

# ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 7, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

### PRESENT

John Guggenmos (2F02)  
John Fanning (2F04)  
Alexandra Bailey (2F08)

### ABSENT

Michelle Yan (2F03)  
Maxime Devilliers (2F06)

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Brooke Pinto (DC Council)  
Terry Julius (EOM)  
Declan Falls (DC Council)  
Erica Thomas (MPD)

Meeting **called to order** by Chair John Guggenmos at **7:02 p.m.** Chair Guggenmos noted a change to the agenda, moving the Consent Agenda forward in the meeting agenda. The Executive Director called roll.

### ***Business Meeting***

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#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of November Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report: Expenses
  - \$1278.81 for Executive Director's Salary (December)
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  - \$91.98 Quarterly Unemployment Insurance Payment
  - \$27.16 Quarterly Paid Family Leave Payment
  - \$131.50 Quarterly District Tax Payment
  - \$77.10 Quarterly Federal Income Tax
  - \$543.12 Quarterly Federal Social Security
  - \$127.02 Quarterly Federal Medicare
- *Protest of Live Entertainment License (Vegas Lounge)*
- [\*Settlement Agreement: Planta Cocina\*](#)
- [\*Settlement Agreement: Stoney's on P\*](#)

Commissioner Guggenmos read through the items in the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Bailey moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

### ***Community Forum***

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#### **Commissioner Announcements**

Chair Guggenmos noted a coordination meeting that was to take place for incoming commissioners, as well as protocol for turning the Commission over to new commissioners in January.

#### **Report from Metropolitan Police Department, Lieutenant Erica Thomas**

Crimes have been trending up due to motor vehicle thefts, and Lt. Thomas shared updates as to how to better ensure safety. She noted that violent crimes were down significantly.

Commissioner Bailey expressed her appreciation for the increased foot patrols that were taking place.

JC noted her appreciation for foot patrols but also shared other concerning crimes updates, which did not receive adequate response from the police. Lt. Thomas offered to review crime stats and assess whether additional support was needed in the M St and 10 St area.

A resident asked whether there was an update on the shooting that had occurred at the vacant Balance Gym building. Lt. Thomas responded that there had been arrests made in relation to the incident.

Jelena Budevic asked about a shooting that had occurred behind Blagden Alley. Lt. Thomas explained that there had been no contact with any individual, and they had only found shell casings. Farah Ahmed asked whether a patrol car could be stationed in the alley.

**Report from DC Council Ward 2 Office, *Councilmember Brooke Pinto***

Councilmember Brooke Pinto shared updates on office hours, including new and different places to hold them. She also shared updates on upcoming events.

CM Pinto also noted efforts related to improving safety in Blagden Alley.

CM Pinto thanked the outgoing Commission and Commissioners for their service to ANC 2F.

Chair Guggenmos asked when the new Commission's budget requests needed to be submitted to the Mayor; CM Pinto asked for any requests to be submitted by January.

Farah Ahmed drew the Councilmember's attention to a petition regarding a moratorium on liquor licenses in Blagden Alley and asked whether the CM would support the request. CM Pinto responded that she felt it was an idea worth exploring but would require more consideration.

**Report from DC Council Ward 2 Office, *Ella Hanson***

Ella Hanson offered additional updates in the chat.

Farah Ahmed reiterated her concerns about public safety in Blagden Alley.

**Community Announcements**

Austin Naughton announced that there would be a coordination meeting for incoming commissioners on Saturday December 17.

**Alcohol Policy Committee Report**

Chair Guggenmos shared updates on pending protests for TG Cigars and Aslin Beer Garden. He noted that the ANC taking over Blagden Alley had decided to take no action on Never Looked Better.

David asked whether the incoming ANC would need to take a new vote to protest Aslin; Chair Guggenmos responded that the standing protest would be valid for the incoming Commission. David asked whether the owners were able to be reached; Chair Guggenmos responded that he was willing to continue to conduct efforts to mediate after his tenure.

Lisa Amore shared her frustration that the ANC had not done more to take into account community concerns around the establishments in Blagden Alley.

Farah Ahmed also asked for clarification regarding the decision not to protest the license renewal for Never Looked Better; Chair Guggenmos shared the reasoning behind the decision not to protest. She asked whether Commissioner

John Fanning agreed with the request to protest; Commissioner Fanning replied that he felt it would be up to the new Commission.

Jelena Budjevic asked what the process to amend a Settlement Agreement would be (for instance with Tiger Fork). Chair Guggenmos explained that he was not comfortable advising on how to appeal a Settlement Agreement as this was a legal issue.

Commissioner Devilliers moved to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 10:03.