



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 17th, 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 7:00 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 July 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 June 2019 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

### Community Forum

#### Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

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

#### Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

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

### Commissioner Updates

Chair Smith, Commissioner Goldin, Commissioner Epstein, and Commissioner Harnett gave commissioner updates

### Announcements and Public Comments

*There were not any announcements and public comments.*

#### Update from GW Regarding the Proposed Extension of the Zoning Order for the Lerner Health and Wellness Center at 2301 G Street NW

Kevin Days, the Director of Community Relations for GW, and David Avitabile, counsel for GW, gave an update regarding the proposed extension of the zoning order for GW's Lerner Health and Wellness Center at 2301 G Street NW.

## **General Agenda**

### **Presentation by Ernest Chrappah, Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs**

Ernest Chrappah, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), gave a presentation regarding the work of the agency.

### **Presentation Regarding GW's Planned Renovations to Thurston Hall at 1900 F Street NW**

David Avitabile, counsel for GW; David Oakland, an architect for GW; and Michele Westrick, an architect for GW, gave a presentation regarding GW's planned renovations to Thurston Hall at 1900 F Street NW.

### **Presentation by DC Water regarding DC's New Lead Water Service Line Replacement Programs**

John Deignan, a Water Communications Coordinator for DC Water, gave a presentation regarding DC's new lead water service line replacement programs.

### **Presentation Regarding the Updated Plans for the Development Project at 2506 I Street NW**

Harry Ross, the architect for the applicant, gave a presentation regarding the updated plans for the development project at 2506 I Street NW.

## **Matters Before the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs**

### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding GW Hospital's Request for an After-Hours Permit to Operate a Mobile Crane on Select Upcoming Sundays in Order to Install the Hospital Helipad at 900 23rd Street NW**

Chair Smith 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:

At a duly-noticed public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A held on July 17, 2019, applicant "Traffic Engineering Services LLC" presented to the Commission its request for support for an After Hours Permit Request for construction activities at 900 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW (with staging on New Hampshire Avenue between 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Circle).

The request is that the Commission support a permit for Sunday hours (7am to 7pm) on July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> (and August 4<sup>th</sup>, if necessary due to weather conditions) in order to allow construction activities during daytime hours and the staging of equipment in public

space continuously over the weekends of July 20-21, July 27-28, and August 3-4 (if necessary). Permits have already been issued for the Saturdays in question.

The Commission voted to support this request by a vote of 7-0-0 after a motion made by Commissioner William K. Smith and seconded by Commissioner Detrick Campbell.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Boston Properties' Request for an After-Hours Permit for the Erection of Overhead Protection in the Public Alley as part of the 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Construction Project

Commissioner Campbell 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 Boston Properties' request for an after-hours permit for the erection of overhead protection in the public alley as part of the 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW construction project.

**Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration**

Proper 21 – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2031 K Street NW

Commissioner Epstein made a motion to protest Proper 21's license application based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, subject to the applicant amending the outdoor hours on the application. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Charles E. Smith Center – Application for the Transfer of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "CX" Multipurpose Facility License to a New Location at 600 22nd Street NW

Commissioner 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 protests the Charles E. Smith Center's application for the transfer of the establishment's Retailer's Class "CX" Multipurpose Facility license to a new location at 600 22nd Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Notti 824 – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 824 New Hampshire Avenue NW

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 Notti 824's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 824 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

The Commission also supports Notti 824's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's substantial change application.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Updated Settlement for the Watergate Hotel at 2650 Virginia Avenue NW

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the proposed updated settlement agreement between the Watergate Hotel and the ANC. Commissioner Patel seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

**Matters Before the Public Space Committee**

Public Space Application by the West End Greek Restaurant for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 20 Tables, 44 Seats, and 7 Umbrellas at 1118 23rd Street NW

Commissioner Goldin 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 the West End Greek Restaurant's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1118 23rd Street NW.

**Matters Before the Historic Preservation Review Board**

Historic Preservation Review Board Concept Application for the Rehabilitation of an Existing Office Building and the Addition of a One-Story Roof-Top Amenity Space at 515 22nd Street NW

Commissioner Campbell 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 Historic Preservation Review Board concept application for the rehabilitation of an existing office building and the addition of a one-story roof-top amenity space at 515 22nd Street NW.

**Matters Before the District Department of Transportation**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Installation of a Two-Way Protected Bike Lane on G Street Between 17th Street and Virginia Avenue NW

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commission supports the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) objective of creating an east-west protected bike lane connecting 17th Street NW and Virginia Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, this segment of east-west connectivity is called for in the 2014 moveDC Bike Element and would fill a gap in the existing and planned bike lane or cycle track network, connecting Virginia Avenue NW to the White House with protected infrastructure for cyclists,

WHEREAS, the existing alternative with split bike lanes on F Street and G Street NW should not be advanced due to the existence of a better east-west two-way protected bike lane proposal for G Street NW and the following reasons:

1. Conditions of bike safety on F Street NW as of 2019 are rated as "Good," the highest of three scores for streets without protected bike lanes or a cycle track,
2. Conditions of bike safety on G Street NW as of 2019 are rated as "Fair," the middle of three scores for streets without protected bike lanes of a cycle track,
3. Safety concerns about the use of F Street and 23rd Street as a safe terminus of an F Street protected bike lane and as the connection to a future Virginia Avenue cycle track,
4. Two-way protected bike lanes are generally preferred over one-way due to wrong-way bike traffic, as is common on the L Street and M Street NW protected bike lanes, which is a hazard to bikers that are properly operating along the corridor,

WHEREAS, on the north side of the roadway along G Street NW, there are a number of significant challenges to protecting vulnerable road users through the installation of a protected bike lane, including:

1. Wide curb cuts on the 1700, 1800, and 1900 blocks would significantly limit the number of protective bollards that could be used to protect people on bikes along those stretches of road, with only up to 50 to 60 percent of the roadway being able to be protected,
2. George Washington University (GW) operates a shuttle stop on the 2200 block which occupies most of the block, and if this side of the street were to be selected for the two-way protected bike lane, the shuttle stop would need to be displaced to another block in the neighborhood,
3. Associated with the wide curb cuts are a significant number of underground parking garage entrances that would present potential conflicts between people driving and with people on bikes, as drivers are not used to looking two ways before pulling out of a garage on what is otherwise a one way street,
4. Traffic signals would need to be installed on both ends of the roadway on Virginia Avenue and 17th Street to allow people on bikes to connect to existing or future protected bike lane facilities due to a lack of existing crosswalks or requirements for other vehicles to stop to allow bikers to cross the street,

5. Signal adjustments to a limited number of intersections along the corridor would be necessary,

WHEREAS, on the south side of the roadway along G Street NW, there are less significant challenges to protecting vulnerable road users through the instillation of a protected bike lane, including:

1. Traffic signals would need to be installed on both ends of the roadway on Virginia Avenue and 17th Street to allow people on bikes to connect to existing or future protected bike lane facilities due to a lack of existing crosswalks or requirements for other vehicles to stop to allow bikers to cross the street,
2. Signal adjustments to a limited number of intersections along the corridor would be necessary,

WHEREAS, the south side of G Street NW represents the better of the two aforementioned proposals, due to substantially less curb cuts which keep greater stretches of this proposed protected bike lane protected with plastic safety bollards or other protective equipment, the lack of a need to find a new block to position the GW Shuttle stop, and having substantially fewer and narrower parking garage and alley entrances, and

WHEREAS, under the District's commitment to the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce the public's dependence on cars and Mayor Bowser's commitment to eliminate pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries by 2024, it is the Commission's responsibility to highlight where significant work remains to be done to advance those goals in Foggy Bottom and the West End, including through the instillation of new protected bike lanes or cycle track.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports DDOT designing alternatives for an east-west two-way protected bike lane on the south side of G Street NW, and the north side of G Street NW, between 17th Street and Virginia Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A, reiterating its prior positions from resolutions dated on May 23rd, 2018, February 13th, 2019, and May 9th, 2019, does not support the use of F Street NW for a protected bike lane, given the Commission's support for two-way protected bike lanes over one-way protected bike lanes due to wrong-way bike traffic, existing ratings used to classify existing F Street conditions as a safer than G Street, and the conflict intersection on the western terminus of the F Street proposal at 23rd Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports moving existing residential parking permit (RPP) spaces and motorcycle spaces on the south side of the roadway to the north side of the roadway along the corridor, to replace meter-only parking spaces, as this change would preserve all RPP spaces between the 2200 and 2400 blocks of G Street NW and 12 motorcycle parking spaces on the 1700 block of G Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that given the upcoming renovation project at 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue and the impact it will have to public space beginning in about October of 2019, ANC 2A supports DDOT permanently repositioning the existing Capital Bikeshare station at 17th Street and G Street NW into the south side of the curb lane across from the entrance to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) when at such a time it is necessary for construction, which would require the loss of one or two metered parking spaces, and be parallel to its current location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the proposed Capital Bikeshare station at 21st Street and G Street NW, called for in a resolution dated April 2, 2019,8 to be located on the south curb side of the streetscape, east of the intersection, which DDOT's Capital Bikeshare team supports and has placed into the station planning pipeline.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Modifications to the Alternatives for the District Department of Transportation's Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape 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: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is moving forward on evaluating and designing the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project alternatives between 17th Street NW and Washington Circle, after holding a public meeting on June 14, 2019, and is seeking comment from the public on preliminary thirty percent designs, and

WHEREAS, the Commission cannot wait until 2022 for safer conditions on Pennsylvania Avenue West, and supports the immediate implementation of a road diet, protected bike lanes, and pedestrian elements of the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the objectives of the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project, which are:

1. Enhancing the monumental corridor,
2. Introducing dedicated multimodal amenities, like protected bike lanes,
3. Improving the pedestrian experience,
4. Safely connecting destinations and neighborhoods for all users, and
5. Enhancing sustainability through the introduction of green infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports DDOT immediately implementing temporary measures through a Notice of Intent (NOI) that would create the roadway conditions and protected bike facilities called for under the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project until the permanent project is ready to move forward with construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports increasing the width of the permanent separated bike lanes by one foot, to seven feet, to allow for greater passing width and enabling the use of Department of Public Works (DPW) clearing equipment to clear away snow and debris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports leveling the proposed protected bike lane with the surrounding treescape and sidewalk, which is not currently called for in this design, as doing so would make passing other people on bicycles safer and would protect against stormwater runoff issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports removing all on-street metered parking and designating any remaining on-street parking as commercial and rideshare loading spaces, but especially on the southwest segment of the 1900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests and expects that DDOT will be timely, transparent, and accountable to the community concerning issues that could cause delay or alteration of the project.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Removal of Defunct Parking Meter Stems Along the 2000 Block of G Street NW and the 800 Block of 22nd Street NW and the Proposed Removal of an Unenforceable Parking Meter on the 2200 Block of G Street NW

Commissioner Harnett 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:

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests the removal of the six defunct parking meter stems along the 2000 block of G Street NW, an example of which is shown in Attachment 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests the removal of the five defunct parking meter stems along the 800 block of 22nd Street NW, an example of which is shown in Attachment 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests the removal of the parking meter on the southwest corner of the 2200 block of G Street NW, which is no longer a legal parking space, as shown in Attachment 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the creation of a new 311 request category allowing residents to request the removal of decommissioned transportation equipment, like defunct parking meters, so that future requests similar to this do not need to come before the Commission.

**Administrative Matters**

Approval of the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 3 financial report.  
Commissioner Goldin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

**Adjournment**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Detrick Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D" and "C".

Detrick Campbell  
Secretary, ANC 2A07