

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

**Meeting Minutes - Monday, February 9, 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, 2C01. Also present were Commissioner Harold Closter, ANC 2C02 and Commissioner Jeffrey J. Higgins, ANC 2C03.

Quorum:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of December Minutes:

1. Commissioner Closter moved to approve minutes from the ANC-2C monthly meeting held on December 9, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Higgins and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The Treasurer's Report was read aloud by Commissioner Closter. The ANC-2C account balance was balance was \$32,155.22, as of January 31, 2015. The only expenditure was a \$20 expense for bank service related to an audit. There was no other activity in account.
1. Commissioner Closter moved to approve the monthly Treasury Report for ANC 2C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Higgins and passed by a vote of 3-0.
1. Commissioner Closter moved to approve the ANC 2C Quarterly Fiscal Report, which showed an ANC account balance of \$32,175.22. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Higgins and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

1. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Lt. Duncan Bedlion, representing of PSA 102 gave a presentation on police initiatives, including a new method for mobile communications. Lt. Bedlion noted that Property crimes have been displaced to the north, south, and west of PSA-102. Lt. Bedlion took questions from residents. A resident noted that sign at the southeast corner of 7th Street and Massachusetts Avenue had been turned around. Another resident said street performers were causing excessive noise in the vicinity of 7th Street and G Street. A resident said Penn Quarter is zoned for residential and commercial use, but dumpsters are still being emptied at 1:00 a.m. at night. Commission Higgins offered to contact the trucking company an assist with informal mediation.
1. Cheryl L. Morse, from the DC Office of the People's Counsel (202-727-3071), gave a presentation objecting to the proposed Pepco/Exelon merger. The OPC is opposing the merger, under Case Number 1119. Ms. Morse noted that evidentiary hearings will be held between March 30, 2015 and April 8, 2015. The deadline for ANC 2C to file a formal complaint is April 29, 2015.
1. Pepco Vice President Mark Vallen answered questions from residents about the planned merger of Pepco Holdings, Inc. and the Exelon Corporation. Mr. Vallen said the proposed merger will affect all of Pepco Holdings, inc. Mr. Vallen announced that the proposed package of benefits had been enhanced and a settlement had been reached in New Jersey; therefore, the terms of that settlement could be replicated in Washington, DC.

Local Events Impacting the Community

1. The Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 25, 2015. Mark Williams and Charlie Harr provided the ANC with a briefing on the logistics involved with the race. The first streets will close around 4:30 a.m. and most of the other involved streets will be closed by 6:30 a.m. The marathon will start at 8:30 and will finish by 1:15 p.m., with an additional 30 minutes required for cleanup. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to support the marathon and Commissioner Closter seconded it. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.
1. The Rock and Roll Marathon will be held on Saturday, March 14th, 2015. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. Roads will be reopened by 12:00 p.m. and the 9th Street tunnel will be open by 9:30 a.m. Tinpe moved to support the marathon and Commissioner Higgins seconded it. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

1. The FreshFarm Market requested letters of endorsement for their 2015 season, with markets at Penn Quarter, White House, and City Center. Commissioner Tinpe moved to support the markets and Commissioner Higgins seconded it. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.
1. Rita Lee, from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (301-738-9918), gave a presentation on the upcoming Chinese New Year's Parade and Festival. The event will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2015. The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. and proceed along the same route as used in previous years. Commissioner Tinpe made motion to support the parade and festival and Commissioner Closter seconded it. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing

1. Fig and Olive, ABRA 097488, Retailer's Class "CR", 934 Palmer Alley NW, Andrew Kline (202-686-7600). Mr. Kline presented for the restaurant. Outside seating will close at 11:00 p.m. Mr. Kline pointed out that the lease provisions are more restrictive at City Center than those in the DC law. Commissioner Tinpe made motion to support the application and was seconded by Commissioner Higgins. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.
1. Black Iron Pizza, 1101 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Warner Theater building. Andrew Kline and Eric McCoy presented the plans for the restaurant, which will have 44 interior seats and want 20 seats outside. The ANC-2C requested an 11:00 p.m. outside closing time. A motion to support the application was made by Commissioner Tinpe and Commissioner Closter seconded it. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Transportation and Public Space

1. The DC Street Car project was presented by Lezlie Rupert, representing DDOT (202-671-1595). The presentation covered the environmental assessment, data analysis, historic preservation, streetcar stop locations, the alternative placement of streetcars, and the streetcar storage facility. Residents asked questions about overhead wires, small business concerns, street widening, and traffic delays.
1. The Park DC project was presented by Soumya Dey, from DDOT (202-671-1369). The project is conducting a study to reduce congestion and improve parking in Penn Quarter. The program is studying a demand-based pricing system, new signage, an improved payment system, and a new communications about parking availability. The project study will conclude at end of 2016. Residents asked questions about the program.
2. The Third Street Tunnel project was presented by Shana Viera, from Capital Crossing, (202-367-6485). The utility work on Massachusetts Avenue has been

completed work at night, until April 8, 2015. Construction crews will only working six days per week until then. Work on Phase One will begin on February 24, 2015. Construction during this phase will be done on the highway and will last for five months. There will be sporadic, single-lane closures from 11:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. A resident asked about homeless people living under highway. The developer is working with human services and the police to notify the homeless about their need to move.

1. A presentation was postponed for the application for fixture: Bollards, DDOT#103017, 601 F Street NW, by Megan Pawleski, Jones, Lang & Lasalle, (202-628-3200). They want to remove the cylinders, which are currently on the sidewalk, and replace them with metal bollards, to avoid people from putting trash into the cylinders.
1. A presentation on Alley Closing (Square 342, 1015 K Street NW), by Andrea Gourdine , from Douglas Development Corporation (202-729-7409), was postponed until March 9, 2015.

Planning, Zoning and Environment

1. Royal Jelly. 477 H Street NW, Douglas Development Corp (202-345-0935). Sean Burke and Ivan Kane explained their business model for Royal Jelly. The proposed lounge will be open six days per week lounge, from 5:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. or 3:00 a.m. They want to build subterranean, up to 2,000 square feet. The lounge will show three, 20 minute classic burlesque shows on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. They anticipate offering approximately 75 new jobs. A hearing on this business development will be had at next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment:

1. Commissioner Tinpe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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, March 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, in Auditorium 3, 901 G NW, Washington, DC 20001.