



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

ANC2A Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to Order at 7:06 pm. Commissioners present are Chair Trupti Patel (2A03), Keaton DiCapo (2A01), May Yang (2A02), Ed Comer (2A04), Jim Malec (2A08), and Sean Youngstone (2A09).
2. A Motion for Approval of the Agenda was made by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo. This Motion was passed unanimously.
3. A Motion for Approval of the March 2025 meeting minutes and the April 2025 Emergency Meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Comer and seconded by Chair Patel. Both minutes were approved unanimously.

Administrative Matters

1. Commissioner Youngstone presented for a second time the FY 2025 budget which had been amended at the prior meeting to delete \$ 10,000 for grants. He moved to approve the budget and Commissioner DiCapo seconded. Community member Barbara Kahlow objected to not having funds to purchase services and objected to removing grants. The budget as previously amended to delete the \$10,000 for grants passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Youngstone presented the FY25Q1 (representing the last 3 months of 2024) financial report and moved to approve it, with Commissioner Malec seconding it. The Motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Youngstone then presented by FY25Q2 financial report and moved to approve it. Commissioner Malec seconded. The report was approved unanimously.
3. Chair Patel moved to amend the October 2025 meeting date to avoid a Jewish holiday. Commissioner Comer moved to table this Motion to have time to review the suitability of alternative dates for the October meeting. The motion to table was approved unanimously.

Community Forum

1. Chris Labas and Courtney Cooperman, representing the Aston Community Advisory Committee reported that the Aston is housing about 85 people and soon will have close to 100 occupants. The occupancy rate fluctuates as some people voluntarily leave. The last open house was attended by about 30 community members. Chris reported that he was very impressed by the visit.
2. Pepco representatives Linda Greenan, Trevor Brown, David Judd, Eric Wang, Jim Prior and others explained why and how they are planning to rebuild their F St. Substation at



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2134 F Street, NW. A few questions were asked about the purpose and impact.

3. Hannah Ames of Council Member (CM) Pinto’s office provided a budget update, discussed CM Pinto’s Peace DC legislative proposal, a bill to ban cell phone use in schools and the Foggy Bottom West End Main Street. Commissioners asked about the cost of the Peace Plan and other matters.
4. Ty Abilla of the Mayor’s office reported on various activities the mayor is sponsoring.
5. In Commissioner Reports, Commissioner Yang discussed the transfer of jurisdiction of lands behind Franklin Field from NPS to DC and reported that Francis Field had been removed from the transfer. Chair Patel expressed concern about the delay in the DC budget due to Congressional inaction. Commissioner Comer reported on the NPS proposal to end one way rush hour traffic on Rock Creek Parkway and adopt numerous safety improvements there. He also provides a short update on DGS activities at the 26th and I Park. Commissioner Malec invited the public to communicate with him.
6. Public comments came from John Seitcher who asked about the status of 2100 M Street Community Benefits Agreement in light of a notice of foreclosure on the building. Chair Patel confirmed that the Community Benefits Agreement had not yet been signed and reported that if the agreement is modified, it will be presented to the public for discussion before the ANC takes action.

Matters Before the DC Council

1. A Resolution regarding the Office of United Communications to insist on greater accountability was introduced by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo. The resolution passed 3-0-3. The specific votes were: DiCapo- yes; Yang- Abstain; Patel – Yes; Comer – Abstain; Malec -Abstain; Youngstone - Yes.
2. A Resolution regarding the Department of Buildings to insist on investigation of the Claridge House was introduced by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner Yang. There was discussion about problems in other buildings. The Resolution failed 3-3-0. The specific votes were: DiCapo -yes; Yang – No; Patel -Yes; Comer – No; Malec – No; Youngstone - Yes. The resolution fails. 3-3-0.
3. A Resolution re the Department of Human Services was offered by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner Yang regarding the Aston seeking funding for a full-time back-up generator and asking to expand occupancy to the full capacity of the building. After discussion about wanting to provide the community an opportunity to present its views on the occupancy level, Commissioner Malec moved to strike out the clause to seek full capacity for the Aston. The motion to strike passed 5-1-0. All Commissioner supported the Motion to Strike except Chair Patel. The Motion for the rest of the resolution was approved 5-1-0. Specific votes on this Motion were: DiCapo – Yes; Yang –



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Yes; Patel – Yes; Comer – No; Malec – Yes; Youngstone - Yes.

4. A Resolution re the Department of General Services also regarding the Aston that was similar to the prior motion was offered by Chair Patel who immediately modified it to delete the request for full capacity. This modified motion was seconded by Chair Malec. The Modified Motion was approved 5-0-1 with Commissioner Comer voting to abstain.
5. A Resolution regarding the DPR treatment of the 26th and I Street Park outlining the delays and variety of explanations given for reducing the scope of the park from what had originally been promised in the Spring of 2023 was offered by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner Comer. The motion passed 4-2-0. Specific votes on this motion were: DiCapo – No; Yang – Yes; Patel – Yes; Comer – Yes; Malec – No; Youngstone - Yes.
6. A Resolution regarding the Department of Employment Services (DOES) was moved by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo. Chair Patel expressed concern that DOES is still not performing its responsibilities adequately, especially in this time of major federal reductions in staff. The Resolution was approved unanimously.
7. A Resolution regarding WMATA which specifically urged more late-night service was offered by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo and was approved unanimously.
8. A Performance oversight resolution for DC Water to address issues affecting Snow’s Court was offered by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo and was approved unanimously.
9. A Performance oversight resolution for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding Snow’s Court was offered by Chair Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo and was approved unanimously.

Matters Before the National Park Service and District Dept of Transportation

Commissioner Comer offered and Commissioner DiCapo seconded a resolution that addressed safety concerns on Rock Creek Parkway (RCP) which is under National Park Service jurisdiction, and congestion and safety issues that would become worse along Virginia Ave, 27th Street, the Potomac Freeway and K St, NW, which are under DDOT jurisdiction, if one-way rush hour traffic on Rock Creek Parkway were eliminated. The resolution emphasized the need for DDOT to address current and future safety and congestion issues within its jurisdiction. The resolution passed unanimously.

Matters Before the Department of General Services

Eric DeBear (of law firm Cozin O’Conner) and Jenna Bolino of DGS discussed the transfer of jurisdiction for the lands near Francis Field from the NPS to the District. This would give DC



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administrative control, but not ownership of a large portion of these lands. They showed pictures of the affected area that would be transferred, which includes the dog park, pool, basketball court, tennis court and one other element but not Francis Field itself. This would allow resurfacing of the dog park with new fencing. They explained that Francis Field was excluded from this agreement because there was some community resistance but stated that there is discussion of developing a new a maintenance agreement which would allow the district to work on the Field as well. Commissioner Yang moved and Commissioner Malec seconded a resolution to Amend the Agenda to allow the ANC to vote on whether to support this transfer of jurisdiction. The Motion to Amend the Agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Yang then read the resolution and made a Motion to Support the transfer which was seconded by Commissioner Malec. The resolution to support the transfer was approved unanimously.

Matters before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

Commissioner Yang discussed an application for Velvet’s to get a license as a Medical Cannabis retailer and indicated they had not reached out to her. Discussion also indicated that this was the first cannabis application to come before ANC2A. Commissioner Comer moved and Commissioner Yang seconded a Motion to table this matter until the applicant can appear at a Special meeting which would be set on a future date when the applicant and a quorum could meet. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Renewals Before ABCA

Chair Patel moved and Commissioner Yang seconded a Motion to bundle all 26 actions to renew licenses before ABCA. This motion was approved by unanimous consent. Chair Patel then moved and Commissioner Yang seconded a Motion to the take no action on these renewal requests. This Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Comer
Secretary