

Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C
Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 6:30pm
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Room G-9

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Commissioner John Tinpe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Quorum

- Commissioners Theresa Harrison, John Tinpe and Kevin Wilsey were present and a quorum was confirmed.

Agenda and Minutes

- Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to approve the April 2017 meeting agenda. All approved.
- Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to approve the March 2017 meeting minutes. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Commissioner Wilsey, Treasurer and Vice Chairman, announced that the ANC 2C opening balance for the budget, in March, was \$40,5011.49. Two checks were issued and the closing balance for March was \$40,486.49. There were no questions about the budget. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Secretary's Report

- Commissioner Theresa Harrison announced that the pilot of the time allocation for speakers, introduced at the March 2017 meeting, was well received. Presenters will have five to 10 minutes to speak, based on their topic; and community members will have one minute to speak per topic. The pilot will continue for the next several meetings. The Commissioners welcome feedback on this process. Commissioner Harrison also discussed that the ANC 2C website will be upgraded in the next few months.

Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

- Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia (OAG). John Green, Community Engagement Coordinator, OAG (John.Green2@dc.gov) discussed several initiatives the OAG is

overseeing and reaching out to the community about including: juvenile justice, consumer protection, affordable housing and human trafficking issues.

- Mayor Community Liaison for Ward 2 Announcements. Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison, (jerry.chaping@dc.gov) discussed the following:
 - Mayor Bowser announced the 22nd balanced budget. Go to cfo.dc.gov to learn more.
 - “Potholepalooza” is ongoing through the month of April. Contact the DC Government about a pothole, using any of the following five methods, and a repair should be made in 48 business hours: call 311; visit [online pothole repair site](http://online.pothole.repair.site) (<https://ddot.dc.gov/potholepalooza>); tweet DDOTDC ; use 311 app; or text 311 and start your text with the pothole location.
- Crime and Peace in ANC 2C. Captain Jonathan Dorrough, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), (jonathan.dorrough@dc.gov), 202.903.4123, shared that violent crime in the First District is down 40-60 percent. His team is working hard on thefts from autos and they are seeing a double-digit decrease in this crime from the prior year. With warmer weather violent crime is slightly up, but overall still lower than the prior year. Captain Dorrough stated they are seeing a lot of cellphone snatches. The MPD is asking citizens to be streetwise and aware of your surroundings, and to not leave electronics and valuables in automobiles.

Captain Dorrough discussed various ways citizens can track neighborhood crime including: receiving the First District crime emails from the Yahoo listserve, which publishes a daily list of all crimes and arrests; following city-wide press releases; and going to the [dc crime map](http://dc.crime.map) (<http://crimemap.dc.gov/>) to review more information.

There is a major deployment of MPD officers in Chinatown including school enforcement officers. Citizens should call 911 if they see anything suspicious or wish to report unusual activities, including loud noise issues after 10:00 PM.

Commission Tinpe discussed the ongoing noise issues in the Chinatown area and suggested that DCRA visit the location with a noise meter to evaluate the area.

- Neighborhood Watch. Ngoc Trinh, Director of Community Engagement, Mayor’s Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (ngoc.trinh@dc.gov), discussed the new community based neighborhood watch program that is beginning in Chinatown. The neighborhood watch will collaborate with MPD on a community based communication system, which will inform citizens and MPD of issues in the area and emergency situations. The first meeting will be on April 19. Several business and community partners have signed up to join the neighborhood watch program.

District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT)

- Proposed Traffic Control Plan for Construction at 800 K Street NW. Frank Pinto (fpinto@ccorpusa.com) of The Meridian Group and Larry Sefcik (lesefcik@wellsandassociates.com) of Wells and Associates discussed the building renovations that will begin in mid-May. This is a 23 month project. There are four phases of construction along K Street and the plan reflects DDOTs request to only use the parking lanes, and not the traffic lanes, for construction purposes. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained along the construction site, with the exception of a four-month period.

Commissioner Tinpe asked for clarification on the address and questioned if the bus stop on the south side will be affected. Frank and Lee discussed that they are submitting an application for an address change; and that WMATA wanted the bus stop relocated to the opposite side where the Circulator stops.

Commissioner Harrison asked about large trucks moving through the area and the noise concerns from the trucks. Frank and Lee discussed and outlined the truck route for entering and exiting the site.

Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to send a letter of support. All approved.

- DDOT Tracking number 199045. Application to Occupy Public Space for the Purpose of Fixture-Tent (Temporary Occupancy) at Graffiato, 707 6th Street NW. Bob Biroonak (bob@artdisplayco.com) proposed installing a temporary awning with curtain at the front door of the restaurant. The awning will be erected from approximately November to March/April each year. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to send a letter of support. All approved.
- Third Street Tunnel Development, Tentative Opening of Massachusetts Avenue Portal, on Saturday, April 22. Tony Robinson, President, Robinson Public Affairs (trobinson@robinsonpublicaffairs.com) and Rebecca Nordby of Balfour Beatty Construction (rnordby@balfourbeattydc.com) discussed that the onramp portal to 395, from Massachusetts Ave., NW, will open on Saturday, April 22. The 3rd Street onramp to 395 will close on the same day.

Commissioner Tinpe asked how the traffic patterns will be different and Rebecca outlined the new flow of traffic in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Harrison asked about the new street sign installed in the 400 block of Massachusetts Ave and if that large of a sign, much less a digital sign, is required. Tony responded that the sign was part of DDOTs original plans.

Local Events Impacting Community

- AVON 39, The Walk To End Breast Cancer, Saturday, May 6 to Sunday, May 7, 2017. Devon Delucia, Senior Manager, Account Management and Production (devon@leaddogmarketing.com)

discussed that the route for the walk, enters ANC 2C, at H St & 3rd St NW, goes west on Massachusetts Avenue, south on 7th St, west on Pennsylvania Avenue, north on 14th St, and west on H St NW. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to send a letter of support. All approved.

Office of Planning and the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)

- Smithsonian Quadrangle, 950 & 1050 Independence Avenue SW, Case 17-04. Kate Perry, Committee of 100 (Cleopatra_66@yahoo.com), presented the Committee of 100's viewpoint to support an application requesting that the Haupt Gardens be made a historic area with historic designations.

Ann Trowbridge, Associate Director for Planning at the Smithsonian (trowbridgea@si.edu) discussed the Smithsonian's renovation plans for the Haupt Garden, and surrounding areas, which are still in development.

Commissioner Wilsey stated that history is constantly happening. While the gardens do have significance, he is not sure that designating the gardens as a historic district is going to accomplish a great deal.

Commissioner Tinpe stated that the ANC would be overreaching to make a decision about historic preservation on federal property therefore, the Commissioners are not going to make a decision and will pass.

- Motion to Amend the Map of the Future Comprehensive Plan, to change the map from "High Density Commercial", to "High Density Commercial and High Density Residential". John Tinpe, ANC Commissioner (anc2c01@anc.dc.gov) proposed that the city blocks between 9th St & 10th St., E St & F St. NW; 9th St & 10th St, F St & G St NW be amended on the DC Government Comprehensive Plan to become high density commercial and high density residential areas. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support, and the Commissioners will complete the form to submit an amendment. All approved.

Community Comments

- Former Commissioner, Harold Closter, suggested that at future meetings there be designated time for community members to raise issues to the Commissioners. Harold then asked about the status of the condemned building at 5th and H St. All Commissioners agreed that the suggestion for community questions is welcomed. Commissioner Tinpe then stated that a complaint and request has been filed with DCRA about the status of the building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Next meeting:
Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30pm

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Proposed Items for May 2017 Meeting:

Department Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)

- "Apple at the Carnegie Library", Apple Global Flagship, 801 K Street NW,

Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)

- Hill Country BBQ, Permit to serve outdoor at annual BBQ, at National Building Museum grounds,

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