

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 8, 2022

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Gigi Nelson, and Commissioner Ellie Miske

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:04pm over Zoom (available at <https://www.anc2c.us/video-recordings>).
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Shankle introduced Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Miske.
- 3. QUORUM:** A quorum of three of three commissioners present.
- 4. OPENING REMARKS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shankle reviewed the agenda (available at www.anc2c.us). Shankle noted the following additions to the agenda: the DowntownDC BID to seek a letter of support for their Pop of Spring event; Osei Headley from DGS to speak about the Pat Handy Shelter; the ANC Redistricting Task Force to provide an update; and Kevin Pham from the Mayor's office to provide a Ward 6 update. Nelson motioned to approve the March 2022 agenda, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0)
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2022 MINUTES:** Shankle motioned to approve the February 2022 minutes, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0)
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.** For February 2022, the opening balance was \$62,254.54. There were three transactions totaling \$233.00 for the month—\$25.00 for the ANC Security Fund, \$33.00 for a bank stop payment, \$175.00 for the ANC meeting minutes. The closing balance was \$62,021.54.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Joe Florio, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 2 Liaison, Joseph.Florio@dc.gov, 202.805.7122.**
Florio was not in attendance and is no longer working at the Mayor's Office.
- 2. Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto Update -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202.724.8058 or Genevieve Hulick, Chief of Staff, GHulick@dccouncil.us, 202.262.1982.**
Councilmember Pinto provided the following legislative and budget updates. First, the agency performance oversight hearings recently concluded. Mayor Bowser will submit her proposed budget to the Council next Wednesday and budget hearings will take place for the

next two months. Second, Councilmember Pinto sent her budget priorities to Mayor Bowser. She highlighted a few of her top budget priorities. Third, she detailed the changes made to Ward 2 as part of the redistricting effort and what to expect with the ANC redistricting. The ANC Redistricting Task Force will submit their proposal to the Council on April 1, 2022.

Shankle asked if the CARE Pilot Program could be expanded to the encampment on New York Avenue between 11th and 12th Street. Pinto confirmed that she has asked for the site to be included in the next CARE Pilot Program.

3. Ward 6 Mayor's Liaison – Kevin Pham, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Kevin.Pham@dc.gov, 202.341.3659

Pham introduced himself as one of the two Ward 6 liaisons. He provided a few updates. First, the city's mask mandate has been lifted as of March 1, 2022. Private businesses can still require masks in their establishments. Second, DPW has resumed street sweeping and will just issue warnings until March 14, 2022 for any violations. After that, violators will be ticketed.

4. DC Board of Education. Allister Chang, Ward 2 State Board of Education Member, (202)-735-7062, Allister.Chang1@dc.gov

Chang introduced himself and provided an overview of his top priority—literacy rates in the District. In 2019, only 40% of students were performing proficient or higher in literacy. Outcomes have only worsened during the pandemic. The Board has a five-year literacy plan attached to a federal grant. Additionally, the Board is working with the Department of Curriculum & Instruction to revise social study standards, which have not been revised in 15 years. The Board is working to get experts and advisors to assess the procedural guidelines.

5. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Jonathan Dorrrough, Jonathan.Dorrrough@dc.gov, 202.729.2179 , and/or Lieutenant George Donigian, Jr., george.donigian@dc.gov

Captain Dorrrough provided the monthly crime report. There were two violent crimes: a stabbing altercation at 6th and I Street and a carjacking on the Mall. There were five car thefts this month. MPD has identified some of the suspects who are carrying out the carjackings. Property crime was also up by 120% from last year, but a similar rate to 2019. Captain Dorrrough noted that the truck protests have put a stress on the manpower of the unit. Miske asked about a carjacking that took place at the Meridian at Gallery Place located on 450 Massachusetts Ave.

6. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Lieutenant Michael Hamelin, michael.hamelin@dc.gov, (202) 715-7340, and/or Sergeant John Sprague, john.sprague@dc.gov

Lieutenant Hamelin provided the monthly crime report. There have been seven violent crimes so far this year. Shankle asked about the road blockage on 10th and F Street and whether it has impacted response times by MPD. Lieutenant Hamelin said there have not been complaints from officers or citizens about response times.

7. Update on Legacy Pat Handy Shelter

Shankle provided an overview of the Legacy Pat Handy Shelter, explained issues the community is experiencing with the shelter, and noted challenges to get clear answers/updates from all the agencies working on the site. During the last meeting, DGS was identified as the agency responsible for the delays. Shankle asked Osei Headley from DGS to explain the construction delays. Shankle also raised safety concerns with (a) the men inhabiting a shelter that was deemed uninhabitable two years ago and (b) the weak wall of the building. Headley said there are no further delays anticipated. They anticipate completing the design effort in the spring and starting construction in early summer. Construction should be completed 10 months later in the summer of 2023. Headley said he could not speak to the safety concerns regarding the shelter; DCRA is the agency responsible for that.

Shankle said the Commission should call DCRA to inspect the shelter to explain why men are inhabiting a place that was deemed uninhabitable two years ago. Shankle said DGS needs to notify the ANC if there are any further delays. Miske reemphasized her concern with the inhabitability of the shelter and requested an update from DGS; the DGS representative agreed.

8. Dr. Laura DeLima, Templeton Academy, 406 7th St. NW, (202)847-0779, laura.delima@templetonacademy.org.

Nelson introduced Dr. DeLima, the Head of School for the Templeton Academy. Dr. DeLima provided an overview of the school—it was in Capitol Hill since 2015 and moved to its current location in 2021. The school serves 70 students grades 6-12 and prioritizes experiential and project-based learning within the school and community at large. Commissioner Nelson recently went to the school to engage with the students around the issues of homelessness. The 9th grade English class students will present their papers on the topic of homelessness to the Commissioners on March 14, 2022.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

1. Credit Union Cherry Blossom Kid Run, April 2, 2022, George Banker, (301)537- 6739, monkbank@comcast.net.

Banker started his presentation about the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Kid Run. The event is part of the Children's Miracle Network and raises money for Children's Hospital. The Kid Run is on April 2, 2022. It will go around the National Building Museum between 4th and 5th Street NW. The event is limited to 500 kids between the ages of 5-10 years old. Safety precautions include adult supervision from parents and volunteers, wrist bands, and health care providers. Street closures will start at 5:30am, the race starts at 8am, and the roads will open by 11am. The National Museum Building and St. Mary's Church support the event. Miske made a motion to send a letter of support, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0)

- 2. 25th Annual Race for Hope DC, May 1, 2022, Deana Martin, (202)210-2756, dmartin@braintumor.org.**

Martin, the Director of Regional Development for the National Brain Tumor Society started her presentation about the Race for Hope DC. The race will follow the certified race route starting from Freedom Plaza and following along Pennsylvania Avenue. They anticipate 5,000-10,000 runners and 70-200 volunteers. All the streets will open by 11am or earlier. President Biden has been asked to speak at the event. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0)

- 3. Pop of Spring, DowntownDC BID, April 8-17, 2022, Michael Berman (Diverse Markets Management)**

Berman started his presentation about the DowntownDC BID event, Pop of Spring. The event is in conjunction with the Cherry Blossom festival and will start on Friday, April 8 and run until April 17. The downtown area of F Street between 8th and 9th Street will have a large jumbotron and a large canopy with swinging benches and food vendors. Weekend programming will tied in with the Cherry Blossom Festival. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABRA)

- 1. LivDC, LLC, Retailer's Class "C" Tavern, 477 H St. NW, Sidon Yohannes, (202) 686- 7600, syohannes@theveritaslawfirm.com.**

Yohannes was joined by the LivDC owner to seek a letter of support for a Class "C" tavern license. LivDC will serve high-end American food for brunch (weekends), lunch, and dinner. The restaurant will have 370 seats, a sidewalk café with 70 seats, and an occupancy load of 450. The DDOT application for the sidewalk café will come before the ANC at a later date. The hours of operation are 8am-2am during the week and 8am-3am on the weekend. Shankle asked about the residential building behind the restaurant and any noise concerns. The applicant is willing to have a closing time of midnight for the sidewalk café and the establishment is working with an acoustic engineer to mitigate the noise from the restaurant. Miske motioned to send a letter of support for a Retailer's Class C Tavern license with the modification of a midnight closing time for the sidewalk cafe, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0). Yohannes will send the paperwork with the agreed upon modification; the ANC will then send letter of support.

- 2. Bindaas Bowls and Rolls, Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, 415 7th St, NW, Sidon Yohannes, (202) 686-7600, syohannes@theveritaslawfirm.com.**

Yohannes presented on behalf of the establishment. The restaurant will mainly be a "build-your-own" Indian takeout restaurant. There will be 40 seats and an occupant load of 42. The hours of operation are 11am-12am. They also seek a stipulated license to operate as soon as possible. Nelson asked about the hours of operation of the other restaurants on the block. Midnight is standard. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for a Retailer's

Class C Tavern license, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0) Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the stipulated license, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0)

3. Pirate Castle 1101 Management, LLC t/a National Union Building-, New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern, 918 F Street, NW, (ABRA #120514), Sidon Yohannes, (202) 686- 7600, syohannes@theveritaslawfirm.com.

Yohannes was joined by Anna Valero, the owner of the establishment, to seek a letter of support for a Class "C" tavern license. The goal to return the National Union Building to an venue for smaller events and some larger events. The establishment will have a seating capacity and occupancy load of 1,750. The hours of operation are 8am-2am during the week and 8am-3am on the weekends. They also seek a stipulated license to operate as soon as possible.

Shankle asked about the amount of renovation needed. Valero said they are not doing construction on the space, just ensuring everything is up to code. Shankle also asked about the residential building nearby and whether she has had any discussions with the building. Valero said they have not heard any concerns and have not had any discussions with the building since there will not be a change in the use of space. Shankle noted that the building is sensitive to noise and that he is supportive moving forward with both the license and the stipulated license with the caveat that the site could not be converted to a nightclub. Yohannes agreed to the modification and said they can discuss more offline. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for a Retailer's Class C Tavern license with the stipulation that it would be an event space and not a nightclub, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0). Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for a stipulated license with the stipulation that it would be an event space and not a nightclub, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0).

4. Logan Circle Liquors, Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store, 919 F Street, NW, Jeff Jackson, (203) 251-1566, jjharlem112@gmail.com.

Jackson could not be in attendance, but the owner was present. Logan Circle Liquors will be a high-end liquor establishment open from 9am-9pm. The hours of operation will be 9am-10pm. The license says the establishment will be closed on Sunday. The owner may apply again later to operate on Sunday; he did not know that was an option. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for a Retailer's Class A liquor license, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0)

5. Puttery DC, Retailer's Class "C" Tavern, 800 F Street, NW, Matthew Minora, (202) 625-7700, mminora@malliosobrien.com.

Minora was joined by Clayton Stanley, the regional General Manager of Puttery locations. The establishment will be a restaurant with indoor minigolf. There will be an indoor seating capacity of 184 and total occupancy load of 600. The hours of operation are 8am to 2am during the week and 8am to 3am on the weekends. They also seek an entertainment endorsement with the same hours, an alcoholic beverage endorsement from 8am-1am daily, and a stipulated license to operate as soon as possible. Shankle motioned to send a

letter of support for a New Retailer's Class C Tavern license, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0) Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for a stipulated license, seconded by Miske. (Vote 3-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

1. 9th Street NW Protected Bike Lane Project Update. Donovan G. Boyd, Community Engagement Specialist, Community Engagement Division, District Department of Transportation, (202) 671-3248, donovang.boyd@dc.gov

George Brayan provided an update regarding the 9th Street NW Protected Bike Lane. Since their last presentation in July 2021, the project has collected public and stakeholder comments and is now in the design phase. Brayan presented the current bike lane plans. The current timeline for the project is to complete 65% design plans by summer 2022, present plans and Notice of Intent to the ANCs and community in summer 2022, finalize the plans by fall 2022, begin construction in spring 2023 (could be earlier, though).

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. 600 5th ST NW Redevelopment Update. Katie Lenss, Vice President, Rockefeller Group, (202) 864 3605, klenss@rockefellergroup.com and Emmanuel Egoegonwa, Director, Rockefeller Group, (202) 864-3610, eegoegonwa@rockefellergroup.com.

The project seeks support for a demolition application and support for night work between 7pm-11pm during the demolition part of the project. The presenters provided an overview of the project, presented photos of what the building will look like when completed, and displayed the construction plans. The project is currently getting demolition permits and intends to start the project in January 2023. The demolition is scheduled to be completed in Q1 2024 and the building is projected to be completed in Q3 2025. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the demolition of the site which includes the closing of certain areas between January 2023 through January 2024, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0)

2. 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Foulger Pratt. Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Roof Structure – Conversion of Office to Residential. Jeff Utz, goulston&storrs, (202) 721-1132, jutz@goulstonstorrs.com.

Foulger Pratt is converting an office building to a multi-family residential building one block away from the White House at 1425 New York Avenue. The project seeks special exception approval for habitable penthouse space. The presenters displayed construction plans and the Commissioners expressed no concerns for the two areas of relief the project requested for the penthouse space. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 3-0-0) Shankle asked for the project team to send language for the letter of support.

OTHER

ANC Redistricting Project. Austin Naughton provided updates from the ANC Redistricting Task Force. He presented a map of the proposed redistricting for ANC 2C that would include four

SMDs. There were no concerns from the Commissioners. There will be a townhall held on March 14, 2022 and the ANC redistricting proposals are due April 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Miske made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 pm, seconded by Nelson. Commissioners were in favor of adjourning meeting (Vote 3-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Laura Stateler

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: April 12, 2022, 6:00PM

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