

# ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 1, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

### PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)  
Neil Rocklin (2F02)  
Joe Florio (2F03)  
Christopher Dyer (2F05)  
Chris Appel (2F06)  
Brant Miller (2F07)  
Caroline Zagraniczny (2F08)

### ABSENT

Brian McCabe (2F04)

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

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

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

### *Community Forum*

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#### **Commissioner Announcements**

Chair Florio welcomed Commissioner Christopher Appel as the new ANC commissioner for ANC 2F06.

Commissioner Appel introduced himself, including his time on the Public Space and Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Caroline Zagraniczny noted that the Public Space and Transportation Committee would be meeting on the following Tuesday.

Commissioner Brant Miller noted rectifications to past quarterly reports to properly reflect checks written and cashed in each quarter.

#### **Report from Metropolitan Police Department, *Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin***

Lieutenant Garvin offered a report from the second district, including statistics in crimes.

Commissioner Neil Rocklin noted constituent concerns about drug dealing in the alley by the CVS on P Street. Lt. Garvin noted that the MPD was aware of the drug dealing in this particular area and offered to follow up with Commissioner Rocklin.

Commissioner Zagraniczny asked about the establishment of a “hotspot” area in the ANC that had increased police attention. Lt. Garvin confirmed that there were still “focus patrols” in effect in that area.

#### **Report from Metropolitan Police Department, *Lieutenant Curtis Miller***

Lieutenant Curtis Miller shared updates from walk throughs with community members and with HIPS in the ANC.

Lt. Miller once again shared the challenges that the MPD was facing in staffing.

Commissioner David Rubenstein asked about graffiti in his SMD and Lt. Miller explained he would be available to discuss.

Commissioner Zagraniczny asked about a walk through that had been scheduled in October and did not happen; Lt. Miller explained that he was out of town and that he was not able to hold the walkthrough. He explained that he would reschedule it for November. He also expressed his willingness to be available for impromptu walkthroughs in the mornings.

Captain LaShaun Lockerman introduced herself as a new captain in the district.

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

Brian Romanowski shared updates from the CM's office, including neighborhood events.

He also shared public safety efforts, including outcomes from public safety walks, like efforts to secure buildings where those vulnerable to crime might live. He also shared updates from the Secure DC Act, including updates on implementation. He also reminded the Commission of the new 211 program, which would allow for access to resources about juveniles who may be in need of intervention.

Mr. Romanowski also shared updates on upcoming hearings and avenues for engagement with the legislation.

Commissioner Romanowski asked whether the council was considering how to address the issue of repeat offenders; Mr. Romanowski shared information in the Secure DC Act, including reforms to pretrial detention and interventions to help prevent recidivism.

Commissioner Chris Appel asked about updates on road safety after a recent cycling death. Mr. Romanowski shared updates on the K Street trafficway and other road improvement initiatives, as well as traffic enforcement strategies.

#### **Report from Mayor's Office, *Grace Reeder***

Grace Reeder shared updates from the Mayor's office, including public safety announcements and the disbursement of dashcams for mobile delivery or rideshare drivers. She also shared updates on leaf collection.

Commissioner Rubenstein shared his concerns about violent offenders being released back into the community, including a recent example of a man who used a machete in an attack in the ANC and was released. Ms. Reeder shared a number of public safety initiatives. Commissioner Rubenstein also asked that the Mayor seek partnership with elected federal and neighboring state representatives to ensure that judges were appointed properly.

Commissioner Miller raised a concern about property stolen and brought onto private property, noting that using airtags was not as helpful when property was then brought into areas where MPD would not retrieve it.

Commissioner Zagraniczny asked whether there were any prepared resources that clarified some of the challenges presented in the District specifically related to the judicial system and public safety.

#### **Community Announcements**

No community announcements were put forward.

#### ***Consent Agenda***

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Chair Florio read the consent agenda, including:

- Approval of September Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Expenses
  - \$1278.81 for Executive Director's September salary
- Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Quarter 4 Quarterly Financial Report

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

**VOTE: 7-0-0**

## ***Committee Reports***

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### **Community Development Committee, *Helen Kramer***

*1315 Corcoran Street*

Helen Kramer presented the amendment to the application (which had already been approved by the committee), noting that the nature of the amendment was “highly technical” and had no bearing on the existing mechanical penthouse structure - which already existed on the property.

Commissioner Rubenstein moved that ANC2F send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to support a special exception to the regulation requiring walls of a uniform height under section C1503.4. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**VOTE: 7-0-0**

Chair Kramer noted that the ANC was facing an unprecedented lack of development, with even previously-approved projects halted.

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

Commissioner Rubenstein noted that there had been no public space permits to review at the last meeting and so the Committee was returning to its review of previously approved resolutions.

### **Public Safety Committee, *Commissioner Caroline Zagraniczny***

Commissioner Zagraniczny expressed the Committee’s work on a letter that would support funding for public safety roles. She also mentioned the Logan Circle Community Association’s efforts to conduct clean up in the community and how the PSC could support these.

Janice Ferebee noted the “blind spot” in 2F08 near 12TH and M street, where individuals were using or selling drugs or engaging in other criminal activity—she clarified that this area was in an alcove out of the range of sight or video camera.

Zach Friedman of the LCCA shared an update on the monthly clean up effort in the neighborhood.

### **Alcohol Policy Committee, *Chair Joseph Florio***

Chair Florio read the list of license renewal applications for retail licenses, noting that there were no substantial changes to any of these. He shared that the Committee had taken no action on any of the renewals, with the caveat that the license renewal for Foxtrot would be reissued.

#### *Draft Settlement Agreement for Cannabis Retail Licenses*

Chair Florio shared updates on the Committee’s discussions around the appropriate standards to establish in neighborhood settlement agreements as the District sought to bring “gifting establishments” for the sale of cannabis into regulation. He noted that no new licenses had yet come before the ANC, but that he wanted to ensure ample time for the Commission and community input into the Settlement Agreement.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.**