



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

October Minutes

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025; 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

Approved on: January 16, 2026

Attested by: ANC 2A03 Commissioner Trupti Patel

1. Call to Order

- a. Introduction of Commissioners - Commissioner Trupti Patel (03) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners Keaton DiCapo (02), Trupti Patel (03), Ed Comer (04), and Sean Youngstone (09) were present.
- b. Adoption of the Agenda - Commissioner Youngstone moved to add to the end of the agenda a second reading of financial reports. Commissioner DiCapo seconded. The amendment passed unanimously. The amended Agenda was approved without objection.
- c. Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes - The minutes of the September 2025 meeting were adopted without objection.

2. Administrative Matters

- a. Commissioner Youngstone presented the second reading of the ANC's Fiscal Year 2026 budget, explaining that most of the budget goes to personnel and office supplies.
- b. Commissioner Youngstone moved the budget be approved and Chair Patel seconded. The FY 2026 budget was approved unanimously.
- c. Chair Patel moved to eliminate the December 2025 meeting. Commissioner DiCapo seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.

3. Renewals Before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Admin (ABCa)

- a. The Commission took no action with respect to the following request for ABCA renewals which involved Bodega, Taqueria y Tequila, Tacocat, Arepa Zone, Ned's Club, Oro Nami and Flavors of India.

4. Community Forum

- a. Lt Howden of the MPD reported a reduction in crimes.
- b. Hannah Ames of Councilmember Pinto's office provided an update on local matters and the impact of the federal shutdown. Commissioner Comer and others raised the issue of eliminating the 100-person cap for residents of the Aston. The response was that CM Pinto supports other residential facilities, but not raising the cap.
- c. A representative of the Mayor's Office (Adriana) gave an update on local activities. There was considerable discussion about the impact of federalized National Guard on residents. There was also discussion of services for homes in alleys.



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- d. The Office of Tenant Advocate provided a description of how they can help tenants having problems.
- e. Commissioner updates: Commissioner DiCapo discussed how to apply to serve on the Committee to address the DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan. Chair Patel reported she received some responses to ANC2A's resolutions. Commissioner Comer reported on frustrations that the 26th & I Street Dog Park and Playground was still not opened and that DPR provides no information about its status.
- f. Public Comments: Kevin Days of GWU reported on opportunities to address the new GWU Campus Plan. Will Crane reported on an upcoming shredding event sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Association.

5. Matters Before the Office of Planning

- a. Commissioner DiCapo proposed a Motion to create a Committee to help advise ANC2A how to comment on the upcoming Comprehensive Plan. Chair Patel seconded. Commissioner Comer proposed amendments to clarify the purpose of the Committee to advise the ANC. There was considerable discussion about the importance of the plan and of representing the views of ANC2A residents. The amendments and the Motion, as amended, were passed unanimously.

6. Matters Before the Office of Zoning Adjustment

- a. Commissioner Comer introduced Lawrence Ferris, representative of The George, an apartment building at 2601 Virginia Ave. NW. Mr. Ferris explained that his clients have been unable to lease retail space for about 5 years and now seek to move their building amenities to most of this space and to create 8 new units in the space now occupied by the amenities. The team has agreed to preserve some of the retail space (about 500 to 600 square feet) for a café market serving the public. They are applying to OZA to make these changes.
- b. Commissioner Comer expressed that the community has a great interest in a larger café/market but would oppose the changes as proposed because the area is a food desert in terms of food and services. Chair Patel reemphasized these issues and asked many questions about their efforts to lease the space. Mr. Ferris responded by indicating they tried to lease the space and even lowered their rent to below market levels. There was much discussion about needs, retail demand and coordination with the community. Commissioner Comer proposed a resolution that would delay the hearing before the OZA to try to achieve a resolution satisfactory to all. The West End Foggy Bottom Main Street, the Foggy Bottom Association and many community members all commented opposing the proposed reduction of retail space. The WECA offered to help in discussions to identify solutions. The resolution was approved by a vote of 3-0-1. Commissioners DiCapo, Patel and Comer voted yes. Commissioner Youngstone abstained.

7. Matters Before the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law



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- a. Miriam Elshaer of the UDC Law School presented a discussion entitled "Know Your Rights: Law Enforcement Encounters in DC" under DC law. The purpose is to educate people about what to do if you or someone else is approached by law enforcement.

8. **Matters Before the DC Council**

- a. Chair Patel introduced a resolution seeking further information and a public hearing about MPD interactions with ICE. Commissioner DiCapo seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- b. Chair Patel introduced a resolution addressed to Councilmember Pinto regarding the need to increase the utilization of the Aston. Commissioner DiCapo seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- c. Commissioner DiCapo introduced a resolution opposing the renaming any portion of H Street for Mr. C Kirk. Chair Patel seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

9. **Budget Issues**

- a. Commissioner Youngstone provided a quarterly financial report for the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2025.

10. **Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Comer
ANC 2A04 Commissioner
Secretary