



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 16th, 2018; 7:00 p.m.

West End Library, Main Meeting Room – 2301 L Street NW

Call to Order

Chair William Kennedy Smith (04) called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Marco Guzman (03), Philip Schreffer (05), Florence Harmon (06), Detrick Campbell (07), and James Harnett (08) were present.

Remembrance of Commissioner Rebecca Coder

Several commissioners and local residents shared fond memories of Commissioner Rebecca Coder and her work on behalf of the ANC.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular May 2018 meeting agenda. The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular April 2018 meeting minutes. The minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Community Forum

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Lt. Darren Haskis, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, was present. He gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), was present. He said that this coming Friday, May 18th is Bike to Work Day in DC. He said that, as part of the day, Mayor Bowser will be biking to work at 8:30 am from Logan Circle to Freedom Plaza. He encouraged local residents to join the Mayor for the bike ride to Freedom Plaza.

Mr. Livingstone said that the DC Government recently released the data from DC’s 2018 Point-in-Time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness. He said that this year’s data shows a continued decline in homelessness in DC during the last two years. He added that the Mayor’s proposed FY 2019 budget includes increased investments in the Mayor’s Homeward DC plan.

Mr. Livingstone said that DC Government officials recently worked to ensure that the Federal Government did not eliminate funding for the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) program. He

added that if any local residents have any issues, he can be reached via email at richard.livingstone@dc.gov and via his cell phone at (202) 805-7122.

Report from the Department of Public Works

Inspector Wendy Cadell, a Ward 2 Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW), was present. She reminded local residents who report service requests through the city's 3-1-1 system to include the address for the service location. She also encouraged local residents to take advantage of DPW's Helping Hands Program, which lends out tool kits for community cleanups.

Inspector Cadell encouraged local residents to visit DPW's new <https://zerowaste.dc.gov> website to learn more about DC's recycling processes.

Commissioner Updates

Chair Smith said that if any residents of the ANC's single member district 2A02 need help with any issues, they can contact him. He said that the DC Board of Elections has stated that the election of the next Commissioner for single member district 2A02 will take place during DC's 2018 general election in November.

Commissioner Harmon encouraged local residents to attend "The Meeting," a performance by Ballou High School Students, which will take place on Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30 pm and on Wednesday, May 30th at 6:30 pm at Ballou High School, 3400 4th Street SE.

Commissioner Campbell said that, thanks to Mr. Livingstone's help, Pepco and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) have started to fix some of the non-working streetlights in his single member district.

Commissioner Campbell said that the George Washington University has drafted a proposal to install a mid-block crosswalk on the 2100 block of H Street NW.

Announcements and Public Comments

Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA), said that the organization will be hosting a candidate forum for the At-Large Councilmember and Council Chair candidates who are on the ballot for DC's June 19th primary election. She said that the forum will take place on Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30 pm at the West End Library, 2301 L Street NW.

General Agenda

Presentation by Matthew Le Grant, Zoning Administrator for the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

Matthew Le Grant, the Zoning Administrator for the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, was present. He gave a visual presentation regarding the Office of the Zoning Administrator and its functions.

Presentations by Save Our Tip System Initiative 77 and the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Washington, DC Regarding Initiative Measure Number 77 – the “District of Columbia Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2017”

Candace Cunningham, a representative for the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Washington, DC, was present. She gave a presentation regarding the organization’s views on Initiative Measure Number 77 – the “District of Columbia Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2017.”

Presentation by Washington REIT Regarding Proposed Renovations to the Rooftop of 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Anthony Chang, the Vice President of Asset Management for Washington REIT, was present. He gave a visual presentation regarding the company’s proposed renovations to the rooftop of 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to authorize expenditures up to \$10,000 for the retaining of legal counsel to review the proposed renovations to the rooftop of 600 New Hampshire Avenue NW and to authorize the ANC’s Chair to make any legal filings necessary based on the recommendations of the legal counsel. Commissioner Guzman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Regulatory Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding MedStar Health’s Certificate of Need Application to Acquire the Washington ENT Otolaryngology and Audiology Practice at 2440 K Street NW

Commissioner Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Smith made a motion to support MedStar Health’s Certificate of Need application for 2440 K Street NW. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports MedStar Health’s Certificate of Need application to acquire the Washington ENT otolaryngology and audiology practice at 2440 M Street NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Request by the Park Hyatt at 1201 24th Street NW That the Establishment’s Application to Bring its Summer Garden into ABRA-Compliance be Considered a Non-Substantial Change

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

As the Park Hyatt Hotel has operated a 54 seat summer garden at the northeast corner of 24th Street and M Street NW for several decades without complaint or objection from the community, ANC 2A respectfully informs the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board that, in the view of the ANC, formal ABC Board approval of such summer garden is not potentially of concern to the residents or businesses surrounding the Park Hyatt Hotel.

Georgetown Inn West End – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1121 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to protest the Georgetown Inn West End’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A protests the Georgetown Inn West End’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 1121 New Hampshire Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

ANC 2A further designates all commissioners, as well as Peter Sacco, the Commission’s Executive Director, to appear before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for any hearings regarding this matter.

Public Space Application by Bindaas for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 9 Tables, 30 Seats, and 4 Umbrellas at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to support Bindaas’ public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk cafe. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports Bindaas’ public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Public Space Application by the Three Washington Circle Condominium for 6 New Bike Racks at 3 Washington Circle NW

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to support Three Washington Circle Condominium’s public space application for the installation of six new bike racks. Commissioner Harnett seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports Three Washington Circle Condominium’s public space application to install six new bike racks at 3 Washington Circle NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Boston Properties’ Permit Application for Streetscape Improvements on 26th Street Between Eye Street and K Street NW

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

ANC 2A expresses its support to the District Department of Transportation for Boston Properties’ permit filing (DDOT #312840) for streetscape improvements along 26th Street between I Street and K Street NW, which include the installation of a sidewalk on the west side of the street, the installation of a crosswalk, modifications to the wall along the adjacent park, and the installation of a water fountain.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to support Boston Properties' upcoming permit application for the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of 22nd Street and I Street NW. Commissioner Harnett seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution read as follows:

ANC 2A expresses its support to the District Department of Transportation for Boston Properties' upcoming permit filing for the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of 22nd Street and I Street NW.

Special Event Application for the Race to Beat Cancer 5k on Saturday, September 15th, 2018

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

ANC 2A supports the special event application for the Race to Beat Cancer 5k on Saturday, September 15th, 2018, provided that the Metropolitan Police Department and the Mayor's Special Events Task Group maintain access to the 500 block of 20th Street NW, if necessary through the use of two-way traffic, during the event.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DDOT's Proposal to Install Bike Lanes on 20th Street, 21st Street, and/or 22nd Street NW

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Guzman seconded the motion. Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt an amendment to the proposed resolution specifying that the ANC would like the District Department of Transportation to remove 21st Street NW from consideration for the proposed bike lanes. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion for the amendment, which was voted on and did not pass (VOTES: 2-3-2). The original motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) objective of creating a protected, north-south bicycle route connecting the Northwest Rectangle employment core and the National Mall with Dupont Circle by way of Foggy Bottom and the West End. ANC 2A also expresses its appreciation to DDOT for agreeing to expand the scope of its study by examining the possibility of using 20th Street NW for this purpose, rather than just the originally-proposed 21st Street and 22nd Street NW options.

However,

Whereas, 22nd Street is the shortest in length of the three roadway alignments under study,

Whereas, both 20th Street and 21st Street provide superior connectivity to the federal employment core and the GWU campus, the primary trip generators in the southern portion of the study area – an area with no bicycle infrastructure at-present,

Whereas, commissioners and residents suggest that existing bike traffic counts are higher on 20th Street and 21st Street than on 22nd Street,

Whereas, 22nd Street south of Pennsylvania Avenue is a relatively tranquil artery with low levels of vehicular traffic moving at slow speeds and therefore improvements to cycling comfort attained by installing a protected lane on this street are not as great as they would be elsewhere,

Whereas, the large number of hotels near the intersection of 22nd Street and M Street, along with a heavily-used gas station and sizable condominium buildings, have generated a significant number of curb cuts that are used frequently for pick-up, drop-off, deliveries, trash collection, and other purposes that would need to be accommodated in the design of a dedicated bicycle lane,

Whereas, double-parking is endemic to this area of roadway on 22nd Street and that – combined with the lane breaks needed to accommodate access to curb cuts – would invite a situation where any bicycle lane would be regularly blocked by cars, thereby reducing its quality and usability and, further, experience elsewhere in the District suggests that engineered solutions and available enforcement resources would be insufficient to overcome these impediments,

Whereas, 20th Street and 21st Street are more convenient for those travelling to the corridor area from the north or east – which likely constitutes the majority of would-be users due to the established bicycle network in these areas, demographic factors, and various geographic, topographic, and roadway design impediments to cycling to or from areas west of the study area,

Whereas, in any event, cyclists travelling from or to the west would be better served by protected bike lanes on Virginia Avenue – tying into the Rock Creek Parkway trail, the protected bikeway on K Street and Water Street, and the Capital Crescent Trail – a project called for in the 2005 D.C. Bicycle Master Plan and the 2014 moveDC Plan, and

Whereas, over the past five years the West End has experienced a significant loss of on-street parking associated with the installation of the L Street bikeway, which, combined with perceived congestion impacts associated with this and other nearby development and roadway projects, has generated a significant, latent level of frustration and fatigue at the prospect of additional such projects in proximity to residential areas at this time.

Therefore, for the above-mentioned reasons, ANC 2A requests that DDOT remove 22nd Street from further study and focus on evaluating 20th Street and 21st Street, as well as any connections between these two streets that might be necessary in order to establish a contiguous bicycle corridor throughout the study area.

ANC 2A further requests that DDOT consider alternatives to F Street as a possible point of connection by which the bicycle facility can “jog” between the two primary north-south streets, as necessary.

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

Among the potential service change proposals circulated on April 30th, 2018 by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA” or “Metro”) which pertain to ANC 2A’s coverage area, the Commission takes the following positions:

- In the first series of three proposals, the ANC strongly supports Proposal C, which would “[c]onvert some Route 42 buses to Route H1 buses [...and operate] Route H1 all day.” This would implement a key recommendation of a 2013 Metrobus study conducted on the Crosstown H-Line, which sought to make the H1 an all-day service on account of the route’s popularity and stellar productivity. Dupont Circle ANC 2B passed a resolution in support of all-day service on the H1 last year, and passed an additional resolution in support of a combination of Proposals B and C in May of 2018.

Implementing all-day service on the H1 would provide for the creation of a critical missing transit link between Foggy Bottom and the West End, Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, Mt. Pleasant, Columbia Heights, Washington Hospital Center, and Brookland – service which is currently provided only in the peak direction during rush hours. These areas collectively contain a critical mass of residents, jobs, shopping, tourist attractions, and other activities; since the corridor is not well-served by existing Metrorail alignments, added bus service has the potential to be a significant, positive supplement to the overall transit network.

- In the second series of three proposals, ANC 2A strongly opposes Proposal A, which would “[c]onvert all Route L1 buses to Route L2 buses.” The Commission sees no basis for reducing peak direction, rush-hour bus service to and from the West End, Foggy Bottom, and the Northwest Rectangle federal employment core – the last of which is a dense employment center not particularly close to nearby Metrorail stations.

The critical difference between the L1 and L2 routes is that – where the two routes diverge – the L1 goes through areas that are a significant walk from Metrorail stations and are otherwise ill-served by connections on other WMATA rail or bus services (such as the Northwest Rectangle and the eastern portion of Sheridan-Kalorama).

Whereas the L2 duplicates Red Line service south of Dupont Circle over a short stretch to Farragut Square – and other bus routes between Dupont Circle and Woodley Park – the L1 runs a unique route that provides local service over the long distance on Connecticut Avenue between the aforementioned rail stations. South of Dupont Circle, the route connects to the West End and Foggy Bottom before terminating in the Northwest Rectangle. The benefits of a marginal increase in L2 service frequency south of Dupont Circle are questionable given that the Red Line provides significantly faster and much more frequent service over the same short distance.

Over the past six years, WMATA has proposed or implemented reductions to most rush-hour bus routes serving the Northwest Rectangle, including the S1, N4, and P1. Rather than continue to erode service, ANC 2A encourages Metro to work with DDOT and consider strategic investments in the L1 and other rush-hour routes that would establish them as more reliable option for commuters. Converting deadhead trips in the opposite direction of peak travel to revenue service, for instance, could be a low-cost way of building ridership and creating a more diverse constituency for these services.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B22-0778 - the "Youth Vote Amendment Act of 2018"

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, a flourishing democracy ensures that everyone has the right and the power to make choices about the future of their communities and nation through the ballot box,

WHEREAS, student activism in the United States in response to the current political climate has been a reminder of the power young people have to bring about change,

WHEREAS, in the District of Columbia at 16 years old one may register for a driver's license, get a job, and pay taxes on their income,

WHEREAS, the DC Public Schools (DCPS) teaches civics to all high school students,

WHEREAS, students are significantly more likely to develop consistent voting patterns and become lifelong voters at 16 years old than at 18 years old due to their engagement in high school and lack of an intense transition when they turn 18 due to moving off to college, starting work, etc,

WHEREAS, an analysis published by the American Political Science Association (APSA) shows that about one of every nine parents who would have abstained from an election will vote after their children enter the electorate,

WHEREAS, in local U.S. elections that enabled 16 and 17-year-olds to vote, turnout was up to four times the rate for registered voters under 18 years old than it was for registered voters 18 and older,

WHEREAS, the DC Government and the Federal Government pass laws that have a direct impact on young people in the District, despite their lack of voting rights in selecting elected local, state, and federal representatives,

WHEREAS, to profoundly improve our primary education system, students should have the right to vote for educational leaders that will elevate their voices, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A notes with deep concern the unconstitutionality of any test or arbitrary qualification established to evaluate whether any particular voter should be able

to exercise their right to vote, and that the history of the United States has historically disenfranchised and denied the right to vote to people of color and women.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the passage of DC Council Bill B22-0778 — the “Youth Vote Amendment Act of 2018.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A encourages the DC Public Schools to further integrate the practice of voting into the high school social studies curriculum, encouraging students to put what they learn about government in the classroom into practice.

Riverside Liquors – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License at 2123 E Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Orange Spoon Gourmet, Liquor & Wine – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License a 1255 23rd Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

McReynold's Liquors – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License at 1776 G Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Watergate Vintners & Spirits – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License at 2544 Virginia Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

West End Market – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License at 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

The Wine Specialist – Application for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License at 1133 20th Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC’s FY 2018 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the ANC’s FY 2018 Quarter 2 financial report. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the project, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. J. Schrefer".

Philip Schrefer
Secretary, ANC 2A05