

Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

December 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 13, 2022

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Shankle called the Meeting to order at 6:04 pm over Zoom (available on [December 13, 2022, ANC 2C Community Meeting - YouTube](#)).
2. **INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Shankle introduced Commissioner Nelson.
3. **QUORUM:** A quorum of two commissioners was present.
4. **OPENING REMARKS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Shankle reviewed the agenda as stated. Shankle motioned to approve the December 13, 2022, agenda. Seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0)
5. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 MINUTES:** Nelson motioned to approve the November 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Shankle (Vote 2-0-0).
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nelson provided the November 2022 Treasurer's Report. The opening balance was \$68,084.76, and one transaction was \$625.00 for the minutes. The closing balance was \$67,459.76.
7. **FY 2023 BUDGET:** Nelson stated approximately \$3000 in communications were budgeted. It includes an update of the website. An allotted \$10,000 in grants is also included. The purchase of services will be \$9000, mainly for minutes and administrative services. Nelson cited \$200 in bank charges and \$300 in miscellaneous costs. Total disbursements in 2023, \$22,500. The allotment increased to \$2000 per quarter.

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2023 BUDGET: Nelson motioned to approve the FY 2023 Budget. Seconded by Shankle (Vote 2-0-0).

- 8. ANC POLICY:** Nelson states that ANCs have never legally been able to possess debit cards. They are on the table for this upcoming year. All ANCs must vote to approve the use of debit cards. Nelson said debit cards are a preferred payment method over checks.

Commissioner Shankle outlined the regulations regarding the use of debit cards.

APPROVAL OF DEBIT CARD FOR ANC-2C: Nelson motioned to approve using debit cards for the ANC. Seconded by Shankle (Vote 2-0-0).

- 9. ANC-2C SCHEDULING:** Commissioner Shankle proposed a meeting scheduled for 2023. Emphasis was given to the January 10 meeting, noting that the ascendancy of new commissioners might alter this schedule.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE: Shankle motioned to approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule as published. Seconded by Nelson. (Vote 2-0-0).

10. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Ward 2 Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations Julius Terry announced a Dec. 15 meeting with the DC mayor regarding a renovated building to assist with downtown housing. Liaison recognized Morocco for making the FIFA semi-finals and a free viewing party downtown Washington. A reminder was given regarding leaf collection and the importance of depositing bagged leaves curbside or in a tree box.
2. Declan Falls, the community outreach representative from the Office of Chairman Mendelson, stated that the Council is finishing its annual legislative schedule. It is a full agenda, complete with 54 legislative bills. Falls highlighted three bills, including the Safe Streets for Students Act, improving safety around schools; Metro for DC, making Metro busses accessible in the District; Schools First in Budgeting Act, sponsored by Chairman Mendelson, helping to ensure that schools do not lose money year to year.
3. Victoria Casarrubias and Brian Romanowski from the office of Councilwoman Brooke Pinto highlighted the Best Act, sponsored by Councilwoman Pinto, simplifying the business licensing process. Casarraubias also spoke of an emergency bill to reshape the DC Housing Authority, to which Councilwoman Pinto objected, and the bill was withdrawn.

Casarrubias also discussed the Recovery Act, sponsored by Councilwoman Pinto, which had its first hearing and is intended to revitalize the downtown. In addition, Councilwoman Pinto met with Mayor Bowser regarding security, trash, and other issues surrounding the Pat Handy Shelter and police patrols in Chinatown. Shankle requested a request for monthly updates on the Pat Handy facility.

A question was raised about an Amplified Noise Amendment, which, according to Councilwoman Pinto's representative, does not have the votes to carry.

4. Lt. Thomas of MPD 2 spoke of the Africa Leaders Summit being busy. Thomas reported that violent crime is trending downwards; however, property crime is increasing. Homelessness is driving a significant portion of crime. Thomas stressed the importance of not leaving valuables outside or visible in cars. Shankle brought up the shooting at Metro Center, to which Thomas replied that the community is safe and is now a closed case.

11. ABRA LICENSING:

1. Speaker was unavailable
2. **The Bazaar:** A representative of Chef Andres addressed the new restaurant opening in the Waldorf Astoria hotel. She noted there would be no outdoor summer garden, but rather it would be an enclosed space. She also stated the hours of operation. Shankle stated he had no issues with the restaurant as it is within the hotel. Nancy raised a community question, noting the lack of ADA compliance in terms of accessibility, and it will be brought to the hotel's attention prior to its opening.

MOTION REGARDING LETTER OF SUPPORT: Shankle moved to provide a letter of support for Chef Andres and The Bazaar license. Seconded by Nelson. Approved without objection (Vote 2-0-0).

12. PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, AND HISTORIC PRESENTATION:

1. **Combined Lot Development Extension:** Shankle introduced Jessica, representing the law firm of Holland and Knight, who addressed the 600 block of I Street, NW, Combined Lot Development Extension. Lewis Kelley of Monument Realty has provided updates since November. Kelley noted approval of the Development given by the Office of Planning. Kelley underscored a commitment to provide quarterly updates to the ANC. Jessica offered, and Shankle accepted the drafting of a letter of support.

MOTION REGARDING LETTER OF SUPPORT: Shankle moved to provide a letter of support for the Extension. Seconded by Nelson. Approved without objection (Vote 2-0-0).

2. **Solar Panel Variance:** Mark Lyon, president of the Clara Barton and Penn Quarter Controlling Entity, spoke of his pursuing a letter of support. He is seeking bids and permits to add solar panels to the building. Lyon stated the environmental and economic considerations with the addition of solar are very important to the association. In addition, Lyon said canopy-style panels would increase the generational capacity from 150kW to 175kW.

Shankle questioned whether the angled panels would create glare. Lyon responded they should not, given their black quality. Finally, Shankle inquired whether the letter of support was needed now or upon entering the permitting process. Lyon stated in advance of the permitting, which is anticipated for early January.

MOTION REGARDING LETTER OF SUPPORT: Shankle moved to provide a letter of support for the variance. Seconded by Nelson. Approved without objection (Vote 2-0-0).

- 3. Modification of Plans Approved:** Shane addressed an application regarding the modification of plans approved for 1425 New York Avenue, NW. Shane introduced Sarah, representing ownership of the office building being converted to residential. The developer would like flexibility in designating floors two through four, either residential or lodging (stays of less than 30 days), citing US economic shifts.

Shane also stated that the developer would like flexibility with the commercial space to designate areas within the building currently identified as "commercial retail" and possibly change those areas, if needed, to "building amenity." Shane cited uncertainties in the economy as reasons for seeking this flexibility.

Shane offered, and Shankle accepted the drafting of a letter of support.

MOTION REGARDING LETTER OF SUPPORT: Shankle moved to provide a letter of support for modifying the consequence. Seconded by Nelson. Approved without objection (Vote 2-0-0).

13. CONCLUDING COMMENTS: Shankle thanked Ms. Nelson for her service as commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT: Shankle made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:46 pm. Seconded by Nelson. Commissioners were in favor of adjourning the Meeting (Vote 2-0-0)

Minutes Submitted by: Minutes Services

Minutes Approved by:

Next Meeting: January 10, 2023

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