



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2024: 7:00pm

Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

Approved on: Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Attested by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Patel called the meeting to Order at 7:02 pm. Commissioners present were Keaton DiCapo (02), Chair Patel (03) and Sean Youngstone (09). The agenda was approved with unanimous consent. The July 2025 regular meeting minutes and the August 2025 Emergency Meeting minutes were each approved with unanimous consent.

2. Administrative Matters

- a. Treasurer Youngstone presented, for the first time, the proposed Fiscal 2026 budget. He indicated that the only major change involved adjustments to the Executive Director payments, based on current salary and time levels. He indicated the budget contemplated a \$ 5,000 surplus and that funds could later be devoted to other matters. He moved and Chair Patel seconded a motion to approve the budget. In response to a question, Commissioner Youngstone indicated that the ANC received a grant from OANC to purchase equipment to enable hybrid meetings and was in the process of purchasing the equipment. Chair Patel indicated that tight budgets make it difficult to find meeting locations open late enough for the entire meeting. The first reading of the budget was approved by unanimous consent.

3. Community Forum

- a. Lt. Howden reported from the Metropolitan Police Department and went through his normal list of safety reminders. A member expressed concern that the National Guard is carrying weapons. Apparently, this was ordered by the Secretary of Defense and the Guard is not taking police actions.
- b. Hannah Ames of Councilmember Pinto’s office reported that the Councilmember believes that local city agencies, not the National Guard, should be responsible for safety issue and urges Congress to approve the remainder of the DC government. She reported on pending issues before the Council. Chair Patel and others urged Councilmember Pinto to hold a town hall and hearing to ventilate constituent views on National Guard/MPD issues.



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- c. Chris Labas, representing the Aston Community Advisory Team, indicated no major issues arose at the last meeting. There are about 88 residents there and Friendship Place received “glowing reviews.” No community member raised concerns about the Aston’s operation. Chris responded to a question that he thinks the Aston can handle an increase in resident population.
- d. ANC 2C Commissioner Nancy Groth reported on a Senior Wellness Center in Wards 2 and 3.
- e. U.S. Representative Adeoye Owolewa reported on Congressional activities affecting the District.
- f. Commissioner DiCapo invited neighbors to participate in a 2050 Comprehensive Plan group. Chair Patel reported that Post Brothers no longer owns 2100 M Street, thus it cannot perform the Community Benefits agreement. Commissioner Malec reported on trash pick up problems.
- g. John Seitcher reported on how to access crime information reported by MPD.

4. Matters Before the DC Council

- a. Commissioner Youngstone offered a modification to the Resolution Concerning the Department of Justice Memos received by George Washington University to correct a factual error. The Resolution passed unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Malec offered a resolution regarding the Unscheduled Encampment Clearings in and around Washington Circle. Commissioner Youngstone seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- c. Commissioner Malec offered a resolution Condemning the Lafayette Park Peace Vigil Tent Removal. It was seconded by Commissioner DiCapo. The resolution passed unanimously.
- d. Tadaï Abila gave the update from the Office of the Mayor, discussing the Presidential emergency impacts on MPD interaction with Federal agencies.
- e. Chair Patel offered a resolution addressed to the Mayor Condemning Extended Federal Law Enforcement Identification Standards. The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Malec. The resolution was adopted unanimously.
- f. Chair Patel offered a resolution regarding the federal Law Enforcement Identification Standards, seeking to assure that all federal law enforcement wear all identification required by law. The resolution was seconded by Commissioner DiCapo. The resolution was adopted unanimously.
- g. Chair Patel offered a resolution regarding the response to the National Guard. The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Malek. The resolution was adopted unanimously.
- h. Chair Patel offered a resolution Urging Congress to Oppose the US House Committee on Oversight & Accountability’s 16 bills Rolling Back DC Self



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Governance. Commissioner DiCapo seconded. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

5. Matters before the Public Space Committee

- a. Commissioner DiCapo briefly described the annual Army Ten Miler whose course goes through ANC2A. He offered a resolution to approve of the race. The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Patel. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

6. Matters before the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA)

- a. As no one showed up from a request for modifications to 1750 H Street, NW, Chair Patel moved and Commissioner Malec seconded a motion to table the matter to the next meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

7. License Transfer before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

- a. Representatives of Bourbon & More made a presentation to open a new store in the vacant location of a prior liquor store at 2123 E Street NW. The representatives said the store would operate from either 10 or 11 am to 10 pm every day. This would involve the transfer of a business license. Chair Patel moved to support and Commissioner DiCapo seconded. After a discussion about confusion regarding the opening hours, Chair Patel moved and Commissioner Malec seconded a motion to support the proposed hours of 11 am to 10 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. New License before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

- a. The owner of Gigi's Pasta applied for a new liquor license to go with a food store in Western Market to sell fresh pasta. This would include alcohol and delivery permission. The application says 10 am to 11 pm. Chair Patel expressed reluctance about the carryout provision. Commissioners DiCapo and Malec said that Andy's Pizza has a carryout endorsement. Commissioner Malec to approve the application and it was seconded by Commissioner Youngstone. Commissioner DiCapo reported that Andy's Pizza was allowed to have carryout and delivery. The Motion passed 3-1-0 with Commissioners DiCapo, Malec and Youngstone voting yes and Commissioner Patel voting no.

9. Renewals before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

- a. The Metropolitan Club filed for a renewal of its alcohol Class C license with changes to its times of service. Chair Patel saw no areas of concern.



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Commissioner Malec discussed whether the extension of the hours for the summer garden until 11 pm would affect surrounding residences.

- b. Caffè AKA at 1710 H Street NW also filed for a renewal; it is a café inside of a hotel. No one expressed any concern about these renewals and the ANC is taking no action.

10. Matters Regarding George Washington University (GWU)

- a. Kevin Days and others, representing GWU, made a presentation about the GWU’s 2027 Campus Plan.

- 11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Comer
Secretary