



Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

FEBRUARY 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 11 February 2020

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Michael Shankle, Kevin Wilsey, Jamaal Burton

PRESENT: Aungelic Nelson, Diane Thomas, Inez K. Saki-Tay, Mary Ann Whitmeyer, Tom Whitmeyer, Carol Groves, Julie Moore, Nathan Benjamin, Chip Glasgow, Gene Weissman, Jonathan Kuhl, Susi Baranano, Leah April, Robert Hendrickson, Kayla Benjamin, Yilin Zhang, Nicole Goines, Jason Mellon, Sean Malone, Karen Venable-Croft, Renato Caldwell, Wendy Cadell, Manzi Gahima, Caitlyn Coddington, Janet Majal, Sandi White, Kishan Putta, Richard Stamm, George Banker, Alissa Costello, Johann Moonesinghe, Sydney Crum, Sophie Motan, Yama S., Christopher Bystryck, Sidon Yohannes, Kerry Chao,

ABSENT: NA

CALL TO ORDER: Call to order made by Chair Kevin Wilsey at 6:35p.m.

- 1. OPENING REMARKS: Street Vendor Enforcement, Jonathan Kuhl, Community Outreach Specialist, Communications Department, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs:** Not all of the commissioners were present at the call to order, so Wilsey allowed Jonathan Kuhl, a representative from DCRA, to update the ANC-2C on the progress being made regarding unlicensed street vendors. There was discussion about the situation and the lack of coordination. According to Kuhl, the challenge for DCRA is that they can only write tickets "notice of infraction" but they have no way to enforce that ticket. He said that Monumental Sports, which operates the arena, and the owners of the White House location, there has to be an agreement in place, because these are after-hours events, they need MPD to do that enforcement. DCRA does not have the staff to work after hours. And they would have to use taxpayer dollars to pay overtime for afterhours work. He said the cost benefit analysis isn't there. The commission wants to discuss options. There was discussion about next steps and it was agreed that the Secret Service, MPD, DCRA, NPS police, and 2C ANC commissioners would meet and discuss the issue.
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Wilsey moved to approve the agenda and Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Wilsey moved to table the approval of the January minutes, due to some incomplete information, Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shankle provided the January treasury report and noted that the balance at the beginning of January was \$53803.94. There was one withdrawal for \$150.00 for December minutes. The ending balance was \$53,653.94.



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 5. Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Nicole Goines, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 2 Liaison, Nicole.Goines@dc.gov, 202.805.7122:** The summer youth employment (ages 14-24) program applications were sent out in January. It is currently budget season and the city is hosting open house forums. The next is 20 February at UDC at 6:30pm. It is free to attend. Metro is considering changes to bus routes. The 30N, 30S, 32, 34, 36, 54, D2, D6, and X2 routes in Ward 2 could be affected. There will be a hearing at Metro HQ on 26 Feb at 4:30pm. A Metro HQ open house begins at 4p.

DDOT has repaired several sidewalks and crosswalks in Ward 2. The hole at 9th and F streets NW northbound has been flagged for immediate repair. Residents have complained about parking stickers on the poles that are missing. This has been reported to DDOT. The posts themselves that were missing have been replaced, but the stickers aren't there.

- 6. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Renato Caldwell, Renato.Caldwell@dc.gov, 202.506.0676:** Caldwell will follow up on the vendor issue for MPD. He said the process is that unlicensed vendors are issued a citation to pay a fine. If they don't pay, an arrest warrant is issued. There has been an uptick in theft from auto. Criminals are targeting certain areas where a lot of vehicles are parked. Many of the vehicles are owned by rideshare companies, so there is less risk for the thieves. MPD is now on NextDoor. They cannot randomly access the neighborhood listservs; they have to be invited to join. They are on the Ward 2 site. There was also a discussion about theft from delivery trucks. So everyone has to work to get the word out to never leave anything unlocked. MPD has a Youtube Channel--DCOfficial--where they showcase individuals that the city is looking for.
- 7. The Department of Public Works, Wendy Cadell, Inspector, Wendy.Cadell@dc.gov:** The streetsweeper program begins 1 March. There is a new program on dumpster placement. Residents will be responsible for dumpsters that are on or adjacent to their property whether they belong to them or not. They will receive a notice of violation otherwise. There is a real possibility that perpetual violators will be made public.
- 8. Bike Ride DC. May 16, 2020. Diane Romo Thomas, dianeromothomas@hotmail.com, 202.439.5104:** The DC Bike ride is in its fourth year. It is a 20 mile ride that begins in West Potomac, weaves through the city and onto Independence and ends in Maryland. This is part of the mayor's Vision Zero program (to educate people on pedestrian deaths). Last year the ride raised 120K for the program. Washington Bicycle Association is also involved. There will be approximately 7500-8000 participants. The event begins at 8am and ends at 12:30pm. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support and Burton seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)



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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING:

9. **Tonari, LLC, 707 6th ST NW – (ABRA-116144). New Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License and Stipulated license. Jeff Jackson, jeffjackson02@verizon.net, 202.251.1566.** There was some concern about the business having a tavern license, but the license is actually being changed to a Class C restaurant license. There will not be any outdoor seating. The commissioners said they would not protest the license. They just have to get confirmation from ABRA that they have registered for that specific license. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support for the new license and a stipulated license , Shankle seconded (Vote: 3-0-0).
10. **Poke Papa (Fishcraft Poke DC, LLC), 806 H ST NW – (ABRA-115778). New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant. Kerry Chao, 424.234.1567.** This is a fast-casual Hawaiian restaurant that opened in April 2017. They are applying for a license to add liquor to go with the meals. The hours will not change. They close at 9pm. They seat 40 and there is no outside seating. Shankle moved to send a letter of support and Wilsey seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)
11. **Monterrey (Ammi, LLC), 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW – (ABRA-116210). New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant. Andrew Harris, In-Kind, Andrew@inkind.com, 202.374.5007:** They have Prequel at F Street and another business at K Street NW. 1201 Penn Ave NW (formerly DelFrisco's) is the third and will be a Mexican restaurant that opens 6 March. The restaurant seats 346 with 86 outside. It is open until 2am inside and midnight outside. Shankle moved to send a letter of support the Class C license and the request for a stipulated license and Wilsey seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

12. **Guardian Management Services, LLC, 1001 10th ST, NW (DDOT- 10766767) – Valet Staging Zone. Christopher E. Bystryk, Sr, President, Guardian Management Services, LLC, gpms1@verizon.net, 804.503.0226.** This is a valet station on 10th that will be open Sun-Thurs 5p-11p and Saturday 4p-11:30p. This is at the old Tadich Grill location. Shankle moved to send a letter of support and Wilsey seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

COMMUNITY EVENT

13. **The Credit Union Cherry Blossom Kids Run, 10 Mile Run, and 5K Run/Walk, George Banker.** The kids run will be held 4 April near the National Building Museum (401 F Street NW). All staging is on the grounds of the museum. It is a fundraiser and part of the Children's Miracle Network. There will be approximately 500 children. There will be some street closures and MPD will be out to ensure safety. On both Friday and Saturday, there is a health and fitness expo from approximately 8a-noon. The kids run begins at 9:30 Saturday to 11:30am. They will run in stages based on their ages. The 10-mile and 5K runs occur Sunday 5 April. The website is <http://www.cherryblossom.org/> . Wilsey moved to send a letter of support and Burton seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)

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14. Girls Global Academy Public Charter School. 755 8th Street NW. Karen Venable-Croft, Co-Founder and founding Executive Director, karen@girlsglobalacademy.org, 202.996.0127 and Shayne Swift, Shayne@girlsglobalacademy.org. The no-tuition all girls STEM school focusing on engineering and business will open August 2020 at the Calvary Baptist Church Building (755 8th Street). There will be an IB curriculum and they are using the DC lottery system to ensure every girl in the city has a chance to attend. There will be an open house on 11 March at 6pm. The hearing to the DC Charter School Board is 20 April. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support and Burton seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

15. Canterbury Apartment Building. Board of Zoning Adjustment for cocktail lounge, restaurant use in the penthouse pursuant to 11-C Section 1500.2(c) of the Zoning Regulations. Gene Weissman, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Vice President, Architecture Incorporated, genew@archinc.com, 703.390.2062 and Norman Glasgow, Equity Partner, Holland & Knight LLP, 202.419.2460, norman.glasgowjr@hklaw.com. The design team discussed the specs of the building (704 4th Street NW) and the color scheme and provided more details about the plans for the penthouse and rooftop use. The zoning commission determined that with penthouse habitable space, even in a commercial zone, the rooftop deck and lounge have to go for special exception to the board of zoning and adjustment (BZA) as other uses are not a matter of right. The plans for the roof include an emergency stabilization plan on the east side and the cooling tower to the north that will be enclosed. There will also be a rooftop deck. In the interior space there will be a bar and a lounge. There will also be a covered trellis with seating on the west side. Wilsey moved to send a letter of support to the BZA and Burton seconded. (Vote:3-0-0)

OTHER

16. Comprehensive Plan. A small committee studied those sections of the DC Comprehensive Plan that pertain to Ward 2 and provided notes (copies on the back table). Comments on those notes are to be emailed to Kevin Wilsey who will provide input for 2C-ANC to the Office of Planning in the next few days. Shankle moved to send a letter of support for those comments and Burton seconded (Vote: 3-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:26 p.m. Wilsey moved to adjourn. Shankle seconded. (Vote: 3-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Aungelic Nelson

Minutes approved by: ANC 2C Commissioners

Next meeting: 10 March, 6: 30pm, John Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, Room G-9.

Approved March 10, 2020