



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19th, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

In-Person – 2445 M Street NW, Conference Center

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Causey made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Causey made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular April 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Community Forum

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

There was no one present regarding this matter.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Julius Terry, 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

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, the Constituent Services Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, gave updates from the Councilmember’s Office.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioners Epstein and Hudson and Chair Causey gave commissioner updates.

Announcements and Public Comments

Barbara Kahlow, the Secretary-Treasurer of the West End Citizens Association (WECA), and a local resident gave announcements and public comments.

Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

Consideration of Several Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications for Restaurants, Hotels, Multipurpose Facilities, Clubs, Marine Vessels, Arenas, and Caterers

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

The Nixon Lounge – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 2600 Virginia Avenue NW

Commissioner Barbisch made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A protests The Nixon Lounge’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 2600 Virginia Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to drop the protest if and when an acceptable settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2A.

Matters Before the Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by the Georgetown BID for the Placement of 8 Movable Plastic Planters on the Sidewalk on the 2700 and 2800 Blocks of K Street NW

Commissioner Barbisch made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Causey seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the Georgetown BID’s public space application for the placement of 8 movable plastic planters on the sidewalk on the 2700 and 2800 blocks of K Street NW.

Matters Before the Mayor’s Special Event Task Group

Special Event Application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 9th, 2022

Commissioner Barbisch 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 special event application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 9th, 2022.

Matters Before the DC Council

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the “Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022”

Commissioner Patel made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, abortion is a common and safe form of healthcare,

WHEREAS, Washington, DC was one of the few cities in the U.S. where abortion was legal in 1972. It was not until January 22, 1973 that the Supreme Court of the United States in the Roe v. Wade decision affirmed the constitutional right to privacy and a woman's right to choose whether or not to have an abortion,

WHEREAS, 16 states and Washington, DC have laws protecting abortion even without Roe v. Wade: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States could eliminate constitutional protections for abortion in its pending decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, resulting in individual U.S. states enacting further restrictions on abortion services,

WHEREAS, if Roe v. Wade is overturned, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights, 25 states are likely to ban abortion if they are allowed to: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. This will endanger the life of their citizens, while also making the need for out of state access even more vital,

WHEREAS, restrictions and bans on access to abortion services create financial, physical, and mental health risks to the people seeking them or who are denied needed procedures, and intimidation and physical obstruction are common tools used to deter individuals from accessing and providing abortion services, and

WHEREAS, Washington, DC is a city that respects the right of every citizen to maintain medical privacy, autonomy, and their right to choose, and sees those rights as inalienable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to guarantee access and affordability for reproductive health services in the District of Columbia to all who may seek it through DC Council Bill B24-0726 – the “Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2022” and DC Council Bill B24-0808 – the “Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022” or similar measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges all relevant offices within the Government of the District of Columbia, including but not limited to the Mayor, the DC Council, the Office of the Attorney General, and DC Health, to continue to communicate to the general public that reproductive health services are available within the District of

Columbia regardless of one's place of residence or citizenship, legal status of citizenship, race, age, ethnicity, income, gender identity, or religious credence or lack thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council and the Mayor to pass and sign into law legislation protecting self-management of abortions and medical practitioners' right to offer abortions and related reproductive health services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council and the Mayor to pass and sign into law full Medicaid funding of abortion and other reproductive health services in the District of Columbia, including for self-medicated abortions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the Government of the District of Columbia to provide financial and logistical support to community organizations willing and able to provide safe travel to and from reproductive health service provider premises for individuals attempting to attain reproductive health services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council and the Mayor to pass legislation prohibiting state courts from enforcing the penalties of another state against any individual who obtained reproductive health services which are illegal in another state, in the spirit of House Bill 5414 which was recently introduced in Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council and the Mayor to voice support for H.R. 3755 – the “Women’s Health Protection Act of 2021”, in order to widely and permanently codify the right to provide and access abortion services throughout the U.S.

Adjournment

Chair Causey adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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