

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 1, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Joe Florio (2F03)
Brian McCabe (2F04)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)
Matt Fouracre (2F06)
Brant Miller (2F07)
Caroline Zagraniczny (2F08)

ABSENT

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Randy Rogers (Metropolitan Police Department)
Lt. Sylvester Garvin (Metropolitan Police Department)
Brian Romanowski (Ward 2 CM)
Grace Reeder (EOM)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. The Chair called roll and confirmed quorum.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Florio shared that the National Park Service had posted an announcement that there would be a clearing of the encampment at McPherson Park, two months ahead of schedule. Commissioner Brian McCabe asked what resources might be provided to those in the encampments; Chair Florio shared some of the services that may be available to unhoused residents.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department, *Officer Randy Rogers nad Lieutenant*

Officer Randy Rogers introduced himself from the MPD Third District and reported that there had been a scheduling conflict and so no presentation was prepared.

Commissioner Christopher Dyer asked that in the event of scheduling conflict, that statistics could be shared in advance. Commissioner Caroline Zagraniczny asked whether it would be possible to share the statistics by e-mail to the ANC.

Pam Wessling noted an increase in graffiti in the neighborhood and asked about advice on how to address this. Officer Rogers asked that the time and location of graffiti be shared with police.

Lt. Sylvester Garvin reported crime statistics from the Second District, with negative trends in violent crime and upward trends in theft from autos. He also shared details about cars that have been implicated in crime, as well as tips for preventing vehicle theft. Commissioners asked further details about where and how the vehicle thefts occurred.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor, *Grace Reeder*

Grace Reeder shared updates from the mayor's office, including about school enrollment, public safety meetings, and upcoming budget engagement fora.

She also shared updates regarding the clearing of the McPherson encampment. Commissioner Rubenstein wondered whether further information could be provided regarding how many neighbors would receive services. Commissioners McCabe and Zagraniczny shared concerns that evictions would be taking place in the winter season without proper measures in place to house and serve them; Commissioner Zagraniczny emphasized that more details

were needed about how the community was being engaged in the encampment and what resources were dedicated. Ms. Reeder committed to following up with more information.

Janice Ferebee also expressed her desire that a contingency plan would be developed for those neighbors who refused rehousing for any reason, noting that the transition from homelessness to rehousing was often a difficult and complicated process.

Report from Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto’s Office, *Brian Romanowski*

Brian Romanowski noted an active barricade situation happening currently in Shaw and recommended avoiding the area. He provided updates about leaf and tree collection, and he also shared legislative updates from the CM office, including to address vehicle noise, “cyber-flashing,” and incentivizing the use of e-bikes through a rebate program. He invited commissioners to reach out if they were interested in doing SMD walk-throughs.

Community Announcements

Capital Pride: Sahand Miraminy shared updates regarding the Capital Pride parade, which takes place in the Logan Circle (and DuPont Circle) neighborhood. He noted the importance of the parade to the neighborhood, including due to the revenue it generated and the historic significance. He shared road closures for the parade and impact on the neighborhood.

Commissioner Dyer expressed his support for the Pride Parade and asked whether a formal letter of support would be needed; Chair Florio explained it would be on the March agenda. Commissioner Rubenstein encouraged better signage around street closures prior to and during the event.

Logan Circle Community Association Art and Culture Committee: Pam Wessling shared plans for a new neighborhood sculpture, including a search for grants, a competition for sculpture, and commitments from neighborhood organizations.

Downtown BID Homelessness Outreach: Janice Ferebee provided further updates on the work of the Downtown BID in addressing homelessness, including her interest in connecting with any service providers.

Consent Agenda

Chair Florio read the consent agenda, including:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of January Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Expenses: \$1278.81 for Executive Director’s Salary
- Approval of Quarterly Financial Report – Q1 2023
- Approval of ANC 2F Security Fund Participation

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

VOTE: 8-0-0

Committee Reports

Public Space and Transportation Committee, *Commissioner David Rubenstein*

Commissioner Rubenstein discussed DDOT’s presentation of the Vermont Avenue bike lane proposal, which would reduce parking in some areas and may leave gaps in connectivity to bike lanes.

He also noted a review of previous resolutions and prioritization of those that were still relevant to the neighborhood. Commissioner Miller discussed updates on the District’s plan for Streateries.

Alcohol Policy Committee, *Commissioner Matthew Fouracre*

Commissioner Matt Fouracre shared updates from the Alcohol Policy Committee, including updates on:

- *Aslin Beer Company*: Commissioner Rubenstein reported that the ANC had retained standing and would go into mediation by the end of the month.
- *Vegas Lounge*: Chair Florio explained that he would be attending a mediation hearing.
- *The Little Gay Pub*: Commissioner Brant Miller explained that he was working with the establishment on signing a standard Settlement Agreement.

Dog Daze: New License Application

Kyle Cissel and Sidon Yohannes presented a vision for the establishment, which is intended to be a “local watering hole” where neighbors could bring their dogs to an outdoor area.

Commissioners noted the late hours on the license application and why the applicant was seeking such late hours for

Commissioner McCabe asked about fencing for the site and whether it was owned or rented; Mr. Cissel explained there would be a dog park-like fencing and that it was a rented space.

Commissioner Miller asked about plans to convert the existing asphalt to grassy area and noted the need for the establishment to engage with the Public Space and Transportation Committee, asking for an early notification on the plans for the location.

Commissioner Dyer asked about neighbor engagement. He also noted the hours in the standard Settlement Agreement that was in place for all similar establishments in the neighborhood, and he underscored the need for consistency.

Chair Florio moved that the ANC protest the license application for Dog Daze until a Settlement Agreement was reached and deputized Commissioner Miller to represent the ANC in any protest. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 8-0-0

Communications Committee, *Commissioner Christopher Dyer and Janice Ferebee*

Janice Ferebee offered an update on behalf of the Committee, including interest in engaging neighborhood messengers (e.g. building managers), how to overcome the “digital divide” for virtual meetings, and disseminating surveys on topics of interest, committee involvement, and how best to engage constituents.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked about website updates and those would be handled; Commissioner Dyer explained these could be communicated to the Executive Director or through the committee.

Commissioner Fouracre noted that many of his constituents resided in large apartment buildings and that he would love to think through how to reach them with the Committee.

New Business

Amendment of Bylaws

Commissioner McCabe shared the updates he had made to the bylaws, including updates to the map, removing the Education Committee as a permanent committee, adding the PSTC as a permanent committee, and standardizing language. Chair Florio moved to adopt the amendments. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

VOTE: 8-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.