



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16th, 2016; 7:00 p.m.

GWU Fungler Hall, Room 108 – 2201 G Street NW

### Call to Order

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Commissioners Rebecca Coder (02), John Williams (03), Philip Schrefer (05), and Florence Harmon (06) were present. Commissioner William Kennedy Smith (04) arrived at 7:20 pm.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0).

### Community Forum

#### Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Keylin Rivera, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), was present. She provided updates from the Mayor’s Office.

#### Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

Adam Gutbezahl, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans, was present. He provided updates from Councilmember Evan’s Office, as well as updates regarding the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

### Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Schrefer said that, according to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the proposed pedestrian signal at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street NW will be installed by the fall of 2016.

#### Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Lt. Corinne Hughes, the Lieutenant for police service area (PSA) 207, was present. She gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

### General Agenda

#### Presentation from ATU Local 1764, the Workers Union for the DC Circulator, MetroAccess, and Fairfax Connector Services

Todd Brogan, a Field Mobilization Specialist for the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), was present. He gave an overview of the local ATU chapters that are located in the DC area and of the local public transportation services that the chapters represent.

Flynn Burke, a DC Circulator operator, was also present. He said that he is a native Washingtonian who has lived through DC's good and bad times. He gave an overview of the DC Circulator service, as well as the work that the DC Circulator workers did in order to keep DC residents moving during the recent Metrorail closure.

Mr. Burke gave an overview of how the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) contracts out the operations for the DC Circulator. He also said that, as a result of the outsourcing of operations, DC Circulator workers are not paid a livable wage. Mr. Burke said that the average DC Circulator worker makes \$8 per hour less than the average Metrobus operator. He said that the members of ATU Local 1764, which represents the DC Circulator workers, are trying to raise support for the DC government to raise the DC Circulator workers' pay to equal that of Metrobus operators.

#### Consideration of a Nomination Resolution for the Cafritz Award for DC Government Employees

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the work that Richard Kenney, Senior Project Manager for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), has done on behalf of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities.

Commissioners Harmon and Smith expressed their appreciation for Mr. Kenney's hard work.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution that nominated Mr. Kenney for the 2016 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Award for Distinguished DC Government Employees. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

#### Consideration of a Resolution Congratulating the Men's Basketball Team at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens on their Recent Citywide Championship Win

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens boy's basketball team's successful season and the school's overall accomplishments.

Chair Kennedy made a motion adopt the proposed resolution that congratulated the team on their successful season. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

#### **Regulatory Agenda**

Renewal of the Class "C" Restaurant License for "Krung-Thep Washington, LLC" (dba Soi 38) at 2101 L Street NW

and

Renewal of the Class "C" Restaurant License for "China, LLC" (dba Meiwah) at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW

The Commissioner took no action on either matter.

Follow-Up Discussion Regarding the Application by “51st, LLC” (dba The 51st State Tavern) for the Addition of an Entertainment Endorsement to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License

Chair Kenney gave an overview of the recent Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board roll call hearing regarding the 51st State Tavern’s application. He said that Commissioner Williams attended the hearing on behalf of the Commission, but that there was no one in attendance on behalf of the applicant. He said that, moving forward, the applicant will have ten days to ask the ABC Board to reinstate their application.

Commissioner Coder said that her main concern with the application was to make sure that the proposed music would stay indoors and that the applicant would have sufficient resources within the restaurant in order to properly manage the sound.

Chair Kennedy said that he does not think that the applicant has a clear understanding about what the process entails for the application moving forward because of the fact that the applicant has not retained counsel. He said that he thought that the applicant should sign an agreement with the ANC regarding the sound controls that would be needed in order to control the noise from the establishment.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to authorize the Commission to support the reinstatement of the applicant’s application pending the signing of a settlement agreement that addresses the community’s concerns. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

Follow-Up Discussion Regarding the State of Vehicular Parking and Trash in the Parking Area of the Rock Creek Valero (2708 Virginia Avenue NW) and on the Sidewalk and Roadway Adjacent to the Establishment

Eddie Hanson, the manager of the Rock Creek Valero, was present. He gave an overview of the recent improvements that were made to the garage and tow-truck operations at the establishment. He said that that he faced problems keeping the street in front of the establishment cleared during the winter’s snow emergency.

Commissioner Williams said that the area surrounding the establishment is an important area for drivers, bikers, and pedestrians, and that the Rock Creek Valero has caused problems for those users, especially for the bikers.

Commissioner Smith said that he has seen intermittent improvements made at the establishment, especially in regards to keeping the adjacent sidewalks cleared. He added that are still ongoing community concerns, however. He reiterated the need to keep the establishment's dumpsters closed and secure in order to control the rat problem in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Smith added that there are also many local residents who are grateful for the services that the establishment offers to the neighborhood.

Mr. Hanson said that he will continue to address the community's concerns regarding the establishment.

Consideration of a Resolution in Support of the Public Space Permit Application and Use of Parking Spaces for FRESHFARM's 2016 Foggy Bottom Farmers Market

Megan Day and Steven Alvarado, the market managers for the Foggy Bottom Farmers Market, were present. They passed out a draft letter of support for the ANC to vote on.

Ms. Day said that the market is asking for the ANC's support for the use of parking spaces on 24th Street between H Street and New Hampshire Avenue NW in order to stage the weekly market. She added that this differs from last year's parking request, which was for spaces on New Hampshire Avenue NW.

Ms. Day and Mr. Alvarado encouraged meeting attendees to reach out to them if they know of any community groups or restaurants that would like to partner with the market. They also gave an overview of the market's SNAP and WIC programs.

Commissioner Smith asked for an explanation of the impact from the loss of parking spaces on 24th Street NW. Ms. Day said that the market was requesting that 14 to 15 parking spaces would be taken offline during the market hours in order to allow farmers to park nearby.

Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association, said that the neighborhood has had problems with controlling the rats who search for the leftovers from the farmers market every Wednesday evening. She asked Ms. Day and Mr. Alvarado to ensure that the market space is push-broomed at the conclusion of every market day. Ms. Day said that she would reiterate to farmers that they need to clean up their spaces after the market closes.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the draft letter of support for the market. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Valet Parking Permit Application for Marcel's at 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Commissioner Coder gave an overview of the establishment's public space application.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to raise no objection to the public space application. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

Discussion Regarding the Public Space Permit Application for the Washington Marriott Georgetown (1221 22nd Street NW) to Perform External Renovations of the Hotel, Including the Remodeling of the Porte Cochere to Create a Function Terrace on Top

Commissioner Harmon gave an overview of the Marriott's public space application, including their proposal for remodeling the hotel's porte cochere. She said that DDOT has previously tried to remove porte cocheres from new and renovated properties.

Commissioner Harmon said that the ANC would further discuss this public space application at the Commission's April meeting when the Marriott's architect and representatives are present.

Consideration of a Letter to Inquire and Urge the Immediate Release of Long-Delayed Orders Related to Recently Overturned Zoning Administrator Decisions

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the ANC's recent successes regarding the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) legal appeals for the Hilton Garden Inn and the River Inn. He said that the board order has still not been published for either case, even though the BZA decisions in both cases were several months ago.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to authorize the Commission's Chair to submit a letter of inquiry to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and the Office of Zoning in order to ensure that both board orders are published and that DCRA begins to enforce the orders. Commissioner Harmon seconded the motion.

Ms. Streznewski said that the Foggy Bottom Association could go on the record as a supporter for the proposed letter.

The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

Special Event Application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 9th

George Banker, the Operations Manager for the Army Ten-Miler, was present. He gave an overview of the timeline and course for the event.

Commissioner Smith said that he receives more complaints from his constituents regarding this event than any other event in the neighborhood. He said that he did not see how he could support the application.

Mr. Banker said that his team has tried to come up with alternatives for the course in order to have a smaller community impact in the Watergate area, but that they were unable to do so. He added that he would send the packet of the alternative course options to Commissioner Smith and that he would also set up a time to meet with Commissioner Smith regarding the matter.

Mr. Banker said that he would request to have MPD officers placed by the Watergate in order to pause the event if an emergency situation occurs at the Watergate.

Commissioner Williams suggested tabling the matter until Commissioner Smith can meet with Mr. Banker regarding the event.

*The Commission did not take any action on this matter.*

Special Event Application for the DC Bike Ride on Sunday, May 22nd

Diane Romo Thomas, a representative for the event, and Greg Billing, the Executive Director of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA), were present.

Ms. Thomas gave an overview of the timeline and the course for the event. She said that the event will include a two-hour total closure for the sections of the course within ANC 2A. She added that the event will be a local, family-centered event with approximately 800 bikers participating.

Mr. Billing gave an overview of WABA and of the Mayor's recent commitment to end traffic-related deaths in DC. He said that the proceeds from the event will support WABA's educational work.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to support the special event application. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

#### Special Event Application for the Nation's Triathlon on Sunday, September 11th

Diane Romo Thomas, a representative for the event, was present. She gave an overview of the timeline and the course for the event.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to support the special event application. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was vote on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

#### Administrative Agenda

##### Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the regular February 2016 meeting minutes, subject to minor technical edits. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

##### Approval of \$14.95 for the Renewal of the ANC's Domain Name

Chair Kennedy made a motion to authorize the spending of \$14.95 to renew the ANC's domain name. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

#### Adjournment

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip Schrefer  
Secretary, ANC 2A05



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March 29, 2016

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**RE: Nomination of Richard Kenney, Senior Project Manager for the District Department of Transportation, for the 2016 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Award for Distinguished DC Government Employees**

Dear Ms. Pyatybratova,

At its regular meeting on March 16, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Coder, by a vote of **(6-0-0)**:

WHEREAS, Richard Kenney currently serves as a Senior Project Manager for the Infrastructure Project Management Administration of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT),

WHEREAS, over the past several years, Mr. Kenney has served as a liaison between DDOT and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A on both small- and large-scale DDOT policy and planning matters affecting the Foggy Bottom and West End communities,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney regularly attends lengthy ANC 2A meetings and project site meetings whenever requested, providing valuable updates from DDOT and passing on the community’s feedback regarding transportation projects occurring within the Foggy Bottom and West End communities to DDOT management,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney currently serves as a primary DDOT liaison to ANC 2A regarding DDOT’s Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Project, and has assisted in the implementation of several improvements to DDOT’s traffic plan for the project based on ANC feedback,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney served as a primary DDOT liaison to ANC 2A throughout the duration of DDOT’s New Hampshire Avenue Streetscape Project, helping ensure that light shields were added to newly installed streetlights and flowering trees were planted along the project’s corridor,



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WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney also served as a primary DDOT liaison to ANC 2A throughout the duration of the Washington Circle Pedestrian Improvement project,

WHEREAS, the Washington Circle project involved the tripling of the number of crosswalks surrounding Washington Circle, the addition of several new traffic lights on the roads entering Washington Circle, and the re-timing of all traffic lights surrounding Washington Circle,

WHEREAS, through the Washington Circle project, local news website WTOP noted that Washington Circle became “one of the most difficult intersections in the country to time”,

WHEREAS, throughout the duration of the Washington Circle project, Mr. Kenney attended multiple ANC 2A meetings and other community meetings, hearing lengthy observations from local residents about the problems that the Washington Circle project had caused for drivers, buses, and ambulances that traveled through Washington Circle, and the need for additional work on the precise timing of the traffic lights on the circle,

WHEREAS, through the hard work of Mr. Kenney and his colleagues at DDOT, DDOT was able to significantly improve the pedestrian and driver experience over the status quo that was created at the completion of the Washington Circle project,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney has promptly responded to emails from ANC 2A commissioners regarding feedback on and questions about DDOT policy and planning matters that affected the Foggy Bottom and West End communities,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney has provided detailed feedback to each and every ANC 2A resolution that was submitted to DDOT, including in matters where DDOT’s planners and engineers did not agree with the ANC’s position,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney’s overall work has resulted in a significantly improved relationship between ANC 2A and DDOT.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A expresses our deepest appreciation for the work that Richard Kenney has done on behalf of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A enthusiastically nominates Richard Kenney for the 2016 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Award for Distinguished DC Government Employees based on Mr. Kenney’s exemplary service to the District of Columbia.



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ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson



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March 19, 2016

Mr. Richard Trogisch  
Principal  
School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens  
2425 N Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037

**RE: Commemoration of the Middle School Boys Basketball Team at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens on their Recent Citywide Championship Win**

Dear Mr. Trogisch,

At its regular meeting on March 16, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Smith, by a vote of **(6-0-0)**:

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens is the designated elementary and middle school for the Foggy Bottom and West End communities,

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens currently serves more than 400 students from all eight wards of the city,

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens’ boys middle school basketball team is known as the Tigers,

WHEREAS, the Tigers’ team members successfully balanced a rigorous class and homework schedule while training for games during the 2015-2016 academic year,

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Lorenzo Roach, the Tigers successfully advanced to the DC Interscholastic Athletic Association’s (DCIAA) Middle School Boys Basketball Playoffs in February of 2016,

WHEREAS, on Monday, February 8th, the Tigers faced off against the Kelly Miller Middle School Lions in the quarter-finals of the playoffs, successfully winning the matchup,

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 10th, the Tigers faced off against the Charles Hart Middle School Jets in the semi-finals, successfully winning the matchup,



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WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 13th, the Tigers faced off against the Alice Deal Middle School Vikings during the championship matchup, and

WHEREAS, the Tigers won out over the Vikings, being named the DCIAA’s 2016 boys middle school champions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A congratulates the Tigers at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens on a very successful 2015-2016 basketball season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A further congratulates the faculty, staff, and volunteers at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens on their ongoing work on behalf of Foggy Bottom and West End students to create one of the city’s most successful elementary and middle schools, and that ANC 2A reiterates its support for the school wherever possible.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson



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March 28, 2016

Mr. Matthew Marcou  
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DDOT Public Space Committee  
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**RE: Application by “FRESHFARM Markets” to use public space in order to stage the 2016 “Foggy Bottom Farmers Market” on the 2300 block of I Street NW**

Dear Chairperson Marcou,

At its regular meeting on March 16, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Coder, by a vote of **(6-0-0)**:

ANC 2A supports the renewal of the public space permit for FRESHFARM Markets for the 2016 “Foggy Bottom Farmers Market” on the I Street Mall passageway between 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW and 24<sup>th</sup> Street NW, including support for the use of parking spaces on the 800 - 889 block of 24<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Public Space Application by Marcel’s for a Valet Staging Zone (2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW; Tracking No.: 10231447)**

Dear Chairperson Marcou,

At its regular meeting on March 16, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**6-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Coder and seconded by Commissioner Williams, to raise no objection to the public space application by Marcel’s for a valet staging zone at 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Commissioners Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) and Rebecca Coder ([2A02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A02@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson



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Ms. Tanya Mitchell  
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**RE: Special event application for the DC Bike Ride on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

At its regular meeting on March 16, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**6-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Williams, to support the special event application for the DC Bike Ride on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

CC: Diane Romo Thomas, Representative for the Applicant



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**RE: Special event application for the Nation's Triathlon on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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Commissioner Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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CC: Diane Romo Thomas, Representative for the Applicant