



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Trupti Patel (03) called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Commissioners Yannick Omictin (01), Ed Comer (04), Luke Chadwick (05) and Joel Causey (06) were present.

Administrative Matters

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent with Commissioner Comer not present and abstaining. The minutes of the October meeting were adopted by unanimous consent with one adjustment that corrected the reference to the Financial Report to show that Commissioner Chadwick had seconded a Motion made by Commissioner Chadwick.

Commissioner Omictin presented the 2024 Financial Report and 2025 budget for the second time. Commissioner Omictin made a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner Causey moved to add \$10,000 for grants and Commissioner Chadwick seconded this motion. After discussion, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the addition of \$10,000 for grant money (with Commissioner Comer absent). The Commission then unanimously voted to approve the budget.

Community Forum.

1. Lt. Howden gave a short report from **MPD**, primarily advising on ways to assure safety. Commissioner Causey raised problems with mopeds/scooters violating traffic laws. Commissioner Omictin raised concerns about an attack at Char Bar.
2. Courtney Cooperman reported that the **Aston** had opened to new residents and that the new website should be up by December. Chris Labas added that many of these residents had come from encampments in the Foggy Bottom and West End.
3. Pablo Velasco Rodriguez provided an update on Councilmember Pinto's activities and upcoming hearings and activities.
4. Ty Abilla provided an update on behalf of the Mayor's office.
5. Commissioners provided short updates and made comments addressing the departure of many of their fellow Commissioners. Commissioner Omictin said the Community Benefit Agreement regarding 2100 M Street was under discussion and would be addressed in a Special Meeting in December. All departing Commissioners expressed their pleasure in serving the ANC.



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6. John George, representing the Foggy Bottom Association, invited neighbors to their holiday event.

7. A community member, Dr. Maryssa Miller, provided an update on GW Hospital staff issues.

Certificate of Need Application for Capital Surgical Center, 2112 F Street N.W.

The Commission unanimously approved this request, with Commissioner Causey recused from the discussion and vote.

Resolution re 26th and I Playground and Dog Park.

Alan Karnofsky, Chief of Staff of DGS, Peter Harney, DRP, Bert Jackson, DGS, and Akia Harney, DGS presented the current plans to update and renovate, but not expand, the playground and dog park at 26th and I Sts. N.W. The presentation addressed why the earlier plan to expand the facilities could not be implemented. It also indicated that there is a need to access a water source outside the one at the park to provide water to the park. DGS indicated it planned to commence renovations in March, 2025 and complete the project by late Spring 2025. There were extensive questions about the reasons for the withdrawal of the expanded project, potential changes to the footprint and discussions about garbage and safety concerns currently deterring people from using the existing facilities. DGS committed to maintain the dog park, plaza and playground and work with DPW to assure the bordering areas are well maintained. Chair Patel and several community members expressed disappointment about having the expanded project withdrawn and concerns about trash, waste, safety and the need to shelter the playground from traffic, noise and the like. Commissioner Comer proposed and Chair Patel seconded a resolution expressing disappointment about the inability to expand this project, but approving the decision to move forward with the renovation option. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Matters Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment

The Commission discussed a resolution to provide information to the Board of Zoning Adjustment which is relevant to a proceeding there brought by the West End Community Association challenging the permit for the Aston temporary housing facility. The resolution reflects information Commissioners Comer and Patel obtained while visiting the Aston on November 6. A few details were amended during the meeting. Community members raised questions regarding the Aston and generally supported the resolution. Chair Patel offered the resolution and Commissioner Causey seconded. The Commission approved the amended resolution unanimously.



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Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Admin.

Commissioner Causey introduced representatives of Bar NG, a new fine dining restaurant at 24th and N Streets, N.W. They described the plans for the restaurant and outdoor seating. Commissioner Causey moved to support the application and Chair Patel seconded. The Commission voted without object to support the application with amended hours consistent with those of other restaurants in the area.

Matters Before the DC Council and Elsewhere

Chair Patel introduced a resolution addressing vacant properties. Vice Chair Chadwick seconded the resolution. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Omictin introduced a resolution addressing potential eviction legislation affecting tenants. The resolution passed 3 to 2, with the following votes.

Omictin Yes

Patel Yes

Comer No

Chadwick Yes

Causey No

Counsel for the International Money Fund filed a request to modify a prior PUD agreement and restrict access to their library in the original building for security purposes. Chair Patel proposed and Commissioner Causey seconded a resolution to oppose this proposal. The Commission voted to oppose this proposal by a 4 to 1 vote, with only Commissioner Comer in the minority. (Note the video was very confusing here --- so I hope others can correct any mistakes I may have made.)

By-Laws Special Committee

Commissioner Chadwick introduced, and read for the second time, the new draft ANC2A by-laws. Commissioner Chadwick moved for the adoption of the by-laws and Commissioner Comer seconded. A roll call vote revealed that all the Commissioners voted for the by-laws.



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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trupti Patel
Chairperson