



Government of the District of Columbia, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room G-9

Monday, May 8, 2017, 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Commissioner Kevin Wilsey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Quorum

- Commissioners Theresa Harrison and Kevin Wilsey were present with quorum of two of three commissioners. Commissioner John Tinpe was absent.

Agenda and Minutes

- Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the May 2017 meeting agenda with an amendment to move the presentation from the National Park Services to the Brief Community Announcements and Presentation section of the agenda. All approved.
- Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the April 2017 meeting minutes. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Commissioner Wilsey, Treasurer and Vice Chairman, announced that the ANC 2C opening balance for the budget, in April, was \$42,028.08. Two checks were issued and the closing balance for April was \$41,947.72. There were no questions about the budget. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved.
- Commissioner Wilsey, announced that the ANC 2C opening balance for the quarterly budget review was \$40,815.36. ANC 2C received a District allotment of \$1,541,59 and had disbursements of \$328.87. The closing balance for the quarter was \$42,028.08. There were no questions about the quarterly budget review. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Secretary's Report

- Commissioner Harrison announced that the pilot of the time allocation for speakers, introduced at the March 2017 meeting will continue in pilot mode for the next few meetings. Presenters will have five to 10 minutes to speak, based on their topic; and community members will have one minute to speak per topic. The Commissioners welcome feedback on this process. Commissioner Harrison also discussed that the ANC 2C website will be completely upgraded and a new format and version. The new website will be introduced at the June 2017 meeting.

Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

1. Mayor Community Liaison for Ward 2 Announcements. Richard Livingstone (Richard.Livingstone@dc.gov) discussed the following:
 - The new sculpture art, entitled Fancy Animal Carnival, found at City Center, Herald Square and Chinatown Park is a collaboration between the Mayor's office on Asian Pacific and Islander Affairs, and the Downtown BID (BID). The sculptures will be through October.



- May is Asia and Pacific Islander Heritage Affairs month and in collaboration with this office, the Department of Public Works the Chief Technology Officer office and the BID, installed 34 new trash cans, which were installed throughout Chinatown. The trash cans contain sensors to indicate when they are near capacity.
- We have been seeing an uptick in graffiti in Ward 2 and across the city. Continue to report incidents of graffiti to 311.

Commission Harrison asked about graffiti on private buildings is removed. Richard stated that the city works w/ the building owner on abatement.

Commission Harrison also asked about how to report graffiti seen along the freeways around DC. Richard stated that DDOT works with the Federal Highway Administration on the roads and signs of graffiti should be reported to 311.

2. Crime and Peace in ANC 2C. Captain Jonathan Dorough, Metropolitan Police Department, (MPD) (jonathan.dorough@dc.gov) shared that violent crime is down 40-50% in all categories and they've seen a 10% decrease in property crime. MPD continues to work on vehicle crime, specifically at, 4th and K and 6th and I. Captain Dorough urged people to keep valuables out of automobiles. Warmer weather means an uptick in crime and robberies and however the MPD is aware of this and are acting accordingly.

The MPD continues to look in to the graffiti incidents, specifically in the alleys, around Chinatown. They also continue work on noise issues and have started working with a representative from DCRA on this topic.

DC has a curfew law and the MPD enforce this by picking up youth in the curfew van and, during the summer months, taking them to the curfew center before they take the youth home.

3. United States Navy Memorial and National Park Services. Robin Nixon, Chief of Partnerships, National Park Service (NPS), (Robin.Nixon@nps.gov) discussed the noise issues earlier this year with regard to the extremely large and active protests on Pennsylvania Ave and the National Mall. The NPS supports first amendment rights, and Washington, DC is a bit of a national stage, therefore they don't have a lot of authority to restrict activity however they can regulate the time, place and manner of a gathering. The NPS can limit a protest or an event due to noise and hours and they can ask that volume be lowered at an event. In ANC 2C, Herald Square and Chinatown Park are NPS locations.

Commissioner Wilsey asked if when someone fills out an application for a permit for a first amendment right activity, does the applicant need to specify what they are bringing in terms of noise and other items? Robin said yes, they need to specify what they are bringing however, there are several national park locations that do not require a permit if the number of gathers are less than the minimum at that location. All permits may be found on the NPS website at: Nps.gov/NAMA. Event guidelines are also located on this site.

Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)

1. Hill Country, ABRA-105750, Application for sale/serve/consume alcohol outdoor Summer Barbecue, at the grounds of the National Building Museum. A New Class "C" Tavern with 250 seats and a Total Occupancy Load of 499. Applicant has requested a Summer Garden endorsement and Entertainment Endorsement to include Dancing. Hours of Operation and Alcoholic Beverage Sales/Service/Consumption for Premises and Summer Garden: Sunday through Saturday 12:00pm-11:00pm. Hours of Entertainment for Premises and Summer Garden: Sunday through Thursday 12:00pm-9:00pm, Friday and Saturday 12:00pm-11:00pm. Stephen



O'Brien of Mallios & O'Brien (sobrien@malliosobrien.com) presented the concept with Chris Schaller, General Manager of Hill Country. The outdoor activity occurred in 2013 and 2014. They suspended the activity in 2015 and 20106 and would like to start again in 2017. They are seeking a new license.

Commissioner Wilsey expressed concern that the live band performance goes until 11:00pm however street performers are shut down at 10:00pm. Steve said they'd be willing to amend the application to cease the entertainment at 10:00pm. Steve will send a letter to the ABC stating the request from ANC 2C'.

Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the application, pending a letter from Steve amending the entertainment hours on Friday and Saturdays. All approved.

2. ANC Protest, Status Report, Top Shelf, Penn Quarter Sports Tavern, ABRA-076039, Retailer's Class "C" Tavern, 639 Indiana Avenue NW. Application for a Substantial Change: Request for a Summer Garden with seating for 49. Proposed Hours of Operation and Alcoholic Sales/Service/Consumption for Summer Garden: Sunday-Thursday 11:00am-1:30am; Friday & Saturday 11:00am-2:30am. ANC Protest and Status Report by Commissioner Kevin Wilsey, 2c03@anc.dc.gov 202.669.5184 Commissioner Wilsey reported that ANC 2C had a protest hearing with the ABRA board and there is nothing further to report.

District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT)

1. DDOT Tracking number 10394184 an Application to Occupy Public Space for the purpose of a new unenclosed sidewalk café at the Premises of Proper 21 located at 1319 F Street NW, Sidon Yohannes (syohannes@theveritaslawfirm.com) made a presenting requesting outside seating.

Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support. All approved.

2. Conrad Hotel, City Center Phase II, Project Status Report. Brian Eklund, Hines Co., (Brian.Eklund@hines.com) stated that the construction project is on track. On approximately May 20, the next part of the construction plan goes into effect with the covered pedestrian walkway. Brian stated that the floors of the building will now start to be constructed and the third floor will be a column-less floor, which means it needs to be built w/ steel beams. Brian was seeking guidance from the ANC about delivery hours of the beams between 5:00am and 9:00am on New York Avenue. The delivery will take one month. Both Commissioners Wilsey and Harrison asked that the deliver occur in the middle of the night or to be completed prior to 7:00am to as to avoid traffic congestion and unnecessary noise issues. Brian will work with Hines, DDOT and other agencies to accommodate the hours request.
3. Third Street Tunnel Development, Project Update. Tony Robinson, President, Robinson Public Affairs (trobenson@robinsonpublicaffairs.com) reported that the Third Street Tunnel opened on April 19. They continue work in the area and street paving will begin in the next few months.
4. DDOT Tracking Number 201052, Lee & Associates overview of the proposed landscape plan for the perimeter and new bridges of the Capitol Crossing development. Ben Tauber of Lee & Associates provided an overview of the public space enhancements occurring around Capital Crossing.

Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)

1. The Carnegie Library Rehabilitation for a Retail and Education Facility, Apple Global Flagship Store at 801 K Street NW, Mount Vernon Square. Aracibo Quintana, Retail Real Estate &



Development, Apple (aracibo_quintana@apple.com) discussed Apple's development plans and retail/community vision for the Carnegie Library.

Apple will present at the Section 106 meeting on May 17; at the Commission of Fine Art (CFA) on May 18; and at HPRB on May 26; The public is welcome to attend these meetings.

Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support. All approve.

Community Questions and Comments

- Commissioner Wilsey opened the floor to community questions and comments. None were provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Next meeting: Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30pm, John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW Room G-9

Questions:

- John Tinpe: 2C01@anc.dc.gov
- Theresa Harrison: 2C02@anc.dc.gov
- Kevin Wilsey: 2C03@anc.dc.gov
- Website: www.anc2c.us

Next Month – June 2017:

- PEPCO, Proposed Capital Grid Project. Linda Greenan, External Affairs Manager, PEPCO/Government Affairs & Public Policy, linda.greenan@pepco.com 202.872.3301/202.203.9509, Mousa Hejazi, mhejazi@pepcoholdings.com 202.872.2842, Chris Taylor ctaylor@pepco.com 202.872.3357
 - PEPCO, while looking to the future, striving to modernize and improve the electric grid, best to serve customers and communities is proposing key capital and infrastructure projects, to support changing demands and in order to provide safe, reliable, and resilient energy. The Capital Grid Project will result in,
 - Upgrading three existing PEPCO substations,
 - Building one new substation at Mt. Vernon neighborhood,
 - Installing 10 miles of underground grid transmission cable.