

ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 2, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Joe Florio (2F03)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)
John Fanning (2F06)
Kevin Cataldo (2F07)

ABSENT

Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Kyle Oliver (2F04)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Lieutenant Alexis Sakulich (MPD)
Lieutenant Michale Pulliam (MPD)
Shakira Richardson (DLPC)
Ty Abilla (MOCRS)
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)

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

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Florio noted a decrease in the number of food trucks and junk cars in his SMD.

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

Lt. Sakulich offered reports on crime statistics, including decreases in most crime, with an increase in theft from auto in both the second and third district. She also mentioned a robbery at gunpoint that detectives continued to investigate.

Chair Florio noted increased drug activity near the Shake Shack on 14th Street during the summer time, and he asked MPD to continue to pay attention to this block.

Commissioner David Rubenstein shared his concern regarding the assault on the delivery driver and asked whether MPD had reached out to the newspapers to warn their delivery personnel.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department Third District, *Lieutenant Michael Pulliam*

Lt. Pulliam shared more information about their efforts to address the food trucks in the neighborhood, including joint efforts with DPW and other agencies, as well as increased ticketing efforts.

Lt. Pulliam also shared details about an armed altercation on 13th Street; he mentioned that it was unclear whether this was a narcotics related fight but that investigation was ongoing.

Commissioner John Fanning asked about a shooting at the Falcon gas station on 13th and N. Lt. Pulliam said he did not believe any shooting had occurred.

Janice Ferebee thanked the Lieutenant for the work that MPD is doing to address drug activity in the Horizon House building and the vicinity. She asked what more citizens could do to help address the crime.

One community member asked whether 12th and M Street could become a “drug free zone,” and Lt. Pulliam mentioned these zones were determined based on data, including call data. He mentioned that he would flag this location to the data analysts and encourage community members to call in activity.

Report from Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection, *Shakira Richardson*

Shakira Richardson presented information about the Consumer Protection Unit of the DLPC, which covered businesses outside of the medical field. Ms. Richardson mentioned that the Unit was attentive to unlicensed vending and assisted MPD in addressing this concern. She shared information about prospective legislation that would allow the Unit to issue tickets (but did not have this authority currently). She also explained that the Unit could assist with mediation on behalf of consumers if a contractor or business acted improperly.

Chair Florio asked about the status of the bill on ticket issuance. Ms. Richardson said it was not currently slated for any vote. Commissioner Rubenstein asked what examples of tickets might be under this legislation. Ms. Richardson explained that currently, if they found a violation of consumer protection code, they could mail a violation but not issue a citation on the spot; the new legislation would allow the Unit to issue legislation on the spot and to request tows of offending vehicles.

Commissioner Christopher Dyer asked for the best email address to reach the Unit, and Ms. Richardson shared the online complaint submission form.

Community member Nathan Sparks asked what specific concerns there were regarding the food trucks. Chair Florio mentioned that the food trucks were operating outside of agreed hours and did not carry out proper trash, light, and noise mitigation. Ms. Richardson also explained that many of the unlicensed trucks raised serious concerns about human trafficking and public health.

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

Brian Romanowski mentioned that Congress would be taking up a bill to allow the District to spend its own allocated budget, explaining that this delay had held up the Mayor's budget.

He also offered updates on the Councilmember's legislative efforts, including new legislation -- "Peace DC" -- that would build on last year's "Secure DC" legislation. He also shared upcoming budget hearings and roundtable discussions around the bill.

Mr. Romanowski shared information about an Earth Day cleanup in the ANC.

Chair Florio asked whether the Councilmember had a position on the DLPC legislation; Mr. Romanowski said it was not on his radar but that he was following up with Ms. Richardson.

Marcel, a community member, asked about President Trump's proposals to take over security and beautification in the District. He asked whether CM Pinto had been contacted regarding the proposal or whether she had a stance on this Executive Order. Mr. Romanowski explained that the CM was willing to work with the federal government, assuming preservation of home rule, but had not been contacted by the administration.

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

Ty Abilla clarified that homeless encampment clear outs had been taking place on a seven-day timeline period.

Ms. Abilla welcomed participation in the District Emancipation Day parade in April and a community walkthrough taking place in the Logan Circle area. She mentioned she was happy to coordinate similar walks and clean ups if of interest.

Marcel asked about a study on common collection points for glass recycling and whether this was under consideration. Ms. Abilla said she did not have insight on that specific topic but was happy to look into the matter.

Community Announcements

Chair Florio mentioned upcoming Logan Circle Community Association cleanups.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dyer moved to remove the approval of the agenda from consent agenda and to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

- Approval of March Meeting Minutes
- Approval of New Committee Members John Guggenmos (2F02) and Stephen Churchill (2F05) to the PSC
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - Expenses: Executive Director February salary (\$1156.72)
 - iPage Web Hosting Reimbursement: \$22.2
 - DC Withholding: \$136.56
 - Federal Tax: \$1296.77
 - Unemployment Insurance: \$111.59
 - Paid Family Leave: \$41.08

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chair Florio moved to add the approval of two additional new committee members to the Public Safety Committee meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Committee Reports

Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee, *Commissioner David Rubenstein*

Commissioner Rubenstein shared updates on license renewals.

Commissioner Rubenstein also shared information about an application for substantial change in the license application for Trade, which sought to increase indoor capacity and reduce outdoor capacity. Commissioner Rubenstein shared the recommendation of the APC to support the application for a stipulated license. Commissioner Rubenstein moved to support the application for a stipulated license. The motion was seconded. Chair Florio expressed his support. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Public Safety Committee, *Commissioner John Fanning*

Commissioner Fanning shared updates on meetings that he had held with the Acting Attorney General, the Chief of Public Housing Police, and other government and non-governmental entities engaged on public safety issues in the District.

New Business

Approval of Two New Committee Members for the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Fanning moved to nominate Janice Ferebee and David Levey as members of the PSC. The motion was seconded. Chair Florio expressed his gratitude for Commissioner Fanning's leadership on the PSC. The motion was passed unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.