



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2015; 7:00 p.m.

GWU Fungler Hall Room 103 – 2201 G Street NW

### Call to Order

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioners Rebecca Coder (02), John Williams (03), William Kennedy Smith (04), Philip Schrefer (05), and Florence Harmon (06) were present. Commissioner Jackson Carnes (07) arrived at 8:39 pm.

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

### Community Forum

#### Appearance by Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey DeWitt

Jeffrey DeWitt, the Chief Financial Officer for DC, and his Chief of Staff were present. Mr. DeWitt talked about the current financial status of the District, including the fact that the District had a balanced budget and that there was a recent upgrade to the District’s credit rating. He also talked about the District’s financial outlook for the next few years, as well as improvements that were being made to the Office of Tax and Revenue.

Chair Kennedy asked Mr. DeWitt about his views regarding the validity of the DC budget autonomy referendum that voters passed in April of 2013. Mr. DeWitt explained the reasoning for why he believed the referendum was not valid.

Commissioner Coder asked Mr. DeWitt what financial issues he foresaw coming up as the city moved forward. Mr. DeWitt talked about the issues that he believed would come up.

#### Report from PSA 207

Commander Gresham, Captain Sledge, and Lt. Craig from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) were present. Commander Gresham talked about the recent crime statistics in the neighborhood.

Barbara Kahlow, a local resident, asked about the possibility of MPD officers removing the homeless encampments in the neighborhood and more closely monitoring bike riders who were not obeying traffic laws. Commander Gresham explained the processes for removing homeless encampments

Multiple residents present called on MPD to more closely monitor drivers who did not stop for pedestrians crossing Virginia Avenue at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street.

#### Commemoration for Lt. Donald Craig

Commissioner Harmon talked about the great work that Lt. Craig had done on behalf of the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods. She read the “Be it Resolved” clauses of a commemorative resolution she had written, which honored Lt. Craig for his service to the neighborhood.

Lt. Craig talked about the new chapter he was starting in his life and said that he would really miss DC.

#### Vote on Hiring an Executive Director for the Commission

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the previous actions that the ANC had taken to develop a job description for the executive director position and to solicit candidates.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to retain Peter Sacco as the Executive Director for ANC 2A. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

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

Brian McClure, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans, was present. Mr. McClure talked about the DC Council’s upcoming second budget vote. He also talked about actions that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) was taking to improve rider safety.

Commissioner Harmon brought up an issue she noticed with WMATA where the train doors on Metro were closing too quickly and not enough people were able to board the train before the doors closed.

#### Report on the West End Library and Fire Station projects

Commissioner Coder gave a few updates on the status of both projects.

#### Report from the Ward 2 Education Network

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens’ upcoming annual auction.

#### Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Smith gave a few updates regarding the Watergate garage collapse. He said that the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) had received a preliminary report on the causes of the collapse. He added that DCRA estimated that the total time for contractors to complete the repairs to the site would be eight to ten weeks.

Chair Kennedy said that the ANC had entered into a settlement agreement with the River Inn regarding its alcohol license, and that the ANC’s appeal in front of the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) regarding a recent determination made by DC’s Zoning Administrator that affected the River Inn’s outdoor operations was still moving forward.

### Presentation from Goodwill of Greater Washington

Colleen Paletta, Vice President of Workforce Development for Goodwill of Greater Washington, was present. She said that the DC Public Charter School Board (PCSB) recently approved an application by Goodwill to operate a charter school for adult residents. She said that Goodwill was searching for a potential facility for the school, and that her team had come across a possible facility in Ward 2. She added that the school would serve approximately 325 DC residents, and would provide on-site childcare and assistance with postsecondary education.

One local resident asked where the potential Ward 2 site was. Ms. Polletta said that Goodwill was looking at a unit in 1776 G Street.

### **Regulatory Agenda**

#### Application for a New Class “C” Tavern License by Sugar, LLC

Andrew Kline, the Counsel for the applicant, was present. Mr. Kline introduced the applicant, Saad Jallad, and said that Mr. Jallad was proposing to open up a new restaurant in the space previously occupied by Pizza Autentica. He said that the restaurant centered on a dessert concept and would cater to the theater crowd and other people in the area looking for late night desserts, sandwiches, and cocktails. Mr. Jallad passed out copies of the proposed menu and gave an overview of the proposed hours.

Commissioner Harmon said that the applicant was applying for a tavern alcohol license because, since the restaurant would center around desserts, the applicant was concerned with meeting the food service minimums as required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board.

Commissioner Harmon said that, through negotiations, the applicant had agreed to cut back on the proposed patio hours and to pack up patio chairs once the patio closed.

Ms. Kahlow asked whether there would be amplified music on the outdoor patio. Mr. Kline said that there would be no amplified music outside, and that the entertainment endorsement that the applicant was seeking would only apply to inside the establishment.

Commissioner Harmon asked for a reduction in the proposed outdoor patio hours so that the patio would close at 12:00 am every night of the week. The applicant agreed to the reduction in hours.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to support the applicant’s application in front of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, contingent on the applicant changing the proposed outdoor patio hours in the application, Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

#### Discussion of Additional Remedies for Traffic Situation at Washington Circle, Including – But Not Limited To – Parking Restrictions Around the Circle and on 24th Street

Commissioner Harmon gave an overview of the current traffic situation on the streets surrounding Washington Circle. She said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) was proposing to extend rush hour parking restrictions on certain surrounding streets until 7:00 pm. She added that the 7:00 pm time was a compromise between residents who did and who did not want the parking restrictions extended.

Commissioner Harmon distributed a resolution she wrote on the matter, which requested that DDOT study traffic patterns on 23rd Streets from L Street to Washington Circle, study signal operations on L Street, and study where the extended 7:00 pm rush hour parking restrictions should be placed.

Commissioner Coder said that she did not realize that there was a proposal to extend the parking restrictions all the way to N Street, and that said would have to talk to her constituents on the block of 23rd Street between M Street and N Street.

Commissioner Williams said that, from a pedestrian standpoint, he believed that the Washington Circle project was a very successful project. He added that the project was in line with the city's effort to focus more on pedestrian traffic instead of vehicular traffic.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt her resolution. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion.

Commissioner Smith said that he considered the Washington Circle project to have significant problems. He asked for a friendly amendment to the resolution to request that DDOT also study New Hampshire Avenue's entrance into the circle on the south side of the circle. Commissioner Harmon accepted the amendment as a friendly amendment.

Commissioner Williams said that he didn't think the resolution was ready to move forward and that more discussion was needed before considering it. Commissioner Harmon said that her constituents were very upset over the matter. She suggested making the resolution contingent on Commissioner Coder's efforts to check with her constituents on the block of 23rd Street between M Street and N Street.

Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Coder asked for a friendly amendment so that they could be added as representatives on the matter. Commissioner Harmon accepted the amendment as a friendly amendment.

Commissioner Harmon said that it sounded like the commissioners were ok with extending the rush hour restrictions all the way to Washington Circle on 23rd Street and not ending them at L Street. The commissioners agreed with this thought. One local resident suggested that DDOT should find a way to relocate the parking spaces that would be lost through the new restrictions.

The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Discussion of Crosswalks on Virginia Avenue Between 24th Street and Juarez Circle

Commissioner Smith distributed a resolution he wrote on the matter. He read the “Be it Resolved” clauses of the resolution aloud.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schrefer said that he talked to DDOT about the matter. He said that DDOT said that the proposal to add a traffic signal at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street looked like a practical proposal and that DDOT wanted to receive a resolution from the ANC in order to start the process of installing one.

John Schechter, a representative from the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association, was present. He said that the tenants association fully supported the resolution. He added that, even if a traffic signal was installed at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street, the median fence in the middle of Virginia Avenue would still be a problem, as the fence blocked oncoming drivers from seeing pedestrians as they crossed the street.

Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Schechter if he thought both crosswalks at the intersection were needed. Mr. Schechter said that he believed both crosswalks served a purpose.

Marilyn Reuben, an additional representative from the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association, was present. She said that she had previously requested that DDOT remove some of the slats in the median fence in order to help improve sight lines for drivers and pedestrians on Virginia Avenue.

Commissioner Patrick suggested that the ANC should specify in the resolution what type of pedestrian signal should be installed at the intersection. Commissioner Smith said that he believed that the ANC should not specify a type of signal and instead leave it to the engineers at DDOT to determine what signal would work best for the intersection.

The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

#### Application by The George Washington University to Install Various Streetscape Features in the 2100 Block of H St.

Susi Cora, the Director of Campus Planning for GW, was present. She talked about the history of the planning process for GW’s District House project on Square 77. She then gave an overview of the previously-approved planned unit development (PUD) for the project, adding that GW was asking for the ANC’s approval of the streetscape plan for the site.

Commissioner Kennedy commended GW’s inclusion of ample bike racks in the streetscape plan for the site.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to raise no objection to GW’s public space application and to transmit a letter of support for the streetscape plan. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

#### **Administrative Agenda**

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Kennedy made motion to adopt the regular May 2015 meeting minutes, subject to minor technical edits. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Approval to Reimburse Expenses Incurred in Acquiring a Sound System for Commission Use

Chair Kennedy made a motion to reimburse Peter Sacco for \$430.73 for the purchase of a sound system for the ANC meetings. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Authorization to Reimburse Peter Sacco for up to \$150 in Expenses Incurred for Hosting ANC 2A's Web Domain

Chair Kennedy made a motion to reimburse Peter Sacco for up to \$150 for the renewal of the ANC's webhosting service with Wix. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Discussion of Livestreaming Policy

Peter Sacco gave an update on the legal matters related to the ANC's proposal to livestream its meetings.

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William K. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

William K. Smith, MD  
Secretary, ANC 2A04



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July 6, 2015

Ms. Ruthanne Miller  
Chairperson  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., S400  
Washington, DC 20009  
[abra@dc.gov](mailto:abra@dc.gov)

**RE: Application for a new Class "C" Tavern license by Sugar, LLC (2121 K St., N.W. ABRA-098866)**

Dear Chairperson Miller,

At its regular meeting on June 17, 2015, 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 to conditionally support this application by a vote of (6-0-0), contingent upon the Applicant amending the original filing to limit the hours of the proposed summer garden to a closing hour of 12 a.m., seven nights a week. The Applicant having filed such an amendment on June 25, 2015, ANC 2A transmits this letter in support of the application.

Commissioners Florence Harmon ([florencedc@comcast.net](mailto:florencedc@comcast.net)) and Patrick Kennedy ([Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov](mailto:Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

cc: Andrew Kline, Counsel for the Applicant



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July 20, 2015

Mr. Leif Dormsjo  
Director  
District of Columbia Department of Transportation  
55 M Street, S.E.  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003  
[Leif.Dormsjo@dc.gov](mailto:Leif.Dormsjo@dc.gov)

## RE: Proposed Changes In and Around Washington Circle and the West End

Dear Director Dormsjo,

At its regular meeting on June 17, 2015, 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) to adopt the following resolution:

**Be It Resolved** that ANC 2A endorses the following changes to parking that the cumulative effect of these changes will alleviate rush hour traffic congestion along 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW as traffic feeds into Washington Circle and requests that DC Department of Transportation facilitate and approve such request:

- On the blocks of 23rd Street NW from N Street NW to Washington Circle NW, the extension of rush hour parking restrictions to 7pm from the current 6:30pm deadline.
- Addition of several parking spaces on the northbound side of K Street between 22nd Street NW and Washington Circle with standard rush hour zone parking restrictions between 7am-9am and 4pm-6:30pm.
- DDOT study of travel patterns at the intersection of 23<sup>rd</sup> and L Streets NW to determine the appropriate lane assignments during rush hour. DDOT should study turning movement counts and provide any recent data available that can corroborate the demand for the exclusive left-turn.
  - *And if the DDOT study finds an exclusive left-turn lane is warranted during rush hour*: DDOT study of the implementation of left hand turn “delineators” shown in the attached drawing at the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> and L Streets NW.
- DDOT evaluation of signal operations and coordination to improve progression along the following roadways:
  - 23rd Street between L Street and Washington Circle
  - L Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue

ANC 2A urges DDOT to evaluate the signals on these stretches of roadway to minimize the amount of unused green time due to queued vehicles limiting progression and/or blocking vehicle travel, particularly through the intersection of 23<sup>rd</sup> and L Streets NW.

- The entry point into Washington Circle from New Hampshire Avenue between New Hampshire Avenue and Virginia Avenue.



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Commissioners Florence Harmon ([florencedc@comcast.net](mailto:florencedc@comcast.net)), Patrick Kennedy ([Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov](mailto:Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov)), Rebecca Coder ([Rebecca.Coder@anc.dc.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Coder@anc.dc.gov)), and Will Smith ([2A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A04@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

Cc: Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2  
ANC 2A Commissioners  
Richard Kenney, DDOT

Attachment: 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and L Street, N.W. Left-Turn Lane Delineators Exhibit



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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and L Street, N.W. Left-Turn Lane Delineators Exhibit



Delineator Post





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June 22, 2015

Leif Dormsjo  
Director  
District of Columbia Department of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20003  
[Leif.Dormsjo@dc.gov](mailto:Leif.Dormsjo@dc.gov)

**RE: Request for the installation of a pedestrian traffic signal at the intersection of Virginia Avenue NW and G Street NW**

Dear Director Dormsjo,

At its regular meeting on June 17, 2015, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("**ANC 2A**" or "**Commission**") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**7-0-0**) to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the two crosswalks that span Virginia Avenue NW at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street are two of only three crosswalks on all of Virginia Avenue NW that do not have pedestrian traffic signals;

WHEREAS the crosswalks at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street are heavily used by the residents and workers of the Watergate, students at the George Washington University, and visitors to the Kennedy Center, including senior citizens living at the Watergate who must cross Virginia Avenue to access many essential retail services;

WHEREAS Virginia Avenue is six lanes wide at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and G Street, much wider than other city streets that feature pedestrian traffic signals at every intersection;

WHEREAS pedestrian traffic signals allow for the safe passage of pedestrians across city streets, especially during times of heavy car traffic;

WHEREAS many drivers on Virginia Avenue either do not see, or do not obey, the traffic signs currently placed at the intersection of G Street stating that it is the law to yield to pedestrians;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the District Department of Transportation install a pedestrian traffic signal on one of the crosswalks at the intersection of Virginia Avenue NW and G Street NW to allow for pedestrians to safely cross Virginia Avenue at this intersection.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith ([2A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A04@anc.dc.gov)) Phil Schrefer ([schreferdc2@hotmail.com](mailto:schreferdc2@hotmail.com)) and Patrick Kennedy ([Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov](mailto:Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson



District Department of Transportation

Public Space Permit Office
1100 4th Street SW / 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20024

Tel. (202)442-4670 Fax (202)442-4867 Inspections: (202)671-7050



May 4, 2015

ANC 2A08

DDOT Tracking Number 108929

Dear ANC 2A:

This is to notify you of an application to occupy public space for the purpose of Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Paving: Leadwalk w/Steps, Paving: Mill and Overlay, Paving: Sidewalk(s), Fixture: Bench(es), Fixture: Bike Rack(s), Fixture: Hand Rail (36" high for ADA, 30"-42" high other), Fixture: Knee Wall to 30", Landscaping: Tree Fence(s), Projections: Stoop & Steps, Landscaping: Replacement Tree, Projections: ADA Ramp, Projections: Canopy, Over Head Work: Streetlight(s) Installation, Paving: Sidewalk (porous/pervious) at the premises at 2121 H STREET NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20052.

Enclosed are plans showing the proposed work. Please review the application and plan and return this letter to the Public Space Permit Office (PSPO) advising it whether or not ANC 2A has any objections to the application. The response must be received at the PSPO no later than thirty (30) days from the postmarked date of this letter, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. If a response is not received within that period it is assumed that ANC 2A has no objections to the application. If ANC 2A has objections, they must be provided to the PSPO in writing and with supporting details. Please provide ANC 2A's response in the space below and return this letter with any correspondence pertaining to this application to:

District Department of Transportation
Public Space Permit Office
Attn: Public Space Committee Coordinator
1100 4th Street S.W. / 3rd Floor,
Washington DC 20024,

Please Note: For ANC 2A's response to carry "Great Weight", this request must be voted on by the commission as a whole at a properly noticed meeting that is open to the public.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the assigned technician at catrina.felder@dc.gov or call (202) 442-4670 with questions. (FAX: 202-535-2221)

Attachment(s)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS & RETURN TO THE PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT OFFICE

Date of ANC Vote: 6/17/2015 (please attach any resolution, if available)

[checked] ANC 2A has no objection to this application.

ANC 2A has the following objections to this application:

(Please attach additional pages if necessary)

Name: Patrick L. Kennedy Title: Chairman

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 7/12/2015



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July 12, 2015

Mr. Matthew Marcou, Chairperson  
DDOT Public Space Committee  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20024  
[publicspace.committee@dc.gov](mailto:publicspace.committee@dc.gov)

RE: Application by The George Washington University for a public space application in order to perform streetscaping work in public space (2121 H Street, NW; Tracking No.: 108929)

Dear Chairperson Marcou,

At its regular meeting on June 17, 2015, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("**ANC 2A**" or "**Commission**") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted to support this application by a vote of **(7-0-0)**. The Commission supports GWU's efforts to provide additional fixtures for bicycle parking in the community, and commends the University for its ongoing work to improve the aesthetic and environmental features of sidewalks throughout its campus area.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson