



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20th, 2019; 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 7:00 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Trupti Patel (03), Philip Schrefer (05), Jeri Epstein (06), Detrick Campbell (07), and James Harnett (08) were present. Commissioner Nicole Goldin (02) arrived at 7:03 pm. Chair William Kennedy Smith (04) left at 8:23 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Smith 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

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt the ANC’s special March 2019 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Lt. Latoyia Heath, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Police Service Area (PSA) 207, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Consideration of a Resolution Acknowledging Former School Without Walls Custodian Foreman Tyrone White’s service to the Neighborhood

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: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Tyrone White has worked for the DC Public Schools (DCPS) for more than 40 years, including more than a decade leading the facilities team at the School Without Walls High School and later, the combined School Without Walls High School and School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens campus, before retiring at the end of 2018,

WHEREAS, Mr. White and his facilities team at the School Without Walls campus have worked hard to set aside meeting space at both schools for regular, special, and emergency ANC 2A meetings, sometimes with very little notice, and have often stayed well past the schools’ closing times in order to accommodate the meetings,

WHEREAS, most notably, Mr. White’s assistance with the meeting space logistics for the joint ANC 2A, ANC 2B, ANC 2E, and ANC 2F town hall on DC’s dockless

bikeshare program at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens allowed for a successful event,

WHEREAS, Mr. White has also worked hard to provide meeting space to several other community groups in the neighborhood, including the Foggy Bottom Association and GW's FRIENDS groups,

WHEREAS, Mr. White received the Foggy Bottom Association's 2016 Government Service Award for going "above and beyond on many occasions to find [community meeting] space and to ensure audio-visual equipment worked properly,"

WHEREAS, Mr. White was instrumental in moving the ANC's large filing cabinets into and out of temporary storage space underneath the auditorium stage at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens while the ANC's new office was being built in the West End Library,

WHEREAS, Mr. White's dedicated work ethic and can-do attitude have greatly contributed to the School Without Walls' strong relationship with the Foggy Bottom and West End communities, and

WHEREAS, Mr. White's leadership during the merger of Francis-Stevens Education Campus with the School Without Walls High School in 2013, particularly during the process of renovating the now-School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens, contributed greatly to the ongoing success of the school.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in recognition of Tyrone White's service to the Foggy Bottom and West End communities, ANC 2A hereby extends to him its grateful appreciation and best wishes for the years to come.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Harnett gave a Commissioner update.

Announcements and Public Comments

Trina Stewart, a Supervisory Intergovernmental and Community Affairs Specialist for the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA); Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA); and Inspector Wendy Cadell, a representative for the Department of Public Works (DPW), gave announcements and public comments.

Update Regarding GW's Planned Renovations to Thurston Hall at 1900 F Street NW

Kevin Michael Days, Director of Community Relations for GW, gave an update regarding GW's planned renovations to Thurston Hall at 1900 F Street NW.

General Agenda

Discussion Regarding Ongoing Late-Night Noise Concerns at The Watergate Hotel at 2650 Virginia Avenue NW

The Commissioners and meeting attendees engaged in a discussion with Pascal Forotti, the new Managing Director of The Watergate Hotel, and Matt Minora, the legal counsel for the hotel, regarding ongoing late-night noise concerns.

Presentation by the International Monetary Fund Regarding the Ongoing Street Closure of the 1900 Block of H Street NW

No one was present regarding this matter.

Presentation Regarding the Proposed Map Amendment for the West Heating Plant Development Project at 1055 29th Street NW

Peter Armstrong, Vice President of The Georgetown Company, gave a presentation regarding the proposed map amendment for the West Heating Plant development project at 1055 29th Street NW.

Presentation Regarding the Traffic Control Plan for the 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Development Project

Jake Stroman, Senior Vice President of Leasing for Boston Properties, and Sean Sullivan, Senior Project Manager for Boston Properties, gave a presentation regarding the traffic control plan for the 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW development project.

Regulatory Agenda

Presentation and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Proposed H Street and I Street NW Summer 2019 Bus Lanes Pilot Project

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

ANC 2A supports the proposed pilot concept for bus lanes on H Street and I Street NW, including the section that extends one half-block into the Commission area on the 2000 block of I Street NW.

The Commission encourages the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to be sensitive to the curbside space needs of the Hotel Lombardy, the Arts Club of Washington, and other entities on that block; and conduct any advance outreach that might be necessary in order to establish an accommodation with them on conditions that will satisfy their needs while still enabling a successful pilot for bus users.

ANC 2A also encourages DDOT to use this opportunity to evaluate the feasibility of piloting curb bus lanes on 18th Street and 19th Street NW south of K Street NW in the

morning and afternoon rush hour time frames, respectively. A large number of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and suburban bus lines use these corridors on routes that travel to or from Virginia. To the extent that bus-only lanes encourage bus ridership by facilitating more reliable and faster commute times for users, thereby reducing single-occupant automobile use, their implementation should be prioritized – especially in context as an alternative to Metrorail Blue and Yellow Line service that will cease south of National Airport during the summer months for a maintenance project.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Expansion of Capacity of Existing Capital Bikeshare Stations in the Neighborhood and the Requested Addition of a Station at the Intersection of 21st Street and G Street NW

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

WHEREAS, Capital Bikeshare system data shows unmet demand at stations throughout Foggy Bottom and the West End, which could be most filled by residents, students, and those who commute to and from ANC 2A during the day,

WHEREAS, none of the existing Capital Bikeshare stations near the George Washington University serve the center of campus, therefore only trips taken from one corner of campus to another are faster than walking,

WHEREAS, the upcoming construction of new protected bike lanes in Foggy Bottom and the West End on 20th Street, 21st Street, and/or 22nd Street NW will create additional demand for bicycle parking infrastructure in the community, including Capital Bikeshare stations, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to relocate the large, heavily-used Capital Bikeshare station adjacent to the future 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW development in such a way that it remains convenient for current users and possesses sufficient capacity to meet demand.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the expansion of capacity at existing Capital Bikeshare stations in Foggy Bottom and the West End, especially those near the National Mall and the Federal employment core.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A encourages the installation of an additional Capital Bikeshare station near the intersection of 21st Street and G Street NW, with the understanding that multiple on-street parking spaces may be impacted, depending on the exact site selected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the repositioning of the 34-dock Capital Bikeshare station at 2100 I Street NW into the street, during construction of the adjacent development project at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, to occupy three or four parking spaces on the northeast corner of the intersection of 21st Street and I Street NW.

Public Space Application by The Wink for Renovations to the Hotel's Porte Cochere at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Commissioner Epstein made a motion to raise no objections to The Wink's public space application for 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW. Commissioner Goldin seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A has no objections to The Wink's public space application for renovations to the hotel's porte cochere at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

Special Event Application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 13th, 2019

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to support the special event application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 13th, 2019. Commissioner Campbell 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 Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 13th, 2019.

Froggy Bottom Pub – Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2021 K Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Special Event Application for the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run on Sunday, April 7th, 2019

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to support the special event application for the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run on Sunday, April 7th, 2019. Commissioner Epstein 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 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run on Sunday, April 7th, 2019.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Schrefer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" and last name "Schrefer" clearly legible.

Philip Schrefer
Secretary, ANC 2A05