



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C

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July 2026 Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 14, 2026

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Shankle, Commissioner Jim Swart, Commissioner Nancy Groth, Commissioner Thomas Lee

ANC-2C COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Shankle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. ([2026 July 14 ANC 2C Community Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)).

2. ROLL CALL:

Four out of the four commissioners were present when the meeting was called to order.

3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

The commissioners introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Swart moved to approve the agenda as modified. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Shankle moved to approve the June 2026 minutes. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

6. TREASURER REPORT:

This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

Commissioner Lee provided the June 2026 report. The opening balance was \$64,365.40, and the closing balance was \$24,365.40, resulting in a net change of \$40,000 that was moved into a premium business money market account that was earning interest. In the last month, approximately \$83 in interest was earned.

Commissioner Groth asked if the future reports would be adjusted to show the overall balance of the Commission. Commissioner Lee reported that there would be an additional line item to account for it.

The Q3 FY2026 quarterly financial report was reviewed. An allotment of \$0 was received. The total funds available were \$65,415.40. There were expenses of \$675 for a grant to the Save Chinatown Solidarity Network for the use of community space during the Lunar New Year celebration and \$375 for Minutes Services. There was \$40,000 transferred to the high-yield savings account. The total Q3 disbursements were \$41,050. The ending checking account balance was \$24,365.40, and the new ending balance for the savings account was \$40,083.05.

Dawn will be asked about formatting the report and including a total balance.

MOTION: Shankle moved to approve the Q3 FY2026 financial report pending format advice from the ANC. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

The FY2027 budget will be prepared in September 2026 at the latest.

7. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Commissioner Shankle stated that he still needed to publish the open administrative position to the website.

Commissioner Groth stated that she still needed to upload past meeting minutes to the website. She and Commissioner Shankle will meet to upload the minutes and videos.

Commissioner Groth requested that anyone submitting receipts to Treasurer Lee also copy her on the emails so that she could upload them to the Office of ANC OneDrive portal for 2C. Commissioner Groth noted that she was watching the 2c@anc.dc.gov email, and she was unsure why DDOT was asking the Commission to review permits through that email. Commissioner Shankle stated that he was not aware of a 2C login for the DDOT TOPS system. Commissioner Groth stated that she would continue to work with DDOT to figure out the issue.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. MPD 2nd District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Imran Khan, imran.khan@dc.gov, 202.698.1405, or Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin, sylvester.garvin@dc.gov, 202.774.6866

Lieutenant Garvin reported that there were several assaults with a deadly weapon (ADWs), the majority of which occurred with unhoused populations or individuals experiencing mental health issues. CORE Behavioral Health was contacted to figure out a way to address the mental health issues. Lieutenant Garvin reported a robbery that occurred from an individual in a wheelchair. An individual approached the victim and demanded and then snatched money, and

MPD officers were able to locate, properly identify, and arrest the suspect. On July 13, 2026, five individuals overdosed from a suspected substance in the 1300 block of New York Avenue. There was a suspected batch of substances that were contaminated. An investigation was conducted, and two individuals were arrested for distributing K2 substances.

Commissioner Groth asked if the people who had overdosed had overdosed on K2 or a different substance. She asked if it was an uptick in K2. Lieutenant Garvin stated that it was unclear if they had overdosed on K2, but there had been arrests for the distribution of various drugs, including heroin, crack cocaine, and K2.

Commissioner Groth extended her appreciation to MPD 2nd District and Lieutenant Garvin for their work on identifying the robbery suspect. She stated that she also wanted the suspect charged for financial or physical harm of a vulnerable adult. Commissioner Groth thanked Lieutenant Garvin for the speed with which he sent a sergeant to discuss exterior cameras after the ADW at approximately 17th and I Street.

Commissioner Swart asked about the housing situations for the five individuals who overdosed. Lieutenant Garvin stated that he was unsure of their housing situations. He noted that three responded well to Narcan and two were transported for medical care. Commissioner Swart discussed his concerns and stated it would be helpful to work on finding decent housing and treatment.

Commissioner Shankle stated that the library implemented new policies and the officers were diligent in being present on G Street. He asked if the new policy had improved the situation from the MPD 2nd District's perspective. Lieutenant Garvin stated that it was too soon to tell and that giving it another month would allow them to see the impact better.

2. MPD 1st District Crime and Community Awareness, Captain Paul Hrebenak, Paul.Hrebenak@dc.gov, 202-729-2179 or Lieutenant Araz Alal, Araz.Alali@dc.gov, 202.698.0066.

Captain Hrebenak reported that the new Lieutenant Isla Wiggins would be taking over for Lieutenant Tutt. The homicide on the 600 block of H Street stemmed from one of the establishments nearby, and they were working with ABCA on the incident. The suspect and victim knew each other from the establishment, and it began with a fight. There were a couple of robberies, and there was a slight increase outside of the ANC near New Jersey Avenue and H Street NW. The activity after school had decreased since school had been out, so juvenile enforcement was later in the day. The juvenile curfews were being used as needed. The normal curfew was 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. for anyone under the age of 17, and the juvenile curfew zone allowed for the start time to be 8:00 p.m. The mountain bike unit was back up and running and would work similar to others in the past. The unit included five to six officers on mountain bikes and would work Tuesday through Saturday throughout the summer and into the fall. Captain Hrebenak reported that property crime remained steady and there was a slight

increase in theft from autos. Overall, motor vehicle theft was down, with only two vehicles stolen in the past 30 days. The overall thefts were up by two to three over the past month. There were no burglaries within the past month.

Howard Marks stated that homicide was very rare, but it was shocking to hear that it had occurred near his place of residence. He asked for more information on the incident. Captain Hrebenak reported that the individuals came out of the establishment and the weapon was a gun. There was only one person struck, and he succumbed to his injuries. The incident occurred on the sidewalk on 6th Street, but it started inside an establishment on H Street after midnight.

A resident asked about the National Guard traveling in groups of four to six. Captain Hrebenak reported that the National Guard supervised the groups. The MPD was in communication with them. The decision to have them in groups of four to six was the decision of the command, not the MPD. There was some coordination, with the National Guard assisting with larger-scale events or incidents. The National Guard could not arrest individuals, but they could stop them.

Commissioner Groth stated that she had three or four shootings in the past year and a half in her single-member district (SMD) outside of nightclubs late at night. She asked how it happened when the nightclub had security checking people for weapons, and the shootings always occurred outside of the clubs. Captain Hrebenak stated that every time there was a crime of violence related to a night club resulted in a fact-finding letter to ABCA. ABCA would then investigate to ensure that the establishment complied with the agreement. In general, the weapons were stored in vehicles, and people returned to the vehicle for the weapon.

Commissioner Swart asked if the clubs staying open later increased the likelihood of incidents. Captain Hrebenak stated that later open times generally meant more time to drink, and the establishments had to be watched closely to ensure that they were following their settlement agreements and security plans. He discussed that his officers did spot checks to ensure compliance.

Information was provided in the chat about the Mayor's late-night task force.

3. Metro Transit Police Department, Deputy Chief Stephen Boehm, SBoehm@wmata.com, Captain Aaron Donald, Adonald@wmata.com, District 1 Commander, Lieutenant David Barga, dbarga@wmata.com, District One Evenings, 202-306-5783.

Lieutenant Barga reported that the Gallery Station saw a slight uptick in crimes of violence, and they were responding by adjusting their deployment. Many of the instances occurred on the green line trains and platforms, so extra personnel were moved to that line. Many of the issues involved groups of juveniles after hype events that the city put on. There was a team whose only job on Friday and Saturday nights was to track the groups of kids. There was one incident early in the morning in which kids left a late-night hype event and caused trouble at a station.

Commissioner Groth noted a video that was posted on social media about an incident on June 10, 2026, at the Columbia Heights station in which a large number of MPD officers were detaining a young man and the person filming was banned from the Metro. She stated that it was her understanding that banning from Metro was a last resort after multiple instances. She asked how the constituents could find out what the actual rules were. Lieutenant Barga stated that banning had evolved over the past year. There was a system in place that was approved by all three jurisdictions in which someone who committed a crime of violence or sexual battery would be banned from the entire Metro system for increasing times per offense. If there was an assault against someone, there was an automatic 45-day ban. There could also be verbal bans for a period of 24 hours by an officer. Commissioner Groth noted that the individual was banned for filming the incident. Lieutenant Barga stated that he was unsure of the exact incident, but he would look further into it.

Howard Marks discussed the frequent Metro fare evasion. He noted that it also seemed that only 20 to 25% of people on a bus he had ridden, had paid. He asked what was being done. Lieutenant Barga stated that there was a period of time in which they were charging for theft for those fare evading. There was a recent large push on the bus side where they were focused highly on bus fare evasion. Fare evasion was down on the Metro rail side. The attention was being split between the bus and rail. Previously, only approximately 30% were paying on the bus, so progress had been made. There were 11,753 fare evasion citations for the year.

4. Office of the Mayor's Office Ward 2 Mayor's Liaisons – Jimika Williams, jimika.williams@dc.gov, Ward 2 Liaison; Tiffany Wimenta, Ward 2 Community Outreach & Relations Specialist, tiffany.wimenta@dc.gov, 202-297-6566 Mobile.

Jimika Williams reported that the Department of Buildings continued to host listening sessions on major code areas, which provided opportunities for residents and stakeholders to provide feedback. Summer programming was in full swing across the district. The district DPR summer camps were underway, and two new camp offerings were added focused on horse riding and leadership. The spray parks and citywide outdoor pools were open daily. The Office of Unified Communications (OUC) was hosting four resident engagement sessions on the future of the 311 app, and the sessions would provide an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts and feedback on improvements needed. With the ongoing heatwave, renters were reminded to call 202-442-9828 if their air conditioning was broken or their water was disconnected.

Commissioner Shankle asked about idling trucks and who enforced the no-idling ordinance. Jimika Williams stated that the Department of Public Works (DPW) enforced the issue. Commissioner Groth commented that there were often tour buses double parked near a tourist shop. Jimika Williams stated that she could reach out to MPD to have them flag the issues. The biggest complaints were about the exhaust fumes getting into residences or businesses or into streeteries. Jimika Williams stated that she would follow up on other ways that the situation could be mediated. Brian Romanowski of Councilmember Pinto's office posted in the chat about the DC Engine Anti-Idling Law and the Engine Idling Community Enforcement Program to

expand opportunities for District residents to assist in improving air quality. Under the program, community members may report violations of the engine idling regulations.

5. Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto – Brooke Pinto Councilmember, Ward 2, bpinto@bpinto@dccouncil.us, 202-724-8058; Diya Mehta, Constituent Services, dmehta@dccouncil.us, 202-285-9195.

Brian Romanowski reported that the Council took their final vote on the fiscal year (FY) 2027 budget. Chairman Mendelson added \$400 million by using funds from the tax decoupling that the Mayor thought we had not been allowed to spend and \$50 million from reserves. Those funds were used to reverse many of the proposed cuts by the Mayor. Councilmember Pinto was able to restore \$450,000 for the activations at the MLK Library Loggia, \$24 million of the Gallery Place Chinatown task force recommendations, and \$17 million for 7th Street NW sidewalk expansions, funding to attract new tech businesses, and funding to help the Children's Hospital find a better location. The Amplified Sound Act was not funded, and a new strategy was needed to increase the understanding of its need. The Chairman announced hearings in the fall on raising taxes. The Council had another legislative meeting on July 14, 2026, and then they were entering a two-month legislative recess. The Council voted to allow the Committee to hold three roundtables over the summer, and the roundtables would be on elections and campaign finance issues. Councilmember Silverman would replace Councilmember Duffy on Friday, July 17, 2026.

Commissioner Shankle asked for an update on the Throne near the library and if it was funded in the new budget. Brian Romanowski reported that a new Throne restroom was funded in the existing budget for the MLK Library. After working with Throne to find potential locations, the most desirable location was on Smithsonian's property, and they were considering it. If approval was received, Throne could install the restroom quickly. There was also funding in the FY 27 budget.

Commissioner Swart discussed the need for the Sound Mitigation Act.

Howard Marks stated that they had not seen any plans for the 7th Street NW and asked for more information. Brian Romanowski reported there were only concepts. The north part of the expansion included expanding sidewalks, and the south expansion included removing parking lanes to expand the sidewalks and create outside dining opportunities. DDOT would need to show if the parking and lanes were going to change. Howard Marks discussed that Monumental Sports was taking over some of the storefronts in the area and raised concerns about allowing more space for buskers. He encouraged looking at the design concept for 7th Street. Brian Romanowski stated that they would ensure that community engagement was included in furthering the design concept in the future.

6. DowntownDC BID, Ellouise Johnson, Deputy Director of Public Space Operations, ellouise@downtowndc.org, Lukas Umana, Director of Public Space Operations, lukas@downtowndc.org, 202.270.0366.

Lukas Umana presented the Clean and Safe data for May and June 2026, highlighting that over 19,000 bags of trash were collected in June. The stickers, posters, and graffiti remained a large challenge. There were 179 closed cases in June, but many involved multiple stickers or posters. In June, there were over 600 hours of watering services. The entire scope of work was given to the landscaping company, and all of the hanging baskets and planters looked great. The upcoming activations were reviewed, including Live at Anthem Row every Thursday, Fitness at Franklin Park with three different exercise components included along with ice baths, the GoGo Museum on July 19, the Ringside at Anthem Row on July 25, and the Girl Scouts of American Franklin Park Activation from July 20 – 25. The Mabel Lee Mural was finished recently and transformed the lot.

The Chinatown Safety Team relaunched on July 1, 2026, and was putting a lot of focus on business and wellness checks, which allowed the team to engage with the retail spaces and property managers. The Safe Corridors grant period for 2027 just began, and it was hoped that a grant could be obtained to expand the team.

Commissioner Shankle thanked Lukas Umana for the information.

Howard Marks commented that there would be 10,000 Girl Scouts during the next weekend and that it was an amazing space for the district. Lukas Umana discussed that it was a large recruitment effort by the BID to get them to the Convention Center and to further explore outside of the Convention Center. He discussed the need to make every effort to continue to drive revenue for local businesses.

Commissioner Shankle encouraged the continue support of the local businesses.

Commissioner Swart commented on his surprise at the estimated attendance of 37,000 at the Convention Center during Otakon from July 31, 2026, through August 2, 2026. Commissioner Groth remarked how joyful the Otakon costumes are every year, and how the attendees activate the neighborhood. The Commission discussed how important the perception of safety was when people came into the district.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Shankle report out on process of MLK Library Loggia Announcement, starting July 6 the office of public safety will be piloting a 90-day overnight enforcement of library rules, including no sleeping at the MLK Loggia. Michael Shankle, 2C01@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Shankle reported that he is participating in a task force that was formed with the library, the Downtown BID, and various stakeholders to reenvision what G Street could look like in the future. The conversation had returned to the unhoused community who were sleeping under the Loggia at night. Starting on July 6, 2026, no one would be permitted to sleep under the Loggia, which library police and MPD would monitor. The library would be activating the Loggia with events, and there were public safety concerns related to the individuals living there.

A group of representatives of the unhoused community was also being engaged in the process to work together and bridge the existing gaps. Commissioner Shankle noted that he was on the committee as a representative of the Commission, and there were a variety of individuals engaged in the process. There were notices over the past several weeks, and additional support was brought in.

LOCAL EVENTS THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY (CONSENT AGENDA)

1. Mardi Gras in the District, Saturday, August 8, 2026, DC Events. Krewe of Pyros Foundation, Paul Smedberg, Senior Director, Government Affairs and Strategic Planning, Events DC, Paul.Smedberg@eventsdc.com, 202-249-3197.

JC Walker reported that the Mardi Gras Parade would be held on August 8, 2026. The parade would start at Chinatown Park and would follow the same route as the Lunar New Year Parade. He stated that they were looking forward to growing the event and positively impacting the city. Lukas Umana explained the route and reported that an event would be at the end of the parade route at Anthem Row. There would be live music, live DJs, classic cars, and a New Orleans vibe with a crawfish boil and gumbo.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for the Mardi Gras Parade on August 8, 2026, hosted by Krewe of Pyros Foundation. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

2. 10th Annual DC Bike Ride scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026. Course roads are from 12th and Constitution to 3rd and Pennsylvania. Time for the event is 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Diane Romo Thomas, Local Community Outreach 2026, dianeromo-thomas@hotmail.com, 202-439-5104.

Commissioner Shankle reported that the 10th Annual Bike Ride was scheduled for September 12, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MOTION: Groth moved to send a letter of support for the 10th Annual DC Bike Ride on September 12, 2026. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS LICENSING (ABCA)

1. Update on Cuba Libre DC, LLC, Trade Name: Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar, 801 9th Street, NW (ABRA-082457), Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant seeking Substantial Change for a Stipulated Streatory Endorsement for 36 seats. Matthew Minora, mminoram@malliosobrien.com, 202-625-7700.

Commissioner Shankle reported that at the last meeting, the Commission voted in favor of sending a stipulated letter of support, with modified timing. There were prior discussions about whether the Commission was holding Cuba Libre to a higher standard. Commissioner Shankle

reported that he pulled the licenses of other establishments in the city center, and all of the licenses went until 11:00 p.m. or 12:00 a.m. The timing was consistent with what was voted on, so the vote was solidified. A comment was also added that Cuba Libre had to supply a name and contact information for residents to report any issues to. Signage also had to be included on the Streatery to ask patrons to be mindful of the residents in the area. There was a 14-day cure period, which was a similar timeline to past approvals.

Commissioner Groth asked about the settlement agreement. Commissioner Shankle reported that the client accepted the settlement agreement, and it would be signed after the client returned from vacation within the next week.

Commissioner Swart asked if Commissioner Shankle met with the client. Commissioner Shankle reported that he had communicated with the attorney via email.

2. Lamassu, LLC, Trade Name: Lafayette Daily Market, 625 D Street, NW (ABRA-136311), Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store. Applicant requests to Transfer License from 3938 Minnesota Avenue, NE, to a new location at 625 D Street, N.W. License is a Class "A" Liquor Store. The Licensee is also requesting a Change of Hours from 8am-10pm to 9am-midnight. Negar Nouri (703)209-1854, negar812@yahoo.com

Commissioner Shankle reported that the request was to transfer the retailer's Class "A" license to a new location and to expand the hours. There was a meeting earlier in the week, and members of the community were invited.

Commissioner Lee reported that the community meeting was very well attended with the proposed proprietor seeking to rent the space. The community was provided the opportunity to answer questions. Based on community feedback, they wanted to seek a settlement agreement to narrow down terms regarding being good neighbors going forward. Katrina Martinez stated that she was a resident in the same building, and they wanted the assurances that they received to be enforceable. She appreciated the responses from Negar Nouri, but she asked that terms be in writing to capture what the business owner committed to. The protest petition deadline was Monday, July 27, 2026, and the Commission was asked to vote in protest pro forma, to be withdrawn upon a settlement agreement. She stated that they did welcome the Lafayette Daily Market and looked forward to working with them.

Susan Prosnitz stated that she was a resident in the neighboring building, and there were many concerns about the proximity of the store to Lafayette, the opening of the store next to an alley that many residents viewed, the impact on property values, and the public safety risk. She requested that a letter of protest be filed until a settlement agreement was created.

Phil Telfeyan stated that he was also a resident in the neighboring building and that his takeaway was that the business plan was not fully thought through and needed more details.

Commissioner Lee asked if there was a lease term that spirits not be sold or if that was established. Negar Nouri reported that it was not established and, based on the license, she was allowed to sell everything. The business plan stated that there was up to 25% to 30% liquor involved. The lease was not finalized yet because the lease first had to be transferred. There were no concerns about competition with Central Liquor.

Commissioner Groth asked if the settlement agreement would take practical precedence over the license. Commissioner Shankle stated that it would have to be worked out during the settlement agreement. He commented that it was an ABCA license, so it did not involve approval of the business plan or daily rations being sold, that the only factors that could be addressed in a settlement agreement were those regulated by ABCA, such as closing hours, whether alcohol singles or miniatures would be sold, etc.

Howard Marks expressed solidarity with the individuals living in the two affected buildings. He expressed concerns about approval without a settlement agreement due to the potential for increased rowdiness.

Commissioner Shankle clarified that the establishment was not being marketed as a liquor store, but a daily market.

MOTION: Lee moved to protest the Class “A” Liquor Store license for ABRA-136311 until a settlement agreement could be reached with the applicant. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

MOTION: Shankle moved to designate Commissioner Thomas Lee as the representative in the protest for ABRA-136311. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

MOTION: Shankle moved to modify the original motion to protest the Class “A” Liquor Store license for ABRA-136311 until a settlement agreement could be reached with the applicant on the establishment of peace, order, and quiet, including noise and litter provisions, outlined in Section 25-725 and Section 25-726. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

The reason for the protest would be included in the letter of protest. The goal was to reach a settlement agreement. Commissioner Lee would reach out to get representatives from the groups in the residential buildings, and protest letters of five or more individuals were encouraged to be sent before the deadline. Commissioner Shankle noted that using the correct verbiage was critical, and it was in the best interest of all parties that the settlement agreement be reached. It was challenging for a letter of protest to go through without a business having opened. If the ANC reached a settlement agreement and it was put forward to the ABCA Board, the ANC settlement agreement would be taken over any other community protests.

3. Facility Concession Services, LLC, Trade Name: Facility Concession Services, LLC, New Retailer’s Class “D” Tavern License (ABRA-136386), 511 Jefferson Drive, SW, Daniel Koffman, dkoffman@theveritaslawfirm.com, 202-686-7600.

This item was withdrawn from the July Agenda.

4. Passion FNB Homer LLC, Trade Name: Tresind & Revelry, 601 13th Street, NW (ABRA-136381), new license for a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern. Cameron Mixon cmixon@theveritaslawfirm.com, (202) 686-7600.

Cameron Mixon reported that Passion FNB planned to operate two hospitality concepts on the same premises. Revelry would operate as an upscale cocktail bar and lounge offering a curated beverage program featuring craft cocktails, premium spirits, champagne, and wine. Revelry would also provide some food items designed for bar and lounge service. Tresind would operate as a high-end formal fine dining restaurant offering a chef-driven modern Indian tasting menu experience with full table service.

Commissioner Shankle asked what property would be occupied. Cameron Mixon reported that it was called the Homer Building, and it was approximately 9,300 square feet.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for Passion FNB Homer LLC, ABRA-136381. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

5. Natty & Boom DC, Inc., Trade Name: Sorn Thai, 1800 M Street, N.W. (ABRA-136480) new license for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant. Chrissie Chang (703) 992-3994, chrissiechang@yahoo.com

Chrissie Chang reported that the restaurant would be a family-friendly Thai restaurant. Supisa Teawbut would be responsible for restaurant operations. Supisa Teawbut reported that she and her husband were the owners of Natty & Boom DC, Inc., and they were trying to open Sorn Thai in February 2027 with a space of 4,095 square feet. The space would accommodate 150 indoor seats and 12 outdoor seats. The indoor seating capacity was under 100. The restaurant would offer authentic Thai food. A Sorn Thai restaurant was also operated in McClain, and they were excited to open the new location. Lunch and dinner would be served, and the restaurant would close at 10:00 p.m. daily.

Commissioner Shankle asked if Sorn Thai would take over the Daily Grill space. It was confirmed that it was on the other side of M Street west of 18th Street.

Commissioner Groth asked if Sorn Thai would be fronting on the street or interior. Supisa Teawbut confirmed that it would be facing the street, and the outdoor seating would be in the insert area.

MOTION: Groth moved to send a letter of support for Natty & Boom DC, Inc., Trade Name Sorn Thai, ABRA-136480. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SPACE

1. LE MIDI – SIDEWALK CAFÉ, 1100 New York Ave NW, Thuy Le, Permit Expeditor and Consulting, mthuyle@yahoo.com

Thuy Le, the expeditor for the establishment, reported that there were already roughly 300 seats inside the restaurant. The Sidewalk Café was on the 11th Street side, and there was roughly 565 square feet total with 30 seats, including three ADA seats. There was a 10-foot clearance to the closest planter to allow for plenty of walking traffic.

Commissioner Groth asked if the restaurant was a bistro or higher level. Thuy Le stated that it was a French bistro.

Commissioner Swart asked if Le Midi was going into the entire building, including the space on H Street. Thuy Le confirmed that it was, but the Sidewalk Café was on the 11th Street side.

Commissioner Swart asked what the hours would be. Thuy Le reported that the hours would be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for Le Midi, Sidewalk Café. Seconded by Lee. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

2. HSIP Safety Improvement at 14th St and New York Ave NW (NOI #26-172-MSED). Azadeh Norouzi, Manager - Safety System Engineering Programs Branch, DDOT and Kelly Jeong-Olson, Strategic Communications Manager, DDOT, Kelly.Jeong-Olson1@dc.gov.

Kelly Jeong-Olson presented on the HSIP safety improvement at 14th Street and New York Avenue NW. Two changes were being made, both to the north side of 14th Street. Three parking spaces were being removed to add a right-turn lane with arrow markings. A no right turn on red sign would be added so that all four corners had the same sign.

MOTION: Groth moved to send a letter of support for NOI #26-172-MSED. Seconded by Shankle. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

3. HSIP Safety Improvement at 10th St and Massachusetts Ave NW (NOI #26-170-MSED). Azadeh Norouzi, Manager - Safety System Engineering Programs Branch, DDOT and Kelly Jeong-Olson, Strategic Communications Manager, DDOT, Kelly.Jeong-Olson1@dc.gov.

Kelly Jeong-Olson presented on the HSIP safety improvement at 10th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW. Changes were being made on 10th Street between Massachusetts Avenue and L Street. There was a painted bike lane, which would be moved to the curb, and protection would be added. Two parking spaces on the side would be removed. Two travel lanes would be condensed into one to avoid confusion.

Commissioner Swart asked what businesses would be affected. Kelly Jeong-Olson clarified that there was no interference with businesses since no parking would be removed on the side of the street with businesses. The block is occupied by a Pepco substation.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of support for NOI #26-170-MSED. Seconded by Groth. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

PLANNING, ZONING, ENVIRONMENT, and HISTORIC PRESERVATION – None

RESOLUTIONS – None

OTHER

1. Resolution to request that the US Attorney charge enhanced penalty for crimes of violence committed against a “vulnerable adult,” which can apply when a person has physical limitations that affect their ability to protect themselves, for the robbery July 1, 2026, in 1200 block of H Street, from a person using a wheelchair. Probable tabled to August pending investigation process.

Commissioner Groth stated that she still needed to write the resolution to ensure effective communication to the US Attorney. She provided background information on the incident, noting that a robbery snatch occurred from a person using a wheelchair. In the District of Columbia, there were separate penalties against crimes committed against vulnerable adults, and Commissioner Groth was working on moving the charge forward.

The resolution was tabled until August 2026.

The other Commissioners and members of the public were encouraged to reach out to Commissioner Groth if they would like to provide input.

2. Shelter at 1009 11th St NW and Community Concerns.

Commissioner Shankle reported that 1009 11th Street NW was the location where the women’s shelter initially moved to as the 5th Street location was renovated. A new notice was posted that the shelter wanted to make the location a women's shelter again.

Christopher Rath sack stated that he owned a condominium next to 1009 11th Street NW and had lived there for the past 15 years. For his first 8.5 years at the building, the building was operated as a hostel, and there were very few incidents. After the transition to the shelter, there were constantly emergency vehicles present, many instances of fighting, loitering, and bathroom use. The shelter management was very unresponsive.

Robert Ames and his wife expressed their opposition to the reopening of the building as a shelter. He stated that they wanted support for the women who were housed there, but there

was constant loitering and drug use. A restaurant had closed down as a result of the loitering, and a new restaurant had opened and would be negatively affected. There was also a rat infestation due to overfilling the dumpsters in the area. They stated that they would appreciate the Commission voicing their protest against the shelter.

John Smith stated that the city government repeatedly lied about the length of the shelter's use the first time and there was a lack of transparency.

Commissioner Groth raised concerns that the Department of Human Services (DHS) had not reached out to the Commission. She stated that they needed to start a conversation with DHS. On July 24, 2026, Chairman Mendelson was holding a quarterly Zoom meeting with the DHS Director attending, and questions could be posed at that time.

Lukas Umana stated that he had reached out to Brooke Pinto's office, and DHS had no record of it. The shelter could be subletted through a different organization.

Commissioner Swart commented that the prior shelter was low barrier, so there was no drug or alcohol testing, and there were low standards to meet.

Commissioner Shankle noted that the posting on the door did not include a date of the posting. In the past, the Commission was not notified, and the building was converted into the shelter. He noted that the posting was from the Department of Buildings.

MOTION: Shankle moved to send a letter of opposition for any low barrier shelter at 1009 11th Street NW and based on the areas of repeated concern in the past, including consistent use of the bathroom in the alley, the lack of responsiveness from management, rodent issues, and loitering, and the lack of notification, and to ask the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Building to respond. Seconded by Swart. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

Commissioner Shankle will draft the letter and share it before sending it. Commissioner Groth stated that she would make inquiries with the N Street Village. Commissioner Swart stated that he would look into the building's history over the past two years.

Christopher Rath sack offered his support in working on the issue. Commissioner Shankle stated that he would reach out via email.

3. Write letter of condolence for World Center Kitchen

Commissioner Lee reported that one of the drivers for World Center Kitchen was shot and killed, which followed an incident two years ago in which nine members of the organization were killed. He sent a draft to the Board and asked for review before sending it off.

MOTION: Lee moved to send a letter of condolence for Jose Andres and his team, lamenting the loss of life of several members of his team. Seconded by Shankle. Approved unanimously. (Vote 4-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Shankle moved to Adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Seconded by Groth. (Vote 4-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Prepared by: Minutes Services, edited by Commissioner Nancy Groth, Secretary

Approved on: At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting held on August 11, 2026, with a quorum of 4 of 4 commissioners being present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 2C voted to approve these Minutes by a vote of 4-0-0.

Attested by: Commissioner Nancy Groth, Secretary

Signature: 
Signed by... • Sep 18, 2026

Date: 09/18/2026