



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 15th, 2020; 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

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

### Adoption of the Agenda

Acting Chair Harnett made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda by unanimous consent. Without any objection the agenda was adopted.

### Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Acting Chair Harnett made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular June 2020 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

### Election of New Commission Officers

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to elect Acting Chair Harnett as the ANC’s Chair. Commissioner Patel seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to elect Commissioner Goldin as the ANC’s Secretary. Acting Chair Harnett 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 John Terry, 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

Nicole Goines, 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

Genevieve Hulick, the Chief of Staff for Councilmember Brooke Pinto, gave updates from Councilmember Pinto’s Office.

### Commissioner Updates

Acting Chair Harnett and Commissioners Goldin, Campbell, Epstein, Kennedy, Patel, and Hudson gave commissioner updates.

### Announcements and Public Comments

Barbara Kahlow, the Secretary-Treasurer of the West End Citizens Association (WECA), and Kate Whitesell, a volunteer with Community Mediation DC, gave announcements and public comments.

### **General Agenda**

#### Presentation by the Veterinary Emergency Group Regarding a Proposed Zoning Project at 2311 M Street NW

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

ANC 2A supports the Board of Zoning Adjustment application by SCHF VEG LLC for a special exception under the use provisions to permit a veterinary hospital in an existing mixed-use building at 2311 M Street NW.

#### Presentation by the George Washington University Regarding the University's Proposed Reopening Plan

Kevin Days, GW's Director of Community Relations, and Seth Weinshel, GW's Assistant Dean of Students for Campus Living and Residential Education, gave a presentation regarding the university's proposed reopening plan.

### **Matters Before the District Department of Transportation**

#### Presentation by the George Washington University Regarding the Proposed Modification of Roadway Conditions for the Public Alley Bounded by F Street, G Street, 19th Street, and 20th Street NW to Only Allow for One-Way Traffic

Adam Aaronson, GW's Executive Director of Campus Development, gave a presentation regarding the proposed modification of roadway conditions for the public alley bounded by F Street, G Street, 19th Street, and 20th Street NW to only allow for one-way traffic.

#### Presentation and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Installation of the 20th Street NW and 21st Street NW Protected Bike Lanes

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Notice of Intent (NOI) 20-70 PSD proposes the installation of protected bike lanes on 20th Street NW between G Street NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW, and protected bike lanes between G Street NW and Constitution Avenue NW on 21st Street NW,

WHEREAS, there is currently no protected north-south bicycle infrastructure connecting Foggy Bottom and the West End with the National Mall, and such a bike lane will enable students and residents to safely access the many businesses in our neighborhoods and travel with zero-carbon options,

WHEREAS, DDOT launched a project in 2018 to evaluate and select 20th Street NW, 21st Street NW, or 22nd Street NW as the route for protected two-way bike lanes, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has been an engaged partner in the development of these protected bike lane plans since the beginning of this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports DDOT's NOI 20-70 PSD for the proposed installation of protected bike lanes on 20th Street NW and 21st Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the implementation of the standard network between Constitution Avenue NW and Virginia Avenue NW through the rapid phase-out of the U.S. Department of State's on-street vehicle screening zone and the Federal Reserve's ongoing capital projects.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Proposed Sidewalk Widening and Other Public Health Measures to Support Physical Distancing

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

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic necessitates a rethinking of how the District uses and operationalizes its public space to protect pedestrians and limit the spread of COVID-19, which according to DC Health's and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidance, is most effectively spread by close contact with individuals,

WHEREAS, a comprehensive analysis of Foggy Bottom sidewalks using data from the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Open Data archive, last updated in 2019, shows that many are too narrow to support safe physical distancing of two or more individuals passing each other while walking,

WHEREAS, the safety and health of neighbors and visitors who walk should be protected to the greatest extent possible through recognizing this pandemic for the critical emergency it is,

WHEREAS, restaurants are finding it almost impossible to significantly reduce their operations by limiting to only outdoor seating, and the Commission has an interest in maintaining the viability of our local businesses for the long-term in our neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, with a commitment to listening to the feedback, thoughts, and recommendations of the community and neighborhood partners, we can protect the health of the thousands of students that live in this neighborhood, the thousands of people who reside in and around this area, the thousands who come to work here, and every one of our neighbors who decides to spend time outside in the weeks and months to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports implementing the included list of sidewalk extensions (Attachment A) and other public health measures, starting Monday, August 17th, 2020, to enable safe physical distancing for pedestrians and the expansion of public space to support local restaurants, through a period until no public health measures are any longer necessary to protect our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for any of the attached sidewalk extensions that adjoin or border a non-University residential building, especially those on F Street and 20th Street NW, residential parking should be maintained as much as possible. Commissioner Kennedy will advise DDOT about the best course of action for these sidewalks.

### **Matters Before the Public Space Committee**

#### **Public Space Applications by the George Washington University for the Installation of Mid-Block Crosswalks on the 2000 and 2100 Blocks of G Street NW**

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

#### **Public Space Application by FlixBus for the Installation of a New Intercity Bus Stop Occupying Five Non-Meter Parking Spaces on the 1900 Block of G Street NW**

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

WHEREAS, FlixBus proposes an intercity bus stop on the 1900 block of G Street NW that borders the International Monetary Fund (IMF) building, and

WHEREAS, FlixBus will continue to work with ANC 2A and the IMF as this application proceeds before the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Public Space Committee to address any remaining concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports this application if and only if it conforms to the proposed design of DDOT's G Street NW Protected Bike Lane Project on the 1900 block of G Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A conditions its support for this project on the rule that inbound and outbound vehicles only travel along G Street NW between 19th Street and 20th Street NW.

Public Space Application for the Installation of Fencing for Trash and Recycling Bins and the Enclosure of an AC Unit at 1 Washington Circle NW

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

ANC 2A supports the public space application for the installation of fencing for trash and recycling bins and the enclosure of an AC unit at 1 Washington Circle NW.

**Administrative Matters**

Approval of the ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Patel made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 3 financial report. Acting Chair Harnett seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

**Adjournment**

Acting Chair Harnett adjourned the meeting at 10:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nicole Goldin', written over a horizontal line.

Nicole Goldin  
Secretary, ANC 2A02