



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 28th, 2018; 7:00 p.m.
West End Library, Main Meeting Room – 2301 L Street NW

Call to Order

Chair William Kennedy Smith (04) called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Marco Guzman (03), Philip Schreffer (05), Detrick Campbell (07), and James Harnett (08) were present. Commissioner Florence Harmon (06) arrived at 7:27 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda by unanimous consent. Without any objection the agenda was adopted.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular October 2018 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

Community Forum

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Sergeant Richard Davis and Officer Jeremy Brady, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Megan Huynh, a representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM).

Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

Sarina Loy, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans’ Office, gave an update from the Councilmember’s Office.

Report from the West End Library

Kevin Osborne, the outgoing Branch Manager for the West End Library, gave an update from the library.

Consideration of a Resolution Acknowledging Kevin Osborne’s Service to the Neighborhood

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Kevin Osborne has served as the branch manager of the West End Library since 2016,

WHEREAS, under Mr. Osborne's leadership, the West End Library has organized many innovative events and programs that often partner with neighborhood groups, including students, seniors, and individuals experiencing homelessness, among others,

WHEREAS, Mr. Osborne was instrumental in the West End Library's successful move from its interim space in the Watergate to its new, permanent space at 2301 L Street NW,

WHEREAS, as the inaugural branch manager for the West End Library's new space, Mr. Osborne leveraged the new facility to significantly increase library visitors, events, and library card sign-ups,

WHEREAS, Mr. Osborne worked closely with ANC 2A and library staff to ensure that the ANC was able to utilize the library's main meeting room as the permanent space for the ANC's regular meetings, including meetings that ran past the library's closing time, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Osborne has consistently attended ANC 2A's regular meetings since he first started at the West End Library, providing monthly updates on library activities to the ANC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in recognition of Kevin Osborne's service to the Foggy Bottom and West End communities, ANC 2A hereby extends to him its grateful appreciation and best wishes for the years to come.

Report from the Department of Public Works

No one was present regarding this matter.

Commissioner Updates

Chair Smith gave a Commissioner update.

Update Regarding DC Council Bill B22-0959 – the “East End Health Equity Act of 2018”

Chair Smith gave an update regarding DC Council Bill B22-0959 – the “East End Health Equity Act of 2018.”

Consideration of a Resolution Acknowledging the George Washington University's Support of the Neighborhood with Regards to GW Hospital's Proposed Expansion Project

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the George Washington University is the largest private landholder within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A,

WHEREAS, by virtue of its mission, as well as its educational, research, and economic activities, the George Washington University has, and will continue to have, an enormous impact, now and in the future, on the quality of life in the ANC and in the District of Columbia as a whole,

WHEREAS, the George Washington University has exhibited, and continues to exhibit, a dedicated, consistent, and longstanding commitment to tackling many of the difficult issues facing our community, city, and nation,

WHEREAS, the current leadership of the George Washington University has shown a noteworthy and exemplary commitment to honest communication and transparent and fair processes in its dealings with the ANC and the community as a whole in pursuit of its mission, and

WHEREAS, the ANC and the community values the University, wish to support its continued success, and also wishes to express sincere appreciation for the values and conduct displayed by current leadership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A commends the George Washington University, and its current leadership, for the relationship they have sought to foster, the conduct they have exhibited, and the thoughtful communication they have engaged in relative to their internal efforts to thoughtfully plan for the future of the University's healthcare-related activities in a manner that will yield the greatest positive impact on the health and well-being of the neighborhood and the city as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the sense of the ANC that the George Washington University should be recognized at this time as an outstanding neighbor and an asset to the city.

Announcements and Public Comments

Leigh Sempeles, the Executive Director of the Foggy Bottom West End Village; Gary Griffith, the President of the Friends of Francis Field; Harry Ross, the architect for an upcoming development project at 2506 I Street NW; and Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association, gave announcements and public comments.

Regulatory Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B22-0904 – the “CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the human impact on climate has been recognized as an issue of the utmost importance and urgency by the international scientific community, as well as local and international leaders,

WHEREAS, unless current trends are slowed or reversed, impending sea level rise linked to climate change will have a devastating impact on Washington, DC and surrounding communities in this century, including the flooding of large sections of the capital,

WHEREAS, credible scenarios predict that, unless drastic reductions of greenhouse gas emissions are implemented soon, by the year 2100 up to 74 percent of the world's population may be exposed to climatic heat exceeding human thermoregulatory capacity for at least 20 days a year,

WHEREAS, the United States remains the single largest emitter of CO₂ in history and is currently still the largest emitter of CO₂ per capita,

WHEREAS, with the absence of national leadership epitomized by U.S. withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol, it has become imperative that the District, as the nation's capital, do all it can to mitigate the human impact on climate change and provide leadership on the issue,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has already committed to leadership on reducing CO₂ emissions through financial investment in green energy infrastructure, implementation of higher energy efficiency standards for buildings, and rate-payer assistance to low-income households,

WHEREAS, the priorities outlined in DC Council Bill B22-0904 build upon that leadership and were developed in consultation with more than 80 climate policy and activist groups, as well as the Department of Energy & Environment, and

WHEREAS, the District has the opportunity to set next generation benchmarks for major city climate change action by reducing its emissions by 50 percent by 2032, requiring 100 percent of District electricity to come from renewables by 2032, and eliminating all emissions by 2050.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the swift passage by the end of the current DC Council session of DC Council Bill B22-0904 – the “CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the establishment of a carbon cap for the District, and opposes increasing the cost of energy to compensate for the lower power usage resulting from efficiency programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A recommends that DC Council Bill B22-0904 require new capacity for Tier 1 renewable energy to be created on behalf of the District as a consumer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports maintaining the current Building Energy Performance Standards and opposes any potential weakening of them in DC Council Bill B22-0904, should the bill undergo further amendment.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Designation of “Jamal Khashoggi Way” for the Section of New Hampshire Avenue NW in Front of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia at 601 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Commissioner Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Harnett seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Washington Post contributing columnist and Virginia resident Jamal Khashoggi was murdered by agents of the Government of Saudi Arabia on October 2, 2018 in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, which he visited in order to obtain documents necessary for his impending marriage,

WHEREAS, the Central Intelligence Agency has concluded with high confidence that his murder was the result of pre-planned, deliberate action, authorized and directed by Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman,

WHEREAS, the Saudi Government has tried to posthumously smear the memory of Jamal Khashoggi by justifying his murder as a necessary component of the war on terror, as opposed to a vengeful act against a journalist who had been critical of the Saudi regime and called for political reforms in the Arab world,

WHEREAS, state-sponsored murder of journalists represents an imminent, global threat to free speech,

WHEREAS, state-sponsored murder of a dissident violates the norms of the international law,

WHEREAS, over 7,500 people have signed an online petition to honorarily designate the street in front of the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington as Jamal Khashoggi Way, and

WHEREAS, the Saudi Embassy is located within the boundaries of ANC 2A, there is broad community support for the initiative, and there is ample precedent for such a naming, since the streets fronting the Russian and Chinese embassies have been named for Boris Nemtsov and Liu Xiaobo respectively, two martyred dissident leaders from those respective countries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the east side of New Hampshire Avenue NW, between F Street and Juarez Circle, be honorarily designated as “Jamal Khashoggi Way” and calls upon the DC Council and the Administration of Mayor Muriel Bowser to take any and all steps to immediately enact this necessary and meaningful action, as a tribute to a fallen neighbor and an expression of support by the

residents of the District of Columbia for the indispensable values of free speech and a free and independent press.

General Agenda

Presentation by Cheryl Morse, Consumer Outreach Specialist for the DC Office of the People's Counsel, Regarding the Work of the Office

Cheryl Morse, a Consumer Outreach Specialist for the DC Office of the People's Counsel, gave a presentation regarding the work of the office.

Presentation by Kimley-Horn Regarding Recommended Pedestrian Improvements at the Intersection of Washington Circle and 23rd Street NW

Daniel Markham, a representative for Kimley-Horn, gave a presentation regarding a report created by the company that details several recommended pedestrian improvements that can be made at the intersection of Washington Circle and 23rd Street NW.

Presentation by Pepco Regarding Proposed Work to the F Street Substation at 2130 F Street NW

Linda Greenan, the External Affairs Manager for the District of Columbia for Pepco, and Bill Lopez, a Senior Transmission Engineer for Pepco, gave a presentation regarding the company's proposed work to the F Street Substation at 2130 F Street NW, as well as additional work at the intersection of 22nd Street and F Street NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter's Proposal for DC to Create a Dedicated Dementia Services Coordinator

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding DC Council Bill B22-0964 – the “District of Columbia Department on Aging and Community Living Amendment Act of 2018.” Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill B22-0964 changes the name of the Office on Aging to the Department on Aging and Community Living while adding significant responsibilities relating to elder rights and planning for the District's older adult population and individuals with disabilities,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A supports tasking the new Department on Aging and Community Living with the responsibility of leading the District's implementation of the DC Dementia Plan and making the District a better place for people with dementia to live, and

WHEREAS, additional efforts in this legislation are needed to protect the rights of the District's aging population.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the newly created Department on Aging and Community Living should:

1. Collect and monitor data related to the impact of Alzheimer's disease and dementia and its causes on the District,
2. Evaluate the needs of the community living with dementia in the District, including direct caregivers, and identify the services, resources, and policies that may be accessed or developed to mitigate impacts and address need.
3. Recommend policies, legislation, and funding necessary to implement the state plan to address the needs of people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers,
4. Recommend strategies for the coordination of services and distribution of resources among agencies involved in the delivery of services to people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia,
5. Monitor the development and implementation of the District's plan for meeting the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers, and
6. Create a position within the Department on Aging and Community Living to oversee the implementation of the DC Dementia Plan.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding DC Council Bill B22-0686 – the “Senior Strategic Plan Amendment Act of 2018.” Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill B22-0686 requires the District to create a ten-year strategic plan to address the needs of the city’s seniors,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are 8,900 people living with Alzheimer's in the District of Columbia in 2018 – a figure that is expected to increase with the aging population, and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia needs to thoughtfully consider this population and their families as policies are being developed in consultation with civil society groups, such as the Alzheimer's Association’s National Capital Area Chapter, so as to continually improve the quality of life for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that DC Council Bill B22-0686 include a requirement for an assessment of the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease in the District and provide an appropriate agency mandate to take appropriate actions in response to identified needs.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposal to Improve Lighting in Edward R. Murrow Park at the Intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and H Street NW

Commissioner Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the National Capital Planning Commission’s Application #7581 before the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Region of the National Park

Service to rehabilitate lighting fixtures on the southern side of Edward R. Murrow Memorial Park.

Regulatory Agenda (Continued)

WineLAIR – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1120 22nd Street NW

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to protest WineLAIR’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license at 1120 22nd Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1).

Historic Preservation Review Board Concept Application for a Three-Story Rear Addition at 2507 I Street NW

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Guzman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A believes that both of the applicant’s designs are acceptable and, depending on what the Historic Preservation Review Board’s findings are, the Commission would be comfortable with either design.

Discussion Regarding BoltBus’ Proposal to Create an Intercity Bus Stop in ANC 2A

Bill Revere, the Director of Operations for BoltBus, and Gregory Cohen, a government affairs representative for BoltBus, gave a presentation regarding several locations that BoltBus has considered for installing an intercity bus stop in ANC 2A.

The Commissioners discussed BoltBus’ proposed bus stop locations and offered feedback to the representatives from BoltBus.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC’s FY 2018 Quarter 4 Financial Report

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to approve the ANC’s FY 2018 Quarter 4 financial report. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Schrefer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" and last name "Schrefer" clearly legible.

Philip Schrefer
Secretary, ANC 2A05