



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16th, 2019; 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 7:02 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Nicole Goldin (02), Trupti Patel (03), Jeri Epstein (06), Detrick Campbell (07), and James Harnett (08) were present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular October 2019 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 September 2019 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

Community Forum

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Commander Duncan Bedlion, the Commander for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Announcement of the Special Election for Single Member District 2A05

Chair Smith gave an announcement regarding the special election for Single Member District 2A05.

Commissioner Updates

Chair Smith and Commissioners Epstein, Goldin, Harnett, and Kennedy gave commissioner updates.

Remarks by Mayor Muriel Bowser Regarding Administration Priorities, Followed by a Discussion Regarding Community Concerns, Accompanied by Several Agency Directors, with Introduction by Councilmember Jack Evans

Councilmember Jack Evans introduced Mayor Muriel Bowser, who gave remarks regarding administration priorities and answered questions from commissioners and meeting attendees.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Needed Renovations to the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens

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: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens (SWWFS) is a citywide educational resource serving students from all eight wards, with the majority of attendees living outside of Ward 2,

WHEREAS, over the past several years, SWWFS has demonstrated one of the strongest year-over-year track records of academic improvement of any public elementary school in the city,

WHEREAS, beginning in 2018 school administrators and community members repeatedly called the DC Public Schools' (DCPS) attention to the issue of overcrowding at the school,

WHEREAS, DCPS lists capacity for the SWWFS building as 513 students and the actual enrollment for the 2019 academic year is 540 students and projected enrollments for 2020 and 2021 are 568 and 597 students respectively and such projections do not include the possible influx of additional students from the Embassy of China's expanded apartment building at 2300 Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the student experience is currently negatively impacted by overcrowding at the school, which also threatens academic gains and is degrading the work environment for teachers and other school staff,

WHEREAS, the physical plant at SWWFS will be hard pressed to accommodate the number of students currently projected to enroll prior to modernization, even with the addition of portable classrooms, and

WHEREAS, DCPS has repeatedly voiced a reluctance to invest in modification of the existing plant in light of the full modernization scheduled to begin in FY 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A calls on Mayor Bowser, the DC Council, and DCPS to advance initiation of the first stage of modernization at SWWFS to FY 2020 by allocating the funding necessary to commence planning for modernization of the physical plant at SWWFS and planning for and acquiring the swing space necessary to facilitate modernization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A encourages DCPS to execute, with haste, all strategies for maximizing space and minimizing disruption to student learning until such time as a complete modernization and expansion of the facility may be completed.

Matters Before the DC Public Schools

Presentation by the DC Public Schools Regarding the Stevens School Renovation Project at 1050 21st Street NW

Tania Shand, Facility Planning and Design Coordinator for the DC Public Schools (DCPS); Teresa Biagioni, Director of School Planning for DCPS; Huda Said, Project Engineer for MCN Build; Reeve Johnson, Senior Project Manager for MCN Build; Brian Abel, Vice President of Field Operations for MCN Build; and Brandon Eck, a project architect for OTJ Architects, gave a presentation regarding the Stevens School renovation project.

Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

Discussion Regarding the Concerns About the Operations of the Georgetown Inn West End / Casta's Cuban Restaurant & Rum Bar at 1121 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Commissioner Epstein gave a status update regarding the neighborhood conversations about the operations of the Georgetown Inn West End / Casta's Cuban Restaurant & Rum Bar. Sidon Yohannes, counsel for the establishment, stated the establishment's willingness to engage in the neighborhood conversations.

La Piazza – Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 2500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Matters Before the Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by the George Washington University for the Installation of Smith Center Directional Signage and a Logo Sign at 600 22nd Street NW

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

ANC 2A supports the George Washington University's public space application for the installation of Smith Center directional signage at 600 22nd Street NW.

Public Space Application by The Wink Hotel for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 18 Tables, 42 Seats, and 6 Umbrellas at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW

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

ANC 2A supports The Wink Hotel's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

Matters Before the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding WashREIT’s Request for an After-Hours Permit to Work on Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th, 2019 as Part of the 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW Construction Project

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

ANC 2A supports WashREIT’s request for an after-hours permit to work from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th, 2019 as part of the 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW construction project.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Akridge’s Request for an After-Hours Permit to Work After-Hours in November as Part of the 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Construction Project

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: 7-0-0).

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B23-0288 – the “Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019”

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

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill [B23-0288](#) would make several changes to increase pedestrian and cyclist safety, including requiring the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to install sidewalks on both sides of a street, to connect new sidewalks to existing sidewalks, and to mark unmarked crosswalks; prohibiting DDOT from issuing public space permits for certain projects unless the plans include installing new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, or marked crosswalks; and requiring that DDOT issue reports on how projects or recommendations equitably increase transportation safety,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A acknowledges the traffic fatality that [occurred in the ANC](#) as an SUV barreled into James Monroe Park, killing Jesus Antonio Llanes-Datil and Thomas Dwight Spriggs on July 10th, 2019,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A remembers the passing of Carlos Sanchez Martin, [who was killed](#) when his scooter was struck by a car making an illegal turn in Dupont Circle on September 21st, 2018,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A highlights the numerous incidents that have occurred in Maryland ([Anne Arundel County](#), [Oxon Hill](#), [District Heights](#)) and Virginia ([Fairfax County](#)),

whose residents, along with residents from many other states and jurisdictions, use the District's roads and streets, affecting District drivers and pedestrians as well,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A notes a few examples of the work that the ANC has already done to improve the traffic safety in our community this year alone:

- [Proposed Signalization at the Intersection of H Street and 19th Streets](#)
- [Study of a Proposed Closure of Virginia Avenue Between Constitution Avenue and 18th Street NW and Other Pedestrian Safety Improvement Measures](#)
- [Proposed Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Study of the H Street NW Corridor and Immediate Safety Improvements](#)
- [Proposed Modifications to the Alternatives for the District Department of Transportation's Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project](#)

WHEREAS, ANC 2A foresees DDOT's [installation of new bike lanes](#) in ANC 2A and ANC 2B.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019 to better improve traffic and pedestrian safety in the District through better, concrete, and sound policies and initiatives as the act prescribes. The ANC requests that the Committee on Transportation and the Environment looks into including language to ensure that DDOT installs protected bicycle lanes wherever possible and prohibits DDOT from issuing public space permits for certain projects unless the plans include installing new sidewalks and/or repairing existing sidewalks and crosswalks as part of this amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A notes that although the bill aligns legislation with the values of the District, it is not enough without the funding, enforcement, oversight, and community engagement to see it move into fruition.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Continuation of the Use of Body-Worn Cameras by Metropolitan Police Department Officers in DC

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

ANC 2A authorizes Commissioner Detrick Campbell to testify on behalf of the ANC during the DC Council Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety's public oversight roundtable on the Metropolitan Police Department's body-worn camera program.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 4 Financial Report

Commissioner Patel made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 4 financial report. Commissioner Harnett seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

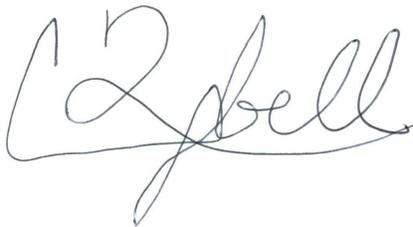
Approval of the ANC's FY 2020 Budget

Commissioner Patel made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2020 budget. Commissioner Goldin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Detrick Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "C".

Detrick Campbell
Secretary, ANC 2A07