

# ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 3, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

### PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)  
Neil Rocklin (2F02)  
Joe Florio (2F03)  
Brian McCabe (2F04)  
Christopher Dyer (2F05)  
Christopher Appel (2F06)  
Brant Miller (2F07)

### ABSENT

Caroline Zagraniczny (2F08)

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

John Guggenmos (Parliamentarian)  
Sergeant Bobbett Forrest (MPD)  
Lieutenant Dereck Tarr (MPD)  
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)  
Grace Reeder (MOCRS)

Chair Joe Florio called the meeting to order at 7:06. He appointed a parliamentarian, John Guggenmos, to oversee the election of officers.

### Election of Officers

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The Parliamentarian asked whether there were any nominations for Chair. Commissioner Christopher Dyer nominated Commissioner Joe Florio as Chair. The nomination was seconded. Commissioner Florio accepted the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. Commissioner Florio's nomination was approved unanimously. **VOTE: 7-0-0**

The Parliamentarian asked whether there were any nominations for Vice Chair. Chair Florio nominated Commissioner Brant Miller as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded. Commissioner Miller accepted the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. Commissioner Miller's nomination was approved unanimously. **VOTE: 7-0-0**

The Parliamentarian asked whether there were any nominations for Treasurer. Chair Florio nominated Commissioner Christopher Appel as Treasurer. The nomination was seconded. Commissioner Appel accepted the nomination and presented his credentials, including serving as a bank regulator and as treasurer in other capacities. No other nominations were put forward. Commissioner Appel's nomination was approved unanimously. **VOTE: 7-0-0**

The Parliamentarian asked whether there were any nominations for Secretary. Chair Florio nominated Commissioner Christopher Dyer as Secretary. The nomination was seconded. Commissioner Dyer accepted the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. Commissioner Dyer's nomination was approved unanimously. **VOTE: 7-0-0**

### Community Forum

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#### **Commissioner Announcements**

No commissioner announcements were presented.

#### **Report from Metropolitan Police Department, *Sgt. Forrest***

Sergeant Bobbette Forrest introduced herself as a new police officer for PSA 208 in the second district. She shared crime statistics for the district.

Chair Florio asked about any updates to the robberies that had occurred at the CVS on P Street; Sgt. Forrest was having difficulty pulling up information but offered to share updates when available.

One neighbor asked what the “theft/other” designation indicated on crime statistics; Sgt. Forrest explained that any theft that was not theft from automobiles would be considered “theft/other.”

**Report from Metropolitan Police Department, Lt. Tarr**

Lieutenant Tarr introduced himself as the new liaison for PSA 307 in the third district, noting that he had been an officer in 307 for many years. He noted that 307 was the only PSA in the district in which crime had decreased year over year in 2023.

He addressed a question on a stabbing that had occurred on 12th and M Streets, noting that the perpetrator and victim knew one another prior to the stabbing and that an arrest had been made.

Lt. Tarr also addressed a question around police engagement at 11th and M Streets. He explained that he was aware of the issues around Claridge Towers and the need for more police presence and police outside of their vehicles, acknowledging a deadly shooting in which a Park Police officer was killed.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked whether there was any update on the DC Nightlife Task Force and whether there had been any review or assessment of the task force. Lt. Tarr explained that the joint task force was composed of a number of city entities intended to address extensive issues on U Street on busy nightlife nights. He shared that the task force was still in operation though scaled back over the winter months.

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

Brian Romanowski shared updates on CM Pinto’s availability for meet and greet and plans to attend the February ANC 2F meeting.

He offered updates on budget season and opportunities to weigh in on budget issues.

He noted that the Secure DC plan was currently under review and should be up for a vote this month.

Commissioner Rocklin noted that a constituent had asked about requesting a traffic camera on 15th Street and whether that is something that should be included in the budget request. Mr. Romanowski suggested filing a Traffic Safety Issue report and letting him know so that the CM’s office could flag. Commissioner David Rubenstein reminded of a resolution that 2F passed in the fall regarding safety on 15th Street and noted that there had not yet been any response to the resolution. Mr. Romanowski confirmed that he had seen the resolution.

Mr. Romanowski asked about the increase in moped and motorbike deliveries on 14th Street and whether this was something that the ANC had noticed. Commissioner Miller explained that this happened in Columbia Heights where there was easier access to a restroom in the area and wondered whether a similar situation was happening on 14th Street. Chair Florio noted that this would be a suitable issue for the PSTC to consider.

**Report from Mayor’s Office, Grace Reeder**

Grace Reeder shared updates on leaf and tree collection. She also noted resources available to help DC residents to prepare for winter weather, including before, during, and after snowstorms, and hypothermia alerts.

Ms. Reeder also shared updates on new bus routes.

Finally, she offered information on the DC Green Book, which offered information for small business enterprises, including a launch party for the book.

Commissioner Rubenstein noted that the bike lanes on 14th Street were a mess with trash and leaves. He asked who was responsible for clearing these. DPW's Inspector Davis explained that because 14th Street is a business corridor, the businesses were responsible for cleaning the bike lanes and sidewalks. Chair Florio noted that the Commission should discuss how to better work with the District agencies to inform the businesses of their responsibilities.

### **Community Announcements**

No community announcements were presented.

### ***Consent Agenda***

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of December Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Expenses
  - Executive Director December salary (\$1278.81)
  - DC taxes (\$131.50)
  - Federal taxes: (\$747.44)
  - Unemployment: (\$91.30)
  - Paid family leave: (\$45.41)
- Approval of ANC 2F FY Security Fund Payment (\$50.00)

**VOTE: 7-0-0**

### ***Committee Reports***

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#### **Alcohol and Cannabis Policy Committee, *Chair Florio***

Chair Florio noted that there was no APC meeting in December, and he thanked the Commission for approving the template Settlement Agreement for cannabis retail licenses. He noted that there had yet been no activity on cannabis retail licenses but noted that the deadline for license applications was approaching.

### ***New Business***

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#### **FY24-25 Budget Request for Clean Team Funds**

Commissioner Rubenstein introduced the Clean Team—the various mechanisms that the District employs through private contracts for public space cleanliness and beautification. He called attention to concerns from ANC 1B, District Bridges, and the Logan Circle Community Association that the Mid City Clean Team contracts had not kept pace with the development in the neighborhood. He noted a number of proposed additions to the budget for DC's Department of Small & Local Business Development to expand the clean team's remit and offer enhancements, including additional mulching, planting, and cleaning efforts. He read a resolution for ANC 2F that would support the enhancements, noting that the DSLBD was in conversations with the contractors to understand the budget impact of these expansions.

Commissioner Dyer moved that ANC 2F support the proposed draft resolution as [posted publicly](#) on the 2F website. Commissioner Rocklin seconded the motion. Commissioner Dyer asked whether the resolution would include a specific dollar amount and suggested that including this number could give the resolution more force. Commissioner Rubenstein suggested that the Commission could revisit with specifics on prices once more information came available. Chair Florio expressed his support for the resolution as a first step before making specific budget requests. Commissioner Dyer suggested that ANC 2F commissioner(s) attend the budget request hearings for the DSLBD or any other relevant agencies. Commissioner Rubenstein also noted that he would like to send the resolution to CM Pinto to include these enhancements in her budget request. The Chair called the question and the resolution was passed unanimously.

**VOTE: 7-0-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.