



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 21st, 2021; 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

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

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.

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

Barry Weise, the Legislative Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, gave updates from the councilmember’s office.

Commissioner Updates

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

Announcements and Public Comments

Several local residents gave announcements and public comments.

General Agenda

Presentation by Wayne Turnage, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, Regarding the Mayor's Proposed FY 2022 Budget

Wayne Turnage, the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, gave a presentation regarding the Mayor's proposed FY 2022 budget and answered questions from commissioners and meeting attendees.

Presentation by Pepco Regarding an Upcoming Voltage Survey on Snow's Court, Hughes Mews, the 800 and 900 Blocks of 25th Street, and the 2400 and 2500 Blocks of Eye Street NW

Linda Greenan, an External Affairs Manager for Pepco, and Aaron Dorsey, a Member for ART Engineering, gave a presentation regarding an upcoming voltage survey on Snow's Court, Hughes Mews, the 800 and 900 blocks of 25th Street, and the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Eye Street NW.

Presentation by Denise Snyder, Executive Director of the Foggy Bottom West End Village, Regarding the Organization's Outreach Efforts

Denise Snyder, the Executive Director of the Foggy Bottom West End Village (FBWEV), and C.B. Wooldridge, a board member for the organization, gave a presentation regarding the organization's outreach efforts.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Proposed Beautification of Virginia Avenue from Rock Creek Parkway to G Street NW

Commissioner Barbisch 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:

WHEREAS, Virginia Avenue, NW, from Rock Creek & Potomac Parkway ("the Parkway") to G Street, NW, serves as a major arterial for commuters, visitors to the waterfront and residents living nearby;

WHEREAS, the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) has recently undertaken projects to enhance and activate Virginia Avenue from the Parkway to G Street, including a complete resurfacing of the roadway and planning for a protected bike lane project, scheduled for construction in fall 2021;

WHEREAS, several locations nearby or adjacent to this particular area of Virginia Avenue have trees in the median to help beautify and enhance those areas, including the 700 block of New Hampshire Avenue and the 2500 & 2600 blocks of K Street, NW;

THEREFORE, ANC 2A calls upon DDOT to fund and construct a beautification of Virginia Avenue from the Parkway to G Street, to include the planning for and planting

of trees in the median. The trees should be chosen from DDOT's Green Infrastructure Plant List and should be from native species, with low spread and long bloom time.

Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

The Setting – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 2512 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Commissioner Patel 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:

ANC 2A protests The Setting’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license at 2512 Pennsylvania Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Bottles – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 2500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC’s regular September 2021 meeting.

Presentation Regarding an Upcoming Alcoholic Beverage License Application for ExPat at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Benjamin Sislen, the Chief Executive Officer of ExPat Hospitality, and Jonas Singer, the Chief Financial Officer of ExPat Hospitality, gave a presentation regarding an upcoming alcoholic beverage license application for ExPat at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Matters Before the Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by Flower Child for New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 9 Tables, 36 Seats, and 5 Umbrellas at 2112 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

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

ANC 2A supports Flower Child’s public space application for new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 2112 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Matters Before the Mayor’s Special Events Task Group

Special Event Application for the Rock ‘n’ Roll Half Marathon on Saturday, November 13th, 2021

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

ANC 2A supports the special event application for the Rock ‘n’ Roll Half Marathon on Saturday, November 13th, 2021.

Special Event Application for the DC Bike Ride on Saturday, September 25th, 2021

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

ANC 2A supports the special event application for the DC Bike Ride on Saturday, September 25th, 2021.

Matters Before the District Department of Transportation

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Extension of the DC Circulator’s Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn Route to U Street NW and Howard University

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is soliciting feedback on proposed extensions of DC Circulator service, in particular of the Rosslyn – Dupont Circle (RS-DP) bus route, which contains four stops in ANC 2A,

WHEREAS, stable and affordable access to schools, hospitals, cultural centers, parks, and shops via public transit is an essential component of public safety, public health, and economic development, and

WHEREAS, at present, public transit infrastructure in DC does not efficiently connect northern Virginia, Dupont Circle, and Shaw to one another, requiring several transfers between Metrorail lines and/or Metrobus lines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the extension of the RS-DP DC Circulator route to the Shaw neighborhood, and further expresses its support for Alternative 2, which contains the closest proposed stop to Howard University Hospital and Howard University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A strongly supports extensions of DC Circulator routes to transit-lacking majority-Black and Brown neighborhoods, especially proposed extensions into Ward 7.

Adjournment

Chair Epstein adjourned the meeting at 10:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Yannik Omictin
Secretary, ANC 2A01