

**Meeting Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C**

Monday, November 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Room A-3, Washington, DC 20001**

Call to Order:

1. Commissioner John Tinpe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Quorum

1. Commissioner Tinpe, 2C01, Commissioner Harold Closter, 2C02, and Commissioner Jeffrey Higgins, 2C03, were present. Commissioner Tinpe noted that a quorum was reached, with three out of three ANC-2C commissioners in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

1. Commissioner Closter made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 9, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Commissioner Closter made a motion to approve the minutes from the ANC-2C monthly meeting held on October 17, 2015. Commissioner Tinpe seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

Treasurer's Report and Business Items

1. The monthly Treasurer's report and PNC bank statement were read by Commissioner Closter. The ANC-2C account balance at PNC bank, as of October 31, 2015, was \$34,654.30. There was no activity since the last statement. The ending balance from PNC bank was \$34,654.30. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
2. Commissioner Closter read the quarterly report the fourth quarter for fiscal year 2015. The beginning balance was \$33,483.71. There was a deposit of \$1,541.59 for the quarterly ANC funding allotment. There was \$371.00 in expenses for postage and the ANC-2C post office box rental. The ending ANC-2C account

balance was \$34,654.30 ending balance of \$34,654.30. Commissioner Closter made a motion to approve the quarterly report. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

1. Commissioner Higgins made an announcement that residents who were concerned about the issues of homelessness and excessive noise should write all of the City Council members in addition to the Office of the Mayor to express those concerns.
1. Mr. Chris Taylor gave a presentation about the new PEPCO-Exelon merger, including such topics as offsets to prevent rate increases until March of 2019, one-time credits, funds for low income housing, and debt forgiveness. Mr. Taylor discussed the sustainability commitments and agreements on reliability. Comments are encouraged on their website and during their November 17th meeting.

Local Events Impacting Community

1. Kathy Dalby (703-401-1993), from Pacers Events, gave a presentation about the Jingle All The Way Run 5K, to be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. The race, with an estimated 4,500 runners, will temporarily close parts of Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Third Street NW, Independence Avenue SW, and Fourth Street NW, Washington, DC. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to support the race. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration Licensing

1. Attorney Stephen O'Brien (202-625-7700) and Senior Vice President David Orowitz gave a presentation about the Trump International Hotel, at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. They have an application for a Retail Class "C" Hotel (ABRA-100648). It is a full service luxury hotel with museum, library, spa, health club, meeting event space and several dining options. Total number of seats is 204. Total number of rooms is 263. Total occupancy is 898. Total number of summer garden seats is 552. Hours of operation are 24 hours. Hours of alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption are Sunday through Thursday, from 8 :00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. The hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption for summer garden are Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. The hours of entertainment inside and outside premise are Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Commissioner Tinpe made a

motion to support the project. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

1. Attorney Stephen O'Brien (202-625-7700) and Director of Development Laura Hardcastle gave a presentation for Farmers & Distillers DC, at 600 Massachusetts Avenue NW. They are applying for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant (ABRA-100647). A full service polished, casual restaurant with a bar in house, small micro batch and second run distilling with an emphasis on all natural foods, cooking from scratch and local sourcing. Total number of seats is 325. Total number of occupancy is 450. Total number of sidewalk café seats is 65. It has a distillery pub endorsement. The hours of operation for premises and sidewalk café are Sunday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. The hours of alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption for premises and side walk café are Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Commissioner Tinpe recommended the sidewalk café hours from Sunday to Thursday end at 10:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday, they end at 12:00 a.m. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to support this with the suggested hours. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
1. Attorney Stephen O'Brien (202-625-7700) and Mr. Adam Hallberg gave a presentation for Starbucks Coffee #2749, at 443 7th Street, NW. They are applying for a Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant permit (ABRA 100585), for increased hours and for Alcoholic Beverage Sales/Service. Consumption in the building as follows: Monday through Friday, from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The hours of Alcoholic Beverage Sales/Service/Consumption at their sidewalk café were planned as follows: Monday to Friday, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mr. Paul Millstein, from Douglas Development, made a statement about the many years of complaints from residents and promises to comply from management, which were not upheld. Commissioner Tinpe read a complaint letter from Douglas Development, which listed excessive nighttime noise and nighttime deliveries and held Starbucks in violation of their lease. Neil Hutchko, VP of Clara Barton Board of Directors, made a statement about deliveries in the middle of the night and excessive noise. Nanette Paris on Clara Barton BOD also talked about a long history of noise and trash violations. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to protest the application. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
1. Mr. Stephen O'Brien gave a presentation for Starbucks Coffee #23466, 1000 H St NW, who is applying for a Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant permit (ABRA-100625). The restaurant plans to serve savory small plates and desserts for

sharing, in addition to its coffee and breakfast offering served all day. They will also offer wine and beer selections to its guests. Total number of seats is 24. Total number of occupancy is 24. The hours of operation are Sunday through Saturday, from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The hours of alcoholic beverage sales/service/consumption are Saturday and Sunday, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday, from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to support the application. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

Transportation, Zoning and Public Space

1. A presentation was delayed for as proposed plans for reconstruction at 801 Eye St NW. David Avitabile, Goulston and Storrs (202-721-1137).
1. Stephen Whelan, from Veritas Law Firm (swhelan@theveritaslawfirm.com/ 202-686-7600), gave a presentation on the Tadich Grill, at 1001 Pennsylvania Ave NW. They have an Application to Occupy Public Space for the Purpose of the New Sidewalk Café (DDOT Tracking Number 10211031). Number of tables is nine and number of seats is 27. The hours of operation of sidewalk café are Sunday to Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Commissioner Tinpe suggested a 10:00 p.m. sidewalk closing time from Sunday through Thursday, and a Friday and Saturday closing time of 12:00 a.m. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to support the application. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
1. Mr. Mike Brand gave a presentation (mike@pennquartersportstavern.com / 202-347-6666), for the Penn Quarter Sports Tavern, located at 639 Indiana Avenue NW. They have a BZA application to expand occupied space to the third floor, a roof deck, and an exposed balcony over the patio. The proposed expansion could add capacity for approximately 100 additional customers in new outdoor spaces. There will not be music played on the balcony. Commissioner Higgins will speak with residential managers and residents who live in close proximity to the Penn Quarter Sports Tavern to get their input. Several area residents commented on the proposed expansion. Mr. Brand agreed to return to the ANC-2C meeting in January to further discuss the expansion.
1. Ms. Jo-Ann Neuhaus asked for increased notifications of changes by DDOT, especially those dealing with parking. Ms. Neuhaus requested that the ANC send a letter to the DDOT director asking DDOT to regularly attend meetings to discuss what they are doing before they implement rules. Commissioner Tinpe said the ANC would take the request under advisement.

1. Attorney Blanchard gave a presentation representing the EM Realty Group. Mr. Blanchard, David Parker and Wilson Senami all complained about the Eastern Coach, Inc. which has a bus stop on the 800 block of 8th Street NW. They contended that the bus operation was illegal since the permit had expired. They asked ANC-2 to reconsider their previous decision to support the bus stop. Commissioners agreed to contact the Public Service Commission and consider the request.

Meeting Adjournment

1. The date for the next ANC meeting was set for December 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, Room A-3, at 901 G Street NW, Washington, DC 2001.
1. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Higgins and passed by a vote of 3-0. The meeting was then adjourned.