

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Brian McCabe (2F04)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)
Chris Appel (2F06)
Brant Miller (2F07)
Caroline Zagraniczny (2F08)

ABSENT

Joe Florio (2F03)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin (MPD)
Captain Harris (MPD)
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)
Grace Reeder (MOCRS)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Chair Joe Florio was not in attendance, so Vice-Chair Miller called roll and confirmed quorum.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

No commissioner announcements were presented.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department, *Captain Harris*

Captain Harris provided updates from the second district, including distribution of holiday safety information and Narcan in the ANC. Captain Harris also mentioned shoplifting arrests in the CVS.

Captain Harris also offered holiday tips, including updates around the distribution of Airtags to help identify vehicles stolen in carjackings; she reminded the public not to leave valuables visible in vehicles. Captain Harris recommended using lockboxes to ensure packages were secured.

Vice-Chair Miller asked about dates of arrests at CVS; Captain Harris mentioned these had taken place in late November, but she noted that there had been multiple operations at retail stores. The Vice-Chair asked whether theft was occurring around restocking times; Captain Harris explained that there was not any particular pattern of theft times.

The Vice-Chair shared that there was an increase in armed theft of coats and asked about tips for securing coats. Captain Harris noted that several brands of coats were being targeted for theft and that individuals wearing these coats (Moncler, Canada Goose) should be more vigilant.

Janice Ferebee, a neighbor, asked whether the stabilization center was operational yet; Captain Harris responded that the first and third district were utilizing the center, but the second district was not yet.

Donald, a neighbor, asked where individuals could pick up Airtags; Captain Miller mentioned these were available to DC residents in certain district stations, and that these districts were posting distribution days online.

Commissioner Zagraniczny asked for more information about the stabilization centers. Captain Harris and Janice Ferebee shared information about the centers and suggested a representative who could come to a future ANC meeting.

Report from DC Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, *Brian Romanowski*

Brian Romanowski shared updates from the Councilmember’s legislative agenda, including a number of pieces of legislation that composed the “Secure DC Plan” to address the public safety crisis. He offered opportunities for constituents to become more active in the implementation of the plan.

Mr. Romanowski also offered updates on the FY25 budget discussions and proposals.

He also reminded the public to submit any relevant 411 or road repair requests before the weather became colder.

Ms. Ferebee asked about Councilmember Pinto’s response to a recent homicide in the neighborhood. Mr. Romanowski noted the crime suppression components of the Secure DC Plan and the CM’s hope that it would address violent crime.

Commissioner David Rubenstein noted that there was a need for streetlight assessment around 12th and N Streets as it was quite dark.

Report from Mayor’s Office, *Grace Reeder*

Grace Reeder noted that blankets and COVID tests were available at local libraries. She also shared other relevant snow-related updates, as well as tips for residents to prepare for snow.

She mentioned updates on the Same Commercial Corridors Grant program, which was currently open for applications.

She also shared key dates for school lottery registration.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked whether the supply chain issues for garbage can deliveries had been resolved. Ms. Reeder explained that residents should make requests for new cans.

Commissioner Rubenstein also asked about the assessment of the nightlife taskforce and any outcomes. Ms. Reeder offered to provide updates at the next meetings.

Community Announcements

No community announcements were put forward.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Christopher Dyer moved to remove the approval of agenda from the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Commissioner Christopher Dyer moved to add to the New Business an item to approve dates for the 2024 calendar year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Commissioner Rubenstein moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- Approval of November Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Expenses
 - \$1278.81 for Executive Director’s October salary
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Committee Reports

Public Space and Transportation Committee, *Commissioner David Rubenstein*

Commissioner Rubenstein offered an update from the PSTC, which did not consider any items for a vote. He noted discussion on review of the Clean Team contract, including a potential budget request for the Commission to consider in January.

Public Safety Committee, *Commissioner Caroline Zagraniczny*

Commissioner Zagraniczny offered updates on guest speakers who would be attending the upcoming PSC meeting. She also noted that the Committee had also been discussing neighborhood care as a component of public safety.

Alcohol Policy Committee, *Vice-Chair Brant Miller*

The Vice-Chair noted that there were no new applications to consider, but that the Committee had considered the development of a Settlement Agreement for cannabis retail.

New Business

Medical Cannabis Retail Settlement Agreement

Vice-Chair Miller shared updates on the development of a Settlement Agreement for cannabis retail. Commissioner Dyer moved to adopt the proposed template. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Zagraniczny asked about current operating cannabis stores. Commissioner Dyer explained that while some gifting stores were in operation in the ANC, these were not regulated retail establishments; Grace Reeder noted that as of February any unlicensed gifting stores would be out of compliance.

Commissioner Rubenstein shared information about the number of potential license applications and the process for seeking license. Commissioner Christopher Appel noted that the Commission should be ready to field questions or inquiries from the establishments, though Commissioner Dyer noted that the ANC should clarify its role. Commissioner Rubenstein noted that the business owners bore the onus of understanding the requirements and that it seemed that many were aware of the upcoming requirements for regulations.

Commissioner Zagraniczny noted that some establishments may have difficulty complying with the Settlement Agreement; Commissioner Dyer noted that the Settlement Agreement as drafted should not have an adverse economic impact, but also reminded that each establishment would have the opportunity to present to the ANC for a vote on each Settlement Agreement on a case-by-case basis.

Vice-Chair Miller underscored that no establishment had yet applied for a license, though he expected new applications may come forward within the next month.

The motion was approved unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

2024 Meeting Dates

Commissioner Dyer moved that the ANC meet on the first Wednesday of the month throughout the 2024 calendar year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.