



Government of the District of Columbia, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C
John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room G-9
Monday, October 16, 2017, 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Commissioner John Tinpe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Quorum

- Commissioners John Tinpe, Chairman, Theresa Harrison and Kevin Wilsey were present at the meeting confirming a quorum.

Agenda and Minutes

- Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to approve the October 2017 meeting agenda. The motion was approved.
- Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to approve the September 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Wilsey, Treasurer and Vice Chairman, announced that the ANC 2C opening balance for the budget in September was \$42,652.56. There were no deposits and one check was issued during the month. The closing balance for the month was \$41,752.56. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Wilsey distributed a proposed 2018 budget and discussed the minor changes from the year to year budget. Final budget balance from 2017 is \$43,294.15. The projected allotment for 2018 is the same as 2017, \$6,166.36. The total receipts are \$49,460.15. The commissioners expect expenditures of \$15,600. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the 2018 budget. The motion was approved.

Secretary's Report

Commissioner Harrison, Secretary, announced that time allocation for speakers will continue for this meeting with presenters either having five or 10 minutes to present. Community members will have one minute to speak and may only be called upon once during a presentation.

Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

1. Mayor's Community Liaison for Ward-2, Richard Livingstone (Richard.Livingstone@dc.gov) shared that the Mayor recently announced the sixth Alley Pallooza. ANC 2C has an alley that is being repaired during this round.



DC week is currently going on in Washington. The City is aiming for the Amazon headquarters competition. A Shop Made in DC store recently opened on 19th St., NW, south of Dupont Circle.

The Mayor also recently announced that Christy Whitfield is the newly appointed acting director of DSLDB, (Department of Small and Local Business Development). Upon counsel appointment, she will be the new director.

2. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Sergeant Luke Foscett (luke.foscett@dc.gov) discussed that total crime in last 30 days has decreased by 1% overall than the prior month. Violent crime is down 20% and property crime up 3% in the last 30 days.

Commissioner Tinpe asked about public space issues in the 7th St, area and what the MPD is doing to address this. Sgt Foskin acknowledged the buskers and said if they are blocking the space, or the crowd is blocking the space, then MPD should be notified.

Commissioner Tinpe asked about the encampment at 9th and G Sts. Sgt Foskin said Captain Dorrough is aware of the issue and is trying to work with the government agencies to clear the issues.

3. DC Public Restroom Initiative, Bill 22-0223, Marcia Bernbaum (mbern362@aol.com) spoke about the initiative to bring clean public restrooms to the City. Janet discussed the various options that the initiative is pursuing.

Commissioner Wilsey asked why doesn't Washington, DC have public restrooms. Marcia explained the history of when bathrooms were made public and then why they went away.

Commissioner Tinpe mentioned that the ANC 2C public restroom was at the MLK Library. There was a problem at encampment at the library and that there needs to be monitoring.

Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to support this bill. The motion was approved.

4. DC Winter Ready 2017, Kristen Benjamin Randolph, Public Service Commission, (krandolph@psc.dc.gov) spoke about the winter readiness programs and how to be prepared including signing up for alerts or checking on elderly neighbors to ensure they are ok or to provide assistance or guidance. Kirsten also discussed ways to make individual homes ready for cold weather. See the DC Public Service Commission winter ready dc website for more information.

Commissioner Tinpe asked if the Public Service Commission has always been involved in winter readiness. Kirsten explained the history and mission of the organization including providing more proactive measures based on the needs and involvement from the community.



Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

1. ABRA-105730, Ping Pong Dim Sum, Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, 900 7th Street NW. Dewit Zeleke, (capitalmd@yahoo.com) discussed the change in application they are seeking for an entertainment endorsement that will include dancing, cover charge and a change of hours to license. The proposed hours of operation and alcoholic beverages sales, service and consumption will be Sunday through Thursday 11 am- 2 am; Friday and Saturday 11 am- 3 am. The proposed hours of live entertainment will be Sunday through Thursday 6 pm – 2 am; Friday and Saturday 6 pm- 3 am.

Commissioner Tinpe stated that we need to ensure that this remains a restaurant license and not a club license. He also asked if valet parking will be installed. Mr. Zeleke stated that no valet will be available.

Commissioner Wilsey said he did not foresee any issues with this given the fact they've been in the area for the nine years.

Commission Tinpe made a motion to support application. The motion was approved.

2. ABRA-104739, Phillips Seafood - Ten Tavern and Grill, Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, 707 G Street NW. Michael Fonseca (Mfonseca@malliosobrien.com) discussed that the applicant seeks to expand its premises into the ground floor. The expansion will create 155 new seats, increasing the seating capacity from 135 to 285. The new total occupancy load of the restaurant will be 325. Current hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales, service and consumption for premise are Sunday through Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 am. Current hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sales service and consumption for sidewalk café are Sunday through Thursday: 10:00 am – 11:00 pm; Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am – 12:00 am.

Commissioner Wilsey asked if anything else is changing other than the occupancy? Mr. Fonseca said nothing else is changing.

Commissioner Tinpe asked if the numbers of occupancy correct? Mr. Fonseca replied yes and that the hours of operation remain the same.

Commission Tinpe made a motion to support application. The motion was approved.

Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)

1. HPA# 17-509, HPA# 17-0726, Weschler's Building, 905-909 E Street NW, Proposed plan to do construction and expand square footage. Kristian Passanita (kpassanita@studios.com) from Studios Architecture presented the updated changes for this project The president of the Pew Charitable Trust said he was pleased with the revised design. A resident from the Artisan asked if another resolution could be found to keep the windows in the apartment he recently purchased.

Commissioner Tinpe asked that the resident of the Artisan and Douglas to meet and discuss a resolution. ANC 2C will defer action with HPRB for another 30 days.



Commissioner Wilsey asked what if developer and resident are not able to find resolution and HPRB moves forward. Commissioner Tinpe said we represent the neighborhood and ANC 2C will put forward great weight. He asked that they find a way to work out the situation given the fact that Pew has worked out their concerns.

Commissioner Wilsey asked if windows were in the same room. The response from the resident was yes and all light would be lost.

Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to defer a decision for 30 more days with the goal for the resident and developer to find a solution.

2. HPRB HOP# 17-660, PR 17-0918 Revised 999 E Street NW, Proposed plan to do remodeling on the ground floor. Nathan Minch (nminch@studios.com) from Studios Architecture discussed proposed changes.

Commissioner Harrison asked if the windows in the building were being changed. Mr. Minch said yes.

Commissioner Tinpe asked where the roof change will occur. Mr. Minch explained the changes.

Commissioner Harrison asked if they have discussed the changes to the building with other building owners/managers in the area? Mr. Minch said they've spoken with the Artisan. The home owners association president of the Artisan said they support this development change.

Commissioner Tinpe asked if the encampment in front of the building is still there? The developers said they did not think so.

Commissioner Wilsey asked if the windows were operable. Mr. Minch responded that the drawings need to be reviewed as that could be a possible oversight on a project detail.

Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to support the application. The motion was approved.

Community Forum

Commissioner Tinpe asked if the community had questions for the commissioners. No one responded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Questions:

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