consumed many Olliburgers, including Groth’s own now-grown sons when they were teenagers. Jack Paruta stated that they were working with restaurant partners inspired by it, and the design team had many ideas for incorporating items they found throughout the building into the design.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for Hotel Harrington at 436 11th Street NW to the Historic Preservation Review Board. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

RESOLUTIONS

1. Update on Resolution 2C-26-002 Crime Against a Vulnerable Adult Commissioner Nancy Groth 771-209-4799. Commissioner Nancy Groth 771-209-4799, 2C02@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Groth reported that soon after she sent the resolution, she received a phone call from the US Attorney's Office. Since the victim was unhoused, they were unable to find her. She found out that the victim had been in and out of the hospital, and she notified the US Attorney's Office. If they were able to prosecute, they would assess the additional penalty for a crime against a vulnerable adult, but the time limits would likely run out.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Groth moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2026, 6:00 pm. It will be a hybrid format.

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Approved on: At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting held on October 13, 2026, with a quorum of 3 of 4 commissioners being present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 2C voted to approve these Minutes by a vote of 3-0-0.

Attested by: Commissioner Nancy Groth, Secretary

Signature: 

Date: 10/25/2026

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ANC 2C COMMUNITY UPDATE

1009 11th Street NW

Shelter Renovation & Reopening Status

September 2026

STATUS UPDATE

Women's Shelter Overview

- Previously swing space for **Pat Handy** (low-barrier) and **Madison** (transitional) while permanent sites were renovated
- Currently not in use
- Location will reopen once the building's owner completes required renovations

ORIGINAL PLAN

Turnover: July 2026

Originally scheduled turnover date to DHS

REVISED PROJECTION

Occupancy: Fall/Winter 2027

Construction expected to begin October 2026*
**Depending on permitting*

Once fully renovated, the site will operate as a low-barrier shelter for women — allowing the District to close **Harriet Tubman**.

FOLLOW UP

General Questions

What caused the delay from the previously anticipated July 2026 turnover?

In 2025, federal funding reductions to the District's budget resulted in a number of projects, including this one, being placed on hold.

How does DHS plan to involve the surrounding community in planning for the shelter’s reopening and future operations?

DHS is committed to maintaining transparent, ongoing communications with the ANC and other stakeholders throughout the process, ensuring the community remains informed of and engaged in the plan to re-open the shelter.

FOLLOW UP

Facility Questions: Ownership & Renovations

Who is the current owner?

1009 11th & Associates LLC.

Will the District lease or purchase the building once renovations are completed?

The District will lease the facility.

What renovations or other work remain at the site?

A single, comprehensive interior building renovation is planned to bring the facility to full operational readiness, including the addition of a new elevator and stairwell at the back of the building.

What will be done about the rodent infestation?

All infested material was removed, power washed, and sanitized, and the shed where the infestation originated was demolished. Bi-monthly pest control is ongoing and will continue after the project is complete. There is no evidence that the rodents have made their way into the building.

FOLLOW UP

Facility Questions: Safety & Security

What will safety and security look like?

Security will be assigned inside the building, positioned on each floor. All clients will be screened whenever they enter the building using metal detectors and magnetometers.

Will security personnel be armed?

DHS will provide on-site security personnel; none of the security staff will be armed.

How will security patrols work? Are they able to patrol the sidewalks/alleys?

Security will patrol the interior and the property line of the building. Anything beyond the property line falls under MPD's jurisdiction.

FOLLOW UP

Facility Questions: Timeline & Capacity

What is the timeline of the project?

The project schedule is still tentative, as the Department of Buildings is still reviewing the permit application. Tentatively, construction is slated to begin in October 2026.

When can they expect people to move in?

Clients typically 30–60 days after the project is completed.

What is the projected opening date?

We anticipate opening 1109 11th Street NW in late fall or early winter of 2027.

What is the building's capacity?

Approximately 140 beds.

FOLLOW UP

Programming Questions

Who is the provider and what are the hours of operation?

The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) is the current DHS vendor for shelter operations. TCP will be responsible for securing a provider to operate the women's shelter at 1009 11th Street NW.

The shelter will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Is DHS still planning for the site to operate as a low-barrier shelter for women? If so, how many people will it serve?

DHS remains committed to operating the site as a low-barrier shelter for women. We plan to offer approximately 140 beds with a mix of low-barrier and specialty beds (e.g., senior beds, work beds, respite beds).

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Questions & Discussion

Thank you for your time and continued partnership.

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