DRAFT MINUTES

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A**
**October 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
**Wednesday, October 21, 2026; 7:00pm**
**Meeting Held via Zoom**

Prepared by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.
   a. Commissioners Gifford (02), Patel (03), Comer (04), Dolan (06), Malec (08) and Youngstone (09) were present and introduced themselves.
   b. The agenda was proposed by Chair and seconded by Commissioner Gifford. Commissioner Malec moved to strike items (d) Free DC in regard to the National Guard, (e) Grow Democracy DC Civic Education Fund in regard to Ranked-Choice Voting and (f) Christian Jones from DC Democratic Party in regard to Voter Protection from the Community Forum. Commissioners Malec, Dolan, Comer and Gifford spoke in support of the Motion. The vote passed (4-1-1) with Commissioner Patel voting no and Commissioner Youngstone abstaining.

**II. Administrative Matters**
   a. The Minutes were approved unanimously (6-0-0), moved by Gifford, seconded by Malec.
   b. Commissioner Youngstone provided the Quarterly Financial Report which primarily consisted of personnel payments and bank fees and a purchase of checks due to the required switch to a new bank. He reported our accountant working on tax issues has not been responsive. Chair Patel indicated she would reach out to Paula Edwards to learn more about the status of this issue. Commissioner Youngstone moved and Commissioner Dolan seconded the motion to approve the Quarterly Financial Report (QFR). The Motion was approved unanimously.

**III. Community Forum**
   a. Report from Metropolitan Police. Lt. Taylor reviewed recent criminal statistics revealing that total crime in the area around ANC 2A is down, but in the larger police district homicides and other serious crimes have increased. He reported that traffic enforcement is being enhanced, especially during holiday periods. He reported that anyone encountering election interference should immediately call 911.

b. Report from Mayor's Office. Jamika Williams reported on a few upcoming activities, including the High Heel Race. Battery Drop Off is offered at the DuPont Sunday Farmer's Market. Leaf Collection is beginning. Holiday Market starts November 13. Jamika indicated she was in contact with WMATA to address issues with parking for the D10 and other busses now that they cannot use the Kennedy Center Plaza.

c. Report from Councilmember Pinto's Office. Elle LaBrada, of Commissioner Pinto's office reported that the Council's fall agenda is underway. She reported on domestic violence and violent crimes and indicated that Councilmember Pinto will hold hearings on domestic violence; oversight of federal activities in the District, including National Guard issues; and digital issues. Councilmember Pinto is actively considering legislation to address scooters parking on sidewalks. Commissioners Comer, Gifford and Malec reported considerable interest in this problem. There was also discussion of

d. Commissioner Updates. Commissioner Gifford indicated he testified before the District Council to allow the transfer of jurisdiction to the District and enhance Francis Field and it appears the Council will soon approve the transfer. Commissioner Patel indicated she continues to try to get services to Snow's Court. Commissioner Comer reported on the D10 bus issue, the death of a homeless person found by a resident of our ANC and the good news that there will be a hose bib at the new Green's Court playground and dog park. Commissioner Dolan reported on improvements. Commissioners Malec and Youngstone had no updates.

e. Public Comments. Barbara Kahlow expressed concerns that ANC2A has not accurately sent information to various District offices, particularly the I Street residence discussed at the last meeting. She blamed the Chair for failing to check the letters for accuracy. Christina Jones indicated the District Democratic Pary is doing voter protection training on Monday October 26. The training is non-partisan. Brandon Bush-Thompson reported that Rank the District Org (a non-partisan non-profit) is seeking volunteers to educate voters about ranked choice voting. John George asked whether ANC2A sent a correct copy of the Resolution regarding 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue to the Correct Agency. Commissioner Malec responded that, even though he sent an e-mail asking for this to be done, this was not done by the Executive Director and he attributed to poor training by the Chair. Mr. George asked whether there is a process to insure these mistakes do not happen again.

## IV. Matters Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA)

a. There is a special exemption for a habitable penthouse at 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. in SMD 01. Lawrence Fisher reported on the plans for the renovation of the

building. They would convert a mechanical penthouse into a habitable terrace and penthouse. He reported the Secret Service has no issues or concerns. They present to the BZA next month. Chair Patel moved the motion to approve and Commissioner Gifford seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously.

**V. Matters Before the Zoning Commission (ZC)**

a. This is a map amendment for 401 14th Street SW., the Liberty Loan Building, 120,000 square feet. Marty Sullivan indicated they filed a map amendment to take it from unzoned to D-8 which is intended to promote the high-density mixed use of the southwest area previously occupied by the federal government. He said there are currently no plans for the building. Chair Patel moved and Commissioner Gifford seconded a motion to approve this rezoning. Mr. Sulivan confirmed that they are asking for an IZ plus. The building will be subject to HPRB, NCPC and Fine Arts Commission approvals after the building site is rezoned. The request was approved (5-1-0) with Commissioner Malec voting no.

**VI. Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)**

a. This is a license renewal for Whole Foods. Commissioner Malec reported that the store does an excellent job and recommends we take no action. The members agreed we should take no action on this renewal.

VII. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2026.