

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

Meeting Minutes - Monday, May 11, 2015; 6:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Library

901 G Street N.W., Lower Level Room A-3, Washington, DC 20001

Call to Order:

1. The monthly public meeting for Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2C was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner John Tinpe, ANC-2C01. Also present were Commissioner Harold Closter, ANC-2C02, and Commissioner Jeffrey J. Higgins, ANC-2C03.

Quorum:

1. Commissioner Tinpe noted that all three ANC-2C commissioners were present and a quorum was achieved.

Approval of Agenda:

1. Commissioner Closter moved to approve the agenda for the April 2015 ANC-2C meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Higgins and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

1. Commissioner Higgins moved to approve the minutes from the ANC-2C monthly meeting, which was held on April 13, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Closter and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Treasurer's Report and Business Items:

1. Treasurer's Report: The ANC-2C Treasurer's Report was read by Commissioner Closter. The ANC-2C account balance was \$33,671.81 at the end of April 2015. There was no activity in the account. Commissioner Closter moved to approve the quarterly report, for the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2015. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.
1. Commissioner Closter explained ANC-2C's procedural rules to those in attendance, noting that after each presentation, commissioners would ask questions first and members of the audience should wait to be called on before asking their questions.

Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

1. City Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2, addressed ANC-2C. He was joined by his scheduler, Windy Abdul Rahim. Councilmember Evans said he was elected to the City Council in 1991 and he discussed the improvements to Ward 2 during his tenure. Councilmember Evans said DC spends more money per child on education than in any school system in the country. There are approximately 80,000 children in the combined system, with total costs over \$2,000,000,000. He said affordable housing was a big issue and discussed homelessness, commenting that DC was not seeing acceptable results for amount of money spent. He said crime is being addressed well. Councilmember Evans discussed the financial issues facing the Metro system and the real possibility that Metro would run out of money by June or July. He said investment was needed in Metro's infrastructure and upgrades were required for safety. Councilmember Evans doesn't support the streetcar project, saying he wants to devote money to the Metro instead. Councilmember Evan said he would support new legislation to address noise issues affecting the 10,000 residents who live downtown. Councilmember Evans highlighted the fact that over \$4,000,000,000 is spent on human services in DC, which is more person than in any jurisdiction in the country. He commented that DC must be doing something wrong. DC is the only jurisdiction that promises a right to shelter, which may be why homeless people come to DC.
1. Keylin Rivera, Executive Office of the Mayor, Community Liaison (202-805-7122), introduced herself. She said noise complaints may be sent directly to her as well as to the police. She said the Mayor's office has a rodent squad to eliminate rodents. There is a new procedure for reporting homeless encampments. Residents should take pictures, provide some background and send information to her at: Keylin.Rivera@dc.gov.
1. Joseph Leopold, a researcher at the Urban Institute (202-833-7200), gave a briefing on homelessness in DC. MR. Leopold said "housing first" is an effective strategy for addressing homelessness on the street. The best process is to identify the homeless, learn their history, health conditions, and barriers to housing, then triage the most at risk and connect them to permanent housing as quickly as possible. This is in contrast to the normal step-by step approach, which requires a series of shelter placements first, then connecting them to services. In the 100,000 homes campaign, neighborhoods/business districts were big catalysts in providing resources, political capitol, and volunteers. In a new campaign, policy effectiveness is achieved through performance based contracting, where each grantee takes a different area and is paid by how many people are put into transitional and permanent housing. This is a shift from traditional methods of just distributing clothing and other items. This approach also eliminates redundancy. Mr. Leopold suggested that DC needed more transparency in funding and improved coordination with the police department,

health department, and other agencies. Federal funding for combating homelessness is going down in general, except for funding for chronically homeless veterans. Funding for families and children homeless is down. Mr. Leopold said ANC-2C can determine who the stakeholders are, what are they doing, who is funding them, and how closely are they following best practices. Programs in New York City, New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City have all done well.

Local Events Impacting the Community

1. Colette Fozard (202-833-2210, Colette@Sakuramatsuri.org) gave a presentation about the Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival, scheduled for April 2016. Ms. Fozard proposed a new site for the annual festival, moving it from the vicinity of the Freedom Plaza. The new location will be on Pennsylvania Avenue, between 7th and third; 6th Street, from C to Constitution; and Constitution, from between 6th and 7th to Pennsylvania. The festival will be limited to 17,000 guests at any one time by DC Fire marshal. Set up will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and continue until 11:59 p.m. Commissioner Closter asked them to coordinate with Capitol Crossing and MPD to find ways for residents to get in and out. Commissioner Higgins asked them to make sure equipment was secured at night. Ms. Colette will be present at the sight all night as a point of contact. They will also finish set up near residences by 10:00 p.m. Commissioner Higgins made motion to support the festival's new location, with the contingency that they provide a coordination plan with DDOT, MPD, and the 3rd Street tunnel project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Closter and was approved by a vote of 3-0.
1. Robert York (ryork4lc@aol.com) gave a presentation for Purple Stride DC, Race for Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, which is scheduled for June 13, 2015. This is the 9th year the race will be held. The race will begin at Freedom Plaza and start at 8:30 a.m. Streets will be open between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. There will be an estimated 2,500-3,000 participants. Commissioner Tinpe moved to support the event. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0. ANC-2C will send a letter of support.

Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration Licensing

1. Steve O'Brien and Chef Amy Brand (202-625-7700), requested support for Centrolina, 974 Palmer Alley. They are requesting a Restaurant Class "C" license (ABRA Application 098364). Centrolina is scheduled to open their market and restaurant in May 2015. They applied for a Class CR and a class B license for the market, but the Class B license is still not placarded, so ANC-2C will only consider the CR license for restaurant. Commissioner Tinpe moved to support

the CR license. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.

1. Steven O'Brien, (202-625-7700) also presented for the Momofuku Milk Bar, 1090 I Street NW. They are requesting a Restaurant Class "C" license (ABRA Application 098740). Their sidewalk café sales hours will end at 11:00 p.m. They will offer pastries, ice cream, specialty coffees, etc... The restaurant will have a 200 seating capacity and 300 occupancy. There will be 70 seats outside in the café. There is no opening date yet. Commissioner Tinpe moved to support the application. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Transportation, Zoning, and Public Space

1. Leslie Burks (leslie.Burks@dm.usda.gov, 202-579-8650) presented for the USDA People's Garden Project/Fresh Farm Market, at 12th & Independence Ave SW. This will be their 6th year offering the market, which will be open every Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from June through end of October. Commissioner Tinpe moved to support the market. The motion was seconded by Closter and approved by a vote of 3-0. ANC-2C will send a letter of support.
1. David Wang (917-299-8186, dcwang66@gmail.com) requested support for Chinatown NY-DC Bus Stop's request from DCRA for a reserved public parking space permit renewal. The bus stop is at 8th Street and I Street. Commissioner Tinpe moved to support the license renewal. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0.
1. Mazi Mutafa (202-671-2637) asked for support for the Chinatown Mural Project, at 611 H St NW. There are plans for a mural at a parking lot at 611 H Street. Once the artist is selected, the community will have input in the mural design. Artists for murals of this type usually receive between \$3,000 to \$14,000. The mural was requested by the property owner. Commissioner Tinpe moved to support the mural and Commissioner Closter seconded the motion. Commissioner Higgins voted against the project, based on an ideological objection to using public money to fund public art. The motion passed by a vote of 2-1.
1. Paul Milstein and Andrea Gourdine (202-345-0935), from Douglas Development Corp., presented plans for a Marriott hotel at 1011 K St NW (BZA Application No. 19020). A hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at the Office of Zoning, 441 4th St NW Suite 220. South, Washington, DC 20001, at 9:30 a.m. The hotel will be located at 11th/K Street NW. Parking, loading, exemption from rear yard. Service and loading will be in the back. There will be a rooftop bar and 200 rooms. The hotel will be Marriott's brand, Moxy. They are meeting with DCRA to

discuss signage. They were seeking a variance on the required 65 parking spots, of which they will have none, as well as a variance on the requirement to be 26 feet away from the property line. Commissioner Tinpe suggested that the hotel offer bicycle parking spaces, be pet friendly, take responsibility for maintenance of the trees and flower boxes on their block, and maintain the alley space. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to support the variances. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Calendar of Events

1. National Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 29, 2015, 7th and Constitution Ave NW.
2. Race to Respect Down Syndrome, Saturday, May 30, 2015, Freedom Plaza.
3. Purple Stride DC, Race for the Cure for Pancreatic Cancer, Saturday, June 13, 2015, 9:30 a.m., Freedom Plaza.
4. Capital Pride, LGBT Rights Parade, Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Dupont Circle to 14th St NW.
5. Capital Pride Festival, Sunday, June 14, 2015, Pennsylvania Ave between 4th and 7th St NW.
6. Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2015.

Meeting Adjournment:

1. Commissioner Tinpe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Closter and passed by a vote of 3-0.
1. The next monthly public meeting for ANC-2C was set for Monday, June 8, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, in Auditorium 3, 901 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.