

# Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

## November 2024 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** November 12, 2024

**ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Thomas Lee, Commissioner Rebecca Strauss

**ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm over Zoom ([2024 November 12 ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)).

### 2. ROLL CALL:

Three out of the Three commissioners were present.

### 3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

The commissioners introduced themselves.

### 4. Congratulations to Candidate-Elect Commissioners

Commissioner Shankle congratulated the candidate-elect commissioners who would be starting in January. The vacant position was filled.

### 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION:** Strauss motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 3-0-0)

### 6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The approval of the meeting minutes was postponed.

### 7. TREASURER REPORT:

The Treasurer Report was postponed.

### 8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. **MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Michael Hamelin, [Michael.hamelin@dc.gov](mailto:Michael.hamelin@dc.gov), or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, [Sylvester.garvin@dc.gov](mailto:Sylvester.garvin@dc.gov), 202.774.6866**

Robinson reported that for the month of October, there was only one violent crime, which was an assault with a deadly weapon. Two unhoused individuals got into a physical altercation, and there was video footage including still shots of the suspect. In the nightlife area, there was one robbery and gun arrest. The individual was a juvenile, and he was arrested. There were four additional juveniles arrested, with five guns recovered. There were 274 guns recovered by the

second district. There were zero motor vehicle thefts and thefts from autos were down by 33%. Robinson invited everyone to attend a walk on Wednesday, November 27, at 5 pm.

Commissioner Elect Groth stated that there was a shooting on November 2 on the 1800 block of M Street. Robinson stated that they did have information about that and he would look into it.

Commissioner Elect Groth stated that a dry cleaner's glass door shattered a couple of weeks ago on the 1300 block of L Street. Robinson stated that it would be considered a destruction of property, which was a misdemeanor. He stated that he would advise Lieutenant Garvin to follow up.

**b. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Paul Hrebenak, [Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov](mailto:Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov), 202-729-2179 or Lieutenant Araz Alal, [Araz.Alali@dc.gov](mailto:Araz.Alali@dc.gov), 202.698.0066.**

Hrebenak reported that there were no violent crimes reported. The deployment would continue regarding violent crime to try and continue to have zero violent crimes. Hrebenak discussed burglary of commercial establishments and encouraged businesses to add protective film on windows, to have working cameras, and to have activated burglar alarms with good owner information on file. He noted that the camera rebate program extended to small businesses. He discussed that there were a number of large events coming up, and there would be a larger police footprint for some of the events. He stated that they were in the planning phase for the inauguration on January 6.

Commissioner Shankle asked how a business owner could put their name on file. Hrebenak stated that it was most often done with the alarm company, but sometimes the numbers were out of date, or managers had changed jobs and were no longer with the business. He discussed the importance of being able to get ahold of someone in the middle of the night.

Commissioner Shankle asked if there was any feedback regarding the DDOT traffic plan. Hrebenak stated that he did not hear any feedback, but it was useful in keeping traffic flowing.

Commissioner Lee asked what the film on the windows helped with. Hrebenak stated that the film was similar to that on a windshield so that it kept the glass in place rather than shattering, or some opted for plexiglass.

**c. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Tadai Abilla, Ward 2 Liaison, [Tadai.Abilla@dc.gov](mailto:Tadai.Abilla@dc.gov), 202.805.7122.**

Abilla introduced herself as the Ward 2 Manager and noted that her contact preference was email but that anyone could text or call her as well. She discussed DC 311 to provide real-time resolution dates for issues throughout DC. She stated that she could assist in escalating the issues if they were not being taken care of. Abilla noted that the first hypothermia alert would be going into effect on November 12 and asked everyone to check in with their unhoused neighbors. She encouraged everyone to sign up for AlertDC to receive emergency alerts, such as

road closures and critical alerts. Abilla stated that they were in the middle of fall leaf collection, and Section B had begun on November 11. Abilla noted the available resources for those struggling with their mental health. Abilla reported that registration for the DC Hires Vets Career Fair was open and would be held on November 19. She provided an anonymous report hotline link. Abilla noted that she was always open to doing community walks and bringing along DC partner agencies.

A community member asked if community walks were only for safety or police issues. Abilla stated that they could be for anything, including any safety issues. A community member asked if there were walks for exercise. Abilla stated that she could connect offline and provide her information.

**d. 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.**

White discussed the concerns raised by community members about the next four years and stated that Councilmember Pinto would continue to stand up for DC's rights. She welcomed the two newly elected Commissioners and reminded them that their swearing-in would take place on January 3. She discussed three bills, including a bill that would ban child marriage for anyone under the age of 18 in the district, a bill that aimed to help reduce the risk of suicide by allowing residents to put themselves on a do-not-sell list for firearms, and a bill that would ensure that incarcerated pregnant women could have safe and supported pregnancies. The third hearing regarding OUC would be held on December 4 and would focus on technology and multi-agency coordination. On December 10, a hearing on secure apartments for everyone would be held. The bill would mandate on-site security assessments for any property meeting a certain safety threshold. The next hearing for the ONEs office would be held on December 11, and it would focus on violence prevention programs in the district. The COW would be holding a hearing on the development of the Capitol One Arena on November 14. White reported that there would be a new middle school in DC that would be opening on Euclid and George Avenue. A live survey was opened about the new school. White reminded everyone to call DC Water's command center if there was a clogged drain due to leaves. She emphasized Abilla's message regarding 311 and stated that they were very responsive. She thanked Commissioner Strauss and Commissioner-Elect Groth for meeting with officers to discuss concerns surrounding the Green Court Shelter and stated that they were taking the concerns seriously.

Commissioner-Elect Groth asked about the projected timeline for the constituent meeting. White stated that she did not have a timeline, but she would check in and get back to her.

A community member raised concerns about the Pat Handy Shelter, given how bad the situation was previously. He asked to know what security measures would be in place for the safety of the female residents who would be living there. White stated that they would continue to discuss the Pat Handy Shelter.

A community member who lived at the Pat Handy Shelter asked which district the shelter was in. Commissioner Shankle reported that it was in district 2C01. The community member stated that they were still currently at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and the date on which they were moving kept changing. She stated that the majority of the women living in the building were not a threat.

Department of Human Services Chief of Staff Ross stated that the move to Pat Handy Shelter would begin on November 15 and noted that both the original and extended sites would be only for women. It was noted that the Pat Handy program would be moving back into the Pat Handy building. The women who were in the swing space would be returning. The swing space would continue to be used during hypothermia season, and Madison's Transitional Center would be in that building as well while their building was being renovated. There would only be one Pat Handy Program, and it would be moving back to the Pat Handy Building. Security inside the building would continue to do security checks in and around the immediate perimeter of the building. The police department was also closely worked with. Ross discussed the previous issues and the work that was done to mitigate the issues. He discussed that they would continue to be better about the collaboration and mitigation efforts.

Commissioner Shankle stated that one of the major concerns was that the security team be proactive and call the police department rather than leaving the responsibility to the residents of the Pat Handy Center.

A community member discussed that it was very hard to find a restroom in the area and asked Commissioners to encourage businesses to open their restrooms up.

A community member asked about the hours of operation of the shelter. It was reported that the hours for the current low-barrier shelters were 24/7. The building was open 24/7, and people were not made to leave in the morning.

**e. DowntownDC BID, Lukas Umana, Director of Public Space Operations,  
[Lukas@downtowndc.org](mailto:Lukas@downtowndc.org), 202.270.0366.**

Umana shared Clean and Safe data, noting that they were essential to showcase the great work that partners were doing. The trash bags collected averaged between 6,900 and 7,300 per month. Over 40,000 pounds of trash were collected on a monthly basis. The safety team continued to be a presence in the Chinatown corridor. The safety team hours ranged between 740 and 960 per month. There were between 5,000 and nearly 7,000 checkpoints completed by the safety team per month. Business wellness checks allowed the safety team to engage with business owners, and between 300 and 400 were conducted each month. The other functions of the team included leaf collection, street sweeping, utilizing public art as a beautification and activation tool, regular pressure washing, and the installation of bike racks to assist with scooter and e-bike parking. Umana discussed that the Chinatown Safety Team utilized technology by gathering data to help stakeholders and partner agencies be proactive. He discussed the outreach that was being done to provide support and resources for the unhoused community. He asked anyone with issues or challenges to reach out. Umana stated that the Holiday Market was 10 days away and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Lee noted that the art installation on the east side was much nicer than on the west side. Umana discussed that they engaged the stakeholders to discuss ways to work together and the success on the west side of the street was not as much as desired.

A community member asked about the eight great ideas. It was reported that the task force was working on a final set of recommendations by the end of the year to identify the potential cost and the timeline to implement some of the ideas. The goal was to have some of the items in the FY2026 budget.

A community member asked about the discontinuation of the DC Circulator. Commissioner Shankle stated that it was a budget decision made by the Mayor's office.

**f. Green Court Shelter Update. David J. Ross, Chief of Staff, DC  
Department of Human Services, [David.ross@dc.gov](mailto:David.ross@dc.gov), 202.299-5549.**

Ross discussed that one of the main takeaways from the previous month's meeting was that the community was interested in how the site was selected. Ross explained the process, noting that DGS issued a request for space that needed to identify a space between 20,000 and 40,000 square feet. There were 15 proposals received, and after reviewing, there was a shortlist of 8 sites. The evaluation panel toured the sites, and the site was chosen based on meeting program needs.

Commissioner-Elect Groth asked how much homework was done on the site. Ross stated that the tour included the DGS, DHS, and the district team.

A community member asked what the specific vision was and if a demolition was planned for. Ross stated that a design solicitation would be released by December, and part of the solicitation would include a feasibility study. In mid-February or March, the feasibility would be confirmed.

Commissioner-Elect Groth asked if the capabilities and limitations included a rough guess of a tear-down or updating. Ross stated that it would answer those questions. The design solicitation study would provide information on what was feasible, and if the decision was to demolish, an environmental impact study would be done.

A community member stated that he would like to see the financial requirements and noted its proximity to the liquor store. He discussed that the criteria missed some big points, including the economic impact on the area, such as on tourism. He asked if there was a report that could be seen. Ross stated that the due diligence was part of the initial requests for space. He noted that it was their responsibility to work with agencies to ensure that unhoused residents had the same dignity and rights as housed residents. The community member raised concerns about the unhoused individuals being a vulnerable population in regard to the proximity to the liquor store. He further discussed the need for an economic impact study. Ross stated that he

appreciated the feedback and stated that the responsibility was to be good community partners.

A community member who was a resident at the Pat Handy shelter stated that she was not allowed to bring hand sanitizer into the shelter and discussed that there was no place in DC where a shelter could be placed that was not within a couple of blocks of a place that sold liquor.

**9. LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY:**

- a. **Chinese New Year of 2025 Parade, Sunday, February 2, 2025, 2/2/2025. Rita Lee, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of Washington DC, [ritalee@wahluck.org](mailto:ritalee@wahluck.org).**
- b. **American Trot for Hunger, Thursday, November 28, 2024.**

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to write a letter of support for the Chinese New Year of 2025 Parade and the American Trot for Hunger. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 2-0-0)

**10. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS LICENCING (ABCA):**

- a. **Perkins International Restaurant Holdings, LLC, Trade Name: Fuddruckers, (ABRA-130414). Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant, 781 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Sean T. Morris, Esq. [stm@morriseseq.com](mailto:stm@morriseseq.com), 301.654.6570.**

Morris presented information on the license application, including details on the process of the application. The goal was to open in early December. There was a productive conversation with the nearby residents regarding concerns related to noise, and an agreement was settled on. Perkins agreed to be responsive and communicative to ensure that it was a pleasant and productive arrangement between the residents and Fuddruckers.

Commissioner Shankle asked about the settlement agreement and asked if there were televisions and speakers on the second floor. Perkins stated that the bar downstairs would be a traditional bar area, but there would be televisions on the second floor, and a soft level of background music would be played. The televisions would not be connected to the speaker system, so they would not be too loud. Perkins confirmed that he had signed the agreement.

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to write a letter of support for Fuddruckers pending the full execution of the settlement agreement. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 2-0-0)

Commissioner Lee recommended inviting the residents in the building to the grand opening.

- b. **Triple Seven LLC, Trade Name: GAIA Supper Club, (ABRA-130359). New Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern, 1025 Vermont Avenue NW.**

Mixon stated that the goal was to start operations in December. Johnson provided a brief overview of Triple Seven LLC, which included a white tablecloth restaurant with Greek fusion and tables outside.

Commissioner Shankle asked if there were any residents nearby. It was stated that there were only businesses nearby.

Commissioner Lee asked if it was fast casual. Johnson stated that it would be a sit-down resolution.

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to write a letter of support with a stipulated license for Triple Seven LLC. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 2-0-0)

#### **11. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE:**

- a. **Resolution Discussion regarding New Guidelines for a Permanent Strategy Program and extension of the temporary program until July 31, 2025. (DDOT: 11099400). Rosadene E. Gill Program Analyst, Public Space Regulation Division (PSRD), District Department of Transportation, [rosadene.gill@dc.gov](mailto:rosadene.gill@dc.gov)**

Commissioner Shankle tabled the item.

#### **12. PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION:**

- a. **Update on the Capital One Arena renovations and potential impact on the community. Crispus Gordon III, Vice President, Government Relations and Strategic Affairs, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, [cgordon@monumentalsports.com](mailto:cgordon@monumentalsports.com), 202.661.5165**

Gordon provided information on the lease and funding agreement, noting that they were selling the arena to the district and immediately after the sale, MSE would lease back the arena, and it would continue to operate the same as before. One of the main initiatives was supporting youth sports, including providing basketballs to kids and refurbishing courts. Gordon discussed the timeline, noting that renovations would begin as early as April or as late as June. The renovations were discussed, which included an expanded food hall, more restrooms, better seats, and investments in the athlete's spaces.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the construction would pause. It was explained that it was broken up into six phases, which included some in-season phases and the majority of work being done in the summers.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the council Members were supportive of the sale. It was reported that they were supportive because it was not an uncommon occurrence.

Commissioner Shankle asked if anything was needed from the ANC. It was stated that receiving a letter of support for the hearing on November 14 would be helpful.

Commissioner Lee encouraged reaching out to local restaurants. It was stated that they were reaching out to local restaurants.

A community member asked for better wine options. It was reported that they would expand the wine options.

A community member asked about the G Street Alley. It was reported that the plans were still being finalized, but the intention was to drive footfall to that side of the building and create a better entrance sequence.

A community member asked about the rooftop bar. It was stated that it was being thought about and would potentially be connected to the fourth-floor concourse of the arena.

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to write a letter of support for the Capital One Arena. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 2-0-0)

**b. 610 to 624 I ST NW, Eye ST Development Update and 616 Eye Street NW, Demolition of warehouse structure. Lewis Kelley, Monument Realty, [lkelley@monumentrealty.com](mailto:lkelley@monumentrealty.com), 202.777.2029.**

Olson presented the site plan, reporting that the groundbreaking on the H Street property would occur in December. He discussed that they wanted to move forward on Eye Street properties in the summer of 2025 and noted that the project was simplified to be only seven or eight stories and remain separate from the row homes. Since the plan was adjusted, the approval of the demolition of the warehouse at 616 Eye Street was needed again. A structural engineer was hired, and the structure was determined that it could not be occupied. Olson requested that the Review Board deem that the building was non-contributing, and he presented pictures.

Commissioner Shankle asked about the change to the site that was triggering the request. Olson stated that they would be returning with the change because the design could not be completed until the demolition was determined.

Commissioner Lee asked what businesses were there before. Olson stated that there was a dance company and the 1882 Foundation, and the goal was to continue with those businesses.

**MOTION:** Lee motioned to send a letter of support to the HPRB for the demolition of the warehouse structure. Seconded by Shankle. Approved unanimously. (Vote 2-0-0)

**c. 720-7<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Raising Cane's Chinatown. Installation of New Signage. Chinatown Design Review Process. [felicia@teamfredco.com](mailto:felicia@teamfredco.com). Ariana De La Vega, [adelavega@pmdginc.com](mailto:adelavega@pmdginc.com).**

There was no one present to represent the establishment. Commissioner Shankle noted that the site had been closed for some time, and Raising Cane's was asking to brand the establishment. He presented the signage, which included the standard logo and the Chinese lettering.



**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for Raising Cane's. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 2-0-0)

**OTHER**

There was no other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Shankle motioned to Adjourn at 8:29 pm. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 2-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Minutes Services

**Minutes Approved by:** mds

**Next Meeting:** December 10, 2024, 6:00 pm. It will be a hybrid format.

Meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month throughout 2024.

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