

ANC 2F Special Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 14, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Joe Florio (2F03)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)
Christopher Appel (2F06)
Brant Miller (2F07)

ABSENT

Caroline Zagraniczny (2F08)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Allister Chang (DC BOE)

Chair Joe Florio called the meeting to order at 7:06 and called roll.

New Business

Approval of Agenda

Chair Florio moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 6-0-0

Letter of Protest for District Gaslight

Commissioner David Rubenstein offered information about the application for cannabis retail that District Gaslight would be pursuing; he expressed his intention to enter into negotiations around a Settlement Agreement in order to recommend support of the application. The owner and counsel for District Gaslight shared their intention for regularizing their establishment, noting that they wanted to discuss the hours present in the Settlement Agreement as they hoped to stay open until 11 PM. Commissioner Rubenstein asked what the current hours are, and the owner replied that they are open to 11 PM on weeknights and on weekends until 1 AM.

Commissioner Christopher Dyer moved that the ANC protest the application on the grounds that it would have a negative impact on peace, order, and quiet, and nominated Commissioner Rubenstein to represent the ANC in negotiations with the applicant. Chair Florio seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dyer recommended that the ANC look into the change in law that would allow licensed establishments to remain open until 11 PM.

Chair Florio asked about any security plan, and the applicants shared information about reinforcement on their door and protocol to buzz people into the establishment.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked about any projection onto the street; the applicants responded that they did have a sign projector but that they would remove this upon licensing.

Commissioner Neil Rocklin asked about a plan to manage delivery personnel and plans to monitor for patrons consuming marijuana outside the shop; the applicant responded that their plan was to set up retail in the store, and then would consider whether to use its own delivery drivers or a third party. They added that they would have a zero-tolerance policy for consumption outside the building.

Chair Florio called the motion to question and it was approved unanimously.

VOTE: 6-0-0

Letter of Support for Reduction in Speed on 15TH Street

Commissioner Rubenstein shared updates to a previous resolution on reducing speed on 15th Street, including a notice from DDOT that they would be reducing speed limits on the street. The Public Space and Transportation Committee voted to write a letter of support for the proposed change, while also underscoring other pending asks as part of the previous resolution. Commissioner Dyer moved to support the letter and was seconded. Commissioner Appel suggested strengthening the requests for review of pending asks. Chair Florio called the question, and the motion was approved unanimously, with Commissioner Brant Miller abstaining.

VOTE: 5-0-1

Quarterly Financial Report Q3 FY 2024

Chair Florio presented the Quarterly Financial Report and moved to approve it. The motion was seconded and the QFR was approved unanimously.

VOTE: 6-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.