



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular January 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Barbisch seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

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, and Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Coordinator for the councilmember’s office, gave updates from the councilmember’s office.

Commissioner Updates

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

Announcements and Public Comments

Denise Snyder, the Executive Director of the Foggy Bottom West End Village, gave an update regarding the village's efforts to help seniors secure COVID vaccine appointments.

Natasha Riddle Romero, a Community Organizer for DC Action for Children, gave a presentation regarding proposed "Birth to Three" legislation.

General Agenda

Presentation from the District Department of Transportation Regarding the Agency's 2020 Accomplishments and 2021 Goals for Ward 2

Andrew DeFrank, a Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave a presentation regarding the agency's 2020 accomplishments and 2021 goals for Ward 2.

Presentation from the District Department of Transportation Regarding the Agency's Virginia Avenue NW Protected Bike Lanes Project

Kevin Harrison, a Transportation Planner for DDOT, gave a presentation regarding the agency's Virginia Avenue NW Protected Bike Lanes Project.

Presentation from the District Department of Transportation Regarding the Agency's K Street NW Transitway Project

Robyn Jackson, a Deputy Program Manager for DDOT, gave a presentation regarding the Agency's K Street NW Transitway Project.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Proposed Bike Lanes on 17th Street NW and Constitution Avenue NW

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: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Foggy Bottom and the West End severely lack bicycle facilities that allow for north-south travel, as none currently exist and only one, along 20th Street NW, has been approved thus far,

WHEREAS, a continued lack of north-south dedicated and protected bicycle facilities discourages existing and potential bicycle and micro-mobility users in Foggy Bottom from using these transit options and accessing other portions of the bicycle facilities network,

WHEREAS, 15th Street NW, on the eastern end of the White House, has a bicycle lane, but 17th Street NW, on the western perimeter, does not,

WHEREAS, before the COVID-19 public health emergency, the 15th Street NW bike lane was regularly heavily congested during rush hour,

WHEREAS, cyclists crossing the White House grounds from 15th Street NW, using the National Park Service trail through the Ellipse, cannot safely reach Foggy Bottom other than through G Street NW because of a lack of bicycle facilities on the White House's western perimeter,

WHEREAS, cycling on the sidewalk is prohibited along 17th Street NW, which encourages bicycle users to share the road with drivers and risk serious injury, particularly for those using recumbent bicycles,

WHEREAS, the newly-released moveDC plan by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) does not recommend the construction of a cycle track on 17th Street NW,

WHEREAS, 17th Street NW is frequently used by tourists on bicycles to access the National Mall, the Lincoln Memorial, and other commemorative works,

WHEREAS, students attending courses at the Corcoran School of Arts and Design, as well as employees of government agencies and other employers located on 17th Street NW, need options to reach their destinations beyond walking and automobiles, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has called for the consideration of bike lanes along [17th Street NW north of K Street NW](#), and have been generally supportive of two-way protected cycle track on 17th Street NW [between Florida Ave NW and Constitution Ave NW](#).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A calls on DDOT to add a protected, two-way cycle track along 17th Street NW between K Street NW and Constitution Avenue NW to their moveDC plan, in consultation with federal agencies tasked with security of the White House complex and the safety of federal officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A calls on DDOT to consider closing the slip lane at New York Avenue NW and 17th Street NW, establishing a dedicated right turn lane in its stead, constructing a Capital Bikeshare station along the 17th Street NW curb, and converting the rest of the former road to communal and/or green space.

Matters Before the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

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

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

ANC 2A supports Boston Properties' request for an after-hours permit for March 1st, 2021 through July 31st, 2021 as part of the 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW construction project.

Matters Before the Public Space Committee

Public Space Application for Streetscape Improvements, Including Sidewalk Paving, Installation of Handrails, Installation of an ADA Ramp, and Installation of Bollards, at the Intersection of M Street and 25th Street NW

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

ANC 2A requests a 30-day delay of the consideration of the public space application for streetscape improvements at the intersection of M Street and 25th Street NW in order to allow the Commission to further discuss the project plans with the applicant.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the Creation of ANC Committees

Chair Epstein made a motion to establish the ANC's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Building and Development Committee, and Strategic Planning and Coordination Committee. Commissioner Causey seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Epstein adjourned the meeting at 10:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Yannik Omictin
Secretary, ANC 2A01