



Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

May 2019 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 14 May 2019

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

PRESENT: Nicole Goines, Jonathan Dorrrough, Randy Shedd, Wendy Caddell, Celeste Duffie, Matt Minora, Charlene Hui Tan, Anthony Carroll, Ryland Greenhouse

ABSENT: NA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS:** Call to order made by Kevin Wilsey of duly noticed meeting of Government of the District of Columbia, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C held at the John A. Wilson Building – Room G-9, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW.
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:** April Minutes from the April meeting to be approved at the June meeting as they were not available for review.
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion was made by Kevin Wilsey to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Michael Shankle. (Vote: 3-0-0)
- 4. OLD BUSINESS:** Shankle provided the treasurer's report and noted there were no expenses during April. On 6 May, the first quarter distribution (1QD) was made. The second quarter (2Q) financial report is due. The beginning balance was \$46,864.22. There was a disbursement of \$25 to the ANC and also a \$1 bank charge which brought the balance down to \$46,838.22. Shankle made a motion to approve the FY19-2Q report and the motion was seconded by Wilsey. (Vote: 3-0-0)

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABRA)

- 5. The Experience Cube DC, Inc. t/a Feria Central at 800 K Street, NW - ABRA-113445 - Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant. ABRA License request for approval of a new license. Matt Minora, Associate Attorney, Mallios & O'Brien PLLC, mminoram@malliosobrien.com.**
Matt Minora requested approval of a new Class C—beer, wine, and spirits—alcohol license for the Experience Cube at 800 K Street (across from the Carnegie Library) that would essentially be an umbrella license for all of the food and beverage vendors in the proposed food hall. He noted that most only expected to serve beer and wine. He also discussed the restaurant space—the interior would have 425 seats and the outdoor summer garden (seating for 125) would bring the total seating to 600. The hours would be approx. 7a-3a M-F, 9a-3a Sat, and 10a-11p on Sunday. Resident Jo-Ann Neuhaus discussed the concern about the restaurant being open late at night. Although it is not a residential area per se, the Renaissance Hotel is close to it. Someone noted that the Renaissance Hotel windows do not open onto that side of the alley closest to the restaurant. Additionally, the space would contain a food incubator, storage, test kitchens, and entertainment space for live bands. Neuhaus asked if the license could be granted for a more limited timeframe, but the answer was no: the license is granted for three years—no exceptions.

Jamaal Burton made a motion to support the license with Wilsey seconding. (Vote: 3-0-0)

Brief Community Announcements

- 6. Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Nicole Goines, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 2 Liaison, nicole.goines@dc.gov.** Ward Two Liaison Ms. Nicole Goines discussed "Bike to Work" Day on 17 May. She also noted that there would be ongoing cleanup actions every week for homeless encampments in the city. There was a cleanup on 8 May at an encampment in Chinatown at the 3rd Street tunnel. She said if anyone had issues or questions she could be reached at 202.805.7122 or at dmhhs.dc.gov. She is also going to create a listserv to keep Ward 2 residents abreast of community events and initiatives. Shankle asked if there is a bike rack in the area and she said that there is a rack on 13 ½ Street.

- 7. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Jonathan Dorrrough, Jonathan.Dorrrough@dc.gov.** Capt Dorrrough of MPD 1 said that violent crime was down 70% and that property crimes were down 50% from April. He noted that the car that had been parked in front of the Lafayette for a month had been towed.

- 8. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Sergeant Randy Shedd, randy.shedd@dc.gov.** Sgt Shedd said that 9th Street west now belonged to MPD 2. He said that theft from retail is up over the last thirty days. CVS's are being targeted because people are stealing Tide© balls/pods to barter for drugs. Auto theft is down 30% and burglaries are down 33%. They have noted the concern of residents of buses idling on 14th and blocking traffic. They have assigned a person to that area, and in 30 days have issued 48 tickets. Parking on 12th street had become an issue because the no parking signs had been destroyed in an accident. That will be addressed. He noted that MPD has been successful in working to make arrests for repeat offenders. He said that Officer Deborah Smith had been reassigned to another location.

- 9. The Department of Public Works, Celeste Duffie, Community Relations Specialist, Celeste.Duffie@dc.gov, and Wendy Caddell, DPW Inspector, Wendy.Caddell@dc.gov.** Ms. Caddell from DPW discussed the issue of people parking downtown in alleys. DPW plans to form a core team to address that issue. She also talked about trash removal and noted that it often can't be collected because of parked cars blocking access. DPW plans to begin ticketing and towing actions. That plan is being finalized. She also discussed the "MyDPW" mobile app which is an alert system that sends notifications for street sweeping, leaf blowing and tow and boot actions. Up to three cars can be registered on the app. She also said that residents can call 311 to address the issue of dumpsters that are in violation (lids up, etc.). DPW is required to canvass the Ward weekly to find these issues. The mobile app is available from the AppStore and GooglePlay.

Celeste Duffie, also from DPW noted that the MyDPW app allows you to put in your address or block and the app will tell you when to move your car approx one hour prior to the street sweepers coming to your block. She noted that 15 May, the city is kicking off an anti-litter campaign called "Not in My DC" in Ward 5, Kingman Park neighborhood on Benning Road with the goal of preventing/reducing litter. The Mayor will be there to kick off the program. There

are posters all over the city and on buses to advertise the campaign and they are working on creating lawn signs. The goal is “to create a community of people who create a public expression against litter”. Mowing and grounds maintenance of public spaces (medians, parks, etc.) began 1 April and continues through 31 October. DPW averages 1,000 locations in a 2-3-week cycle. Residents can call 311 if they see an area that is overgrown. Be advised though that the National Park Service (NPS) also owns public space and they are responsible for the maintenance of their spaces.

There was a discussion about parking enforcement. A vehicle is eligible for towing if it has two or more unpaid tickets that are 60 or more days past due. There is no limit to how long a car can be parked on a public space as long as there are no signs restricting parking, and its’s not in front of a fire hydrant. There was discussion about the cars parked in McGill Alley and at 625 E Street (entrance to an alley). Parking in alleys is illegal whether there are signs saying so or not. Residents can call 311 if they see illegally parked cars. Duffie also said that if there is an issue regarding the lack of trash cans, that those inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Allen of the downtown BID.

Local Events that Impact the Community

10. ACLU100 Experience – May 16 (8:00PM) to May 19 (11:00PM) – Street Closure, F Street NW between 7th and 9th ST NW -- Ryland Greenhouse, Conductor, ryland@marsongravity.com.

Ryland Greenhouse of the ACLU discussed the ACLU100 Experience which is a nationwide celebration tour of the ACLU. DC is the 12th of 15 cities on the tour. The tour will be in DC 16-19 May and is set up where the Penn Quarter/Chinatown Farmer’s Market is held on F Street between 7th and 9th. It will be a three-day pop up experience in front of the Portrait Gallery and Hotel Monaco. Educational interactive and immersive experiences with issues such as mass incarceration, immigrant rights and voting will be available. The hours are Friday and Saturday 10-8p and on Sunday from 10-5p. Additionally, there will be programming available inside Hotel Monaco. F Street between 7th and 9th will close Thursday right after the Farmer’s Market (approx. 8pm) through 6am Monday. Local food vendors will be on hand daily—Japanese from Otabe on Friday, the Jose Andres food truck Pepe on Saturday, and Neatmeat on Sunday. Everything has been coordinated through the Mayor’s office, DPW, MPD, DCRA and all other government agencies that had equities. There would be five total porta-potties as they anticipated crowds of between 500-750 people daily. There was some discussion about whether or not residential buildings had been approached about the event, and Greenhouse said that all stakeholders had been identified, approached, and requisite signature quotas obtained. Shankle moved to write a letter of support for the event to DDOT and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

Transportation/Public Space

11. Commemorative Plaque of Project in Honor of Matias Romero, 1300 I ST NW and 1412 I ST NW, Occupancy of Public Space (DDOT – 328857) – Alejandro Gonzalez Ruiz, Applicant, consulwas@sre.gob.mx. The Mexican Consulate wants to put up a heritage sign to honor Mr. Matias Romero, a diplomat who served in DC for 24 years in the 19th century. Rafael Laveaga,

Chief of the Consular Section, discussed putting up the sign at the corner of I (Eye) and 14th streets where Franklin Park is located. That site was the first location of the Mexican legation to DC. Because the sidewalks are very busy, they propose to put the sign inside the park on the edge of the grass but facing out towards the sidewalk. Burton noted that while the address of the park was in ANC 2C, the physical location of the park was in ANC 2F. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support to 2F or the Park Service—whoever has jurisdiction over the area. The motion was seconded by Shankle. (Vote: 3-0-0)

12. 615 I Street NW, New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed (DDOT – 10712923), Chaia Tacos, Suzanne Simon, suzanne@chaiatacos.com. Called and not present. Issue tabled.

13. 1399 New York Avenue NW, Poki DC, New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed (DDOT – 10726116) – Charlene Hui Tan, Applicant, charlene@clover4designs.com and PDDC Inc Edward Wong, richmarkusarchitects@gmail.com. Charlene Tan from Poki DC discussed the proposal to add additional seating with a sidewalk café to the restaurant at 1399 New York Ave NW. Currently the restaurant seats 48, the addition of a sidewalk café to seat 13 brings the total to 61. The hours for the café will be essentially the same. They noted that Pret-A-Manger nearby also has a sidewalk café. Wilsey moved to approve and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

14. 1011 K STREET NW, New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed (DDOT – 10724161), Anthony Carroll & Muhittin Aydeniz, KTT Permit Expediter, LLC for Douglas Development Corp., kttexpediter@yahoo.com. Anthony Carroll requested a letter of support for the café at 1011 K Street. The café is in addition to the building’s historic restaurant inside the Moxy Hotel. The Atlas Group initially wanted to modify the façade to include gates and large shrubbery which would block the view from the street and make it look more like a private event space as opposed to an actual sidewalk cafe. After some discussion, it was agreed that the gates and shrubbery would not be included in the façade restoration project; as this area is public space and not privately owned. However, string lights would be put up. The Atlas group planned to serve American-type chops and seafood while the rooftop café would serve Japanese, Central and South American fusion food. Shankle moved to approve the design without the modifications of the gates, pillars and large shrubbery to the façade as well as the kitchen bumpout. Wilsey seconded. (3-0-0)

1011 K ST, NW, Modification of Significance (BZA Application No 19020-B), Jemals Bulldog LLC, Dennis R. Hughes/Holland & Knight 800 17th Street NW Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20006 dennis.hughes@hklaw.com.

The rooftop restaurant remodel of Moxy Hotel was represented to the Commission, as the work is now moving forward. The work would consist of a bumpout for kitchen support. It would fit in with the existing structure and look intentional. There was discussion about the issue of lights on the façade on building an resident complaints from 1010 Mass Ave. The had been resolved by putting the lights on a timer to turn off at 11pm and turn on at 5am. (Vote: 3-0-0)

15. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The order of the agenda was changed due to late arrivals.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ken LLC applied for a new alcohol license. The group have a license but want to start over since the building has a new name and new ownership and is essentially a new entity. The change in ownership was not related to any previous issues with the alcohol license. Wilsey abstained from voting because he had an interest in the business. Shankle moved to support a new license and Burton seconded. (Vote: 2-0-1, Wilsey abstention citing conflict)
- B. Trina Stewart from the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) spoke briefly about her agency's mission. The agency works with offenders receiving a second chance to become law-abiding citizens. She is very interested in discussing employment opportunities with area businesses to assist with that mission. She will make a formal presentation at a later ANC 2C meeting.
- C. Shankle moved to hire Aungelic Nelson as an independent contractor to take and record the meeting minutes at a rate of \$150 per meeting. Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

17. ADJOURNMENT: At approx. 8: 30p.m. Wilsey moved to adjourn. Shankle seconded.
(Vote: 3-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Aungelic Nelson

Minutes approved: 11 June 2019

Next meeting: 11 June, 6:30pm, Wilson Building, Room G-9.