



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair James Harnett (08) called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Nicole Goldin (02), Trupti Patel (03), Evelyn Hudson (05), and Jeri Epstein (06) were present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Harnett made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda by unanimous consent. Without any objection the agenda was adopted.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Harnett made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular October 2020 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

Community Forum

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

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

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Councilmember Brooke Pinto gave an update from her office.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

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

Commissioner Updates

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

Announcements and Public Comments

Andrew Huff, the Associate Director of Member and Government Relations for the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID); Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy

Bottom Association (FBA); and Joel Causey, the Commissioner-Elect for single member district (SMD) 2A02, gave announcements and public comments.

General Agenda

Presentation by DC Health Regarding DC's COVID Vaccine Distribution Plan

No one was present regarding this matter.

Matters Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Minimum Parking Requirements, from the Side Yard Requirements, from the Alley Centerline Setback Requirements, and from the Minimum Pervious Surface Requirements, and for an Area Variance from the Alley Lot Height Requirements to Construct a New, Semi-Detached Principal Dwelling Unit on a Vacant Lot at 0 Snows Court NW

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

ANC 2A supports the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 0 Snows Court NW.

Matters Before the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Boston Properties' Request for an Extension of their After-Hours Permit as Part of the 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Construction Project

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

ANC 2A supports the following requests from Boston Properties for an after-hours permit from November 23rd, 2020 through February 28th, 2021 as part of their 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW construction project:

1. After-hours work from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am, Monday through Saturday, with an explicit prohibition on all noisy work after 10:00 pm, with an extension to 2:00 am during the month of December only along Pennsylvania Avenue NW, also with a prohibition on all noisy work after 10:00 pm
2. After-hours work from 6:00 am to 7:00 am, with an explicit prohibition on any and all vehicle backup alarms or noisy work
3. After-hours work on Sundays from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Matters Before the Public Space Committee

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Updated Public Space Proposal for Streetscape Improvements at 26th Street and I Street NW

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

ANC 2A supports the proposed amended public space application (Attachment A) presented by Boston Properties for the intersection of 26th Street and I Street NW and believes that it fulfills the requirements of the community benefits agreement tied to [Zoning Case 06-11O/06-12O](#) that Boston Properties is required to complete before the issuance of their Certificate of Occupancy for 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

ANC 2A requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) acts swiftly to approve this proposed amended public space application.

Public Space Application by the American Pharmacists Association for Streetscape Improvements to Support Security Improvements, Including Tree Removal, New Sidewalks, New Streetlights, Replacing Curb Cuts, and New Bio-Retention Planters, on the 200 Block of 22nd Street NW and the 200 Block of 23rd 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: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the American Pharmacists Association's public space application for streetscape improvements to support security improvements on the 200 block of 22nd Street NW and the 200 block of 23rd Street NW. As part of this application, the ANC appreciates the proposed installation of a sidewalk where one does not currently exist on the west side of 200 block of 22nd Street NW due to the ANC's work to improve sidewalk accessibility in the neighborhood.

General Agenda

Consideration a Resolution Regarding the Recommendations from Kimley-Horn's Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Evaluation Along H Street Between 20th Street and 23rd Street NW

The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until a future ANC meeting.

Consideration of a Resolution to the Biden-Harris Transition Team Regarding the White House Fencing

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

WHEREAS, beginning in September of 2019, the United States Secret Service (USSS) closed pedestrian access to the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to accommodate construction staging for a new White House fence, a project funded and carried out by the National Park Service (NPS),

WHEREAS, in response to protests against police brutality in Lafayette Park in June of 2020, the USSS, in conjunction with the United States Park Police (USPP), constructed a barrier that completely enveloped President’s Park, the White House, the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW, and Lafayette Park,

WHEREAS, on June 8th, 2020, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate Minority Leader wrote to the President of the United States, calling for this new fencing to be “torn down,” stating that the fencing cuts off access to parks that have a deep history of supporting and being the grounds upon which protesters march, and

WHEREAS, the White House fence reconstruction project has since concluded.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the permanent removal of recently installed temporary fencing around President’s Park, the White House, the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW, and Lafayette Park—which would be the temporary fencing from Constitution Avenue to H Street NW, and 15th Street to 17th Street NW, thereby opening E Street NW and other areas associated with public access—following the conclusion of the 2021 Presidential Inauguration.

Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

Trader Joe's #653 – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “B” Grocery License at 2425 L Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Whole Foods Market – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “B” Full Service Grocery License at 2201 I Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Fabulous Market – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “B” Grocery License at 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Administrative Matters

Approval of Additional Expenditures for Legal Expenses

Chair Harnett made a motion to approve additional expenditures up to \$5,000 for the ANC's previous protest of the Watergate Hotel's alcoholic beverage license renewal application. Commissioner Patel seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's FY 2021 Budget

Commissioner Patel made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2021 budget. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's January 2021 Meeting Date

Chair Harnett made a motion to approve Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 at 7:00 pm as the date for the ANC's January 2021 meeting. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Harnett adjourned the meeting at 10:54 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