



# Government of the District of Columbia

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

### **DECEMBER 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** 10 December 2019

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

**PRESENT:** Aungelic Nelson, Tom Wood, John Green, Ashley Cooper, Morgan Jacobs, Josh Josephson, Elizabeth Feinstone, Yohannes Sion, Sandi White, Iris Beistline, Lt Steve Andelman, Diane Thomas

**ABSENT:** Nicole Goines, Wendy Cadell

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order made by Chair Kevin Wilsey at 6:34p.m.
2. **OPENING REMARKS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Wilsey moved to approve the agenda with a few changes. John Carlos Green, Community Engagement Coordinator from the Office of the Attorney General, was added to the agenda to make the first presentation. There were also residents from 300 Mass to discuss their parking issue. Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Wilsey moved to approve the November minutes , Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shankle provided the treasury report and noted that the balance at the beginning of November was \$52,142.43. There was one deposit into the account (the DC allotment for the ANC-2C) in the amount of \$1821.05. There was one withdrawal for \$150.00 for November minutes. The balance at the beginning of December was \$53,813.48.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

5. **Office of the Attorney General - John Carlos Green, Community Engagement Coordinator, 202-724-5472, John.Green2@dc.gov.** John Carlos Green, the community engagement coordinator for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), discussed AG Racine's vision for the remainder of his term and also for the next four years. They are working to reduce gun violence and child trauma. They are using the CURE model with Violence Interrupters (a program similar to Mayor Bowser's initiative). Violence interrupters are trained members of the community who engage the residents of a neighborhood to better understand the issues and provide resources and wrap-around services to residents. It is a very data-driven program. The pilot programs are currently in Wards 5 and 8. They want to extend the program to cover the city and ask for the community's support. They also have a new unit addressing elder abuse and financial exploitation. The OAG has hired attorneys who will fight and bring lawsuits on behalf of the elders in the District to ensure their safety and wellbeing. They will be partnering with various groups in the city.  
There is also a new civil rights division. Mr. Green asked the community's input on how the new division should be utilized in terms of what types of cases/issues they should take on. Currently the LGBTQT+ community has engaged the OAG.



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6. **MPD 1st District Crime & Community Awareness, Lt Steve Andelman, steve.andelman,@dc.gov:** In the first district, thefts and violent offenses were up from last month, which Lt Alderman attributed to the holiday season. The thefts are thefts of opportunity from autos and also commercial thefts. However, year to date, the 1st district was down 2%. There was some discussion about a shooting at the corner of 7th and H Streets, but no arrest has been made.  
There was more discussion about the fact that now that Chinatown is so heavily policed, that crime is moving south into Penn Quarter. Right now, the bike patrol is split up with the concentration in the Chinatown area. There was also a discussion about the possibility of private residences (the condo buildings) hiring private security (off-duty police officers). But we do want to ensure that all citizens have equal access to police protection.
  
7. **MPD 2nd District Crime & Community Awareness, Lieutenant Iris Beistline, 202.715.7339, iris.beistline@dc.gov.** Lt Beistline said that retail thefts had increased as well as auto thefts. -- laptops, electronics, clothes, and firearms left in vehicles. There were two robberies in which arrests had been made. There were three assaults with deadly weapons and the police know who the suspects are. They are working with businesses to hire off-duty officers to prevent the thefts. There was a discussion about the man who had been attacking people who were walking dogs near 9th and G and who broke one person's jaw. Lt Beistline will follow up on this.  
There was discussion about unlicensed vendors who are significantly affecting legitimate businesses. Lt Beistline noted that Ms. Angela Robinson is the point person in the department for unlicensed vendor issues. DCRA has the lead on this. There is an enforcement issue. The suggestion was made to invite DCRA and Ms. Robinson to the next ANC meeting to discuss the issue.

### **EVENTS IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY**

8. **Annual Scope it Out 5K, 29 March 2020. Julie Hanson, hpeventsdec@gmail.com, 703.307.2734.** Hanson noted that this 5K is sponsored by the colorectal cancer. The parade setup begins at 9 a.m. There will be between 2000-2500 participants. The roads will be reopened by 10:30am. The tear-down begins at 10:30am and will be completed by 1 p.m. It is the same route as last year and there have been no complaints from the JW. Shankle moved to support and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
  
9. **2020 Rock N Roll Marathon. 28 March 2020. Diane Romo Thomas, RNRDC 2020, dianeromothomas@hotmail.com, 202.4395104.** This is the 14th year for this run. There will be approximately 20,000 participants; 3000 runners for the full marathon, and 17-18,000 runners for the half marathon. This only impacts Constitution Avenue as the runners begin by heading west on Constitution, but after that they do not come back through downtown. It ends at RFK



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Stadium at around 2 p.m. 12th and 14th Streets will be left open as long as they can before the corral is put up. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support and Burton seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)

- 10. DC Cupid's Undie Run. 8 February 2020. Ashley Casper, Race Director, Cupid's Undie Run, DC@cupids.org, 301.639.9256.** This is the 11th year for this fundraiser that began in DC by University of Maryland grad students who wanted to raise money for a friend with a genetic disorder that caused tumors. It begins at 801 E Street, Penn Social and is a 1.2 mile course. There are no water stops or structures. The event is from 12-4 p.m., but takes place primarily indoors at Penn Social. The walk/run event is untimed and is from 2-2:45 p.m. at which point the inflatable arch at the venue will come down. There will be street closures. There will be approximately 480 runners. Burton moved to support and Shankle seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)

#### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING:**

- 1. Update: Ultrabar/Chroma at 911 F St NW - ABRA 074767 -Objections to renewal of an alcoholic beverage license Class "C" Nightclub license. Toppromo Inc.** Shankle noted the license was protested based on noise and other issues. On 3 December, the commissioners met with concerned community members where concerns were outlined. A settlement agreement will be drafted and reviewed by general counsel. There is also a "Group of Five" that is protesting the license and they will be included in the negotiations.

#### **OTHER:**

- 2. Flavors Hook Kids DC (<https://flavorhookkidsdc.org>) - Request for Support. Elizabeth Feinstone, MPH, Organizer, Flavors Hook Kids DC, 609.350.5997. feinstonee@gmail.com.** Feinstone provided some statistics to make the point about youth addiction to flavored vaping products. She said teachers in schools say that vaping in the bathrooms is a huge issue. They cannot determine who is doing it. Judiciary committee hearings on the issue are set to begin 2 January. The committee will take comments until 16 January. There was a discussion on e-cigarettes, the FDA rules, the Attorney General's lawsuit against JUUL--which is more about marketing and advertising. There was some discussion that marijuana is a greater problem among youth than vaping. The reason she is pushing for a universal ban (adults and children) is because the research shows that it is often adults supplying children with the products and the children have the highest rate of addiction to the products. Shankle recommended drafting a resolution for the city to do a better job of enforcing the ban on tobacco products for youth. This draft resolution will be presented and discussed at the January meeting.
- 3. 6th and New York Ave traffic issue. DDOT letter of support requested. District of Columbia's Shankle** During rush hour going north, traffic is blocking the intersection. DDOT said that the residents have to get the ANC to provide an endorsement for DDOT to do anything. The



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commission discussed requesting a policeman be stationed there during rush hour. Wilsey moved to send a letter to DDOT requesting a police officer, a "Don't Block the Box" sign, and a study of the light timing of the lights on New York to understand the traffic flow. Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

4. **2020 ANC-2C Meeting Schedule.** Wilsey moved to approve the 2020 meeting schedule. Burton seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)
  
5. **Residential Parking Permits for 300 Mass Ave Residents.** **Josh Josephson, josephsonj14@gmail.com, Morgan Jacobs, morgan.jacobs@outlook.com.** 300 Mass does not fall into any zone. It goes east-west and Massachusetts goes diagonally. So the address is on Mass. The north end of the street near 4th street, is in zone 6, and the south side of the street is 2-hour parking. They discussed this with DDOT who referred them to the ANC. They were told it could apply to the entire Ward 2 or just to 300 Mass. DDOT would not disclose whether 3rd Street would be a residential parking zone after construction ends, but they indicated that it likely would follow the zoning of 4th Street. The consensus was that the commissioners would have to take a look at it. Technically that area of Judiciary Square is a commercial zone. The commissioners will follow up with the residents and DDOT.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:45 p.m. Wilsey moved to adjourn. Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

**Minutes Submitted by:** Aungelic Nelson

**Minutes approved by:** ANC 2C Commissioners

**Next meeting:** 14 January, 6: 30pm, John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, Room G-9.

Approved February 11, 2020