

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

June 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 14, 2022

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle and Commissioner Gigi Nelson

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm over Zoom (available at <https://www.anc2c.us/video-recordings>).
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Shankle introduced Commissioner Nelson.
- 3. QUORUM:** A quorum of two of two commissioners present.
- 4. OPENING REMARKS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shankle reviewed the agenda (available at www.anc2c.us). Shankle motioned to approve the May 2022 agenda, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2022 MINUTES:** Shankle motioned to approve the May 2022 minutes with a correction to the April Treasurer's Report, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Nelson started with a correction to the April Treasurer's Report. There were two transactions of \$175.00 for a total of \$350.00. The checks for February and March's meeting minutes were written in April, so they need to be accounted for in April. The closing balance in April should have been \$61,496.54.

Nelson provided the May Treasurer's Report. The opening balance was \$61,496.54. The ANC received three quarterly allotments for a total of \$5,423.17. The closing balance for May at \$66,919.71.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Ward 2 Mayor's Liaison – Julius Terry, Ward 2 Liaison Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), julius.terry@dc.gov, 202.805.7122**

Terry provided announcements from the Mayor's Office. First, the Stead Park Recreation groundbreaking ceremony will happen on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 12pm. Second, from Friday, June 17 to Sunday, June 19, 2022 is the Something in the Water tour on the National Mall. Third, Terry noted an issue with a couple of restaurants in the area. He put together a team meeting with the different agencies involved to resolve the matter.

Shankle noted that a citizen started an encampment on the 900 block of F Street on the sidewalk in front of the National Building. Shankle asked if Terry could get someone out there to investigate; Terry agreed.

Shankle asked for updates about the Pat Handy shelter. Terry said there are no new updates and that he is waiting for a response from multiple agencies.

2. Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto Update -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202.724.8058, Ella Hansen, Legislative and Community Coordinator

Hansen provided updates from Councilmember Pinto's office. First, the Council took its final vote on the local budget act for FY2023 last week. Second, the Council voted on the ANC redistricting boundaries. There were not any changes outside of what the Task Force recommended for ANC 2C. All the changes and discussions that were made during the vote were made to Ward 3. Third, Election Day is a week away. People can vote by mail, drop off, vote early in person, or can vote on election day. If there are any questions about voting, Constituents can reach out to Councilmember Pinto's office.

Shankle confirmed that it was the final vote on the ANC redistricting boundaries. Shankle also confirmed that come November, there will be four Commissioners in 2C. The Commission will be losing what is currently 2C to Ward 6, but gaining additional representation to the west of the old ANC 2C boundaries.

A constituent raised an ongoing concern about the excessive decibel performances. Councilmember Pinto visited her building, the Residences at Gallery Place, to speak about this matter about a month ago but they have not received an update. Hansen said that there are two pending bills before the Council. There is an amplified noise legislation and harmonious living legislation. Both aim to address excessive levels of sound in the downtown area and in more traditional neighborhoods. Unfortunately, the Chairman has not scheduled a hearing for the bills, so there is no movement. Shankle reinforced the frustration that the Chairman has not moved the bills along for quite some time. A constituent asked if Mendelson could be invited to one of the ANC meetings so he can hear about the issue directly.

3. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Justin Roth, Justin.Roth@dc.gov, 202.841.9109

Captain Justin Roth introduced himself and said that Captain Dorrrough has been reassigned. Shankle raised the continuous problems with noise, notable drug activity, and petty crimes in the 7th and H Street corridor. He also raised specific challenges related to the Pat Handy Shelter. A constituent also raised that a new encampment popped up next to the Riggs Hotel on F Street.

4. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Lieutenant Michael Hamelin, michael.hamelin@dc.gov, (202) 715-7340, and/or Sergeant John Sprague, john.sprague@dc.gov

Lieutenant Hamelin provided the monthly crime report. Property crime is up; there have been 120 crimes in the last 60 days. Violent crime has stayed at a consistent level. City

Center and F and G Street between 13th and 11th Street have been where the thefts and theft from autos are concentrated.

Officer John Wright from 2D talked about homeless outreach and the encampments. The police are not currently not enforcing camping on public space. The police will assist with cleanups and moving. Officer Wright encouraged constituents to proactively document and notify the police about new encampments and to file police reports if anything illegal is taking place. A constituent asked more questions about the police not being able to enforce encampments on the sidewalks. Officer Wright said DMHHS is responsible for addressing these issues.

5. DC Office of the Tenant Advocate. Alyce McFarland, Program Analyst, Education and Outreach, Alyce.mcfarland@dc.gov, 202.276.1106 Nicole McEntee

McFarland started her presentation about the DC Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA). She explained the history of the OTA, its four different departments, and the services the Office provides. She then went over eviction prevention guidelines and resources.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABRA)

1. Yoso Hospitality LLC t/a Love, Makoto. New Retailer's Class C Restaurant with Stipulated License, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 150, Matthew Minora, (202) 625-7700, mminora@malliosobrien.com.

Minora presented the New Retailer's Class Restaurant ABRA license application for Yoso Hospitality (trading under "Love, Makoto"). This Japanese food hall is located in the Capitol Crossing development. The interior hours of operation and hours for the sale of alcoholic beverages are 8am-2am during the week and 8am-3am on weekends. There is a summer garden endorsement for the outside with a seating capacity of 150. The hours of operation for the summer garden are 8am-1am. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for a New Retailer's Class C Restaurant license with a stipulated license for Yoso Hospitality LLC, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

2. The Smith, TS5 Hospitality, LLC, 901 F ST NW (ABRA-103680) – Resolution of concerns

During the last ANC meeting, the Commission voted to protest the Smith's ABRA license due to employee parking blocking the alleyway. Shankle met with the owners of the restaurant and resolved the issue without further incident.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

Constituent Howard Marks started his presentation about the use of e-scooters on the sidewalks in downtown DC. He started an organization a couple years ago, Take Back Our Sidewalks, which aims to put controls on dockless e-scooters. He wants a Letter of Support from the ANC to ask for a test demonstration of technology that could prevent e-scooters on sidewalks when there are bike lanes available. The Commissioners were open to this idea and

will discuss it further during the next meeting when Marks provides more information about the deadline and content for the letter.

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- 1. WASAI, 716 7th ST NW. Installation of New Signage. Charlene Tan, charlene.ene@gmail.com, 301.633.2065**

No one from WASAI showed up. Shankle said the Commission approved the signage for this restaurant back in September 2021. He displayed the sign for review. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the signage for WASAI, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

- 2. Bulldog, 713 H ST NW. Installation of New Signage. Ill Soo Shin, 703.898.6836.**

No one from Bulldog showed up. Shankle displayed the sign for review. Shankle motioned to send a letter of support for the signage for Bulldog, seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)

- 3. Dos Toros Taqueria, 700 7th ST NW. Installation of New Signage. Lauren Brittany Wright, Founders Table Restaurant Group, lwright@founders-table.com.**

No one from Dos Toros Taqueria showed up. The signage for the restaurant was given approval by the Chinatown Review Committee pending the ANC's approval. Shankle displayed the sign for review. Nelson motioned to send a letter of support for the signage for Dos Toros Taqueria, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 2-0-0)

- 4. Taffer's Tavern, 700 6th ST NW. Installation of New Signage. Robert Carkin, 214.748.5944.**

No one from Taffer's Tavern showed up. Shankle displayed the signage for review. Nelson motioned to send a letter of support for the signage for Taffer's Tavern, seconded by Shankle. (Vote 2-0-0)

OTHER

Shankle and Nelson will bring a proposal to a future meeting regarding hiring additional administrative support for ANC 2C. Additionally, the minute taker will be resigning in July 2022. The Commission needs people for these two roles and will provide job descriptions during an upcoming. Ideal candidates are DC residents and residents of this ANC, if possible. There will also be multiple Commissioner seats open. Nelson is not seeking reelection and there are two new Commissioners seats after the new redistricting boundaries.

ADJOURNMENT: Shankle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm, seconded by Nelson. Commissioners were in favor of adjourning the meeting (Vote 2-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Laura Stateler

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: July 12, 2022, 6:00PM

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