

ANC 2A July 2026 Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Regular DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 15, 2026; 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

Approved on:

Attested by:

I. Call to Order

- a. **Roll Call and Introductions** - Chair Patel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioners present were Rob Gifford (02), Trupti Patel (03), Ed Comer (04), John Dolan (06), Jim Malec (08), and Sean Youngstone (09).
- b. **Adoption of the Agenda** - Commissioner Dolan moved and Commissioner Malec seconded removing item 7 from the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0-0). The agenda, as amended, was approved unanimously (6-0-0).

II. Administrative Matters

- a. **Approval of June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes** - The minutes for the June 17 Regular meeting were approved unanimously (6-0-0).
- b. **Quarterly Financial Report Q3 2026 and Quarterly Transactions** - Commissioner Youngstone presented the financial report for Q3 Fiscal 2026 (April to June 2026) showing all transactions that took place during this period. There were no questions. Commissioner Youngstone moved and Commissioner Dolan seconded a motion to approve the Financial Report. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0-0).
- c. **ANC2A New Bank Account and Qualified Check Signers** - Commissioner Youngstone reported that the ANC is looking at using TD Bank since the Bank of America is no longer working with ANCs. Commissioner Youngstone indicated that ANC2A will have to hold a Special Meeting before July 30 to approve the minutes of this regular meeting in order to establish the required record for the bank transfer. Commissioner Youngstone moved and Chair Patel seconded a motion to move ANC2A's bank account to TD Bank. The motion was approved 5-1-0 with Commissioner Malec voting no. Commissioner Youngstone moved to remove former Vice Chair DiCapo from ANC2A's bank account because DiCapo had moved out of his Single Member District and no longer held the Vice Chair position. Commissioner Youngstone reported that since current Vice Chair Dolan is vacationing out of town and will not be able to be present on July 30 to sign papers when the ANC plans to open the new account, Vice Chair Dolan will be added to the ANC2A account when he returns to DC. Chair Patel seconded this

motion. The motion to remove former Vice Chair DiCapo from the ANC2A accounts was approved (5-1-0) with Commissioner Malec voting No.

d. ANC2A Executive Director Contract Renewal - Commissioner Youngstone moved to renew the contract for Executive Director Shelis. Com. Gifford seconded. This motion was approved unanimously (6-0-0).

e. Executive Director Payment Level - Commissioner Youngstone moved to increase ANC2A's monthly payment to the Executive Director by \$50 per month to \$1600 as a Cost of Living Adjustment. Commissioner Gifford seconded this motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0-0).

III. Community Forum

- a. **Report from the Metropolitan Police Department** - Lt. Taylor discussed crime statistics in the District, 2nd police District and ANC2A. Briefly, this revealed that violent crime is higher than last year in ANC2A but calls to 911 and other crime statistics were lower. Lt. Taylor attributed the rise to many incidents involving troubled homeless people who often required multiple visits. There was a discussion about the causes of these problems.
- b. **Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto** - Hannah Ames from Councilmember Brook Pinto's office reported on the final budget which added funds to reverse many cuts in the Mayor's original budget. She reported that the Council is in recess for much of the remainder of the summer except it will address election related issues. Commissioner Gifford questioned why Councilmember Pinto supported an increase in the cap on residents living in the Aston. Ms. Ames responded that the increase was sponsored by another committee and that Councilmember Pinto is now focused on keeping the Aston successful.
- c. **Report from the Mayor's Office** - Jamika Williams of the Mayor's office reported that the Department of Buildings is initiating listening sessions on major code issues, and that there would also be listening sessions to obtain input about the 311 app (which many find ineffective).
- d. **Report from the Office of Planning to Discuss DC 2050** - The Office of Planning's (OPC) Rita Absusamra and Rebecca Schwartzman reported on the DC Comprehensive Plan 2050 process. They answered many questions from Commissioners and suggested that ANC members participate in upcoming OPC meetings that will be held exclusively with ANC members.
- e. **Report regarding George Washington's 2027 Campus Plan Framework** - GW University's Adam Aaronson reported on their 2027 Campus Plan progress and framework. Among other things, the plan anticipates potential growth of 12% in student population and building more student housing to the north and east of the campus. He indicated this would "help revitalize downtown." The plan will also

consider moving groups from the soon to be closed Virginia Campus, but those elements have not really developed at this time. GW representatives indicated that the expansions of student housing into the formerly commercial areas north and east of the campus need not be included in the campus plan since the plan legislation is primarily concerned about impacts on residential community near college campuses. There were a number of questions about community benefits, integration with the neighboring community and impacts on the District tax base.

- f. **Commissioner Updates & Public Comments** - Commissioner Updates and Public Comment. Commissioners waived their updates to save time.

IV. **Matters before the Public Space Committee** - A brief description of the 10th Annual DC Bike ride was provided. It covers 20 miles of car free roads and starts at 8am on September 12th. The Army 10 Mile race was also described, noting there were only minor changes from past races, none affecting ANC2A. Commissioner Comer moved and Commissioner Malec seconded a motion that the ANC2A support the 10th Annual DC Bike ride and encourage all able-bodied residents to attend. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0). Commissioner Gifford moved and Commissioner Malec seconded a motion to support the Army 10-mile race. The motion was approved unanimously. (6-0-0).

V. **Matters before the Zoning Commission** - Sean Sullivan of Boston Properties (BP) discussed modifications of the PUD at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue. He reported that despite looking for 5 years, they have been unable to find a daycare provider for the building and seek to change the required use from daycare to retail. They hope to have a restaurant take the space. In return they propose to contribute \$20,000 to the Friends of the West End Library and fund a retail study/retail activation plan for the Foggy Bottom West End Main Street. Ben Sislen of the Main Street described their efforts so far and strongly supported the Boston Properties proposal to change the zoning but indicated that he prefers that the Main Street conduct the survey. Both parties (BP and the Main Street) planned to use the same contractor, "Streetsense". Commission Malec moved to support the application contingent on the FBWE Main Street conducting the retail study. Commissioner Dolan seconded. The Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

VI. **Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)** - Rus Uz DC, which operates other successful restaurants in the area, seeks a license to sell beer and wine and a permit to operate as a restaurant in the former location of Marcel's at 2600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Commissioner Gifford moved and

Commissioner Dolan seconded a motion to support the beer and wine license. This was approved unanimously (6-0-0). Chair Patel moved and Commissioner Gifford seconded a motion to support the restaurant, which was approved unanimously (6-0-0).

VII. **Matters Before the DC Council** – This item was removed

VIII. **Administrative Matters Part II** - Commissioner Malec proposed that in order to follow through on the Censure Resolution which ANC2A had passed at the prior meeting, the ANC appoint Commissioners Dolan, Gifford and Youngstone to the fact-finding committee. Commissioner Dolan seconded. Commissioner Youngstone indicated that he would not like to participate. Commissioner Malec responded that he believed it would be beneficial to have Commissioner Youngstone participate to assure the committee is not biased. It was noted that Commissioner Youngstone could choose not to get involved even if he was appointed. The motion was approved 4-2-0 with Chair Patel and Commissioner Youngstone voting no.

IX. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. Since there is an August recess, the next meeting will be on Wednesday September 16.