

# ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

### PRESENT

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

### ABSENT

Christopher Appel (2F06)

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Captain Michael Hamelin (MPD)  
Lieutenant Jonathan Fleming (MPD)  
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)

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

### ***Community Forum***

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#### **Commissioner Announcements**

Commissioner Joe Florio shared updates on leaf collection and food trucks.

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

Captain Michael Hamelin introduced himself as the new Captain of the Second District.

Commissioner David Rubenstein asked about the outcome of the drug free zone that had recently been established in the ANC. Cpt. Hamelin shared more information about the drug free zone program but said he would need to follow up with more information about the 2F drug free zone.

Commissioner Brant Miller shared frustrations that no Third District officers attended the meeting after many months of failure to attend. He asked whether Cpt. Hamelin could encourage these officers to attend. Cpt. Hamelin committed to reaching out and making a connection with the Third District captain.

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

Brian Romanowski acknowledged the outcome of the presidential election and affirmed that the Councilmember was committed to standing up for the District's rights and home rule.

Mr. Romanowski shared updates on a recent bill that expanded the hours in which amplified sound could be used in protests in residential areas. He mentioned that this was temporary legislation and would be followed with further legislation on noise.

Mr. Romanowski also shared updates on leaf collection.

Finally, Mr. Romanowski shared his concerns regarding recent hate crimes in ANC 2F. Commissioner Rubenstein asked whether there was any opportunity to suspend business operations for purposes of public safety; Mr. Romanowski explained that the MPD could potentially close a business that operated with a liquor license.

#### **Report from Metropolitan Police Department Third District, *Lieutenant Jonathan Fleming***

Lieutenant Jonathan Fleming introduced himself. Commissioner Miller shared concerns with public loitering and pronounced sex work taking place in his SMD. Lt. Fleming responded, saying that the MPD could respond to the loitering and confirmed that the sex work was already on the radar of the MPD.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked whether Lt. Fleming had been in touch with the McDonald's in the SMD and whether they had considered limiting their hours in the interest of public safety; Lt. Fleming responded that he had been in touch with them and they were responsive but that limiting hours would negatively impact business. He committed to following up with information for the management. Commissioner Rocklin asked whether Lt. Fleming had any updates on a possible hate crime that took place at the McDonald's. Lt. Fleming did not have further information, but Latoya Davenport shared that the outreach office held regular hate crime meetings.

Neighbor Stuart West asked about other public safety options in the vicinity of the McDonald's, and whether there were any plans being considered to establish a more permanent police presence near the location.

Neighbor Lauren Hoffman asked about additional public safety measures that may not require additional staffing; Lt. Fleming explained that the corner did have a camera installed in this area.

### **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 October Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
  - Executive Director October salary (\$1278.81)
  - Q4 FY 2024 Quarterly Financial Report

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

### ***Committee Reports***

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

Commissioner Rubenstein shared updates from the committee, which included a presentation from DDOT regarding new public safety improvements to 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### *Streatery Guidelines*

Commissioner Rubenstein shared that DDOT's Public Space Committee had requested feedback on their Streatery program. He updated the Commissioner that the Committee had extended the deadline for feedback, which would allow the PSTC more time to review and discuss feedback on the guidelines. He mentioned this letter would be presented in the December meeting for a vote.

#### **Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee, *Chair Joe Florio***

Chair Florio explained that the Commission had reached a Settlement Agreement with Sav-On Liquors; he explained that while property owners remained dissatisfied with the trash removal plan in the building, this issue was outside the scope for the ANC.

#### *Barrel House Cafe*

Chair Florio explained that he was working with the applicant to come to terms of the Settlement Agreement but had not reached one yet. He moved to protest the license application on the ground of a negative impact on peace, order, and quiet and nominated himself to represent that ANC in negotiations. The motion was seconded. Chair Florio explained that he sought to reduce the hours of the summer garden to comport with others in the neighborhood and to limit amplified noise in the establishment. The motion was passed unanimously.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

*Verg*

Chair Florio introduced the owners of Verg, who presented the concept for their medical cannabis retail store.

Chair Florio moved to protest the license on the grounds of a negative impact on peace, order, and quiet. The motion was seconded. Chair Florio asked the applicant how he planned to manage deliveries and security. He explained that he was considering setting specific delivery hours. He also explained that he had contracted a third-party security company that would be in uniform, armed, and equipped with body cams. Commissioner Caroline Zagraniczny asked whether they would use the alley for delivery; the applicant said they would not.

Chair Florio asked about the safe use endorsement for the summer garden. The applicant responded that they would not be able to have a safe use area because they would need to address requirements to have dedicated HVAC. Chair Florio confirmed the applicant would not be seeking an alcohol license.

Neighbor Mary asked whether the establishment would share information with the MPD, and Commissioner Dyer shared more information about the private security camera rebate program for the District.

The motion passed unanimously.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.**