

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

January 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 14, 2025

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Thomas Lee, Commission Nancy Groth, Commissioner Jim Swart

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm ([2025 January 14 ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)).

2. ROLL CALL:

Four out of the four commissioners were present.

3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

The commissioners introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Groth motioned to approve the agenda with moving Thompson Elementary before the community agenda. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair:

MOTION: Groth motioned to have Commissioner Shankle continue as Chair. Seconded by Lee. Approved with one abstention. (Vote 3-1-0)

Vice-Chair:

MOTION: Lee motioned to nominate Commissioner Swart as Vice Chair. Seconded by Groth. Approved with one abstention. (Vote 3-1-0)

Secretary:

MOTION: Groth motioned to nominate herself as Secretary. Seconded by Shankle. Approved with one abstention. (Vote 3-1-0)

Treasurer:

MOTION: Groth motioned to nominate Commissioner Lee as Treasurer. Seconded by Swart. Approved with one abstention. (Vote 3-1-0)

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024:

Commissioner Shankle reported that the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and received feedback.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to approve the revised minutes. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

The September 2024 and October 2024 minutes would be added to the website.

7. TREASURER REPORT:

APPROVAL OF QFR FY25 Q1: Commissioner Lee reported that December 1 was started with a balance of \$65,294.68. \$625 was spent on two invoices for meeting minutes. The balance ending on December 31 was \$64,669.68.

MOTION: Lee motioned to approve the FY25 Q1 financial report. Seconded by Shankle. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

Commissioner Shankle reported that the report would be distributed electronically by Commissioner Lee to be signed prior to submission.

RESOLUTION TO ADD DEBIT CARD TO PNC ACCOUNT:

Commissioner Shankle explained that in the past, checks or personal credit cards had to be used. In order to add a debit card to the PNC bank account, a motion was required.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to approve adding a debit card to the PNC bank account when officers on the account were renewed. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

ANC BUSINESS CARDS AND SUPPLIES:

Commissioner Shankle reported that it would cost approximately \$35 per set of 200 to 250 cards.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to approve the payment from the reserves of the ANC business cards for the Commissioners throughout the year. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

OTHER

2. Thompson Elementary PTO Grant (\$5,000).

Allison Kline reported that Thompson Elementary was a Title 1 school, which meant that it served a high-poverty population. She stated that the PTO was trying to raise as much money as

they could from the community. She explained the need for the grant. One potential addendum was to broaden the scope to other International Baccalaureate materials.

Commissioner Shankle explained that the Commission had not awarded grants in the past. There was a moratorium for a while through the office of ANCs, and they developed a centralized application in 2024. The current application was submitted last fall but had only just recently been reviewed.

Commissioner Groth noted that receipts needed to be submitted in order to ensure that everything was done properly. Commissioner Groth asked to be invited to the capstone event. Allison Kline stated that the entire ANC was invited.

MOTION: Shankle amended Lee's motion to approve the grant request for \$5,000 for the Thompson Elementary PTO grant and specify that it be used for IB, teaching, and learning. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Michael Hamelin, Michael.hamelin@dc.gov, 202.698.1405, or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, Sylvester.garvin@dc.gov, 202.774.6866

Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin reported that they were preparing for the 2025 presidential inauguration. He reported that he sent out an email, and DDOT also sent an email. There was a reduction in crime in the past 30 days, especially in retail spaces. There was a burglary at a retail store, and the case was being investigated. Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin noted that he believed the case would be able to be closed. On December 15, there was a theft from the auto in which a weapon was stolen. The case was still open. 2024 ended with 313 firearms recovered in addition to 6,724 rounds of ammunition due to the help of the neighboring partners. In 2025, there was a total of five firearm recoveries.

Commissioner Shankle commented on the high number of firearms recovered and thanked Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin for his service.

Commissioner Lee asked what shop was burglarized. Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin stated that he was not able to disclose that information until it was a closed case.

Commissioner Shankle asked about the People's First Amendment Assembly and if they were aware of the activity. Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin stated that it was in the Special Operations division.

Commissioner Swart asked if the assembly was required to be registered. Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin stated that he was unsure, but he believed most First Amendment assemblies were permitted. Commissioner Groth noted that at least park service permits were required.

2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Paul Hrebenak, Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov, 202-729-2179 or Lieutenant Araz Alal, Araz.Alali@dc.gov, 202.698.0066.

Lieutenant Knisely noted that he was filling in for Captain Hrebenak. He reported that over the past 30 days, there was a 30% reduction in all crimes. There were three robberies, no felony assaults, and a significant reduction in theft from autos. He noted that in Chinatown, there would be a rally with 18,000 people. There would be many road closures beginning on Saturday night and going into Sunday. He stated that there was a website (inauguration.dc.gov) that showed the road closures and the timing of them.

Commissioner Shnakle asked if 6th Street would be restricted earlier. Lieutenant Knisely stated that it was his understanding. There would be more local access on Sunday, but if it were in the immediate footprint of the arena, no vehicle traffic would be allowed.

Howard Marks asked about the number of crimes in the area of Fourth and K Street. He stated there was an attempted armed robbery by a juvenile. Lieutenant Knisely discussed that the juveniles had been committing more of the robberies in the past 30 to 60 days, and there was a recent carjacking involving five juveniles near Fourth and K Street. He stated that there were some juveniles with too much idle time over winter break, but he hoped the closure would be impactful.

3. Office of Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Tadaï Abilla, Ward 2 Liaison, Tadaï.Abilla@dc.gov, 202.805.7122.

Tadaï Abilla reported that the Ward 2 team had grown, and there was a liaison, Adriana.

Adriana Macedonio introduced herself. She provided an update on the dog incident from a couple of weeks prior and reported that Pepco said that the investigation was ongoing and information would be shared. She stated that Pepco was still trying to determine the cause.

Adriana Macedonio reminded everyone to put requests into DC 311 if there were non-emergent requests. If issues were not being resolved, she asked individuals to email her and include the request number. She recommended that everyone subscribe to alert.dc.gov to stay informed of what was occurring. Other resources included nsse.dc.gov and inauguration.dc.gov to see maps and information about road closures and transit impacts during the inauguration. If there was someone who was homeless and the weather was very cold, there was a 24/7 shelter hotline designated that could provide assistance and medical attention. Adriana Macedonio reminded everyone to protect their pipes from the cold. There was a number and a website to submit reports if suspicious activities were seen. CameraConnect DC allowed for registration of cameras to be able to easily locate cameras nearest to any incidents.

Adriana Macedonio announced that there was an essay contest due on January 31, 2025, for seniors. On Saturday, January 18, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, the 20th Annual MLK Parade would be held indoors, and the DC Mayor would be in attendance. She asked everyone to register if they could attend.

Adriana Macedonio provided contact information for sister agencies.

Commissioner Swart asked about the Amplified Sound Mitigation Act of 2024 and if it was on target to be outside of the Mayor's office. Tadaí Abilla stated that they would follow up with their team and provide a more direct answer.

Commissioner Groth discussed the incident with the dogs who were electrocuted and asked how a second incident was even possible. She also noted that there were two other incidents in a different area in which the dogs survived. Tadaí Abilla stated that she did not have much information to share, but they were in constant communication with Pepco.

The Director of External Affairs from Pepco reported that there was a full investigation that would take up to 60 days. He stated that it was being expedited and would hopefully conclude within 30 days, and once the investigation was complete, they would provide all of the information. The other two incidents did not involve Pepco equipment, but they did go out to examine the equipment.

Commissioner Shankle asked if there were any incidents that had happened before. The Director of External Affairs from Pepco reported that it was the first he had seen that type of incident occur.

Commissioner Groth reported that the Green Court Shelter solicitation for design services had not started advertising yet, which was behind the timeline. Tadaí Abilla reported that there was a new point of contact and asked Commissioner Groth to circle back with them so she could provide the new contact.

4. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto -- Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202-724-8058, Maddy White, mwhite@dccouncil.gov, Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, bromanowski@dccouncil.us, 202-285-9195.

Maddy White welcomed Commissioner Groth and Swart. She reported that Councilmember Pinto was sworn in for the start of her second term on January 2. One agency, the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, was moved under the commission's jurisdiction. Freshman councilmembers do not chair committees, so the new councilmember, Ward 7 Felder, would not chair a committee. Sophomore councilmembers Fruman and Parker would have their own full committees. Ward 3 Councilmember Fruman would Chair the Committee on Human Services. Ward 5 Councilmember Parker would chair the committee on youth affairs. The Department of Parks and Recreation was under the Committee of Facilities, which Ward 4 Councilmember Lewis George chaired. The Council would have an Ad Hoc Committee hearing

on January 28 and vote on February 4 on whether or not to expel Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White, who was not chairing a committee.

Maddy White reported that 2024 ended with crime down in every category in every police district and with the lowest amount of citywide violent crime in 20 years. Citywide violent crime was down 35% compared to 2023, and property crime was down by 11% compared to 2023. Councilmember Pinto would focus on prevention, increasing staffing levels at public safety agencies, and merging the two violence interruption programs in the district.

Councilmember Pinto hosted her budget open forum on January 13, and a public letter with her budget priorities would be sent to Mayor Bowser. Maddy White encouraged everyone to send priorities to their at-large Councilmembers or to relevant committee chairs. She also encouraged everyone to submit to the Mayor's office. The Council would begin performance agency oversight hearings on January 22, and they would extend through March.

Both MPD and DPW were working around the clock with the snow coming, and she asked everyone to submit service requests to 311. The snow removal services were not adequate after the last snow, and Councilmember Pinto was working to determine the issues and address them.

Maddy White reported that the Amplified Sound Mitigation Act of 2024 was passed out of the Committee of Amplified Works and voted on by the Council on a second reading on December 17. All members except one voted yes. It was currently under review by the mayor.

Maddy White reported that the Residential Tranquility Emergency Act was passed, but it was relevant to residential areas.

There was no additional information on the design services solicitation for the Green Court Shelter project, but work was still being done to get the information so that everyone could stay informed.

Maddy White reported that she would be reaching out to each Commissioner to have 15-minute one-on-one virtual meetings with Councilmember Pinto in the first few months of the year.

Commissioner Shankle discussed that one of the issues with snow removal was the bike lane and the areas in which pedestrians crossed. He stated that the entire bike lane was not cleared, and there were no clearings of the islands for the pedestrians. He asked who was responsible for those areas. Maddy White stated that DPW was responsible for it and asked for the exact area. Commissioner Shankle stated that it was in the entire 9th Street area. He also noted that the ramps were not addressed. Eloise from DowntownDC reported that DowntownDC did work with DPW to clean those areas, and there were some spots that were hit or miss and required spot checks. She explained that they shoveled after the plows came through. She stated that she would be able to handle and address those issues.

Commissioner Groth amplified Commissioner Shankle's comments and discussed that the bus stops also were not done. She stated that the curb ramps were spotty at best. Eloise stated that she would ensure that did not occur again. Commissioner Groth stated that the snow burns from the plow also needed to be done. Eloise stated that she would speak to DPW about that portion.

Commissioner Groth thanked Maddy White for her reporting on Green Court Shelter and her email about the Councilmember still being in consultation with the Executive. She asked for more than two business days' notice for future budget roundtables. Maddy White stated that they would send the emails with more advance notice in the future.

Commissioner Swart stated that they would like to see the final version of the Amplified Sound Act of 2024 also apply to residents who were in 2C04 and others in the business district. Maddy White stated that she would note that information.

5. DowntownDC BID, Lukas Umana, Director of Public Space Operations, lukas@downtowndc.org, 202.270.0366.

Eloise presented Clean and Safe Data. She reported that they had collected approximately 300 stickers, posters, and graffiti. There were over 1,900 personnel hours put in to help ensure that the Chinatown area was clean. She invited everyone to provide suggestions for the Holiday Market for the next year. She reported on the other daily functions of the BID Operation Team, which included activations at Anthem Row through art and events, preparing for the inauguration and moving bins and cleaning gutters, street sweeping, pressure washing, leaf collection, snow services, which included deicing and salting, supporting the unhoused community to ensure their and the residential's safety, and engaging stakeholders. Eloise provided an update on the Safety Team. She reported that the BID was a recipient of the FY2025 Safe Corridor Grant. The Pilot Program in Chinatown was showing a large impact.

Commissioner Groth asked if the booths needed to be raised up since it made it difficult for wheelchair users to enter them. Eloise stated that she would look into it, but she thought it was to keep the booths dry. She discussed the possibility of a semi-ramp or having awnings. She stated that she would bring the issue up to the bid out.

Commissioner Lee discussed that he saw people doing repair work along 7th Street to put back missing bricks and asked if it was a Downtown BID activity and if it would continue. Eloise stated that Downtown BID was collaborating with 311 to ensure that those items were done. Lukas Umana asked for locations that needed bricks replaced to be sent to 311.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

1. Marine Corps Marathon, 26 October 2025, Krista Lenzmeier, Volunteer & Permit Coordinator, Marine Corps Marathon Organization, Krista.Lenzmeier@usmc-mccs.org, 571.733.7385.

2. St. Jude's Rock N Roll Half Marathon, Saturday, 15 March 2025, Diane Romo Thomas, RNRDC 2025 Community Outreach, dianeromo-thomas@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Shankle asked if there were any objections to taking the items as a consent agenda. There were no objections.

MOTION: Shankle motioned to send letters of support for the Marine Corps Marathon and the St. Jude's Rock N Roll Half Marathon. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA)

1. Lucky Danger Beyond, LLC, Trade Name: KATA, 600 F Street, NW, Suite 100 (ABRA-130689) New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern. Will Dos Santos, will@theburnsbrothers, 202.596.4862.

Will Dos Santos reported that the menu would be Asian fusion-based and include high-end cocktails. He presented pictures of the interior and exterior. He stated that the plan was to open on February 11.

Commissioner Shankle asked how the upstairs areas were doing. Will Dos Santos reported that they were doing well, and the restaurant concept would be on the first floor.

Commissioner Shankle asked if the requested hours were Sunday from 10 am to 2 am and Monday through Saturday from 12 pm to 2 am, with consumption ending half an hour before closing times. He also asked if they were planning on a sidewalk café. Will Dos Santos confirmed the hours and stated that they would like to have 20 seats outside. Commissioner Shankle stated that it looked like another great opportunity for the area. He asked if Will Dos Santos was seeking a stipulated license. Will Dos Santos confirmed that they were.

Commissioner Swart asked where the sidewalk café would be. Will Dos Santos reported that it would be on 6th Street.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for ABRA-130689 and a stipulated license. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SPACE

No items.

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. Zumo Thai, 815 7th Street NW, Installation of New Storage Front Signage. Chinatown Design Review. Shai C Lin, Jamelnrestment@aol.com, 301.651.0725, Dan Gan, Knksign@hotmail.com

This item was tabled.

2. Fuddruckers in Chinatown DC, 781 7th Street NW, Installation of New Store Front Signage. Chinatown Design Review. Bob Biroonak, bob@artdisplayco.com.

Commissioner Shankle reported that the Fuddruckers would go into the space that was Tom's Watch Bar. He presented the signs, which would be a blade sign and a sign across the front with Chinese letters. He noted that it looked consistent with the rest of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Lee asked about the size requirements. Commissioner Shankle reported that the Chinese letters had to be the same size for the front signage and could be smaller for the blade signs.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for the Fuddruckers in Chinatown DC sign. Seconded by Lee. (Vote 4-0-0)

OTHER

1. Bottle Bill, Resolution, Hannah Elson, helson09@gmail.com, 216.970.2847.

Commissioner Shankle reported he distributed the resolution that was prepared by ANC 2B that he modified for their purposes. He stated that it would be a resolution in support of the Bottle Bill, which would require a deposit on recyclable bottles. The resolution was in support of moving forward in the process.

Commissioner Groth stated that she was in favor of it.

Commissioner Swart stated that he supported a clean environment, but he did not want to create additional issues if there were no stores in the area to return the bottles easily enough. He stated it would also invite people to collect the bottles.

The Commissioners discussed the logistics of how the deposit would work.

Commissioner Lee stated that he was in favor of the resolution.

Commissioner Groth stated that she could remake a connection to discuss the logistics.

It was decided to table the matter until someone representing the group could discuss the issues at hand.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Shankle motioned to Adjourn at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Minutes Services

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: February 11, 2025, 6:00 pm. It will be a hybrid format.

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