

**Meeting Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C**

Monday, September 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Room A-3, Washington, DC 20001**

Call to Order

1. Commissioner John Tinpe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Quorum

1. Commissioner Tinpe noted that a quorum of three out of three commissioners was achieved, with Commissioner Tinpe (2C01), Commissioner Harold Closter (2C02), and Commissioner Jeffrey Higgins (2C03) in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

1. Commissioner Closter made a motion to approve the agenda for the ANC-2C September 12, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

1. Commissioner Closter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the ANC-2C meeting held on August 8, 2016. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

ANC Business Items

1. The Monthly Treasurer's Report, for August 2016, was read by Commissioner Closter. The beginning balance on August 1, 2016 was \$38,256.74. Quarterly allocation 1,541.59. There was one expense of 348.00 for the P.O. box. The ending balance on August 31,

2016 was \$39,450.33. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the report and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

2. Commissioner Higgins gave a brief update on the improvements being made to the ANC-2C website (www.anc2c.us). Mr. Peter Sacco was not present at the meeting, but he is continuing the update the website.

Community Announcements and Presentations

1. Tonja McCoy, Vision Zero Safety Project, Office of Disability Rights, Executive Office of the Mayor, (Tonja.McCoy2@dc.gov / 202-724-5055) gave a presentation on improving pedestrian safety in the district. Cesar Baretto, from DDOT, is a point person for issues involving damaged sidewalks.
2. Richard Livingstone, Ward 2 Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Executive Office of the Mayor, (Richard.Livingstone@dc.gov / 202-805-7122) introduced himself as the new ANC-2C Liaison to the Office of the Mayor.
3. Ngoc Trinh, Mayor's office of Asian and Pacific Island Affairs (Ngoc.Trinh@dc.gov / 202-727-3120), gave a presentation on upcoming events to be held in ANC-2C.
4. Ana Acevedo, from My Sisters Place and also the DC Coalition against Domestic Violence (202-540-1054 / aacevedo@mysistersplacedc.org) gave a presentation on available resources and activities relating to domestic violence issues.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration Licensing

1. Mr. Stephen O'Brien (sobrien@malliosobrien.com / 202-625-7700) and the owners of The Smith restaurant gave a presentation on The Smith's application (ABRA 103680) for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, located at 901 F Street NW. Total occupancy will be 346 and outdoor café seating with a capacity of 42. The hours for the sidewalk café will be Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support for the application. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

2. Mr. Stephen O'Brien (sobrien@malliosobrien.com / 202-625-7700) and the restaurant owner gave a presentation on Succotash (ABRA 103881), Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, 915 F Street NW. They are requesting alcoholic beverages sale hours of Sunday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and on Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support for the application. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
3. Steven O'Brien (sobrien@malliosobrien.com 202.625.7700) and the restaurant owner gave a presentation on Sushi Gakyu's application for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license (ABRA 104016), located at 1420 New York Avenue NW. They are requesting alcoholic beverages sale hours Sunday to Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Mr. O'Brien noted that the sidewalk closing hours will be changed to 10:00 p.m. and midnight for the outdoor café. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support for the application. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
4. Owners Mrs. Ilyse Fisherman Lerner and Jonathan Learner (561-703-1028) gave a presentation about On Rye's application (ABRA 103934) for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, located at 740 6th Street NW. They are requesting the sale of alcoholic beverages, Sunday through Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support for the application. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
5. Eugene Mark, Jr. (Eugene.Mark@verizon.net / 301-237-7850) and one of the owners gave a presentation about Reren's application for an ABRA Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, located at 817 7th Street NW. They are seeking the maximum allowed hours of operation. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support for the application. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
6. Brian Smith, the general manager of Prequel, gave a presentation about Prequel's application for an ABRA One Day permit to serve alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m., on New Year's Eve 2017. Prequel is located at 918 F Street NW. Questions may be directed to Andrew Harris, Equity Eats, (Andrew@equityeats.com / 202-347-5007). Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support for the application. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

ABRA Status Report on Pending Cases:

7. Commissioner Higgins gave an update on the protest of Bar Deco's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license renewal (ABRA 097418), located at 717 6th Street NW. This liquor license is being protested by ANC-2C and the residents of Cosmopolitan Condominium, under case number 16 PRV 00042.
8. Mr. Marks reported that an agreement had been reached with Crimson over their application for a rooftop summer garden (ABRA 103085) for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, New Application, at MODUS Pod Hotel. This license was protested by the residents of Gallery Place, who live across the street.

Local Events Impacting Community

No presentations were made.

Transportation, Zoning, and Public Space

1. Commissioner Closter gave an update on the Third Street Tunnel/Capital Crossing construction project. He noted that Tony Robinson, President, Robinson Public Affairs, (trobinson@robinsonpublicaffairs.com / 202-439-3277) was unable to attend this ANC meeting.
2. Mr. Price and Ms. Ferrari gave an informational presentation on an expansion and renovation to the Federal American National Bank, located at 619 14th Street NW. They will go before the HPRB for an application review in October. Questions may be directed to Cary Kadlecek, Goulston & Storrs, (CKadlecek@goulstonstorrs.com / 202-721-0011). Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support for the project. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
3. Dave Tracz, Studio 3877, gave a presentation on the renovation project on the Equitable Bank Building, located at 915 F Street NW. He provided an overview of the construction plan to build restaurant and bar space and they requested ANC support. Questions may be directed to Katelin Eckenroth, (Ke@Studio3877.com / 202-350-4244, ext.112). Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support for the project.

Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 2-0. Commissioner Closter abstained from the vote due to concerns about wheelchair accessibility to the building. Commissioner Closter asked that HPRB be asked to explore a better accessibility plan.

4. Bill Hall, Venable Law firm and Mr. Samyr Lane (slaine@monumentalsports.com / 202-628-3200) gave a presentation about signage on Monumental Sports & Entertainment, located in the Verizon Center, at 601 F Street NW. The signs will remain the same size and be in compliance with the DC law. The brightness will be within the same range as the current signage. Two static signs on 6th Street will be added and a permit will be sought for them. A number of residents complained about issues with the signage, the exterior of the Verizon Center, and other related issues. The ANC was asked to support Chairmen Mendelson's request for a quality of life assessment on the impact of the signage. The permit renewal applications will be submitted to DCRA. After submission, there will be a formal 45-day comment period. ANC-2 requested that Verizon representatives return to discuss this issue at the October meeting. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to invite Verizon to provide more information and to return to the October meeting.
5. There was an update on the Smith construction timing extension. No complaints were received. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to extend the hours to 11:00 p.m. for another month. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting Adjournment

1. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Closter and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
2. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, Room A-3, Washington, DC 20001.

Questions

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