



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 15, 2025, 7:00 pm

Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

Approved on: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Attested by: ANC 2A03 Chairperson Trupti Patel

1. Call to Order

Chair Patel called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners present were Keaton DiCapo, 02, Trupti Patel, 03, Ed Comer, 04, Jim Malec 08, and Sean Youngstone, 09.

The Agenda was approved with unanimous consent. Commissioner Comer announced that Commissioner Yang has resigned. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

2. Administrative Matters

- a. Chair Patel moved to dispense with the August meeting. Commissioner Youngstone seconded. This was approved (4-0-1). Commissioner DiCapo, Patel, Comer and Youngstone voted yes, Commissioner Malec abstained.
- b. Chair Patel made a Motion to move the October meeting from October 15 to 22, 2025. Commissioner Comer seconded. This was approved (4-0-1). Commissioner DiCapo, Patel, Comer and Youngstone voted yes, Commissioner Malec abstained.
- c. Commissioner Youngstone moved to renew ED Celis' contract, which has expired, and to increase her payment to \$1550/month. Commissioner Comer seconded. There were questions about the job description. The Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0-0).
- d. Commissioner Youngstone moved to ask OANC to provide funding to hire an appropriate expert to help resolve various tax mistakes and penalties that the ANC incurred in the past. Commissioner DiCapo seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0-0).

3. Community Forum

- a. Lt. Howden reported that ANC2A crime has decreased and has been relatively minor.
- b. Chris Labas reported on the Aston CAT: The Monday meeting was very upbeat. Commissioner Keaton DiCapo was appointed Co-Chair of the CAT. Currently, there are 87 residents and 9 more are scheduled to move in. DGS will award the roof contract in the next 2 months and is working on a new generator. There is now a permanent Certificate of Occupancy for the Aston.
- c. Hannah spoke for Council member Pinto providing updates on the budget and justice related matters.



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- d. Adriana Macedonia from the Mayor’s office provided information about the curfew, extreme heat alert and budget status.
 - e. Alister Chang, the DC Board of Education representative, did not appear.
 - f. Commissioner updates. Commissioner DiCapo suggested the ANC change meeting time to start after 5 pm. Chair Patel reported that some of our budget recommendations were adopted by the Council.
 - g. Barbara Kahlow expressed concern that the ANC missed dealing with applications filed by Costa’s Rum Bar and missed a mediation meeting with Velvet. Dana Tason Bridges, Board member of Monroe home and Historic Arts Club of Washington, expressed non-support of GW’s proposed changes on the block. Henry Sienkiewicz, also member of the Arts Club, expressed concern about the need for an appropriate street scape and objects to GW’s proposed new signage and changes. Jameson Freeman and others supported these comments and commented that GW avoided any meaningful conversations with the Arts Club and move of Admissions office will significantly affect pedestrian traffic on 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue. A member of Westbridge condo objected to the Velvet approval.
4. The Commission [considered a resolution entitled City-Wide Budget Priorities](#). The Motion passed (3-2-0). Commissioners DiCapo, Patel and Youngstone voted yes, Commissioner Comer and Malec voted no.
 5. Matters Before the Public Space Committee relating to the [DC Bike Ride](#). Commissioner Comer moved to support the bike ride route and Commissioner Patel seconded. All Commissioners voted yes by Division of the House, (5-0-0).
 6. Matters Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. [This involves a proposal to add rooftop outside space at 1750 H Street](#). Commissioner DiCapo moved and Patel seconded a motion to support plan to add the rooftop. All 5 commissioners support, (5-0-0).
 7. Matters Before the Alcohol and Cannabis Administration. This involves approving cannabis sales from Velvet. Chair Patel read the [settlement agreement](#) she had negotiated with Velvet. Commissioners Comer and Malec expressed several concerns about the application. Commissioner Comer stated that yesterday he was told he could purchase flavored tobacco there, which is in violation of DC law. Many local residents objected to the settlement proposal. The Settlement Agreement was approved (3-2-0). Commissioners DiCapo, Patel and Youngstone voted yes while Commissioners Comer and Malec voted no.



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8. Matters Involving George Washington University. Representatives of GW made a presentation about purchasing 2001 H Street.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed
Secretary

Comer