



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20th, 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 7:01 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Nicole Goldin (02), Trupti Patel (03), Evelyn Hudson (05), 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 November 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 October 2019 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

Community Forum

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Sgt. John Sprague, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Commissioner Updates

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

Announcements and Public Comments

Sara Maddux, a local resident; Mary Frances Kornak, a local resident; Trina Stewart, a Supervisory Intergovernmental and Community Affairs Specialist for the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA); and Kevin Days, the Director of Community Relations for the George Washington University, gave announcements and public comments.

Matters Before the District Department of Transportation

Presentation by the District Department of Transportation Regarding Proposed Improvements to the I-395 HOV Bridge and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

Mark Clabaugh, a Project Manager for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT); Behrooz Rad, a Project Manager for DDOT; and Stephen Walter, a Vice President for Parsons,

gave a presentation regarding proposed improvements to the I-395 HOV Bridge and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge.

Discussion Regarding Traffic Safety Concerns About the Intersection of 25th Street, L Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Commissioner Goldin led a discussion regarding traffic safety concerns about the intersection of 25th Street, L Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Brant Miller, a Program Analyst for DDOT, provided updates regarding the matter.

Discussion Regarding the Status of Sidewalk Repairs in Foggy Bottom and the West End

Commissioner Epstein led a discussion regarding the status of sidewalk repairs in Foggy Bottom and the West End. Mr. Miller provided updates regarding the matter.

Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

Flavors of India/Marshall's Bar – Application to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement for the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 2524 L Street NW

Commissioner Patel 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 Flavors of India / Marshall's Bar's request to remove Section 6 (which pertains to "Entertainment Devices") of the ANC's settlement agreement with the establishment.

Flavors of India/Marshall's Bar – Application to Renew the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 2524 L Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Matters Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment

Zoning Commission Application for Further Processing of the Campus Plan for the Thurston Hall Renovation Project at 1900 F Street NW

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

ANC 2A supports the special exception relief sought in the four areas as part of the Zoning Commission application for further processing of the campus plan for the Thurston Hall renovation project at 1900 F Street NW.

Matters Before the Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by the George Washington University Regarding Streetscape Improvements as Part of the Thurston Hall Renovation Project at 1900 F Street NW

Commissioner Kennedy 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 the George Washington University’s public space application regarding streetscape improvements as part of the Thurston Hall renovation project at 1900 F Street NW.

Public Space Application by Bernstein Management Corporation for Streetscape Improvements, Including Paving, Bike Racks, Trash Receptacles, and Tree Planting, at 1222 22nd Street NW

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

ANC 2A supports Bernstein Management Corporation’s public space application for streetscape improvements, including paving, bike racks, trash receptacles, and tree planting, at 1222 22nd Street 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 Several Upcoming Nights and Weekends as Part of the 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW Construction Project

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:

ANC 2A supports WashREIT’s request for an after-hours permit to work on several upcoming nights and weekends as part of the 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW construction project, contingent upon an expression of support from either the manager or the Board of Directors of the Watergate South building at 700 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B23-0453 – the “Flavored Electronic Smoking Device Prohibition Amendment Act of 2019”

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: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the youth cigarette smoking rate has dropped to a historic low of 5.8% due to a concerted effort over several decades to discourage the practice as a public health hazard,

WHEREAS, despite this success, 27.5% of young people now use e-cigarettes due to the availability of enticing flavors and aggressive marketing campaigns, both of which have been banned or severely curbed as it relates to traditional cigarettes,

WHEREAS, one JUUL pod (an e-cigarette cartridge) has the same level of nicotine as 20 cigarettes, and nicotine is a highly-addictive agent that can hook those consuming it on tobacco products for the long-term,

WHEREAS, although e-cigarettes have been pitched as a more benign alternative to traditional tobacco products, they do in fact contain carcinogens and are detrimental to public health,

WHEREAS, 97% of high school students that use e-cigarettes, use flavored products as compared to the less-palatable traditional tobacco flavor,

WHEREAS, menthol-flavored tobacco products in all varieties – marketed to young people – remain a major enticement and gateway to addiction, particularly in communities of color,

WHEREAS, taking all flavored tobacco products off the market would dramatically lower the number of young people using tobacco products in DC by inhibiting easy access to the most appealing varieties, thereby saving lives in the long-term by making it less likely that people will become addicted in their younger, formative years, and

WHEREAS, parents, schools, students and public health organizations including the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the DC Tobacco-Free Coalition, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and NAACP - DC are calling on the DC Council to take action.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to take legislative action to ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products within the District of Columbia.

Matters Before the District Department of Transportation (Continued)

Review of the Findings and Recommendations of the H Street NW Pedestrian Safety Study

Commissioner Harnett gave an update regarding the findings and recommendations of the ANC's H Street NW pedestrian safety study.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's After-Hours Permitting of Projects in Public Space

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: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) promptly notifies ANCs of urgent work orders that do not meet the requirements of emergency work orders and advises the petitioners of alternative times during normal work hours.

Matters Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (Continued)

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Minor Modification to the Plans Approved by BZA Order No. 19943 to Permit Minor Adjustments to the Interior Layout of the Building, Setbacks, and Massing of the Proposed Penthouse in an Existing Mixed-Use Building at 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for a minor modification to the plans approved by BZA Order No. 19943 to permit minor adjustments to the interior layout of the building, setbacks, and massing of the proposed penthouse in an existing mixed-use building at 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

General Agenda (Continued)

Consideration of a Resolution to the National Park Service and the United States Secret Service Regarding Concerns About Pedestrian and Bike Safety Interruptions Due to the White House Fence Construction Project

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, protecting the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is a top priority for ANC 2A and requires coordination with other District and federal agencies to keep residents and visitors safe,

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2019, the National Park Service (NPS) and the United States Secret Service (USSS) announced the closure of the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to the north of the White House to protect “public safety”, and

WHEREAS, this change has pushed pedestrians and cyclists onto the sidewalks in Lafayette Park, creating dangerous conditions where near-misses and accidents are commonplace.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A opposes the unexpected and last-minute closure of the pedestrian, cyclist right-of-way to the north of the White House for a two-year fence reconstruction project, as noted in a National Park Service release from August of 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests the installation of a temporary east-west two-way protected bike lane along the north curb of the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to separate cyclist and pedestrian traffic.

Administrative Matters

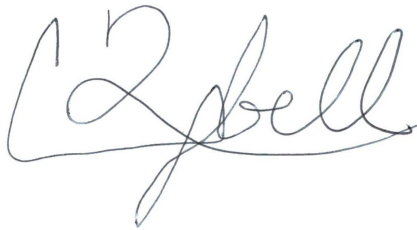
Approval of the ANC's 2019 Annual Report

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to approve the drafting of the ANC's 2019 Annual Report. Commissioner Goldin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:00 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 initial "D" and "C".

Detrick Campbell
Secretary, ANC 2A07