

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Brian Romanowski (2F01)
John Guggenmos (2F02)
Michelle Yan (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Alexandra Bailey (2F08)

ABSENT

Maxime Devilliers (2F06)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Ella Hanson (DC Council)
Donovan Boyd (DDOT)
Kelsey Bridges (DDOT)
Brittany Bunch (Mayor's Office)

Meeting **called to order** by Chair John Guggenmos at **7:02 p.m.** The Secretary called roll.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Brian Romanowski shared information about the upcoming “Little Goblins” parade.

Commissioner Alexandra Bailey shared updates about flooding in 75 units of the Apollo building and efforts to engage the Office of Attorney General, DCHR, Office of Tenant Advocate, and other offices.

Report from District Department of Transportation: Walk & Roll to School Day, *Donovan Boyd and Kelsey Bridges*

Mr. Boyd and Ms. Bridges shared updates on traffic changes taking place for Walk & Roll to School Day to allow for safe access. The changes would be taking place for a one-day pilot project.

Commissioners Romanowski and Yan expressed support for the pilot study. Commissioner Romanowski asked whether the pilot might inadvertently require schoolchildren to get picked up on 13th Street, which is a busier area. Ms. Bridges responded that she hoped that by designating specific drop-off areas and including a crossing guard, they would mitigate any safety concerns.

Chair Guggenmos asked how success would be evaluated. Ms. Bridges explained there would be a feedback process and there may need to be further iterations of the pilot.

Report from DC Council Ward 2 Office, *Pablo Velasco Rodriguez*

Mr. Rodriguez shared legislative updates, including upcoming hearings and bill markups. He also shared updates related to upcoming leaf collection.

Commissioner Guggenmos asked for more clarification and clearer guidelines on working after testing positive for COVID-19.

Commissioner Bailey shared updates about the flooding at the Apollo and asked for further support in outreach to District agencies. Mr. Rodriguez committed to supporting on this. Commissioner Bailey also raised concerns about public safety inside and around Horizon House, and she explained that she'd been in contact with MPD on these issues. She also asked about additional resources to provide an extra security guard for Horizon House; Mr. Rodriguez committed to following up on the issue. She also asked about Claridge Towers and support for seniors there.

Janice Ferebee asked about the old location of Balance Gym and whether there would be any new establishments going into the location. Mr. Rodriguez explained that he would follow up.

Report from D.C. Sentencing Commission, *Brittany Bunch*

Ms. Bunch shared updates on the work of the D.C. Sentencing Commission to review and ensure just criminal sentencing.

Commissioner Bailey shared her support for the work of the Commission.

Community Announcements

LaToya Davenport with the United States Attorney's Office shared information about following trial updates and the upcoming Hispanic/Latino program.

Declan Falls of Chairman Mendelson's office shared legislative updates and efforts to break up DCRA into new departments. Commissioner Bailey requested that the Chairman consider finding feedback or chat functionality during meetings in order to ask questions for clarity during the meetings.

Linda Greenan from Pepco shared updates on infrastructure updates that would be taking place to the cable and conduit system, including the areas and timelines for work. Chairman Guggenmos asked about traffic mitigation around the busier areas of work.

Commissioner John Fanning asked about whether businesses would be contacted in advance regarding service outages.

Commissioner Romanowski asked whether any coordination was happening between DDOT and the utilities companies to avoid continuous work at the same locations.

Chair Guggenmos asked to be sure that any construction be restored to its original condition.

Business Meeting

Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Guggenmos presented the consent agenda for the meeting, including:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of September Meeting Minutes
- Eaton DC Hotel (1201 K Street NW) Settlement Agreement Amendments
- Letter to National Park Service supporting Stonewall Bocce Continuing in Logan Circle
- Treasurer's Report: Expenses
 - \$1278.81 for Executive Director's Salary
 - \$91.98 Quarterly Unemployment Insurance Payment
 - \$27.16 Quarterly Paid Family Leave Payment
 - \$131.50 Quarterly District Tax Payment
 - \$77.10 Quarterly Federal Income Tax
 - \$543.12 Quarterly Federal Social Security
 - \$127.02 Quarterly Federal Medicare

Chair Guggenmos moved to accept the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Committee Reports

Community Development Committee, *Dr. Helen Kramer*

1420 Q Street NW – BZA Application

Helen Kramer described the request for a special exception to the zoning regulations on lot coverage to accommodate the construction of a back deck. She mentioned no significant opposition and a unanimous vote to recommend the ANC send a letter of support to the BZA supporting the application.

Chair Guggenmos moved to accept the CDC's recommendation. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Romanowski asked whether there would be a dumpster on Q Street or in the alley; Ms. Kramer responded that it would be in the rear. The motion was passed unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Public Space and Transportation Committee (PSTC) Report, *Commissioners Brian Romanowski and Maxime Devilliers*

Commissioner Romanowksi shared that ANC 2F will host "walk and chalk" event on 10/12 from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Resolution regarding 13th Street NW Road Diet

Commissioner Romanowski shared interest in a study exploring a narrowing a portion of 13TH Street to reduce traffic speeds and allow for more sidewalk and green space, as well as an opportunity to connect 13TH Street with K Street Transitway.

Commissioner Romanowski moved that the ANC accept the resolution. Chair Guggenmos seconded the motion. Commissioner Fanning remarked that it was important that the residents living on the blocks be included in the discussion and that DDOT be pressured to be include residents in the study.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Resolution regarding 14th Street Pickup/Dropoff Zones & Parking Enforcement

Commissioner Romanowski explained that the committee felt that the design of 14TH Street needed to include pickup and drop off zones that accounted for the placement of the Streateries.

Commissioner Romanowski moved that the ANC accept the resolution. Chair Guggenmos seconded the motion. Commissioner Bailey also expressed a desire that the resolution and reduction in ticketing go hand-in-hand. The motion was passed unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Resolution regarding permanent lighting at Garrison Elementary School field

Commissioner Romanowski shared the final resolution, which was a budget request for lighting at Garrison Elementary School. He also noted the request that the lights be turned away from residential areas and turned off before 10 PM.

Commissioner Romanowski moved that the ANC accept the resolution. Commissioner Yan seconded the motion. Commissioner Fanning noted that Pepco had funded the field renovation and that there had already been requests to include funding for lighting.

Dugan, a community member, expressed his support for the resolution and a move away from generator lighting.

The motion was passed with one abstention.

VOTE: 4-0-1

Letter to Capital Bikeshare

Commissioner Romanowski also shared the committee's desire to write a letter to Capital Bikeshare to ask them to consider new locations around Logan Circle. He proposed that the ANC send a letter to CB to ask that they identify locations for new and expanded bikeshare stations. The motion was seconded by Chair Guggenmos and passed unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Alcohol Policy Committee Report, *Commissioners Brian Romanowski and John Fanning*

Chair Guggenmos noted that he had pending license renewals and thus would be exiting the meeting during the licensing portion of the discussion.

Commissioner Romanowski shared updates regarding ABRA License renewals, including which establishments were being included in discussion (those which had been placarded). No concerns were raised and thus no vote was taken.

Commissioner Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.