



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 15th, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

In-Person – The Ritz-Carlton Washington, DC, 1150 22nd Street NW

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Friend made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda. Commissioner Epstein seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Epstein made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular May 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hudson 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 Bredet Williams and Lieutenant McHauley Murphy, representatives 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

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.

Update from the District Department of Transportation Regarding Upcoming Projects in the West End

Chair Causey gave an update regarding upcoming District Department of Transportation projects in the West End.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioners Barbisch, Omicini, Epstein, and Friend and Chair Causey gave commissioner updates.

Announcements and Public Comments

Denise Snyder, the Executive Director of the Foggy Bottom West End Village (FBWEV), gave announcements and public comments.

General Agenda

Presentation by the Office of the Tenant Advocate Regarding the Work of the Office

Alyce McFarland, a Program Analyst for the Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA), and Cristobal Puig-Monsen, an Education and Outreach Coordinator for OTA, gave a presentation regarding the work of the office.

Presentation and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Pepco's Rebuilding of the Substation at 2124-2128 F Street NW

Linda Greenan, an External Affairs Manager for Pepco, gave a presentation regarding Pepco's rebuilding of the substation at 2124-2128 F Street NW.

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

Planta Queen – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW

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

ANC 2A supports Planta Queen's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW.

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

Commissioner Epstein made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding Rasika West End's alcoholic beverage license renewal application. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports Rasika West End's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1177 22nd Street NW.

Matters Before the Department of Parks and Recreation

Presentation and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Renewal of the Friends of Francis Field's Partnership Agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation

Gary Griffith, the President of the Friends of Francis Field (FFF), gave a presentation regarding the renewal of the organization's partnership agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

Chair Causey 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 continued efforts of the Friends of Francis Field (FFF), a Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) park partner and a community representative of the ANC since 2013, to improve Francis Field on 25th Street between M Street and N Street NW with private funding and volunteer efforts.

ANC 2A supports the extension of that partnership agreement for another three-year term to continue and complete the projects proposed to the ANC, which include the following elements:

- A. *Rear-Field Landscaping.* In conjunction with DPR's Capital Planning and Design Division, FFF will continue to implement the rear-field sub-plan of the 2020 "Francis Field Master Plan" approved by DPR in December 2019. FFF will continue to raise funds for this purpose and employ professional contractors to work with FFF members to enhance the regular maintenance provided by DPR.
- B. *Rebecca Coder Park.* In conjunction with DPR's Capital Planning and Design Division, FFF will continue to improve, beautify, and memorialize the park area of Francis Field specified in the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021." FFF will continue to raise funds for this purpose and employ professional contractors to work with FFF members to enhance the regular maintenance provided by DPR.
- C. *Francis Tree Lab.* FFF will continue to assess the health and maintenance of the more than fifty trees planted since 2017 on Francis Field, in accordance with the 2009 and 2020 master plans. FFF will continue to monitor the need for replacement of any dead or dying trees in conjunction with Casey Trees and the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Urban Forestry Division, and will continue to explore related learning and educational opportunities regarding urban forestry and landscape architecture.

ANC 2A also requests that the Friends of Francis Field is a consulted party for future planned renovations of Francis Field and Rebecca Coder Park.

Matters Before the District Department of Transportation

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Golden Triangle BID's Request for a Pick-Up / Drop-Off (PUDO) Zone Adjacent to 2121 K Street NW

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

ANC 2A supports the Golden Triangle BID and the ownership of 2121 K Street NW's request for a pick-up / drop-off (PUDO) zone adjacent to 2121 K Street NW to help alleviate traffic backups associated with high volumes of traffic on this block. A PUDO at this location will allow for the picking up and dropping off of passengers only, preventing vehicles from parking for extended periods, which has historically led to congestion and unsafe conditions on the block.

Matters Before the Mayor's Special Event Task Group

Special Event Application for the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 30th, 2022

Chair Causey 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 Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 30th, 2022.

Matters Before the Historic Preservation Review Board

Historic Preservation Review Board Revised Concept Application for the Construction of a Three-Story House in the Alley at 929 Rear 25th Street NW (Formerly O Snow's Court)

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: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the Historic Preservation Review Board revised concept application for the construction of a three-story house in the alley at 929 Rear 25th Street NW.

Administrative Matters

Update Regarding the ANC's Grantmaking Efforts

The Commission delayed this matter until the ANC's regular July 2022 meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Causey adjourned the meeting at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yannik Omictin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Yannik Omictin
Secretary, ANC 2A01