

# Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

## April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** April 12, 2022

**ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Michael Shankle and Commissioner Gigi Nelson

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:02pm over Zoom (available at <https://www.anc2c.us/video-recordings>).
2. **INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Shankle introduced Commissioner Nelson. Commissioner Miske was not in attendance.
3. **QUORUM:** A quorum of two of three commissioners present.
4. **OPENING REMARKS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shankle reviewed the agenda (available at [www.anc2c.us](http://www.anc2c.us)). Julius Terry offered one correction and one addition to the agenda. He is the Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison, not Kevin Pham. The Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, Wayne Turnage, will provide a budget update. Shankle motioned to approve the April 2022 agenda with the modifications, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2022 MINUTES:** The March 2022 minutes have not been prepared; they will be approved at the next meeting.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Nelson gave the following updates:
  - a. **March 2022 Treasurer's Report:** The opening balance was \$62,021.54. The closing balance was \$61,813.54. Two transactions occurred in March for a total of \$208.00—a bank fee in the amount of \$33.00 and a check in the amount of \$175.00 for meeting minutes.
  - b. **Q2 Financial Filing.** The balance forwarded from the previous quarter was \$62,779.54. The total disbursements this quarter amounted to \$966.00—\$25.00 for the ANC Security Fund, \$875.00 for the purchase of service for the meeting minutes, and \$66.00 for bank fees. The ending balance was \$61,813.54. Nelson motioned to approve the Q2 Financial Filing, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 2-0-0)
7. **RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER MISKE.** Shankle announced that Commissioner Miske will resign her commission on May 1, 2022 because she is relocating outside of the District.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Julius Terry Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Acting Ward 2 Liaison.**

Terry introduced himself as the new Ward 2 Liaison, taking over Joe Florio's position. He provided two updates. First, he has been speaking with DPW, the code and rodent inspector, and a public health analyst regarding the 509 H Street alley. Second, he can send an update regarding an intersection near the Ford Theatre Project to anyone who has not already received it.

**2. Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto Update – Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, [bromanowski@dccouncil.us](mailto:bromanowski@dccouncil.us)**

Romanowski provided updates from Councilmember Pinto's office. First, Pinto will hold office hours tomorrow at the Shaw Library from 11am-1pm. Second, there is an Earth Day cleanup event in Dupont Circle on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 12pm. Third, the annual community bike ride will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 10am-12pm starting in Shaw and ending in Georgetown. Fourth, the ANC Redistricting Task Force completed their recommendations for ANC boundaries. Under the Task Force's recommendations, there will be four SMDs in ANC 2C. The Commission's boundaries will expand to the north and west giving ANC 2C a more robust downtown presence. The final hearing regarding the Task Force's redistricting recommendations will be on April 28, 2022. Constituents can register to testify at the hearing up until April 26, 2022. Pinto is asking the Council to give ANC candidates more time to collect signatures to run for the ANC.

Romanowski provide a budget update. Mayor Bowser released her budget on March 16, 2022 and it included many of Pinto's top priorities. The Council will vote on the budget on May 10, 2022 and May 24, 2022.

**3. Budget Update – Wayne Turnage, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services**

Deputy Mayor Turnage gave a presentation regarding Mayor Bowser's proposed FY2023 budget and the status of the encampment pilot program. First, he provided an overview of the District's economy and the proposed FY2023 budget. The economy continues to recover as vaccination rates increase and revenue returns to pre-pandemic levels. The District has a current operating budget is \$12 billion. Federal relief in the amount of \$2.2 trillion aided the budget throughout the pandemic. Mayor Bowser will invest \$19.5 billion to help the District continue to emerge from the pandemic.

Second, Deputy Mayor Turnage outlined key elements of the proposed FY2023 budget dedicated to human services and housing. In total, the proposed budget allocates \$5.72 billion to health and human services.

Third, the Department of Health and Human Services will continue its efforts to address and decrease DC homelessness with the Homeward DC 2.0 Strategic Plan. The thrust its focus is on unaccompanied adults who are experiencing homelessness. A major aspect of the Mayor's work is to execute a cross-agency response to encampments. The CARE Pilot Program has seen successes so far.

Shankle asked about the closing of the encampment located on New York Avenue and expressed concerns he has heard from people experiencing homelessness about living in shelters due to COVID-19.

4. **Office of Chairman Mendelson -- Declan Falls, Community Outreach Specialist, [dfalls@dccouncil.us](mailto:dfalls@dccouncil.us), 312-292-0022.**  
No updates provided.
5. **MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Jonathan Dorrrough, [Jonathan.Dorrrough@dc.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Dorrrough@dc.gov), 202.729.2179 , and/or Lieutenant George Donigian, Jr., [george.donigian@dc.gov](mailto:george.donigian@dc.gov)**

Lieutenant Donigian announced that Tasha Bryan is the new Commander of MPD's 1<sup>st</sup> District. Commander McLean was transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

He then provided the monthly crime report. Thefts, petty crimes, and theft by autos are up. There was one violent crime this past month: a robbery outside of an ATM at 7<sup>th</sup> and I Street. The Chinatown unit has recovered some guns and drugs off the streets this month related to the ongoing drug activity in the area.

6. **MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Lieutenant Michael Hamelin, [michael.hamelin@dc.gov](mailto:michael.hamelin@dc.gov), (202) 715-7340, and/or Sergeant John Sprague, [john.sprague@dc.gov](mailto:john.sprague@dc.gov)**

No updates provided.

## LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABRA)

1. **Carlyle Room & Brennan's Bar, Carlyle Club, LLC, 1350 I Street, NW, New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant (ABRA-120781), Jeff Jackson, (202) 251-1566, [jjharlem112@gmail.com](mailto:jjharlem112@gmail.com).**  
Jackson and Brennan Reilly, the owner of Carlyle Room & Brennan's Bar, started their presentation. The establishment will be a dinner theatre where customers can enjoy dinner, drinks, and a show. The hours of operation are 11:30am-11pm on Wednesday and Thursdays, 11:30am-12am on Fridays, 10am-12am on Saturdays, and 11am-10:30om on Sundays. The bar and restaurant will be open to the public all day. There will be 25 outside seats and a maximum of 270 seats inside. The establishment plans to open in mid-May or the beginning of June. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for a retailer's Class C license, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0) Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for a stipulated license, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

### TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

1. **Taffer's Tavern, 700 6th St NW, New Sidewalk Café (DDOT: 10919753), Debra Moye, Project Director – Restaurant Consultants, Inc., [debra@restconsultant.com](mailto:debra@restconsultant.com), (410) 827-9002.**

Moye started her presentation and displayed the sidewalk design plan for Taffer's Tavern. The hours of operation are 11am-11pm. The establishment plans to open at the end of

May. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the new sidewalk cafe, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

- 2. Bobby Van's Grill, 1201 NEW YORK AVENUE NW, New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed (DDOT #10922035), Jonathan Langel, 2025891504, jonathan.langel@gmail.com.**

No one showed up.

## **PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

- 1. 613-617 H Street NW, Conversation of Office to Residential, BZA Case No. 19448, Jessica Bloomfield, Partner - Holland & Knight, Jessica.bloomfield@hklaw.com, (202) 469-5272.** Bloomfield started her presentation and introduced other members involved in the project. The project seeks a letter of support for its BZA application. Bloomfield displayed the construction and floor plans for the site. She explained that the BZA relief is for the yard at the back of the building, which has previously been approved. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the BZA application, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0) Bloomfield said she would draft a resolution and send it to the Commission.
- 2. National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), Pennsylvania Avenue Visions and Concepts, Elizabeth Miller, Director, Physical Planning Division, Elizabeth.miller@ncpc.gov, National Capital Planning Commission and Jeff Jamawat, Urban Planner, Physical Planning Division, National Capital Planning Commission, jeff.jamawat@ncpc.gov, 202.482.7233.** Elizabeth Miller started her presentation with Karen Mierow about the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative. The purpose of the Initiative is to envision a new future for the Avenue, modernize infrastructure, improve programming, and update the 1974 plan and governing agreements. She showed plans and mock drawings for the three initial visions for Pennsylvania Avenue: (a) Urban Capital Street, (b) Linear Green, and (c) Civic stage. The Initiative is in its early states and will be seeking feedback about the three visions. Over the next 2-4 years, they will conduct pilot programs to test the ideas. In the mid-term, they will improve the Avenue's infrastructure. In the long-term, they will phase in the implementation of the chosen concept. Nelson raised concerns about the concepts that would reduce or eliminate streets for cars.

## **OTHER**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm, seconded by Shankle. Commissioners were in favor of adjourning meeting (Vote 2-0-0)

**Minutes Submitted by:** Laura Stateler

**Minutes Approved by:**

**Next Meeting:** May 10, 2022, 6:00PM

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