



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 20th, 2018; 7:00 p.m.
West End Library, Main Meeting Room – 2301 L Street NW

Call to Order

Chair William Kennedy Smith (04) called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Marco Guzman (03), Philip Schrefer (05), Detrick Campbell (07), and James Harnett (08) were present. Commissioner Florence Harmon (06) arrived at 7:08 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt the ANC’s meeting agenda by unanimous consent. Without any objection the agenda was adopted.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt the ANC’s regular July 2018 meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Without any objection the minutes were adopted.

Community Forum

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Lt. Darren Haskis, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to authorize expenditures up to \$1,000 to hire a traffic engineer to study the pedestrian conditions surrounding Washington Circle. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Introduction by Katie Mustian, the New DC Public Schools Community Action Team Coordinator for Wards 2 and 3

Katie Mustian, the new DC Public Schools (DCPS) Community Action Team Coordinator for Wards 2 and 3, introduced herself to meeting attendees.

Consideration of a Resolution Acknowledging Richard Livingstone’s Service to the Neighborhood

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Harnett seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Richard Livingstone served with distinction as Mayor Bowser’s Ward 2 Liaison for the last two years,

WHEREAS, Mr. Livingstone’s tenure as a “MOCR” in the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services has involved countless hours of service in furthering community goals and protecting community interests,

WHEREAS, Mr. Livingstone began his service as a “MOCR” with an already-deep understanding of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities, having previously served as the George Washington University’s Assistant Director of Community Relations,

WHEREAS, Mr. Livingstone has passionately defended the interests of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities in numerous ways, including through advocacy on behalf of the communities’ most vulnerable citizens and by addressing public safety concerns and other neighborhood issues,

WHEREAS, Mr. Livingstone worked day and night on behalf of Foggy Bottom and the West End, responding to overnight public safety situations, ensuring the repair of long-neglected roadways and sidewalks, advocating for the neighborhood’s interests throughout the Stevens School renovation project, participating in neighborhood beautification projects, attending numerous neighborhood civic meetings, regularly connecting ANC 2A commissioners and community members to key DC Government agency representatives, and assisting with countless additional requests, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Livingstone is an exemplary public servant who served with distinction throughout his tenure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in recognition of Richard Livingstone’s service to the Foggy Bottom and West End communities, ANC 2A hereby extends to him its grateful appreciation and best wishes for the years to come.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Alyssa Ryan and James Cerasia, the new Ward 2 representatives for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced themselves to meeting attendees and gave an update from the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM).

Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

No one was present regarding this matter.

Report from the West End Library

Kevin Osborne, the Branch Manager for the West End Library, gave an update from the library.

Report from the Department of Public Works

Inspector Wendy Cadell, a Ward 2 Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW), gave an update from the agency.

Commissioner Updates

Chair Smith and Commissioner Harnett gave Commissioner updates.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Special ANC Transportation Meeting on Thursday, October 18th, 2018

Commissioner Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Harnett seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A successfully worked with Councilmember Jack Evans to obtain funding in DC's FY 2019 budget for updating a portion of the 2003 Kennedy Center Access Study entitled the "Rock Creek Bypass," which has the potential to improve roadway connections between Rock Creek Parkway and Route 66, facilitate better pedestrian and bicycle access to the area, and increase green space along the Potomac River,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has allocated funds to hire a transportation planning consultant to work with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) on behalf of the community in the execution of that work,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is currently utilizing funding originally allocated for the 2003 Kennedy Center Access Study to detail improvements to connections between the Kennedy Center and its surroundings,

WHEREAS, the Georgetown BID has been working with ANC 2E to propose connection improvements between Rock Creek Parkway and K Street NW, and

WHEREAS, the land in and around Rock Creek Parkway between K Street, Virginia Avenue, and Route 66, which is the focus of the multiple efforts herein listed, all of which are aimed at improving land use as well as pedestrian, bicycle, and car access, contains a major commuter route and falls under the varying jurisdictions of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the National Park Service (NPS), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A calls for a special ANC transportation meeting to be held on October 18th, 2018 at a location to be determined by ANC 2A's Chair, and that Councilmember Jack Evans, DDOT Director Jeff Marootian, and stakeholders from NPS, FHWA, the Georgetown BID, the Kennedy Center, and ANC 2E, as well as others identified by ANC 2A's Chair, shall be invited to participate and present at such a meeting with the goal of improving overall communication among these stakeholders and developing a common vision on how to achieve the best overall land use and transportation outcomes for this area and for the city.

Announcements and Public Comments

Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA), gave an update from the organization.

Barbara Kahlow, a local resident, provided background information regarding DC Council Bill B22-0959 - the "East End Health Equity Act of 2018."

Jillian Wolons, the Vice President for Community Affairs for the GW Student Association (SA), introduced herself to meeting attendees.

Multiple meeting attendees expressed concerns regarding how the DC Government provides services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

General Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Stevens School Development Project

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2011 the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), in conjunction with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME), solicited two requests for expressions of interest (RFEI) from private developers and educational users to (1) redevelop the land adjacent to the historic Stevens School and (2) rehabilitate the existing historic Stevens School building for an educational user,

WHEREAS, DMPED selected Akridge-Argos as the development finalist and on December 2, 2014 the DC Council passed the "Stevens School Disposition Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014" (R20-0722) and the "Stevens School Surplus Declaration and Approval Resolution of 2014" (R20-0708) and the Mayor signed this legislation that provided for the disposition of the Stevens School, and on May 25, 2017 the District of Columbia and Stevens School Holdings, LLC (an affiliate of Akridge-Argos) entered into a ground lease (the "Ground Lease") for the redevelopment of the land adjacent to the Stevens School,

WHEREAS, the above RFEIs and Ground Lease contemplated certain amenities that promoted the historic nature of the Stevens School to be provided by the developer, Akridge-Argos, to the community, specifically including, among other items, a wall running the length of the public lobby of the Akridge office building commemorating the history of the Stevens School and a scholarship fund of \$10,000 per year for three years to be provided by Akridge-Argos to a DC resident who exemplifies the values of Thaddeus Stevens,

WHEREAS, Akridge-Argos would like to, in lieu of installing a static display wall in the office building lobby, provide an interactive, 2D and 3D augmented reality historical digital display and exhibit within the public office building lobby to fulfil the RFEI and Ground Lease requirements and clarify, per the request of ANC 2A Commissioner

Florence Harmon, that the scholarship can be awarded to any qualifying resident of DC so that no preference exists for ANC 2A residents, and

WHEREAS, construction has started on the Akridge-Argos office building and the Stevens School that necessitates the closing of the far western traffic lane moving south on 21st Street NW in front of the office building site and school, resulting in only one lane of traffic flow, reduced from the original three lanes in this downtown block, which causes significant traffic congestion since parking seems to still be available on the eastern side of 21st Street on this block. Similar traffic challenges exist further north and south on 21st Street NW in this same area due to the construction of the nearby CBS News and International Monetary Fund (IMF) buildings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to amend the necessary land documents and agreements with Akridge-Argos to permit an interactive, 2D and 3D historic digital display to commemorate and celebrate the history of the Stevens School and to reflect that there is no residency preference for the scholarship as part of these community amenities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the District Department of Transportation to eliminate parking on the eastern side of 21st Street NW on this block (the 1000 block of 21st Street NW), and in addition, on the 900 and 1100 blocks of 21st Street NW at the CBS News and International Monetary Fund construction sites, on weekdays for the duration of these construction projects and to restore such parking as currently permitted at the end of these projects.

Presentation by Gerard Brown, the Program Manager of the Rodent and Vector Control Division of DC Health, and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Promotion of Community Engagement in Municipal Rodent Control Efforts

Gerard Brown, the Program Manager of the Rodent and Vector Control Division of DC Health, gave an overview of the city's rodent control efforts.

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Guzman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the rodent population is expanding across ANC 2A and the entire city,

WHEREAS, the proper and only response to this expansion is to identify and exterminate rat colonies wherever they occur and to make every effort to cut off their food source, which is largely in the form of accessible trash and garbage, and

WHEREAS, leadership from the Rodent and Vector Control Division of DC Health, the body which has the responsibility of working to stem the ever increasing rat population, has indicated that citizen assistance is a necessary component of an effective response.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A will work with community stakeholders to identify and designate a "Not in My Neighborhood" day as a means of involving

neighbors in the fight against rats and an attendant educational and promotional campaign using mailers, handouts, presentations, and other appropriate materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a promotional effort will focus on increasing the use of 3-1-1 as a means of reporting existing rat colonies to DC Health's Rodent and Vector Control Division and increasing the reach of the division's citizen enforcement program as a means of ticketing commercial establishments that are not properly containing their trash while it is awaiting pickup.

Presentation by Anthony Crispino, the Attorney Advisor for the Mayor's Special Events Task Group (MSETG), Regarding DC's Special Events Permitting Process and Discussion of the ANC Notification Process

Anthony Crispino, the Attorney Advisor for the Mayor's Special Events Task Group (MSETG), gave an overview of DC's special events permitting process and the ANC notification process for special events. The commissioners and meeting attendees engaged in a discussion with Mr. Crispino regarding ways in which the processes can be improved for the benefit of the community.

Regulatory Agenda

Special Event Application for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on Saturday, March 9th, 2019

Chair Smith made a motion to support the special event application for the 2019 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, provided that the event organizers remove the proposed band stage from the area of the intersection of Rock Creek Parkway and Virginia Avenue NW. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the special event application for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on March 9th, 2019, provided that the event organizers remove the proposed band stage from the area of the intersection of Rock Creek Parkway and Virginia Avenue NW.

Presentation Regarding JBG Smith's Upcoming Zoning Commission Application for a Minor Modification to the Planned Unit Development at 2101 L Street NW

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the above-referenced Zoning Commission application with the conditions noted below:

1. The penthouse space and roof deck shall be accessory to the office building and as such shall be used only for activities and events associated with or ancillary to the owner or tenant's use and in no event shall be used as a nightclub, bar, cocktail lounge, or restaurant, unless otherwise approved in accordance with 11-C DCMR § 1500.3(c),

2. The roof deck may be used and operated from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday as well as on all Federal holidays, and
3. There shall be no amplified music played on the roof deck at any time. There may be amplified music played in the penthouse space provided that any windows and/or doors remain closed. Notwithstanding this condition, the penthouse space and roof deck shall otherwise be operated in full compliance with the noise ordinances of Title 20 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Davis Construction's After-Hours Construction Permit Request for 2050 M Street NW

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports Davis Construction's after-hours construction permit request for 2050 M Street NW for Columbus Day on Monday, October 8th, 2018 and Veteran's Day (Observed) on Monday, November 12th, 2018, provided that the applicant agrees to not begin work until 8:00 am and to complete work by 5:00 pm on both holidays.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Proposal to Install a Plaque Honoring Former Commissioner Rebecca Coder at Francis Field

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports the request of the Friends of Francis Field, of which Rebecca Coder was the first president and subsequently an ANC 2A Commissioner for ten years, to memorialize her successful efforts to provide passive recreation space in the West End neighborhood, specifically the portion of Francis Field that is now a pleasant park, where neighbors can walk dogs, sit on benches, and enjoy this small but welcoming outdoor space, created in 2009 under her leadership.

There is no intention to rename Francis Field, which has several sub-sections, including the large athletic field, Francis Pool, and, since 2015, Francis Dog Park. Rather, the request is for an act by the DC Council to designate a small and distinct portion of Francis Field, lying entirely outside of the athletic field, as follows:

“To designate the park area of Francis Field adjacent to the west side of 25th Street NW, in Ward 2, as Coder Park.”

A landscape plan of this area, with an accompanying photograph of the area, is attached to this resolution.

ANC 2A also supports the placement of a small bronze plaque, 10 inches by 4 inches, in the circular sidewalk shown in the attached plan. The plaque would read:

In Memory of
Rebecca Coder
1969-2018
Friends of Francis Field

No other signage is contemplated or requested. A proof of this plaque is also attached to this resolution. The plaque is consistent with current “DPR Donation Guidelines for Plaques and Trees,” which state:

“The sign/plaque must be made of lasting materials (i.e. brass, stainless steel, powder-coated steel or stone). It should not exceed about 6" x 12" nor should be elevated more than 9" above the surrounding soil. If it is to be mounted to a wall or masonry surface it should be bolted or set in mortar.”

Those Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) guidelines also state that language such as “in memory of” requires DC Council approval, which the Friends of Francis Field has informed ANC 2A that it has discussed with your office and feels confident that you will support.

The plaque and its installation will be funded entirely with private funds, at no cost to the District of Columbia.

ANC 2A thus respectfully requests that your office take action regarding this request.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Permitting of the 26th Street NW Park from the District Department of Transportation to the Department of Parks and Recreation

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Public Space Committee’s Draft Small Cell Guidelines

Commissioner Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Smith moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A supports the DC Government’s advocacy of broadband infrastructure deployment with the goal of ensuring that residents, businesses, and public safety operations in DC have reliable access to wireless telecommunications network technology and state-of-the-art mobile broadband communication services, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has reviewed the DC Government’s Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines, which are currently being considered by the Public Space Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the following concepts are incorporated into the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines:

1. The “hoteling” of several wireless carriers into a single small cell facility should be prioritized over facilities that only serve a single carrier so as to prevent an over-abundance of small cell installations in the District’s residential neighborhoods. ANC 2A notes that the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County’s regulations (Ordinance No. BL2016-415) require that “All new proposed [small cell] structures, or a stealth telecommunications support structure replacing an existing support structure or alternative structure, within the right of way shall be designed for a minimum of two personal wireless service facilities providers.”
2. The requirements for ANC notification as part of the public space application process for small cells should be expanded to include all individual small cell installations and all upgrades to installed facilities.
3. Periodic reviews of all installed small cell facilities should be undertaken in order to ensure compliance, ongoing maintenance, and compatibility with DC’s public space interests for all facilities.
4. Small cell facilities should initially be rolled out as a pilot program in order to review the impacts that the facilities have on DC’s public space.
5. Installations of representational “mock up” equipment should cease until the permitting process has been finalized for small cell facilities.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC’s Corrected FY 2018 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Commissioner Kennedy moved to approve the ANC’s corrected FY 2018 Quarter 2 financial report. Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the ANC’s FY 2018 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Chair Smith moved to approve the ANC’s FY 2018 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

First Review of the ANC’s Proposed FY 2019 Budget

Peter Sacco, the ANC’s Executive Director, gave an overview of the ANC’s proposed FY 2019 budget.

Approval of Communications Expenditures for the Metropolitan Police Department Second District Citizens Advisory Council's Annual Awards Banquet

Chair Smith made a motion to approve expenditures up to \$100 for the purchase of an ad in the event program for the Metropolitan Police Department Citizen Advisory Council’s Annual Awards Banquet. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. J. Schrefer".

Philip Schrefer
Secretary, ANC 2A05