



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25th, 2020; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order (7:01 pm)

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Commissioners Nicole Goldin (02), Trupti Patel (03), William Kennedy Smith (04), Evelyn Hudson (05), Jeri Epstein (06), Detrick Campbell (07), and James Harnett (08) were present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular March 2020 meeting agenda by unanimous consent. Without any objection the agenda was adopted.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the ANC’s special February 2020 and regular February 2020 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

Community Forum (7:09 pm)

Announcements and Public Comments

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

Nicole Goines, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS); Yannik Omictin, the GW Student Association’s (SA) Vice President for Governmental Relations; and Moneka Cunningham, Pepco’s External Affairs Manager for the DC Region, gave announcements and public comments.

Matters Before the District Department of Transportation (7:24 pm)

Presentation on, and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding, the Proposed Installation of Protected Bike Lanes on G Street NW and on Virginia Avenue NW

Will Handsfield, a Transportation Planner for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave a presentation on the proposed installation of protected bike lanes on G Street NW and on Virginia Avenue NW.

Commissioner Harnett made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has urged the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to build an east-west two-way protected bike lane connecting 17th Street NW and Virginia Avenue NW on G Street NW,

WHEREAS, this segment of east-west connectivity was called for in the 2014 moveDC Bike Element—with one-way configurations on F Street NW and G Street NW—and would fill a gap in the existing and planned bike lane network, connecting Virginia Avenue NW to the White House with protected infrastructure for cyclists and micromobility riders,

WHEREAS, the Commission thanks DDOT for advancing designs of a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of G Street NW, as called for in a resolution passed by the Commission on July 19, 2019, due to substantially fewer curb cuts which would keep greater stretches of this bike lane protected, the lack of a need to find a new block to position the GW Shuttle's Foggy Bottom–Mount Vernon stop, and having substantially fewer and narrower parking garage/alley entrances/exits,

WHEREAS, at a public meeting on March 3, 2020, DDOT shared two alternatives for consideration on G Street NW to build a two-way protected bike lane on the south curbside of the roadway,

WHEREAS, Alternative A:

1. Provides for a 10-foot protected bicycle lane facility and retains two sides of parking and a travel lane,
2. Retains parking on both sides of the street, as the design of all roadway elements are constrained to the minimum width in this scenario. There are several service delivery and shuttle vans along this corridor which will need to utilize the proposed 8-foot parking lanes. This design alternative provides a minimum width two-way protected bicycle lane facility,
3. Results in an approximately 30 percent loss in parking on the south side of G Street NW, in order to provide adequate sight lines and vehicle turning storage lanes at intersections,

WHEREAS, Alternative B:

1. Provides for a 15-foot protected bicycle lane facility and creates a full time north side parking lane and travel lane,
2. Results in a 15-foot bike lane that is design guidance-recommended and provides a more comfortable protected facility for people on bikes,
3. Provides an adequate 10-foot parking lane to adequately accommodate delivery service and shuttle van parking,
4. Requires trading off south side parking along G Street NW, where approximately 100 spaces will need to be removed, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has consistently put the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and users of micromobility transit first in evaluating the effectiveness of protective measures to keep people safe on our roads and sidewalks.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports DDOT advancing Alternative B as the preferred alternative for its G Street NW Protected Bike Lane Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A strongly supports a two-way bike lane on the 1700 block of G Street NW, including, if necessary to the safety of roadway users, the construction of a signalized intersection and crosswalks at 17th Street NW and G Street NW, to connect cyclists and micromobility users to and from the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports moving existing residential parking permit (RPP) spaces and motorcycle spaces on the south side of the roadway to the north side of the roadway along the corridor, to replace meter-only parking spaces, as this change would preserve all RPP spaces between the 2200 and 2400 blocks of G Street NW and 12 motorcycle parking spaces on the 1700 block of G Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A continues to support the proposed Capital Bikeshare station at 21st Street NW and G Street NW, called for in a resolution dated April 2, 2019, to be located on the south curbside of the streetscape, east of the intersection, which DDOT's Capital Bikeshare team supports and has placed into the station procurement pipeline, and shall be installed as part of the construction of this protected bike lane.

General Presentation (8:07 pm)

Update from GW Hospital Regarding Preparations for COVID-19

Dr. Babak Sarani, GW Hospital's Director of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, and Dr. Bruno Petinaux, GW Hospital's Chief Medical Officer, gave an update regarding the hospital's preparations for COVID-19.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Matters Before the Mayor's Special Events Task Group (8:49 pm)

Special Event Application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 11th

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the special event application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 11th, 2020.

Matter Before the National Park Service (8:55 pm)

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Park Permits for the George Washington University's Commencement

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

WHEREAS, a public health emergency, state of emergency, and national state of emergency were declared by the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the President of the United States in response to the SARS-CoV-2 disease (global coronavirus pandemic),

WHEREAS, any events with more than 10 people have been deemed as threats to public health and have been ordered postponed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and DC Health that were scheduled to take place between March 16, 2020 and May 4, 2020,

WHEREAS, the George Washington University (GW) announced on March 16, 2020 that it was cancelling its in-person 2020 commencement to be held on the National Mall on May 17, 2020,

WHEREAS, in doing so, the university made the right public health decision in calling off this year's commencement, a decision that fits directly with guidance by public health experts at the CDC and DC Health, given the presence of thousands of people at this event and given that public health must always come first in the safety and security decision making for events,

WHEREAS, if the 2020 commencement ceremonies had not been called off by the university, the National Park Service (NPS) would have revoked their permits to be able to hold the 2020 commencement on May 17, 2020, in line with the same public health guidance from the CDC and DC Health,

WHEREAS, however, the Commission has a vested interest in providing continuity to the programs, events, and services that this community has developed around for decades after this public health emergency concludes,

WHEREAS, permanently cancelling the in-person commencement for the Class of 2020 would not have been acceptable to the Commission or to the thousands of students and families that have and will continue to invest in the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods,

WHEREAS, especially for immigrant, first generation families that have invested and overcome so much over years and decades to get to this moment, they would feel robbed of a capstone to their educational careers and would not be able to receive the validation that all their sacrifices were worth it, and

WHEREAS, a petition of more than 7,500 students was signed in less than 72 hours to call on the university to reschedule an in-person Class of 2020 commencement on the National Mall for a date after the public health emergency ends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission thanks the George Washington University for deciding on March 23, 2020 to invite its graduates of the Class of 2020 to the Class of 2021 commencement on the National Mall, currently scheduled to take place in May 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission supports the modification of George Washington University's long-standing annual permit application to host its commencement on the National Mall to support a footprint twice its typical size, to accommodate the addition of the Class of 2020 and their families, for a single day event, or for an event with two separate class ceremonies held on different days, using the standard size permit application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission urges the George Washington University to hold separate school-specific graduations for the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission urges the National Park Service to undertake any legally sufficient measure alongside the George Washington University to advance this National Mall permit application.

Matter Before the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (9:19 pm)

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding KANE Construction's Request for an After-Hours Permit to Work During Overnight Hours as Part of a Fifth Floor Build-Out Project at 2112 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

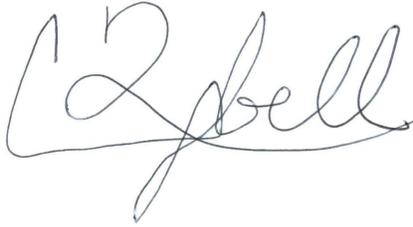
Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Harnett seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports KANE Construction's request for an after-hours permit to work during overnight hours as part of a fifth floor build-out project at 2112 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Adjournment (9:23 pm)

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Detrick Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Detrick" written in a large, stylized font and the last name "Campbell" written in a smaller, more standard cursive font.

Detrick Campbell
Secretary, ANC 2A07