

# ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 2, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

### PRESENT

Joe Florio (2F03)  
Christopher Dyer (2F05)  
Christopher Appel (2F06)  
Brant Miller (2F07)

### ABSENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)  
Neil Rocklin (2F02)  
Caroline Zagranicznzy (2F08)

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Lieutenant Alexis Sakulich (MPD)  
Captain Sharde Harris (MPD)  
Jason Peru (ABCA)  
Laura Gonzalez (DC OHR)  
Rosa Carrillo (DC OHR)  
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)  
Ty Abilla (MOCRS)

Chair Joe Florio called the meeting to order at 7:10 and called roll.

### ***Community Forum***

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#### **Commissioner Announcements**

Commissioner Joe Florio shared updates on a new Zoom log in procedure. He also shared information about a new drug free zone in the ANC.

Commissioner Brant Miller shared an update on Open Streets Day in the District.

#### **Report from Metropolitan Police Department Second District, *Lieutenant Alexis Sakulich and Captain Sharde Harris***

Lieutenant Sakulich provided updates from the second district of the MPD.

Neighbor Aidan Lang asked for more information on the drug free zones. Lieutenant Sakulich explained that the drug free zone increased penalties for drug crimes within the area, allowing officers to disperse or make arrests for drug related offenses. Captain Sharde Harris shared more background on why the drug free zone was created in the ANC—primarily because of persistent drug related activity in the ANC that Commissioners had raised to the attention of the police chief.

John Guggenmos asked for more details on the statute pertaining to the drug free zones and how many days the zone would be in place. Captain Harris explained that this would be present for a minimum of five days before review. He also asked about where to access statistics on crime rates to be able to confidently share information on decrease in crime. Captain Harris recommended he use DC Crime Cards. Mr. Guggenmos recommended that the MPD should help to better advertise decreases in crime to help encourage more visitors to the District.

Neighbor “Joe” asked for further information about the drug free zones and response given they are simply responding to incidents already controlled as crime. Captain Harris explained that the drug free zones included units whose sole responsibility for the five-day period would be to police the drug free zone, offering extra layers of resources. He also asked the best way to report drug activity; Captain Harris recommended he call 911.

#### **Report from the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, *Jason Peru***

Jason Peru from ABCA presented on Cannabis Licensing Enforcement. Mr. Peru clarified that there are currently no licensed cannabis gifting shops in the ANC – there are two shops that have applied for licensing: Mr. Nice Guys and District Gaslight. These shops can continue to operate while they pursue the licensing process. He clarified that any applicants were still subjected to inspection and review before being licensed, and he shared updates from other establishments in the District that had continued the process.

Mr. Peru also shared updates on warnings that he had given to other unlicensed cannabis retail locations and progressive actions taken for other establishments – including increasing padlocks on locations that had already received warnings. Mr. Peru also informed the commission of an interagency task force that had a plan of action for how to approach enforcement.

He also offered more information on the federal guidelines and the importance that product does not come to DC from other states but is all grown within the District to be compliant.

Commissioner Brant Miller asked whether ABCA could provide more information to the Commission about what actions ABCA was taking within the ANC, as well as any action the ANC could take to be supportive in enforcement and compliance. Mr. Peru shared some challenges on gathering and disseminating information – he also recommended coordinating with ABCA legal about opportunities for public input on hearings or other licensure matters.

Commissioner Christopher Dyer asked for more specifics on the status of cannabis retail operations that had not yet sought to come into regulations. Mr. Peru explained that some operations had applied for conditional licenses in order to find a new location that conformed to space regulations.

Commissioner Miller also suggested some improvements to the cannabis enforcement dashboard.

#### **Report from the Mayor's Office, *Ty Abilla***

Ty Abilla shared updates from the mayor's office, including upcoming events, changes to the 311 app, electronics recycling, and leaf collection.

No commissioners nor community members raised any questions.

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

Brian Romanowski shared the success of the Art All Night event. He also shared updates on the Councilmember's oversight of 911 and emergency response, as well as bills to provide additional support for emergency response and overtime workers. He also provided other legislative updates, including to create tax exemptions for purchase of certain bonds and for a laundry voucher pilot program. He also alerted the Commission to a hearing on funding for DC Public Schools.

No commissioners nor community members raised any questions.

#### **Report from Language Access Program at the Office of Human Rights, *Laura Gonzalez and Rosa Carrillo***

Rosa Carrillo and Laura Gonzalez offered information about language access services available to the ANC. Ms. Carrillo notified the Commission that translation and interpretation services could be reimbursed by OHR and Ms. Carrillo shared information about how to submit for reimbursements.

No commissioners nor community members raised any questions.

#### **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 September Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Expenses:
  - Executive Director September salary (\$1278.81)
  - DC Income Tax (\$131.50)
  - Federal Income Tax (\$747.47)
  - Paid Family Leave (\$11.79)
  - Unemployment Insurance (\$15.93)
  - Nullify payment of previously approved \$158.89 expense (September 2024) to reflect Zoom reimbursement
  - Updated Zoom reimbursement (\$10.85)

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

## ***2025 Budget***

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Commissioner Christopher Appel presented details on the ANC fiscal year 2025 budget, including cash on hand and a proposed increase in the salary of the Executive Director to reflect increases in the cost of living in the District. Commissioner Dyer moved to approve the budget, and Chair Florio seconded the motion. The budget was passed unanimously.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

## ***Committee Reports***

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### **Community Development Committee Meeting**

#### *Grace Reformed Church*

Committee Chair Helen Kramer presented the application from the Grace Reformed Church, a vacant property that is severely dilapidated with pest infestation. The property has been acquired and the developer seeks to turn the property into a restaurant and to convert an adjoining property into condo units. In order to carry out the development, the applicant seeks to make the zoning of the two properties consistent, changing the Church zoning to an "ARTS-3" zone. She explained that the proposal was not controversial and the Committee recommended that the ANC support the application for the zoning map amendment.

Commissioner Miller moved to support the application for a zoning map amendment. The motion was seconded. Chair Florio shared some photos and plans for the new restaurant. The motion passed unanimously.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

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

Chair Florio shared updates on negotiations with Sav-On Liquors, and he expressed his encouragement that the owner had been very amenable to hearing and addressing neighbors' concerns. He noted that trash management remained a last hurdle to address.

He also notified the committee of a new placard for the former Foxtrot space, including a summer garden and entertainment endorsement.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.**