

ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 8, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Joe Florio (2F03)
Kyle Oliver (2F04)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)
John Fanning (2F06)
Kevin Cataldo (2F07)

ABSENT

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Brant Miller (Parliamentarian)
Lieutenant Sakulich (MPD)
Ty Abilla (MOCRS)
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)

Chair Joe Florio called the meeting to order at 7:08 and called roll.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Joe Florio announced Brant Miller as Parliamentarian.

Commissioner Neil Rocklin nominated Joe Florio as Chair of ANC 2F. No other nominations Commissioner Florio accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Commissioner Florio's nomination was approved unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Chair Florio nominated Commissioner Christopher Dyer as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Dyer accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Commissioner Dyer's nomination was approved unanimously, with Commissioner Dyer abstaining.

VOTE: 6-0-1

Chair Florio nominated Commissioner Kyle Oliver as Secretary. Commissioner Oliver accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Commissioner Oliver's nomination was approved unanimously, with Commissioner Oliver abstaining.

VOTE: 6-0-1

Chair Florio nominated Commissioner David Rubenstein as Treasurer. Commissioner Rubenstein accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Commissioner Rubenstein's nomination was approved unanimously, with Commissioner Rubenstein abstaining.

VOTE: 6-0-1

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

No commissioner announcements were presented.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department Second District, *Lieutenant Alexis Sakulich*

Lieutenant Sakulich shared statistics on reduced crime rates year in the District over year for 2024.

Chair Florio shared that there would be another establishment opening on 14th Street and that Trade would be expanding their space, both of which would lead to increased activity on the weekend in SMD 2F03. Lieutenant Sakulich said that she was aware of this and was considering appropriate response.

Chair Florio also noted that tenants at the Abdo Properties building had reported recurrent drug use in front of their building.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked if there was any more information about shoplifting trends year over year. Lieutenant Sakulich explained that the statistics did not disaggregate for shoplifting but overall theft had decreased.

Commissioner Rocklin asked whether there was any update on the stabbing at 900 P St NW. Lt. Sakulich did not have an update but that the case was being actively investigated.

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

Brian Romanowski shared updates from the new DC Council, reporting that Councilmember Pinto would be chairing the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety. He also underscored the decrease in crime across the District in 2024. Mr. Romanowski also shared updates on trash, leaf, and Christmas tree collection, reminding constituents to utilize 311 for DPW-related requests.

Joyce Cowan asked about the lead pipe replacement program and whether it had been cancelled. Brian Romanowski committed to looking into the issue and getting back to the Commission.

Report from Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office, *Ty Abilla*

Ty Abilla re-introduced herself and the MOCRS office. She also offered updates on snow removal and encouraged outreach to share any concerns about snow. Ms. Abilla also shared a tragic update on dog deaths due to electrical shock and explained that the Mayor's office was working with Pepco to investigate the incident. Ms. Abilla committed to working with the Commission throughout the budget season.

Jeffrey Feltman raised concerns that Milk did not clean its sidewalks and asked whether there was any penalty for businesses failing to clear its sidewalks. Ms. Abilla said that the MOCRS have been looking into enforcement and would report back with further action.

Commissioner Oliver asked about snow removal in bike lanes. Ms. Abilla mentioned that DDOT was working on clearing bike lanes based on priority.

Community Announcements

No community announcements were presented.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of December Meeting Minutes
- Approval to Obtain Debit Card for Tax Payments
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Expenses:
 - Executive Director December salary (\$1156.72)
 - Tax Payments:
 - Federal Income Tax \$1337.76
 - DC Income Tax \$136.56
 - Paid Family Leave \$167.64
 - Unemployment Insurance \$15.93

Committee Reports

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

Commissioner Rubenstein reminded the Commission of the vote on an 11th Street Bike Lane letter and confirmed that the letter had been submitted.

Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee, *Chair Joe Florio*

Chair Florio shared that Verg Enterprises, a new cannabis retailer next to the Walgreens at 14th Street, did not show up to their first ABCA hearing and so their application had been dismissed. Chair Florio noted that he had not heard an update on whether they would appeal or re-apply, but confirmed that ANC 2F would not need to reconsider the application for protest. Chair Florio also mentioned a new cannabis retail license application in 2F03 for Smokejumpers.

New Business

Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee (APC) Chair Nomination

Chair Florio moved to nominate David Rubenstein as a co-chair of the APC. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubenstein accepted the nomination. The motion was called and passed unanimously, with Commissioner Rubenstein abstaining.

VOTE: 6-0-1

Chair Florio moved to nominate Joyce Cowan as a co-chair of the APC. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Joyce Cowan accepted the nomination. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Public Safety Committee (PSC) Chair Nomination

Chair Florio moved to nominate John Fanning as a chair of the PSC. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Commissioner Fanning accepted the nomination. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Public Space and Transportation Committee (PSTC) Chair Nomination

Commissioner Rubenstein moved to nominate Kyle Oliver as a chair of the PSTC. Chair Florio seconded the motion. Commissioner Oliver accepted the nomination. Joyce Cowan expressed her interest in cross-collaboration between the APC and PSTC with Commissioner Oliver. The motion was called and passed unanimously, with Commissioner Fanning abstaining.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Community Development Committee (CDC) Chair Nomination

Chair Florio mentioned that he had been in contact with Helen Kramer, who was willing to retain the Chair position of the CDC. Chair Fanning moved to nominate Helen Kramer as Chair of the CDC. Commissioner Rocklin seconded the nomination, which passed unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Creating an Ad-Hoc Committee to Review Bylaws

Chair Florio moved to create an ad-hoc committee to review the bylaws. Commissioner Fanning seconded the motion. Chair Florio noted that there were only minor changes that need be made, but wanted to establish a body and process to review. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Chair Dyer moved to nominate Chair Florio as chair of the ad hoc committee. Commissioner Fanning seconded the motion. Chair Florio accepted the nomination. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Clean Team Budget Request Resolution

Commissioner Rubenstein shared more information about the contracted Clean Teams that operated around the District, including the ANC's "SONG" Clean Team. He shared feedback that this Clean Team was doing a superior job to the previous team. Commissioner Rubenstein explained that this letter would request prioritization of funding for enhancing the Clean Team's budget and operations. Commissioner Rubenstein moved to approve the resolution to support enhancements. Commissioner Kevin Cataldo seconded the motion. Commissioner Florio noted the need to update the letterhead and date of the resolution. Commissioner Dyer suggested preparing early next year for budget requests. The motion was called and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 7-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.