

ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
MAY 1, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)
Christopher Appel (2F06)
Brant Miller (2F07)

ABSENT

Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Joe Florio (2F03)
Caroline Zagraniczny (2F08)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sergeant Bobbett Forrest (MPD)
Lieutenant Derek Tarr (MPD)
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)
Christopher Powell (MOCRS)
Matthew Marcou (DDOT)
Paul Revesz (DDOT)

Vice Chair Brant Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 and called roll.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Vice Chair Miller shared updates on window decorating for “Beaming for Pride” and Bike to Work Day.

Report from District Department of Transportation, *Matthew Marcou*

Matthew Marcou shared investments from the Mayor’s budget in safety, mobility, and repairs for transportation. He noted that these investments were taking place in the context of decreased revenue and a constrained budget environment for the District. Mr. Marcou presented details on budget reductions (like transfers to MPD for Streetcar patrol), as well as restorations and enhancements (like investments in the Circulators, Capitol Bikeshare, and Streatery beautification).

He also shared information about overnight Metrobus service and investments to revitalize downtown (including beautification projects). Mr. Marcou shared details about studies into high-injury corridors, support for safety techs at schools, and to improve public safety.

Commissioner Christopher Appel asked whether the Circulator budget would be phased out next year. Mr. Marcou explained the plans to wind down the Circulator program with no impact on service over several years.

Commissioner Appel asked about an east-west bike lane on Q and R Street. He also asked why the Connecticut Avenue bike lane was removed from the mayor’s budget. Mr. Marcou responded that the program had decided to focus on safety in its studies and so prioritized the budget accordingly.

Commissioner David Rubenstein also asked for more clarity on the Q and R bike lanes. Mr. Marcou said that this was still to be determined in the final allocation.

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

Brian Romanowski shared updates from the Council’s budget process; the full council is set to vote on the budget May 29, with the goal of passing the budget by the end of June. CM Pinto’s priorities are funding public safety, public transportation, and revitalizing downtown.

Mr. Romanowski also shared updates on efforts to address truancy and absenteeism, a major issue that the Council identified for the District. He also shared an update on a bill that would facilitate enforcing amplified noise projected onto the street.

Mr. Romanowski also shared updates on events that were approaching in the District.

Community Announcements

Brittany Bunch of the DC Sentencing Commission presented updates from the Commission, which monitors the District's sentencing guidelines, and shared insights from the Commission's 2023 report on sentencing trends.

Representative Oye Owolewa provided updates from his office, which was seeking DC Statehood. He also shared information about upcoming events, including on expungement.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of April Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 2 Quarterly Financial Report
- Approval of Expenses
 - Executive Director April salary (\$1278.81)

VOTE: 4-0-0

Committee Reports

Public Space and Transportation Committee, *Commissioner David Rubenstein*

Commissioner Rubenstein shared updates from the latest PSTC meeting, which included a presentation from DDOT that responded to earlier resolutions and inquiries on Vermont and 11TH Street and Rhode Island and 11TH Street. Commissioner Rubenstein noted that DDOT budgets for "quick" improvements that will allow for some experimentation; he expressed that the Committee was in favor of these improvements and would like to send a letter of support.

Vice Chair Miller moved to send a letter of support for the improvements. Commissioner Dyer seconded. He also asked whether a letter had already been drafted. Commissioner Rubenstein read a draft of the letter. The motion was approved unanimously, with one abstention.

VOTE: 3-0-1

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.