



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17th, 2021; 7:00 p.m.

In-Person – West End Library, Meeting Room, 2301 L Street NW

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Chair Jeri Epstein (06) called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Commissioners Yannik Omictin (01), Joel Causey (02), Trupti Patel (03), Donna Barbisch (04), Evelyn Hudson (05), Adam Friend (07), and Margaret McDonald (08) were present.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Causey made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Barbisch made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular October 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### Community Forum

#### Report from Councilmember Robert White

Councilmember Robert White gave an update regarding his work on the DC Council.

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

*No one was present regarding this matter.*

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

Joe Florio, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave updates from the Mayor’s Office.

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

Victoria Casarrubias, the Executive Assistant and Scheduler for Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, and Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for the Councilmember’s Office, gave updates from the Councilmember’s Office.

### Announcements and Public Comments

*There were not any announcements and public comments.*

## **Matters Before the Zoning Commission**

### **Zoning Commission Application by Boston Properties for a Modification of Consequence to Zoning Commission Orders #06-11O and #06-12O at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

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

ANC 2A supports Boston Properties' Zoning Commission application for a modification of consequence to Zoning Commission Orders #06-11O and #06-12O at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

## **Community Forum (Continued)**

### **Report from the Office of Chairman Phil Mendelson**

Declan Falls, a Community Outreach Specialist for Chairman Phil Mendelson's Office, gave updates from the Chairman's Office.

## **Matters Before the Public Space Committee**

### **Public Space Application by FlixBus for the Installation of an Intercity Bus Stop Occupying 5 Non-Meter Parking Spaces on the 400 Block of 19th Street NW**

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

ANC 2A supports FlixBus' public space application for the installation of an intercity bus stop on the 400 block of 19th Street NW.

## **Matters Before the Department of Parks and Recreation**

### **Consideration of a Resolution Demanding Improvements to Francis Field**

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

WHEREAS, Francis Field is a publicly owned park; located in ANC 2A at 25th Street and N Street NW; operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the Department of General Services (DGS), and the National Park Service (NPS); and located in an area of low availability of parks relative to population,

WHEREAS, the Francis Field athletic field serves as a recreation area for the School Without Walls High School and School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens athletic teams,

WHEREAS, the limited size of the Francis Field dog park has compelled dog owners to use the athletic field, causing damage to the surface and leaving dangerous waste on the field,

WHEREAS, government agencies have not maintained Francis Field's athletic field in a manner to allow its continued operation, requiring private citizens and children to volunteer to repair the field, and

WHEREAS, Francis Field is designated at the lowest maintenance level of care, a level which is designated to only one other field in the city.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that DGS and DPR raise the designation of Francis Field to a level consistent with its needs as an active community and DPR playing field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that DGS and DPR remodel Francis Field, adding irrigation to the field to maintain the field surface.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests an expansion of the Francis Field dog park, whose size fails to accommodate the large number of dogs in the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that DGS and DPR set aside funding for a revitalization of Francis Field's athletic field and dog park in FY 2022.

### **Matters Before the Commemorative Works Committee**

#### **Commemorative Works Committee Application by the Embassy of Spain for the Installation of a Sculpture at 2375 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

Chair Epstein made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Barbisch seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the Embassy of Spain's Commemorative Works Committee application for the installation of a sculpture at 2375 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **Approval of Expenditures for the Purchase of a Laptop**

Commissioner Causey made a motion to approve up to \$4,000 in expenditures for the purchase of computer and audio equipment. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

**Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration**

**Onkei – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

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

ANC 2A supports Onkei’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

**Administrative Matters (Continued)**

**Commissioner Updates**

Commissioners Omictin, Causey, Patel, Barbisch, Hudson, Friend, and McDonald and Chair Epstein gave commissioner updates.

**Adjournment**

Chair Epstein adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Yannik Omictin  
Secretary, ANC 2A01