



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20th, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

In-Person – GW’s Duques Hall, Room 650, 2201 G Street NW

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Chair Joel Causey (02) called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Commissioners Yannik Omictin (01), Trupti Patel (03), Evelyn Hudson (05), Jeri Epstein (06), Adam Friend (07), and Margaret McDonald (08) were present.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Causey made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Causey made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular and special March 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### Community Forum

#### Introduction of Dr. Mark Wrighton, President of the George Washington University

Dr. Mark Wrighton, President of the George Washington University, introduced himself to meeting attendees and gave an overview of his priorities for the university.

#### Presentation by Lindsey Parker, DC’s Assistant City Administrator and Chief Technology Officer, Regarding the Mayor’s Proposed FY 2023 Budget

Lindsey Parker, DC’s Assistant City Administrator and Chief Technology Officer, gave a presentation regarding the Mayor’s proposed FY 2023 budget.

#### Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Julius Terry, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Mayor’s Office.

#### Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, gave updates from the Councilmember’s Office.

### Commissioner Updates

Commissioners Omicini and Epstein gave commissioner announcements.

### Announcements and Public Comments

*There were not any announcements and public comments.*

### **General Agenda**

#### Update from Miriam's Kitchen Regarding Housing Efforts in Foggy Bottom

Jesse Rabinowitz, the Senior Manager of Policy and Advocacy for Miriam's Kitchen, gave an update regarding housing efforts in Foggy Bottom.

### **Matters Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment**

#### Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Penthouse Setback Requirements and the Penthouse Wall Enclosure Requirements to Expand the Existing Penthouse Mechanical Space of an Attached, Seven-Story Office Building at 1735 New York Avenue NW

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

ANC 2A supports the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 1735 New York Avenue NW.

#### Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Minor Modification of the Board's Order #20500 to Construct a Four-Story Rear Addition to an Existing Five-Story, Semi-Detached, Mixed Use Building at 2519-2525 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Chair Causey 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 Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 2519-2525 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

### **Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration**

#### Arepa Zone – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

Consideration of Several Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications for Restaurants, Hotels, Multipurpose Facilities, Clubs, Marine Vessels, Arenas, and Caterers

Chair Causey made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the Watergate Hotel's alcoholic beverage license renewal application. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A protests the Watergate Hotel's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel license at 2650 Virginia Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Friend made a motion to hold a community meeting regarding the Watergate Hotel's alcoholic beverage license renewal application. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1).

Commissioner Epstein made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the Georgetown Inn West End / Casta's Rum Bar's alcoholic beverage license renewal application. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 3-2-2).

Commissioner Epstein made a motion to hold a community meeting regarding the Georgetown Inn West End / Casta's Rum Bar's alcoholic beverage license renewal application. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Chair Causey made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding Froggy Bottom Pub's alcoholic beverage license renewal application. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-2-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports Froggy Bottom Pub's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 2021 K Street NW.

**Matters Before the Department of Human Services**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Solutions to Reform DC's Rapid Rehousing Program

Commissioner Omicini made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Patel seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, several residents of ANC 2A use government-provided vouchers to pay for their apartments, including time-limited rapid rehousing vouchers, also known as the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (FRSP),

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has stated that up to [913 families](#) currently receiving rapid rehousing vouchers will be terminated from the program soon, and by the Department's estimates 90% of these families will not be able to afford rent without continued assistance, and

WHEREAS, DHS has consistently received [less funding than needed](#) to sustain the number of rapid rehousing voucher recipients, and a [budget deficit](#) restricts DHS from extending rapid rehousing vouchers until recipients are self-sufficient.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Government, including DHS, to allocate sufficient funds to prevent up to 913 families receiving rapid rehousing from returning to housing instability in this fiscal year (2022) and withdraw any time-limit termination notices issued to this point.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Government to find solutions to reform the rapid rehousing program and avoid benefits cliffs in the future, including but not limited to:

- a) Creating concrete plans to transition rapid rehousing voucher recipients to more permanent housing subsidies, such as Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH) or Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP) tenant vouchers,
- b) Halting time-limit terminations until rapid rehousing recipient families can afford rent without subsidies, and
- c) Investing some of the money spent on case management, which can be up to \$836 per month per family, directly in tenants as a universal basic income to meet their basic needs.

### **Matters Before the District Department of Transportation**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Prohibition of Parking Passes in Certain Areas of ANC 2A**

Chair Causey 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:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is currently issuing residential permit parking (RPP) permits within ANC 2A. This has created confusion and financial penalties for the ANC's constituents.

Data provided by DDOT's website via the ArcGIS system shows that RPP parking is allowed on numerous streets that do not reflect signage that would allow RPP parking. This has resulted in numerous residents receiving a ticket. In addition, this has resulted in a lack of parking availability in areas that are deemed commercial, areas adjacent to Francis Field, and areas adjacent to the West End Library. ANC 2A's participation in the RPP program has been limited to those streets previously designated for RPP. Furthermore, ANC 2A has never supported the issuance of visitor parking permits.

ANC 2A requests that DDOT resolves the issue with the online system error to reflect actual approved locations with signage. In addition, ANC 2A requests that DDOT sends a notice to all RPP permit holders in ANC 2A to advise them of the error and the

requirements to park only in areas with posted signage. Lastly, ANC 2A requests that DDOT suspend the issuance of visitors parking permits to ANC 2A residents.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 2 Financial Report**

Chair Causey made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 2 financial report. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

#### **Approval of Expenditures for Office Supplies**

Commissioner Patel made a motion to allocate an additional \$100 for the ANC's office supplies budget. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Adjournment**

Chair Causey adjourned the meeting at 10:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yannik Omictin', written over a light blue grid background.

Yannik Omictin  
Secretary, ANC 2A01