

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D

Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday May 14, 2024 7:00 p.m. In-Person at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1830 Connecticut Ave. NW and online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chairperson Warren called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Establishment of Quorum

Commissioners Ashley Warren (2D01) and Carole Feld (2D02) were present, establishing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Warren moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chair Warren moved to approve the April meeting minutes. Commissioner Feld seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 2-0-0).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Feld said that the current balance for the ANC's checking account is \$17,814.36.

Commissioner's Comments

Chair Warren reminded neighbors to visit the new website of local neighborhood organizations: <u>https://sheridan-kalorama.org/</u>

Commissioner Feld updated neighbors on the latest Spanish Steps efforts between neighbors and city organizations to repair leaks and irrigation of the fountain. An estimate has been submitted to the government and we are hopeful the fountain will be fixed.

Commissioner Feld also updated that Restore Mass Ave is working on Sheridan Circle, NPS has put plantings around the fountain and are working to replace downed trees as well as restoring the lighting and fountain.

Government Reports



Metropolitan Police Department

Lt. Forrest provided an update on crime in the area. Lt. Forrest also let neighbors know that in any vehicles with Zone 2 Parking stickers can park in Zone 2 parking spots throughout the neighborhood in response to neighbor concerns about cars parked on the street.

Mayor's Office

Grace Reeder, a representative of the Mayor's Office attended the meeting.

Reeder shared updates including that DPR summer programs were starting up soon.

Commissioner Feld reiterated how much the mayor's support means for our efforts with the Spanish Steps.

Councilmember's Office

Maddy White, a representative of Councilmember Pinto's Office attended the meeting.

White shared updates regarding Secure DC as well as plans to introduce new bills with plans to address truancy. She reiterated Councilmember Pinto's commitment to improving literacy rates by making sure there is funding for out of school programs and employment program funding. She also shared an update on legislation to address mopeds regarding traffic safety.

White shared changes to amplified noise regulation that could impact the issue of the Chinese Ambassador protesters using sound amplifiers has been introduced and is awaiting a public hearing called the Amplified Sound Mitigation Act of 2024.

White also shared information about the 2025 Better Bus Project. WMATA has released a summary of proposed changes and there will be multiple public hearings.

Commissioner Feld asked about the budget for arts programs in the city and expressed hope for them to not be slashed. Commissioner Feld also asked for recommendations about how to address the bus stop that was recently moved on Mass Ave NW and was advised that in the 2025 Better Bus Project there may be opportunity to suggest moving a bus stop through testimony.

Traffic Safety Input (TSI) Updates from the District Department of Transportation

Christophe Wassmer, a representative of DDOT, attended the meeting. He suggested that residents make TSIs regarding issues in the neighborhood.

Wassmer provided an update on the callbox. He said that DDOT is working with the contractor for their payment and DDOT is meeting with a vendor about restoration of the call box that DDOT has on hand to replace the missing one. Right now it is in the hands of the contracting team working with the contractor who lost the original call box to get them to pay for it.



Wassmer said the red light camera on Connecticut Ave NW near the Florida Ave NW intersection is active.

Neighbor Kindy French asked if we can get rubber stanchions on the corner of Belmont Rd NW by Mas Ave NW where people are parking in a no parking zone and it is obscuring turning traffic. Wassmer says those are only installed after a TSI but no TSI was prioritized for that area in the last quarter.

Commissioner Feld asked if DDOT can assist with the bus stop issue previously mentioned in the meeting. Wassmer said as far as DDOT is concerned the bus stop is in the optimal spot. Commissioner Feld said the previous location of the bus stop was optimal and other neighbors weighed in on need to change bus stop because of how the new location creates dangerous congestion.

Announcements and Open Comments

One neighbor raised a question about the property at 2201 R Street NW. Commissioners Feld and Warren said that they have heard no new updates from the developer of the property.

Date of Next Meeting

Commissioner Feld said that the ANC's next meeting will take place on Monday, June 10th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.