

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

February 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 11, 2025

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Thomas Lee, Commission Nancy Groth, Commissioner Jim Swart

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm ([2025 February 11 ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)).

2. ROLL CALL:

Three out of the four commissioners were present when the meeting was called to order. Commissioner Groth arrived at 6:08 pm.

3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

The commissioners introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Shankle motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Shankle reported that he had not yet received the January minutes. Once received, he would publish the draft minutes online. Commissioner Shankle reported that he would look into why the September, October, November, and December meeting minutes were not on the website.

6. TREASURER REPORT:

Commissioner Lee reported that December 24 started with a balance of \$64,919. There were two expenses, \$375 and \$250 for Minute Services. A check was received for ongoing operational expenses in the amount of \$2,271. The current balance was \$66,940.82. Commissioner Lee asked for the signatures from the Commissioners once he had resent the link.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Michael Hamelin, Michael.hamelin@dc.gov, 202.698.1405, or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, Sylvester.garvin@dc.gov, 202.774.6866

Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin reported that there were two robberies in the ANC, but they were both closed by arrest. The individuals walked behind victims and snatched AirPods out of their ears. The incidents were caught on video, and arrests of two juveniles were made. The incidents occurred between 3 and 5 pm. There was a rise in the theft from autos, and the whole district was experiencing it. Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin discussed that many valuable items and weapons were being left in the cars, and he asked everyone to secure their items and not park in alleys. The crime suppression team would be riding around and trying to locate the individual suspects.

Commissioner Shankle stressed the importance of not leaving belongings visible in cars.

Commissioner Lee asked if the thefts from autos were from tourists or local residents. He also asked if parking attendants could drop off reminders. Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin stated that some lived in the city, and some worked in the city, but their team was working on passing out flyers.

2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Paul Hrebenak, Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov, 202-729-2179 or Lieutenant Araz Alal, Araz.Alali@dc.gov, 202.698.0066.

Lieutenant Knisely reported that property crime had balanced out and was at an 11% deficit. The regular misdemeanor crimes had decreased slightly. There was an uptick in robberies, with four in the last 30 days. Two incidents were carjackings, and two were robberies and were concentrated in the triangle area.

Commissioner Lee asked if there were cameras on the traffic in the tunnels. Lieutenant Knisely reported that there were, and one of the carjackings had been closed. He discussed that many individuals did not use their own cars, which made it difficult to track people down.

Howard Marks asked about the robbery on K Street and 600. Lieutenant Knisely reported that it was classified as a carjacking. They waited until the victims were transferring their keys to the valet and approached with a gun. The case was not yet closed.

Howard Marks asked for more clarification on where crimes occurred rather than just stating "unit blocks." Commissioner Lee explained that it was for privacy. Lieutenant Knisely explained that the exact addresses were never broadcast.

3. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Tadaï Abilla, Ward 2 Liaison, Tadaï.Abilla@dc.gov, 202.805.7122.

Ty Abilla reported that there was a snow emergency in effect, so all vehicles needed to be removed from the emergency snow route. She provided information on all of the agencies that covered different areas and reminded everyone that residents and businesses were responsible for their walkways. Leaf collection was paused during the snowstorm. Ward 2 would be hosting its first roll off on March 22nd, which allowed opportunity for residents to bring bulk trash and electronics to dispose of.

Commissioner Groth reminded everyone that the curb ramp was part of the sidewalk and asked them to shovel those areas. She asked for more transparency on Green Court Shelter because there was no money in the capital or operations budget for the current year. She asked for acknowledgment of the shooting on K Street. Ty Abilla stated that she took note of the communication with DHS around Green Court Shelter. She stated that she would follow up with MPD to see if there was additional information available about the shooting.

Commissioner Shankle commented that there were numerous construction signs left with no construction. Ellouise Johnson stated that there was active construction due to the caging. DDOT had contractors patching and servicing the areas. She stated that she would reach out to DDOT to see if they were coming back for the signs.

Commissioner Groth asked about the blockages due to the inauguration that were still remaining. Ellouise Johnson stated that she would look into the issue.

Ty Abilla stated that she would look into the construction signs to ensure they were still supposed to be in place.

Howard Marks asked if the trash containers or anchors would be removed because they were a tripping hazard. Ellouise Johnson stated that they were working to replace all of the bins and that she would follow up.

4. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202-724-8058, Maddy White, mwhite@dccouncil.gov, Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, bromanowski@dccouncil.us, 202-285-9195.

Maddy White reported that Councilmember Pinto introduced the Heads Up Distraction Free Learning Act, which would require all elementary, middle, and high schools to prohibit the use of cellular and gaming devices. The Bottle Bill was also co-introduced by Councilmember Pinto, which involved paying a 10% deposit and being refunded after the containers were returned. Councilmember Pinto was reintroducing some bills that involved community access to recreation spaces, vehicular noise, and more. There were four community judiciary hearings left. CJCC published a new website that had monthly and quarterly crime reports. The Department of Forensic Sciences had their fingerprinting recently re-accredited. The top priorities of Councilmember Pinto were improving public safety, economic prosperity, and education. Councilmember Pinto would be joining the March meeting virtually.

Commissioner Lee asked if the Bottle Bill would be budget-neutral and what was stopping people from bringing bottles outside of DC for reimbursement. Maddy White stated that she would look into the issue and report back. Commissioner Shankle stated that in most states with bottle bills, there was a barcode that tagged it.

Commissioner Swart discussed the need to see more details of the bottle bill. Maddy White stated that the bill would likely have a hearing and that, hopefully, a lot of the issues could be figured out before the hearing was scheduled.

Commissioner Groth asked Councilmember Pinto to get DHS to be more transparent about the Green Court Shelter.

**5. DowntownDC BID, Lukas Umana, Director of Public Space Operations,
lukas@downtowndc.org, 202.270.0366.**

Ellouise Johnson presented Clean and Safe Data. She reported that there was a lot of foot traffic in January, and there was almost as much trash collected as in December. January was generally a month in which less trash was collected, but there was more due to the inauguration. There were over 500 stickers, posters, and graffiti removed. There were 744 hours of safety team hours completed. The BID personnel hours remained high, and wellness checks increased compared to December. Ellouise Johnson discussed the other activities that the BID performed, which included preparation and execution for the inauguration, street sweeping, snow services, unhoused community support, stakeholder engagement, and the activation of Anthem Row for the Lunar New Year Lantern. Lukas Umana discussed the Lunar New Year Lantern. He reported that there would be activation for Cherry Blossom and World Pride upcoming as well.

Ellouise Johnson discussed that nearly all trash bins were removed for the inauguration due to safety issues, and she presented pictures of the cleanup that occurred afterward. Lukas Umana stated that the impact was larger due to the shift in location.

Ellouise Johnson provided updates for the Chinatown Safety Team and discussed the technology component, which allowed for gathering data.

Lukas Umana discussed the activation for World Pride and the activation of the area in the summer months as the Capital One Arena was renovated.

Commissioner Swart thanked DowntownDC Bid for their work and help in providing supportive services.

Commissioner Shankle thanked DowntownDC Bid for the quick cleanup after the inauguration.

Cassie He asked if the safety team had been involved in de-escalation training and about the timing of the downtown safety corridor. Lukas Umana stated that the team was involved in

unhoused support training and de-escalation training. He reported that they were constantly evolving, there was ongoing evaluation, and he welcomed any feedback.

6. Chinatown Streetscape Design Guidelines, Marvin Hodges, Community Planner, Urban Design, Office of Planning, marvin.hodges@dc.gov, 202.442.8843.

Marvin Hodges introduced himself and Timothy Maher and provided a presentation on the Chinatown Streetscape design guidelines. The Office of Planning curated certain design standards in the 1980s to ensure that the cultural representation in Chinatown remained a priority. There was the potential for investment to update some streetscapes in the upcoming year. The project was not an idea to reimagine design standards applying to architecture but about the sidewalks and lights. DDOT maintained a policy set standard, and the section of downtown had the only section of streetscape codified by regulation within the DC Municipal Code. The Chinatown Design Guide was reviewed, and it was not seen that any large changes were needed. The architectural design guidelines, the special brick pattern, and the streetlights all had their own geography, which would be streamlined to be within the same area. There was a broader effort to identify culturally important streets, update the codes, and potentially produce festival streets. The idea would be that the streets could be readily shifted to be ready for events so that events did not need to come in with separate permits. More information would be published and shared in the coming weeks. The preliminary idea for the sidewalk was to replace the brick with a poured-in-place concrete sidewalk, which would be more easily maintained. Over a number of years, the bricks were coming list, but the district had more standards surrounding the poured-in-place concrete sidewalk. DDOT had seen the preliminary plan and had no issues, but they still needed to go through the longer checklist. A view of the typical street section was presented. People did like the brick aesthetic, so the idea was to reuse and repurpose a lot of the brick. There were special Zodiac bricks that would be relocated to the tree box zone. The process was to go through the standard of the rule-making process with the Downstreet Streetscape Regulations. In March, a published notice of rulemaking in the DC register would be completed, and the final rulemaking would be published in April. Throughout the end of the year, it would be examined to see if the Chinatown Design Guide Study needed to be further updated.

Commissioner Shankle discussed that there were several different groups that engaged Chinatown and asked how the Office of Planning would engage the larger Chinatown community. He stated he had heard a lot of comments and discussions about the design guidelines and what the symbols meant. He suggested a larger discussion about how the design guidelines would be updated with the Chinatown community. Timothy Maher reported that their first steps were to discuss with the ANC and the Chinatown Steering Committee to help shape the outreach plan to appropriately contact residents and business owners in the area. He discussed that part of the guidelines did require businesses to post signage in Chinese, and they were looking to discuss that with the Chinatown Steering Committee in order to determine if it was always appropriate to have Chinese lettering, such as when a restaurant was serving Thai or Japanese food.

Commissioner Shankle commented that his initial feedback was that he liked the idea of addressing the sidewalk issue because it had been a concern for some time. He stated that it was a step in the right direction.

Commissioner Lee thanked Marvin Hodges and Timothy Maher for all of their work and asked if the street art was in their purview. Marvin Hodges reported that it was not.

Commissioner Shankle commented that he liked the idea of incorporating the brick into the design. He asked if they had explored printing brick designs into the concrete. Timothy Maher stated that they had considered that option, along with laying bricks in such a way that they could not be moved. DDOT stated that those applications were used very rarely and only in small square footage areas due to maintenance difficulties. Timothy Maher discussed the issues in the winter when bricks were cemented in place.

Commissioner Swart wished them luck on the Chinatown refurbishing and commented on the need for sound level restrictions as well.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the next step was to put out official guidance and open a comment period. Timothy Maher confirmed that it was. Commissioner Shankle stated that he could assist in putting together an ANC group if desired. Timothy Maher stated that he would follow up.

Howard Marks discussed that they had never been approached by the Chinatown Steering Committee and the importance of the ANC group. He discussed that the sidewalks went into alcoves owned by businesses, which needed to be addressed. He commented that Monumental Sports and Entertainment owned a large part of the sidewalk, so they should be brought into the discussion, along with others.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

- 1. 16th Annual PurpleStride, 5K Saturday, April 26, 2025, Jeff Ruday, jeff@jeffruday.com**
- 2. Capital Pride World Pride, Saturday, June 7, 2025, Sahand Miraminy, sahand@capitalpride.org.**
- 3. Race for Hope, Sunday, May 4, 2025, Diane Romo Thomas, dianeromo-thomas@hotmail.com**
- 4. Pride 5K, Sunday, June 1, 2025, Diane Romo Thomas, dianeromo-thomas@hotmail.com**

Commissioner Shankle asked if there were any objections to taking the items as a consent agenda. There were no objections.

MOTION: Groth motioned to send letters of support for the 16th Annual PurpleStride 5K, the Capital Pride World Pride, the Race for Hope, and the Pride 5K. Seconded by Shankle. (Vote 4-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA)

1. Lucky Danger Infinity. 709 D Street Northwest

The applicants confirmed that they had not received their placard for the window and reported that they submitted it to ABCA. They asked for a sponsorship for a stipulated license.

Commissioner Shankle asked when the license was submitted. The applicants reported that it was submitted several weeks ago.

Commissioner Shankle asked for information on the restaurant. The applicants reported that it was American Chinese food by a Chinese American chef, and it would be the first sit-down restaurant. The hours of operation would be 5 pm to 11 pm on weekdays and 5 pm to midnight on weekends. The goal was to build a bridge between traditional Chinese concepts with their own twists. The environment would be casual, with check averages between \$40 to \$65. There would also be family-style food options.

It was clarified that Lucky Danger Beyond was a separate LLC. A liquor license was applied for, and the hope was to open in the next month or two.

Commissioner Shankle stated that they normally waited for the placard to see the request for the license.

The liquor license would also be for earlier in the day in case lunch service was offered in the future.

Commissioner Groth commented that there would also likely be many pre-theater diners.

Commissioner Shankle explained that they normally only had businesses present once they had placards. Commissioner Groth commented that it was a reasonable way to proceed. Commissioner Swart agreed.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the business would be opening before March 11. The applicants stated that they were looking at being in the space before March 1.

It was discussed that ABCA might not be able to move that quickly.

Commissioner Shankle motioned to table the item until the placard was published. Once the placard was published, they could have a mid-month meeting if needed to issue a letter for a stipulated license.

Commissioner Groth asked if the restaurant was in compliance with the ADA. The applicants confirmed that it was.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SPACE

1. 15th St NW Cycletrack – New York Ave to I St NW, DDOT, Christophe Wassmer, Christophe.wassmer@dc.gov, 202.809.8453.

Christophe Wassmer reported that the Project Manager, David Balick, would share the update. David Balick reported that the corridor had a missing gap originally identified by MoveDC 2021 and met one of the Sustainable DC goals to have 25% of commuter trips be by walking or bicycle by 2032. The need for the project was due to the typical path being often blocked off by the Secret Service. The new path would connect the 15th St NW bike lane network. David Balick reported that the I St alternative was eliminated after conversations with the ANC, Sofitel Hotel, and the DDOT curbside team. They were moving forward with the H Street alternative, and the design was at 65%. The proposed changes were to put the two-way cycle track and have two northbound lanes. The eastern lane would be converted into full-time parking instead of being a rush hour lane. A crossing was also proposed at the 15th and H St NW intersection. Due to the number of turning vehicles, the turning lane was not adjusted. There would be a bike turn box on Vermont Ave NW and the H St NW intersection. The next steps included progressing to 100% design in March and April and doing construction in the spring and summer of 2025.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the block on which the church was on. David Balick reported that it did not. Commissioner Shankle asked for clarification on the bike turn box. David Balick stated that the bike would proceed via the bus lane. Commissioner Shankle asked how people would know to do that. David Balick stated that they were actively exploring how to communicate the information, including signage to explain how bike boxes worked. Commissioner Shankle commented that the design appeared to be better than the previous design.

Howard Marks commented that he used the unprotected G Street bike lane and asked about crossing 15th ST and the concrete blocks that were in place. He asked for a better connection between the unprotected bike lane and what was being proposed. David Balick stated that it was not in the scope of the project, but they would evaluate it in the future. He also suggested submitting the issue to 311 so that it could be documented.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the 15th St NW Cycletrack. Seconded by Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

2. Relocation of Motorcycle parking space on G Street NW, (DDOT NOI#25-08-TPA) Tyon Jones, tyon.jones@dc.gov

Christophe Wassmer reported that the NOI was for the relocation of motorcycle parking at the intersection of 13th and G Street. The intention was to relocate the parking signs from the NW corner to the NE corner. The motorcycle parking signs were in front of a bike corral, so many bikes and scooters were taking up the spaces. A commercial loading zone would be repurposed as motorcycle parking.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the motorcycle parking was used. Christophe Wassmer that it was, especially for scooters.

Commissioner Swart asked if the loading zone was no longer necessary. Christophe Wassmer reported that there was communication with the business owners to determine that it was not needed.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the relocation of the motorcycle parking space on G Street NW. Seconded by Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

3. Rush Hour Restriction Removal 1400 M Street NW, (DDOT NOI#25-16-TPA), Stephen Hanrahan, Program Analyst, Curbside Management Division, District Department of Transportation, Stephen.Hanrahan@dc.gov.

Christophe Wassmer reported that the NOI was to remove the rush hour restriction on 1400 M Street NW, next to Thomas Circle. The intention was to remove the peak hour restriction. The Highway Safety Improvement program had recommended implementing full-time parking on that block.

Commissioner Groth asked if the Westin or homeowners would be affected. Christophe Wassmer stated that the team was in contact with the Westin.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the rush hour restriction removal at 1400 M Street NW. Seconded by Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. 608-624 Eye Street Development, Updated Design, AJ Luce Monument Realty, aluce@monumentrealty.com, 202.777.2014.

Josh Olson and AJ presented the 608-624 Eye Street Development. Josh Olson reported that they had been receiving a lot of positive support for the project. There were two separate projects. The H Street property was under construction. For the I Street property, updates were made to scale down the development to reduce the design to eight stories, separate the new building from the rear of row houses, integrate 608 Eye Street into the development, and work with the city to make the north-south alley pedestrian friendly. Josh Olson presented the site plan, noting that all historic buildings would be restored and preserved. He also presented

different views of the buildings. The project financing was in place and was the same as H Street's. The intention was to start construction in Q3 of the year.

Commissioner Shankle asked what would happen with the row homes. Josh Olson reported that they would be integrated into the development. Commissioner Shankle asked if there was retail in the back. Josh Olson stated that some retail would open into the alley, and there would be community spaces in the back.

Commissioner Lee asked if 822 and the dance company would take up both buildings and if there would be opportunities in the future for different businesses. Josh Olson stated that the agreements were in place for 10 years, so there would be the opportunity further in the future. He discussed that retail could be challenging due to vehicle access.

Commissioner Shankle asked if there were any affordable units. Josh Olson stated that there was a 10% requirement for H Street, and they intended to apply for tax abatements and have 10 affordable units on I Street.

Commissioner Swart commented that it was a nice development to see.

Commissioner Lee asked when construction would occur. Josh Olson stated that it would ideally start in the fall and be complete in 2027.

Commissioner Groth asked if the alley was wide enough to have sidewalk cafes and if there would be murals and lighting. Josh Olson stated that the alley would be widened to 20 feet, and the goal was to have active uses, such as outdoor eating. He discussed that lighting was key and they were also doing lobby entrances off of the alley to create a safer environment. He discussed having food carts. He stated that a mural was proposed, and HPRB had not liked the idea. Commissioner Groth asked if any of the buildings would be flush with the sidewalk. Josh Olson stated that some buildings were brought down to grade.

Justin John discussed that Save Chinatown Solidarity Network had a concern that the community had not been re-engaged after the initial engagement 10 years prior. Josh Olson stated that they were happy to re-engage, and it would be helpful to have a dialogue about how other groups in the community could use the space. Justin John asked how long the buildings on the I Street development had been vacant. Josh Olson stated that most had been vacant for at least 10 years. Justin John raised concerns about safety and commented that there was a lack of responsibility on the developers' part to address the issues. He commented that there was a mural on the wall of the H Street development, and he asked the ANC to pass a resolution to require more engagement with the community.

Cassie He echoed everything that Commissioner Shankle said and stated that the purpose of the HBRC was to implement historic preservation programs to ensure that the community could remain in Chinatown. She agreed that 822 should have space but stated that there were

more opportunities for community engagement. She urged the ANCs to urge the developers to reengage the community.

Commissioner Shankle discussed that a line of communication had been opened, which was a great step, and agreed with Justin and Cassie's comments.

Josh Olson stated that they were happy to engage with the Chinatown community and would reach out to both Justin John and Cassie He.

Commissioner Groth asked where the Wah Luck House fit. AJ Luce reported that there was a lawyer on the team that represented the Wah Luck House.

Commissioner Lee asked if the mural would be removed during construction. Josh Olson stated that the mural would be removed and the artist was notified.

Howard Marks stated that the mural was politically motivated and stated he was happy it was being removed. Commissioner Lee clarified that it was a different mural.

Commissioner Shankle stated that he would get Josh Olson in touch with the Save Chinatown Committee so that a broader discussion could occur.

Commissioner Groth asked if this was the only time to express any concerns. Commissioner Shankle stated that it would still come back to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Groth asked about the role of HPRB, particularly with regard to ADA access. Commissioner Shankle stated that the HPRB was about historic preservation.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send a letter of support to the HBRC and DDOT for the new concept design and alleyway activation. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

It was asked what the next steps would be and which steps would be brought back to the Commission. Commissioner Shankle reported that additional steps for the Office of Planning, HPRB, and DDOT.

Commissioner Lee asked about the continuity of physical flow from the sidewalks into the alleyway. Josh Olson stated that it would make sense to pull the new standards into the alley and that they would be working with DDOT closely.

Commissioner Shankle asked for the contact for DDOT. Josh Olson stated that he would send the information.

2. Applicant's Request for a Two-Year Time Extension (BZA: 18878). Madeline Shay Williams, Esq., Associate Attorney, Cozen O'Connor, 202.280.6508.

Madeline Shay Williams provided a presentation on the application for the two-year time extension for the 12th Street LLC. The extension was for the property on 1017 12th Street, which was an original proposal for a ten-story office building that would be the headquarters for a consulting firm. As a result of COVID and the changing market, an initial extension was allowed. Madeline Shay Williams reported that there was compliance with Subtitle Y for the three criteria. The applicant showed evidence of good cause for the extension in two years, regarding both economic conditions and that the original order was delayed due to years. The applicant marketed the property for sale and was in the process of engaging a potential buyer. The expiration of the order was coming up, so the two-year extension would allow for the process of the buyer.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the proposal was for a 10-story building. Madeline Shay Williams confirmed that it was. Commissioner Shankle asked if the developer was marketing the building for sale and if the goal was to maintain the 10-story building as part of the marketing of the building. Madeline Shay Williams confirmed that it was correct.

Commissioner Lee voiced his support.

Commissioner Swart asked if the desire was still to have the building be an office building. Madeline Shay Williams confirmed that was the intention.

Commissioner Lee asked if the offices would be on top of the existing brick building. Meredith stated that it would be a rear-end, top-story addition on top of the existing structure. There were some windows that would be covered up in the process.

Commissioner Swart asked if they were aware of the number of vacant offices in the area. Meredith stated it was a unique site that would require a unique buyer, which is why they were asking for an extension.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for the extension for BZA 18878. Seconded by Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

OTHER

1. Bottle Bill, Resolution, Hannah Elson, helson09@gmail.com, 216.970.2847.

Joanne Slight provided information on the Bottle Bill. Councilmember Nadeau introduced the bill, which was a mandatory returnable bottle fee. A 10-cent deposit would be required, and it would be refunded after the bottle was returned. There were ten other states that had the resolution in place, and it cut down on litter. She discussed the current issues with littering and provided pictures. Over 4,000 bottles and cans were collected, and over 337 million plastic bottles were sold in DC per year. Less than 24% were recycled. Bottle bills cut litter by between 69% and 84% in the states in which the bills were implemented. States that had a 10% deposit had a higher return rate than those that had a 5% deposit.

Joanne Slight explained how the process worked. A 10-cent deposit is paid after the purchase of a personal beverage container, and the beverage companies and 25% of the unreturned deposits were paid to handle the cost. The beverage companies then collected bottles through a non-profit and sent them to recycling centers. The cost to the government was paid for by unredeemed bottles. There would be several ways to return the bottles, including taking them back to a store or a redemption center. She discussed that it was also a large source of fundraising. The most important part of the bottle bill was the reduction in litter.

Commissioner Swart voiced his support for recycling and discussed the importance of the details of the program. He discussed that he saw a lot of trash but not as many bottles in his neighborhood. He raised concerns about the locations of the distribution centers.

MOTION: Groth moved to send a letter of support for the Bottle Bill. Seconded by Shankle. (Vote 4-0-0)

2. DC Water Lead Free DC Initiative, Sean Moore, Sean.Moore@dc.water.com, 202.787.4049.

Sean Moore provided a presentation on the Lead Free DC Initiative. The goal was to eliminate all lead service lines in the District. There were 7,758 lead service lines replaced as of February 10, they were prioritizing environmental justice and vulnerable populations, and they were expanding the Lead Free DC outreach team. There were 42,000 service lines that needed to be replaced. In 2024, the EPA finalized the Lead and Copper Rule, which required all utilities to replace lead by 2037. There was a dashboard that allowed visualization of how the replacements were going. Sean Moore explained the reasons for the replacement of the lead service lines, discussing the negative health impacts. The water service lines from the street and to the house were the focus of the initiative. Both lead and galvanized pipes were being replaced. There was a construction dashboard and an updated inventory map available on dcwater.com. The lead pipes were being replaced in three different ways, which included the capital improvement program, the lead pipe replacement assistance program if only the portion of the water service line on private property was lead, and a volunteer program. Everyone would have the opportunity for the lead pipe replacement.

Sean Moore discussed the prioritization model, which utilized data to create scores on five indicators. Sean Moore explained how the replacement worked and showed pictures. A test would first be done, and an adult had to be home during the work. The anticipated construction period was November 2024 through November 2026 in ANC 2C. He presented the blocks in ANC 2C that they would be working on. He asked everyone to encourage homeowners to participate in changing their service lines. He provided contact information for any questions.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the blocks presented were the ones that were prioritized in ANC 2C and if those blocks were homes. Sean Moore confirmed that the blocks were the prioritized ones and stated that the blocks could be any premise, including a house, apartment building, or

business. Commissioner Shankle asked if they would be returning to other areas. Sean Moore stated that they would choose new blocks each year.

Commissioner Lee asked if the block referred to the entire block or specific addresses. Sean Moore stated it was the whole block and included any premise on the block. Commissioner Lee asked if Sean Moore wanted the Commissioners to reach out to the businesses. Sean Moore stated that he wanted the Commissioners to be knowledgeable of what was occurring and asked for support in reaching out if needed. Commissioner Lee asked if the new administration would be impacting the initiative. Sean Moore stated that he was unsure, but they did currently have funding.

Commissioner Groth asked for the link to the lead map to be emailed and raised concerns about all of the businesses and how tenants were reached. Sean Moore stated he would email the link and stated that information was left for tenants, and the landlords were contacted as well. He discussed that they tried to make contact with both the landlords and the tenants.

Commissioner Swart asked if there was an ideal script that could be used for communicating with the neighbors. Sean Moore stated that he sent a brochure, but he could also provide flyers if desired.

MOTION: Shankle moved to publish a letter of support for the DC Water Lead Free Initiative on their website and blog. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

3. Resolution Guidelines for Property Development in Chinatown.

Commissioner Shankle recommended postponing the item. He discussed that the Commission should put forward a resolution talking about some of the concerns with engagement in Chinatown. The other Commissioners agreed that a discussion was needed on the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Shankle motioned to Adjourn at 10:16 pm. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Minutes Services

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: March 11, 2025, 6:00 pm. It will be a hybrid format.

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