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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

June 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 9 June 2020

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kevin Wilsey (2C03) and Michael Shankle (2C01)

ANC-2C COMMISSIONER(S) Absent: Jamaal Burton (2C02)

PRESENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order made by Chair Kevin Wilsey at 6:33 PM.
2. **OPENING REMARKS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Wilsey moved to approve the agenda without changes. (Vote: 2,0,0). Motion passed. The agenda was posted on the screen for audience review.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The April minutes were not provided by Commissioner Burton for review. It will be delayed until July 2020 meeting.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shankle provided the treasurer report and noted that the balance at the beginning of May was \$54,999.99. There was one deposit into the account (the DC allotment for the ANC-2C) in the amount of \$1,821.05. There was one withdrawal for \$150.00 for December minutes. The balance at the beginning of June 1 was \$56,821.04.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5. **Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Nicole Goines, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, Ward 2 Liaison, Nicole.Goines@dc.gov, 202.805.7122.**
Mayor's Office representative was not present.
6. **MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Jonathan Dorrough, Jonathan.Dorrough@dc.gov, 202.729.2179.** Captain Dorrough provided an update on crime to the ANC. Low level of crime and a just a few violent crimes in the area. Significant number of burglary report from last Saturday. Lots of businesses were looted. Commissioner Shankle asked if Captain Dorrough had an estimate on the amount of damage done in District 1 as a result of the looting. They had 75 to 100 cases. There were 15 burglaries cases active in ANC 2C and lots of other reports on destruction of property. City-wide there were 250 business looted.



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Resident of 777 Gallery Place reported open drug market near Metro station at Gallery Place. It is illegal to sell marijuana on the street. It is an entrenched issue. They are careful not to do it in front of police. The group has moved from the McDonalds. Email Captain with any update. Commissioner Shankle commends MPD 1 and 2 for their officers' work for allowing individuals to express first amendment rights and protect property.

Elizabeth Miller ask about the buster showing back up. During the phase one and opening allowed during this time. Mass gathering order is still in effect. Groups of 10 or more should not be happening. MPD should be called and they will come out an issues and warning.

Commissioner Wilsey asked of business should remove boarded windows. Captain will not give advice on this issue and would leave that up to individual businesses. MPD is maintaining police numbers.

- 7. MPD 2nd District Crime & Community Awareness, Lieutenant Michael Hamelin, Michael.Hamelin@dc.gov, 202.317.2028.** We have had 150 burglaries. Hit the hardest by the burglaries and looting. Department is fully staffed over the weekend. We engage people to wear mask if gathering. 209/207 was hit very hard by the looting. Demonstration have been mostly peaceful now. All officers on 12 hour shift. Violent crime remains stable. Shankle then expressed thanks to MDP.

City Center was one of the first places to be hit. It was hit by a mob of juveniles. It took the full brunt of the violence. The officer were overrun, and it was not safe. The assets were not in place to stop it. The Dept brought in more officers. Residents were also concerned about individual access residential building.

Several officers were seriously injured by brick throwing.

- 8. The Department of Public Works, Wendy Cadell, Inspector, Wendy.Cadell@dc.gov.**

DPW representative was not present.

- 9. Chinatown Friendship Arch Restoration.** Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Ron Humbertson, Art Collections Registrar, ron.humbertson@dc.gov, 202.724.5613 and Lauren Dugas Glover, CAH's Public Art Manager, lauren.glover@dc.gov, 202.724.5613.



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Moving forward on restoration. Last restoration took place in 2009. We have been working for over 1 year to pull project off. There are three phases to the restoration.

Phase I -- Site prep – Scaffolding build-out/erection (June 15 – June 26, 10PM to 6AM). Street will be closed on H ST NW. Bus stops have been moved. Traffic control vendor will provide directional signage.

Phase II -- Site work – Restoration of archway (June 29 to mid-September, M-F, 8AM to 7PM).

Phase III -- Site strike – dismantling of scaffolding structure (Mid-September to September 30, M-F, 10PM to 6AM). After strike returned to original operation status.

Mr. Marks expresses appreciation of the restoration. Why overnight? Is it too late to get reversed since downtown almost disserted? Noise will be minimal. The road must be closed and therefore it must happen overnight. DDOT requires it be overnight because it over the roadway. Shankle has asked that alternative OSHA measures from backup beeper to used to prevent disruption.

EVENTS IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

No local events presented.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING

1. **Cedar Restaurant, LLC, 822 E Street, NW – (ABRA-116661).** Substantial Change to Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License. Applicant requests to expand the licensed premises to include the first floor along with the basement, increasing Total Occupancy Load from 82 to 126 and seating from 82 to 119. Craig Merrills, CraigMerrills@mac.com, 202.361.8839.

Mr. Merrills provided overview of the application. Cedar will take over space that was the former Georgetown Bank. Concept of restaurant will remain. They will take over the upstairs and street-level area. They will be added a few more seat and a bar.



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Commissioner Wilsey asks if sidewalk café is permitted. Cedar will expand outdoor seating. They will ensure the patio area permitting is up to date and expanded to corner. We are working with the building to make it much more active.

NATURE OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE

Applicant requests to expand the licensed premises to include the first floor along with the basement, increasing Total Occupancy Load from 82 to 126 and seating from 82 to 119.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday 9am – 2am, Monday through Thursday 11am – 2am,
Friday and Saturday 11am – 3am

HOURS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION

Sunday 10am – 2am, Monday through Thursday 11am – 2am,
Friday and Saturday 11am – 3am

Wilsey makes motion to send letter of support the substantial change to Cedar's license. Shankle seconds. Vote called (2,0,0). Motion passes.

- 2. Tamak SPN, LLC, Cranes, 724 9th ST NW – (ABRA-112800). Substantial Change to Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License.** Request to change hours of operation, alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption, and live entertainment. Sidon Yohannes, Attorney at Law, Veritas Law, syohannes@theveritaslawfirm.com. Jose Moncayo Borrero, (202) 679-5576.

Applicant for substantial change to increase hours and increase hours of entertainment. The outside space permit has been filed to expand the sidewalk café.



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NATURE OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE

Applicant requests to expand the licensed premises to include the first floor along with the basement, increasing Total Occupancy Load from 82 to 125 and seating from 82 to 119.

HOURS OF OPERATION INSIDE PREMISES AND FOR SIDEWALK CAFÉ

Sunday 9am – 2am, Monday through Thursday 11am – 2am,

Friday and Saturday 11am – 3am

HOURS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION INSIDE PREMISES AND FOR SIDEWALK CAFÉ

Sunday 10am – 2am, Monday through Thursday

Shankle moves to support the substantial change to the license until 2AM. Wilsey seconds. Vote called (2,0,0). Motion passes.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE:

- 3. Foxtrot Ventures, 650 Massachusetts Avenue NW (DDOT- 10791830) – New Sidewalk Café Un-Enclosed. Chris Briscoe, Project Director, Restaurant Consultants, Inc., chris@restconsultant.com, 410-827-9002.**

Mass Avenue and 7th ST NW Café sidewalk café. There are six table with 12 seats, 2 accessible tables with 2 seat each, 3 umbrella, and two sofas. All enclosed in removal barrier. Shankle ask about the presence of string lighting. Commissioners discuss present of string lighting in ANC 2C. There is no seating on 7th ST NW.

Shankle moves send letter of support for the sidewalk café and 650 Mass Ave NW. Wilsey seconds. Vote called. (2,0,0)

- 4. Slipstream_NY AV, 1201 New York AVE, (DDOT- 10791890- New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed. David Tracz, projectdox@studio3877.com, 202.350.4244 and Ryan Fleming, ryan@slipstreamdc.com, 917.843.5042**

Leslie from Studio 3877 presents the sidewalk café. Tenant space at 1201 New York Ave with entrance on I ST NW. 260 sq ft outdoor café, 15 seats and five tables and a



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dinner height countertop. Enclosed in removal planters. Portion of café will sit on raised deck because of sidewalk 11.5" grade. It will provide level surface. There are accessible seats. No umbrellas. Hours are 6AM to 10PM. Furnishing reviewed.

Shankle moves to send letter of support for Slipstream NY new un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1201 New York Ave NW. Wilsey seconds. Vote called. (2,0,0). Motion passes.

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

1. Quadrum DC, LLC., Arlo Hotel, 333 G ST NW (BZA Case No. 20276).

Special Exemption from loading requirement. Norman Glasgow, Equity Partner, Holland & Knight LLP norman.glasgowjr@hklaw.com, 202.419.2460 and Christopher S. Cohen, Holland & Knight LLP, Christopher.Cohen@hklaw.com, 202.469.5127.

Relief related to compliance with loading berth special exception criteria is requested. The historical building cannot be appropriately shored to support a second berth.

A. Revised plans requesting Special Exception per 11-C DCMR § 909.2(b).

1. Historic landmark – The Harrison
2. Providing the required number of berths would result in significant architectural or structural difficulty in maintaining the integrity and appearance of the historic resource.

B. Requirements of Subtitle X, § 901.2 are satisfied

1. In harmony with the general purpose and intent of the regulations.
2. Will not tend to adversely the use of neighborhood property.

Shankle moves to that we send a letter of support to for the special exemption from loading requirement to allow for just one berth and one service space. Wilsey seconds. Vote called. (2,0,0). Motion passed.

2. H Street Chinatown Project, 507-517 H ST NW, 20-0227-H STREET-HPRB – Recalled by ANC 2C Commission for Community Input. Shawn R.



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Weingast, ACUMEN Companies, General Counsel, Director of Capital Markets, shawn@acumencos.com, 202.536.2660 and Peter A. Fillat, III, Fillat+Architecture, peter.fillat@pfarc.com, 202.373.1535.

We are going to discuss updated design plans submitted to HPRB. The project has grown slightly. Project will incorporate the grocery in the corner and the Buddhist Temple building. This will include the ground levels and the upper floors will become hotel rooms. The corner (sidewalk) will also be activated on 6th ST NW. Lower levels will remain commercial spaces. Two loading bays are parallel and pull in/pull out configuration. The building sits on the property line. The building was reduced by 2 floors based on HPRB recommendations. The new design includes a clad screen to feel like a lantern. Developer has engaged Chinatown Steering Committee and Wah Luk House. Loading bays would have to be assessed through a turning study. With a 30 foot set back, individuals will not be able to see the hotel.

Community Question

- Community needs to be connected to building. Retailer space is retained.

Six Street Flats (15 community members attending)

- Project will impact community heavily
- Appreciates community voice being heard. Not adjust community development.
- Concerns have not been addressed by developer.
- Hotel construction will last up to two years, threaten safety and usability of alleyway (10 feet).
- Condo building has been impacted by being hit by trucks.
- Concerns about residents and business being displaced.
- Vulnerable populations are being displaced.
- Community concerned about design.
- Building on the block are designed in the round – interior alleyway (moving vans, deliveries, utilities)
- Few blocks remaining in historic preservation district. Buildings are all the height of the church.
- Hotel will not provide benefits to the block.
- While commercial shops, community has no assurances that small DC businesses will be able to lease the space.
- Noise pollution from construction (18-24 months) and restaurant/bars.
- Early morning, late night deliveries, staffing on breaks create safety issues.



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Commissioner asked how the developer responded to HPBR recommendation from January 2020. The developer removed two floors. If lowered more than two stories, the demolition of the historic structure. The design was changed based on Chinatown Steering Committee and Wah Luk House.

HPBR has noted previous have noted the uniqueness of the low block.

The height of building and width of the alleyway is too narrow.

We need to work better with the community.

Wilsey proposes another meeting to address the issues.

Shankle moves that the ANC withdraws previous support for the project and ask HPRB to work with the developer to develop a new design that incorporates the voices of the community.

Wilsey seconds. Vote called. (2,0,0). Motion passed.

New Business

Shankle reviews resolution entitled, "ANC 2C Resolution Condemning Violation of First Amendment Rights of Protestors and Intrusion of Federal Law Enforcement." Shankle reads resolution.

Shankle moves to accept resolution and submit to appropriate agencies. Wilsey seconds. Vote called. (2,0,0). Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:28 p.m. Wilsey moved to adjourn. Shankle seconded. (Vote: 2-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Michael D. Shankle

Minutes approved by: ANC 2C Commissioners August 11, 2020