

MINUTES Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:30pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street, NW
Room A-3

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tinpe called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Presence of Quorum:** Chairman Tinpe noted that the presence of two Commissioners, Chairman Tinpe and Commissioner Closter, constituted a Quorum, and that the meeting could proceed.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Tinpe moved for approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Closter seconded. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Tinpe moved for the approval of the minutes from the meeting that was held on October 17, 2016. Commissioner Closter seconded. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Closter presented the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2016. The Commissioner reported that there were no expenses or income during this month, and that the checking account balance remained unchanged from the end of the prior month at \$39,273.77, which matched the PNC bank statement of 10/31/16. Commissioner Closter moved for the approval of the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Tinpe seconded. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.
6. **Quarterly Report:** Commissioner Closter presented the financial Quarterly Report for the 4th Quarter of FY 2016, covering the time period of July 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2016, noting that this report was due in the D.C. Auditor's Office no later than November 30, 2016. Commissioner Closter moved for the approval of the Quarterly Report. Commissioner Tinpe seconded. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.
7. **Downtown DC Business Improvement District(BID), Residential Inclusion Program:** Richard Bradley and Natalie Avery of the Downtown DC Business Improvement District presented on impending legislation in the D.C. Council that would include residential property in the BID area. It is roughly estimated that there are currently 6,500 residential properties eligible for inclusion, approximately 3,000 of which are condominiums. If enacted, the cost of inclusion would be \$120 per residential unit, with billing not to start until 2018. The presenters emphasized the benefits that derive from inclusion in the BID including advocacy for better maintenance and expansion of parks and recreation facilities, direct access to professionals, and a greater sense of community. Questions and discussion followed. Chairman Tinpe thanked Mr. Bradley and Ms. Avery for their presentation.

8. **The Quality of DC Tap Water, presented by Melanie Mason, Water Communications Coordinator, DC Water and Sewer Authority:** Ms. Mason discussed the operations and responsibilities of the DC Water and Sewer Authority. She discussed how DC Water and Sewer Authority purchases water from the Federal authorities and how it is treated and tested before distribution to residential and commercial establishments. She noted that “current lead levels in the District are historically low” but that homeowners should take appropriate measures, especially upgrading interior pipe systems, to further reduce exposure to lead. Questions and discussion followed. Chairman Tinpe thanked Ms. Mason for her presentation.
9. **Mayor’s Ward 2 Liaison, Richard Livingstone:** Mr. Livingstone introduced himself, handed out flyers, and talked about the homeless shelter hotline. He also announced a meeting on November 16 at the Georgetown Library on the District government’s “Age Friendly Initiative.” Questions and discussion followed. Chairman Tinpe thanked Ms. Livingstone for his presentation.
10. **Ten Tavern and Grill by Phillips Seafood, ABRA-Stipulated license, 707 G St NW. 2nd floor:** Mr. Stephen O’Brien and Mr. Matt Minora presented a request for a letter in support of their application to ABRA for a stipulated license that will allow the establishment to open in early December. The stipulated license will be for inside seating only, approximately 130 seats, with operating hours from 10:00 am until 2:00 am daily. Chairman Tinpe moved that the ANC support the request for a stipulated license. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.
11. **Race 4 Respect, 5K foot race, 4th annual race on Pennsylvania Ave NW, Saturday, June 3, 2017:** Ms. Gina Mitchell and Mr. Jeffrey Ruday, requested a letter of support for their permit to hold a charity fundraising race on Pennsylvania Ave, NW on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The Commission had no object with their plans. Chairman Tinpe moved that the ANC support the request for the race permit. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.
12. **Purple Stride, 5K foot race, 8th Annual race on Pennsylvania Ave NW, Saturday, June 10, 2016:** Ms. Bonnie MacDonald and Mr. Jeff Ruday requested a letter of support for their permit to hold a charity fundraising race on Pennsylvania Ave, NW on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The Commission had no object with their plans. Chairman Tinpe moved that the ANC support the request for the race permit. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.

13. **DDOT Tracking Number 10349605, Izakaya at 733 10th St NW, New Side Walk Café.**
Unenclosed, 20 table and 28 seats, Requested Hours of Operation: Sunday-Wednesday 11am-12 midnight; Thursday-Saturday 11 am-2 am: Mr. Ely Hurwitz and Mr. Charles Zhou an endorsement from the ANC for outdoor seating at the above named establishment. Chairman Tinpe noted that a Settlement Agreement was currently under discussion and that more time was needed to secure input from neighbors and surrounding establishments, especially the Grand Hyatt Hotel and the United States Secret Service. No vote was taken.

14. **Conrad Hotel, City Center, Phase II, Project Status:** Brian Eklund of the Hines Company gave an update on the status of construction at the Conrad Hotel. He stated that the project had “bottomed out” (reached the lowest point of ground excavation) and that the installation of tower cranes would now commence. Eklund stated that the project was 10-12% towards completion and that the hotel is expected to open in the 1st Quarter of 2018.

15. **Verizon Center, Revised Application for Digital Display Signage, SG1600484, SG1600485, SG1600486, SG1600487, SG1600488, SG1600489, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, 601 F Street NW. Request for continued display of signs:** Gary Kolker and Samyr Lane of Monumental Sports and William Hall of the Venable law firm explained their request to seek approval from the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to continue the display of digital signs at the Verizon Center. Meeting attendees expressed concerns about the legality of the signage, disturbing light levels, and lack of a comprehensive DCRA study of the impact of the signage on the neighboring properties, including offices and residences. Chairman Tinpe moved that the ANC continue to request the required impact study from DCRA, as previously requested in the October, 2016 ANC meeting. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.

16. **The Smith Restaurant, 901 F St NW:** Alan Stephens and Herman Stewart, representing the The Smith Restaurant request the ANC’s support for a permit to continue construction after hours. Chairman Tinpe moved that the ANC support the permit request through December 31, 2016. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.

17. **Adjournment:** At approximately 8:36 pm, Chairman Tinpe moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Closter seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 in favor, 0 against.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold A. Closter
Commissioner, ANC2C02

November 29, 2016.