

ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 4, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Joe Florio (2F03)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)
Christopher Appel (2F06)
Caroline Zagraniczny (2F08)

ABSENT

Brant Miller (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Captain Michael Hamelin (MPD)
Captain Lashaun Lockerman (MPD)
Lieutenant Hidza Hiller (MPD)
Ty Abilla (MOCRS)
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)

Chair Joe Florio called the meeting to order at 7:03 and called roll.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Joe Florio thanked the Commission for an excellent two years. He shared more information about volunteering to serve on Committees in the New Year.

Commissioner Chris Appel thanked the Commission for the support over his tenure.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department Second District, *Captain Michael Hamelin*

Captain Hamelin shared updates from the Second District, including on crime statistics. He also shared details of a shooting that had taken place on Rhode Island Avenue, reporting that the victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Chair Florio asked for more details on the location of the crime, and Captain Hamelin shared more information.

Captain Hamelin also shared updates on the CVS and work that was underway with the CVS staff.

Commissioner David Rubenstein asked about the rash of smashed storefronts and burglaries in Georgetown and Glover Park and whether MPD was taking any proactive steps with regard to the 14th Street businesses. Captain Hamelin explained that they had been in contact with the businesses and were exploring options for additional security measures. Commissioner Neil Rocklin asked about video surveillance options for the businesses, and Captain Hamelin shared more information about the rebate program for cameras that connected to MPD.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department Third District, *Captain Lashaun Lockerman and Lieutenant Hidza Hiller*

Captain Lashaun Lockerman introduced the officers from the third district PSAs that are present in the ANC. Commissioner Caroline Zagraniczny shared concerns about issues in PSA 307 in the area near 12th Street and M Street NW. Lieutenant Hidza Hiller introduced herself from 307 and shared updates on crime in that PSA, as well as efforts underway to deter property crimes in advance of the holidays.

Report from the Mayor's Office, *Ty Abilla*

Ty Abilla shared updates from the mayor's office, including public health and safety programs.

Commissioner Rubenstein shared concerns about needle usage, and Ms. Abilla committed to getting more information.

Commissioner Christopher Dyer mentioned an individual operating as a vendor at 14th and P Streets NW who may not have a license to do so.

Report from DC Council Ward 2 Office, *Brian Romanowski*

Brian Romanowski thanked the outgoing commissioners for their service to ANC 2F and reminded incoming Commissioners of their swearing in ceremony.

He shared updates on new bridge housing to address the District's housing crisis and other public safety announcements, particularly relating to the safety of DC's LGBTQ community. He also shared legislative updates. Finally, he shared leaf collection updates.

Commissioner Rubenstein noted that the Councilmember's timeline to send a budget request to the mayor was difficult for the ANC.

Community Announcements

Brittany Bunch of the DC Sentencing Commission shared information about the Commission's logo competition targeted to youth artists.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of November Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - Executive Director November salary (\$1278.81)
- Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates

VOTE: 6-0-0

Committee Reports

Public Space and Transportation Committee Meeting, *Commissioner David Rubenstein*

Streatery Letter

Commissioner Rubenstein explained that DDOT's Public Space Committee was considering guidelines for a permanent Streatery program. He added that the Committee had drafted a letter with additional issues for the Public Space Committee to consider. Chair Florio moved to approve the letter. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Dyer noted that the letter's date needed to be edited to reflect the meeting date. Commissioner Florio and Commissioner Appel shared their enthusiasm for the letter and the interest in creating clarity around guidelines to support the Streatery program. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: 6-0-0

11th Street Bike Lane Letter

Commissioner Rubenstein shared that DDOT had presented information regarding the 11th Street Bike Lane project, and he shared more details about the project. He noted that the Committee had many questions after the presentation, including about impact on parking and so had drafted a letter that would express support but request

much more information. He also notes that the ANC had previously requested robust public engagement and offered to provide a vehicle to that engagement. Chair Florio moved to approve the letter; Commissioner Rocklin seconded the motion. Chair Florio noted the project was moving from concept to design and that this was the appropriate moment to request more information and details about the design.

Commissioner Appel moved to amend the letter to reflect changes that he had circulated to the Commission. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Commissioner Appel read the letter to the public, reaffirmed that the letter simply requested more information, and noted that data revealed significant harm to public safety. Commissioner Dyer shared that the ANC had been instrumental in creating the angled parking spaces many years ago. Commissioner Rubenstein shared his support for the letter, particularly given that the community had interest in seeing options and trade-offs in order to weigh in. Commissioner Rocklin expressed his gratitude to the committee and support for the letter's intent.

Nicholas Scoufaras shared his support for the letter and that he felt gaining more information about the impact on the angled would be important to the community, particularly for the Church congregants, but also for others coming to the area for the dog park or skate park.

Charlotte Slaiman from ANC 4D shared her interest in safety improvements on 11th Street as the victim of a traffic accident on 11th Street. She also shared her concerns that the safety improvement project may not be completed as planned, particularly given the safety risks on 11th Street in 2F.

Chair Florio called the question on the amendment, which passed unanimously.

VOTE: 6-0-0

Chair Florio called the question on sending the 11th Street Bike Lane letter to DDOT. Commissioner Rubenstein requested a community walk with DDOT to review the bike lane as well; Christophe Wassmer of DDOT confirmed that he was happy to engage the Commission and the community. The motion was passed unanimously.

VOTE: 6-0-0

Public Safety Committee, *Commissioner Caroline Zagraniczny*

Commissioner Zagraniczny shared her enthusiasm for the Third District's attendance at the ANC meeting and her hopes that the District would remain engaged for the next ANC.

Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee, *Chair Joe Florio*

Chair Florio shared that the ANC had completed a Settlement Agreement with Barrel House Cafe and Bar. He also shared updates from Verg Enterprises, a new cannabis retailer in DC; he explained that he was in conversation with the owners to develop a Settlement Agreement. He also noted that two cannabis retailers that had current Settlement Agreements had not submitted their paperwork to ABCA to complete their licensing process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.