

ANC 2A Committee Plan 2/19

ANC 2A moves to create new Committees to expand community participation in our processes and provide more expansive forums, other than our regular ANC meeting, to discuss important issues in depth.

Initially, the Committees will be approved to operate as Special Committees for one year, with the expectation that the ANC will address, before the end of that year, whether to continue or modify the Committees based on our experience with them. The Committees will follow all laws and procedures applicable to the ANC, including requirements for open meetings and transparency as well as the conflict of interest rules.

As required by DC law, the Committees are not allowed to make final decisions for the ANC but may make recommendations for final decisions and provide information to support ANC decision-making.

Also, DC law allows our ANC constituents to participate in Committees as members and participants in meetings. ANC 2A encourages such participation and seeks a diversity of members. Once our Committees are formally approved, ANC constituents will be invited to apply for membership and asked to provide information about their experience and expertise. The ANC anticipates that Committees will contain 5 to 9 members, but this may change depending upon the level of interest expressed.

The ANC will decide on Committee membership and Chairmanship positions, based on a vote of a majority (5 of 9) or a supermajority (6 of 9) of the ANC.

ANC2A traditionally operates so that when a matter such as an ABRA application or Zoning request comes before the ANC, the discussion of the matter before the entire ANC is lead by the Commissioner for the Single Member District where the applicant is located. The ANC intends to continue this approach at this time, but will afford Commissioners, with the consent of the applicant, the option to bring the matter before the appropriate Committee for its consideration and recommendation before bringing it to the ANC.

ANC 2A moves to create the following committees:

Transportation, Public Space and the Environment.

This Committee will address:

1. Matters relating to transportation, safety, and congestion, including pedestrian, cyclist and electric scooter issues, and public and private vehicle usage;
2. Public space matters, including long-term space and transportation planning;
3. Environmental and related energy matters, including trash, water, sewage and rodent issues, as well as energy use and efficiency matters; and
4. Longer-term planning for transportation and public space uses.

Housing and Community Development.

This Committee will address:

1. Housing, including matters relating to affordable, market-rate and rent-controlled housing;
2. Historic District related issues pertaining to Foggy Bottom, the West End and elsewhere;
3. Small and large business matters affecting the community, particularly including the restoration of retail services for the community; and
4. Economic development initiatives for our community, including Main Streets, BIDs and planning for commercial and residential corridors.

Operations and Community Engagement

This Committee will address:

1. Improving day-to-day administration and operation of the ANC as a whole (Examples include a pre-meeting system to assure timely distribution of all information relevant to consideration of a proposal; use and training in the use of collaboration platforms to help improve intra-ANC workflow);
2. Improving our meeting flow to better engage the community;
3. Improving and expanding our community outreach to foster community engagement (Examples may include use of existing communication platforms within the community, such as Association, university, intra-building newsletters and/or networks, social media, and development of an ANC handbook).

4. By-Laws Update

This Committee will propose updates to ANC2A's by-laws to assure they conform to DC law and propose other changes sought by Commissioners. This Committee will terminate once the ANC addresses the by-law changes.