



Government of the District of Columbia, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C
John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room G-9
Monday, November 13, 2017, 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Commissioner John Tinpe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Quorum

- Commissioners John Tinpe, Chairman, Theresa Harrison and Kevin Wilsey were present at the meeting confirming a quorum.

Agenda and Minutes

- Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the November 2017 meeting agenda. The motion was approved.
- Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the October 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

Treasure's Report

- Commissioner Wilsey, Treasurer and Vice Chairman, announced that the ANC 2C opening balance for the budget in October was \$41,752.56. We received our second quarter allotment of \$1,541,59 and had one expense that was paid. The closing balance for the month was \$42,771.40. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved.
- Commissioner Wilsey discussed the quarterly budget report. At the beginning of Q4 we had a balance of \$41,810.78. We received our second quarter allotment of \$1,541,59; had fees refunded to our account; paid disbursements; and had a final balance of \$41,752.56. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the quarterly budget report. The motion was approved.

Secretary's Report

- Commissioner Harrison, Secretary, announced that time allocation for speakers will continue for this meeting with presenters either having five or 10 minutes to present. Community members will have one minute to speak and may only be called upon once during a presentation.
- Commissioner Harrison also asked that anyone who is presenting, and their name does not appear on the agenda, to provide contact details to Commissioner Harrison at the end of their presentation. Contact details for speakers are listed in the meeting minutes.



Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

1. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Sergeant Luke Foscett (luke.foscett@dc.gov) provided an updated on crime statistics – for the year overall, violent crime is down approximately 40%; total crime is down approximately 20%; and the robbery closure rate at about 45% almost down twice the size of other cities of this size. The First District MPD has a unit that enforces vending and problems on 14th street regarding traffic and food truck problems. The unit also focuses on the Mall. Sgt Foscett mentioned the encampment at G and 9th Sts seems to be under-control.
 - Commissioner Tinpe was interested in knowing if the closure of the McDonalds at the Capital One center has had an effect on crime in that area. Sgt Foscett does not patrol that area however could ask to find out more information.
 - Commissioner Tinpe asked, in the area that you Sgt Foscett patrols, does he deal with issues of or from buskers? Sgt Foscett said that Captain Dorrough is aware of the issue.

2. Mayor's Community Liaison for Ward-2, Richard Livingstone (Richard.Livingstone@dc.gov) shared that the Mayor would be visiting Sydney Harmon Hall on Tuesday, November 14 to meet with the Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association and residents and community members. Richard was with the Mayor earlier in the day discussing rats and doing a rat walk in Dupont Circle. Indiana Avenue is testing trash compactors in the area to see if they assist with the rodent issues. Finally Richard stated they were at Pershing square recently for a ground breaking for a World War I memorial.
 - Commissioner Tinpe commented on DDOTs work on alley between 7th and 8th street. He wanted to know further about the alley between 6th and 7th Sts and 8th and I Sts neighborhood. Richard mentioned Commissioner Tinpe is referring to AlleyPallooza and the ANC is getting a new alley on G St between 6th and 7th; and H and I Sts at 6th and 7th Sts. A new alley was installed earlier this year behind 450 Massachusetts Ave., NW.
 - Commissioner Wilsey commented that food trucks at the Mall and the trash program will help deter the rats.

3. The Office of People's Counsel (OPC), Cheryl Morse (CMorse@opc-dc.gov), shared what is the Office of People's Counsel and provided announcements of upcoming work. Cheryl also discussed the proposed Alta Gas and Washington Gas merger. OPC stated they are against the merger.
 - Commissioner Tinpe mentioned that Washington Gas came before ANC. He also suggested continuing to reach out to the public about this merger.



4. Survey on behalf of Events DC. Terry Albert Penngood (talbert@penngood.com) is working with Events DC helping them with a community engagement plan. Terry has a short survey that he passed out to meeting attendees. The survey may also be found at this URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EventsDC1>
5. Commissioner Tinpe announced the Macy's window unveiling on November 18 at 3:00 PM at 1201 G St. NW; and the tree lighting ceremony at City Center on November 25, at 6:00 PM.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

1. ABRA-107615, Circa at Chinatown. Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, 781 7th Street NW. A restaurant serving new American cuisine with a seating capacity of 295 with seating all inside. Total occupancy is 314. License will include an entertainment endorsement. Hours of Operation and Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service and Consumption: Sunday through Thursday 8 am-3 am. Hours of Live Entertainment: Sunday through Thursday 6 pm-2 am; Friday and Saturday 6 pm-3 am. Rosemarie Salguero (RSalguero@lerchrearly.com) and Nicole Barda, Director of Operations, discussed the vision for the restaurant.
 - o Commissioner Tinpe discussed some of the prior issues with the former tenant, which involved loud music. Residents at Gallery Place protested the noise from the tenant. Nicole stated that the music request is only for participants who want to bring their own music for events.
 - o Commissioner Tinpe mentioned another issue is crowding outside on the sidewalk due to lines or smoking – can you maintain the crowds so that they don't affect the people at gallery place. Nicole, will have downstairs and upstairs vestibule and could ask outside security to move people around the corner away from the front of the building.
 - o Commissioner Wilsey asked if the hours and issue and are they different from the prior tenant? Commissioner Tinpe said the prior tenant would turn up the volume to a maximum level at which point it became an issue for residents.
 - o Commissioner Harrison followed on from a community members comment about the buskers blocking the sidewalk and suggested that the restaurant reach out to the MPD to understand what is acceptable and not acceptable regarding sidewalk blockages; and also reach out to the Downtown BID to ensure they know you are moving into the neighborhood. The Downtown BID will discuss the busker and other sidewalk issues with you and provide guidance on the situation.
 - o Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support. The motion was approved.



2. ABRA-107968, Sushi Nakazawa-DC. Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, at the Trump Hotel. A new restaurant offering Sushi in the Omasake style and crafting a tasting menu within the style of Edomae Sushi. Total occupancy is 70 with seating for 60. Hours of Operation and Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service and Consumption: Sunday through Thursday 8 am- 2 am, Friday and Saturday 8 am- 3 am. Mathew Minor (mminor@malliosobrien.com) and Alessandro Borgognone (ab@sushinakazawa.com) discussed the new restaurant and food concept.
 - o Commissioner Tinpe asked for location of restaurant. Alessandro said the entrance is located at the backside of the Trump Hotel.
 - o Commissioner Tinpe asked if there will be outside seating. Alessandro said no.
 - o Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support. The motion was approved.

Bond Program Administration

1. The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that owns two buildings: 727 and 740 15th Street NW. NCRC is pursuing tax exempt revenue bonds through the District to refinance existing debt on these buildings. The bond program administrator requires confirmation that the ANC has been notified. Daniel Nuñez (Daniel.nunez@klgates.com), discussed plans for the tax exempt revenue bonds.
 - o Commissioner Tinpe asked if the building is currently tax exempt. Daniel stated the buildings are 501(c) 3 certified. (1:06).
 - o Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Questions:

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