



Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C
October 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 13 Oct 2020

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kevin Wilsey, Michael Shankle, Jamaal Burton

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ABSENT: Wendy Cadell

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Made by Wilsey, who introduced himself and the other Commissioners. Noted 3 of 3 Commissioners present for a quorum.
- 2. OPENING REMARKS / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** No changes to the agenda. Wilsey made motion to approve, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 3-0-0)
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Wilsey made motion to approve Sept 2020 Minutes, seconded by Burton. (Vote 3-0-0)
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shankle provided the September treasurer's report. The current balance at the end of September was \$58,117.09. There was one expense for minute preparation for \$525.00. There were no additions for the month.
FY20Q4 Financial Filing Shankle stated that Q4 (July-Sept) 2020 concludes the fiscal year. The quarter opened with \$56,817.04. The only addition was the Quarterly Allotment of \$1,821.05, and the only expense \$525.00, leaving the Q4 ending balance at \$58,113.09. Shankle moved to submit Q4 report for approval, seconded by Wilsey. (Vote 3-0-0)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Introduction of Candidates Present:

Elizabeth Miske – 2C02, Miske stated she is a lawyer, activist, has community presence, will bring people closer to the government, and make policies accessible for community members.

Gigi Nelson – 2C03, Nelson stated she has lived in Penn Quarter about 3 years, has been attending meetings for past year, gave her good understanding of issues. Feels equipped to carry on work.

Michael Shankle – current Commissioner in 2C01. Shankle stated his mission is to make sure community is engaged in these processes and voices are articulated to council and DC departmental members. Create a community that has a holistic perspective and many voices to be heard. Encourages attendees on call to utilize mailed ballots if not voting in person.

2. Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Nicole Goines, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 2 Liaison, Nicole.Goines@dc.gov:

Goines stated the District reported 46 new positive COVID-19 cases for a total of 16,068 overall positive cases. No additional reported deaths, but 637 District residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19. Visit coronavirus.dc.gov for questions, interactive data, testing sites. The high-risk state report has been updated on the website, includes states with 10 or more new cases per 100,000 persons, now at 34 total states. Goines noted expanded hours at some public testing sites and recommended preregistration for testing. For more information and to register go to www.needatestgetatest.com.

Goines invited attendees to join a Tele-Townhall tomorrow at 5pm for an update on coronavirus response. Call 844.881.1314 to join.

Shankle asked Goines who to call when people are noted to not be following the current rules. Goines noted there is a not an enforceable body to manage these complaints. The public health emergency has been extended through the end of the year. Police did not act regarding the situation that had occurred the previous weekend. Goines stated her understanding was the

police will not be enforcing the rulings, that behavior is a personal responsibility. Wilsey asked if rules are enforceable through ABRA.

Dorrough stated there is no way for MPD to enforce mask wearing. They do ask for voluntary compliance, people can call MPD to complain, and MPD will go to location for mask and social distancing complaints. If it's a bar or ABRA establishment, MPD will notify DCRA and/or ABRA. ABRA has been filing incident reports which can be seen online.

3. Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto Update - Brooke Pinto

Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, or Lamonté T. Pryor, Scheduler/Executive Assistant, lpryor@dccouncil.us: Pryor stated that the DDOT has agreed to postpone the 7th St Car Free Lane project for further study. Both Pinto's office and the DDOT appreciated community input.

Pryor stated Small Business Resiliency Fund applications are available for small businesses to retrofit for the winter months. Applications are being processed, and he encouraged small businesses to apply.

Howard noted great appreciation for the work done by Pinto's Office and Shankle to put a stop on the 7th St. Car Free Lanes. Shankle added that this is a great example of how community can be mobilized to address issues.

Wilsey concurred that the community involvement was great.

4. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Jonathan

Dorrough, Jonathan.Dorrough@dc.gov, 202.729.2179: Dorrough reported one violent crime in last month, usually 4-5/month during normal time. Auto thefts creeping up to normal levels. Thefts (retail) still down significantly, about 40% lower overall. Monitoring some disorderly behavior. Homicide from last month was closed. Monitoring Chinatown and some activity spread around I St, K St, William Hill.

Wilsey inquired about Election Day concerns. Dorrough states they are fully mobilizing and preparing officers. No specific closures or events are known of at this time. Usually DC elections are uncontroversial. No information on the national election being more of an issue at this point. Wilsey requested

communication if anything is noted as concern before the election, Dorrough agreed to provide.

Suzanne stated she is following some social media sites that are mentioning post-election activity.

Marks noted an issue for Gallery Place residents – the Metro Generator that sits in front of the building on 7th St. It had been moved with the paving project but now it's been repositioned where it was. Howard would like it moved, wants to know when the project is going to end. Dorrough had no information as to why it was returned to that location, it was there for a project that was put on hold for COVID-19. He doesn't think anyone has circled back around about it. Wilsey noted the Commission will investigate and get back to Marks. Shankle stated he will email Metro and cc Marks.

Suzanne noted that when skateboarders at Indiana and 7th Plaza were tagging the marble on the plaza, she called Park Police and they told her that was MPD jurisdiction. She wanted to know if that was accurate. Dorrough stated that it is Federal property so should be Park Police, but there might be an agreement in place regarding that property. Dorrough encouraged her to call 911 for any of these complaints.

5. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Renato Caldwell, Renato.Caldwell@dc.gov, Lieutenant Michael Hamelin, michael.hamelin@dc.gov, and/or Sergeant John Sprague,

john.sprague@dc.gov: Sgt. Sprague from the 2nd District noted he is standing in as other members could not be present, does not have a report but will answer any questions. Wilsey stated no specific questions other than election concerns, and reiterated they would appreciate any information prior to election, and Brave agreed to pass that request along.

Dorrough noted that the 2nd has been down significantly in the last 30 days. Nelson inquired about a broken window at Oyamel facing D St., Dorrough noted there was no information in the system, so perhaps was not reported to MPD.

6. **Department of Public Works, Wendy Cadell, Inspector,**
Wendy.Cadell@dc.gov: Not present

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABRA)

1. Chinatown Market, 521 H ST, NW – (ABRA - 019616). Renewal of Type: B Retail-Grocery. Ng Shu Kwan, 202.842.0130.

Shankle stated there has been some controversy about the correctness of the placarding, and noted it is being re-placarded according to the last email received with a December protest date. As there are no additional concerns, this item moved to November agenda.

2. Kura Sushi USA, Inc, 614 H ST NW – (ABRA-116723). New Retailers Class “D” Restaurant license. Louie Cano, 844.310.2266, Ext 101.

Cano stated requesting approval for the license, hours will be 11a-11p Sunday, 1130-11pm Monday-Thursday and 11a-1130p Friday-Saturday. Wilsey confirmed they would like a stipulated license. Cano stated they are planning to open in about a week. Wilsey made a motion to send a letter approving a stipulated license, seconded by Burton. Vote (3-0-0)
Wilsey made a motion to send a letter to support the license, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 3-0-0)

Transportation / Public Space

1. William Hill US, 601 F Street NW. New Sidewalk Café Un-Enclosed, DDOT-10816451. Luz Acosta, Project Manager, City Permits, luz@citypermit.us, 202.769.1958 Ext. 711.

Jesse Tar stated they are requesting letter of support to submit with the upcoming public space committee hearing. Ray Bird stated that this will be a restaurant / sports book. Towards the back end of both floors will be betting terminals and kiosks. Outdoor patio space is primarily going to be used for the restaurant and bar portion of the business. Plan to open around

February. Rendering provided did not showcase COVID-19 seating. The 8 back to back TVs outdoors will not have audio.

Marks noted concerns about the current lines for business without social distancing, wants to know how crowds will be managed since has been so badly done in the temporary space.

Tar or Bird stated that additional kiosks have been added, social distancing markers are in place, security guards are monitoring, and they are working on an app which should mitigate some of the lines. The permanent space has more square footage for queuing, and by the time it opens, the app will be functional, and should cut lines significantly.

Suzanne noted that this establishment is not considered a benefit to the neighborhood and expressed concern about the lines and the people in them.

Dorrough noted that an MPD officer is working with William Hill, and so far, the worst impact seems to be with parking and traffic.

Shankle noted concerns with traffic and has reservations about the TVs being outside on the street. Wilsey noted that there are other facilities in the neighborhood that have outdoor TVs.

Shankle conceded to send letter of support for the sidewalk café, seconded by Wilsey. (Vote 3-0-0)

Marks asks about direct entrance that used to exist when it was the Green Turtle. Response was that this is multi-floor, entrance may be moved to second floor to mitigate crowd control.

Other

1. ANC Response to Survey. [Law 22-280 - Public Restroom Facilities Installation & Promotion Act of 2018](#).

Shankle stated there is interest again in installation and promotion of a pilot program for public facilities using stand-alone buildings. Specific areas were being investigated as potential locations, including Metro Center. Jo-Ann recommended quieter areas for positioning. Wilsey suggested all consider an area that might work, as will cut down on public urination, etc. Wilsey

suggested maybe 3 or 5 for the central business district. The information was requested from the Department of General Services DC.

ADJOURNMENT Wilsey made motion to adjourn, seconded by Burton. (Vote 3-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Gayle Gardner

Minutes Approved by: November 10, 2020 by Commission

Next Meeting: November 10, 2020, 6:30PM