

ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 5, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Christopher Dyer (2F05)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Lieutenant Michael Hamelin (MPD)
Lieutenant Michale Pulliam (MPD)
Captain Carline Modl (MPD)
Ty Abilla (MOCRS)
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)

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

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Florio encourage the community to stay safe in the potential snow.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department Second District, *Lieutenant Michael Hamelin*

Lieutenant Hamelin shared statistics on reduced crime rates year in the District, though mentioned an increase in burglaries. He mentioned that often the same perpetrators committed the same crimes, and he shared that 2D had made arrests of individuals suspected in multiple crimes.

Commissioner Neil Rocklin asked Lt. Hamlin about the establishment of Drug Free Zones in his SMD. Lt. Hamlin explained that the Secure DC Act allowed for the establishment of the drug free zones, and that the data analytics team would identify areas for the Zones based on increased drug activities there. A neighbor asked whether there was a process for requesting a Drug Free Zone. The Lieutenant explained they could share the area with the analytics team to see if it would qualify for establishment of a Zone.

Joann Jones, a neighbor, shared concerns about a neighboring apartment that had its lights on all day and night. Chair Florio shared his contact information so that he could follow up on the concern.

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

Lieutenant Pulliam noted the increased number of cannabis pop up shops and explained that 3D was working with ABCA to shut down unlicensed shops and efforts to encourage business owners to install more durable storefront glass. Lieutenant Pulliam also introduced Captain Carline Modl, who was new to 2D.

Commissioner Rubenstein noted that the Taco Bell Cantina would be opening soon and reminded the Lieutenant that the ANC had entered into a Settlement Agreement with the establishment. He also suggested that MPD might work with the owners to install cameras.

Commissioner Kevin Cataldo asked about the approach that the MPD had taken to prostitution. Lt. Pulliam explained that the MPD and the District took a whole health approach, focusing policing on the johns rather than escorts.

Commissioner John Fanning thanked the MPD for their work.

Report from Capital Pride, *Sahand Miraminy*

Sahand Miraminy explained that this year DC would be celebrating 50 years of pride and would be hosting World Pride in June. Sahand shared updates about Pride's new parade route, concerns that permits may be revoked at National Park Service sites (and backup plans around this), and a brief on the overall celebration.

Sahand expressed his hope that the ANC would offer a letter of support to Capital Pride, and Chair Florio confirmed that the ANC would vote on this at the next meeting but that he anticipated unanimous support. He also reaffirmed the ANC's support in the event that the federal government made plans difficult.

Chair Florio asked for more details about the block party and location. Sahand shared more details on the "family area," block party and plans for the high heel race and drag brunch.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked about plans for increased cleaning resources and Sahand said that they were working with the District to anticipate and address this concern.

Commissioner Neil Rocklin asked about the anticipated number of visitors coming from outside of DC and the country. Sahand mentioned that they anticipate at 40 percent increase in the number of attendees, and that they were working with the District to manage security needs, accommodations, and additional events.

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

Ty Abilla reminded neighbors to contact 311 and to copy her on any requests or notices of missed pickup for Christmas trees, yard waste, etc. She also asked that the community share concerns about unsafe roads in inclement weather. Finally, she mentioned that DC Water would be cleaning sewer lines in the Thomas Circle area.

Commissioner Rocklin asked about budgeting and whether DPW had the funds needed to provide all the necessary services.

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

Brian Romanowski shared updates about a gentleman who had established residence at the church at 15th and P St and confirmed that the Councilmember's office was working to find permanent housing. He also shared updates on public schools prohibiting phones in the classroom and on a new recycling program.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked why legislation was needed to prohibit schools when the schools should be able to do this without a law. Mr. Romanowski explained that the Council wanted to push the schools and outline specifics on the prohibitions.

Commissioner Cataldo asked about a survey of the unhoused and Mr. Romanowski explained that DC was participating in this survey, which would take multiple months and may be used as input in federal funding.

A neighbor asked whether the bottle fee to encourage recycling would apply to businesses as well, and Mr. Romanowski replied that it would.

Community Announcements

Brittany Bunch of the DC Sentencing Commission shared updates from the Commission, including their logo competition and other news.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of January Meeting Minutes
- Approval of New Committee Members
- Approval to Q1 2025 Quarterly Financial Report
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - Expenses: Executive Director January salary (\$1156.72)
 - Adjustment: Q1 2025 federal income tax paid at \$1296.77
 - Authorization of Debit and ACH Transactions (per OANC Guidelines)

VOTE: 6-0-0

Committee Reports

Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee, *Commissioner David Rubenstein*

Smokejumpers New License Application

Commissioner Rubenstein presented the application for a new cannabis retail license, including the hours of operations, business concept, and that there would be no endorsements. Commissioner Rubenstein moved that ANC 2F protest the license based on issues of peace, order, and quiet and designate Chair Florio to represent the ANC in negotiating a Settlement Agreement. Chair Florio seconded the motion. He added his appreciation for the applicants' seeking licensure and noted that they seemed agreeable to many of the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

VOTE: 6-0-0


Chair Florio shared updates from Verg Enterprises.

Other Committee Reports

New Business

No New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

 3/5/25

Signed: Kyle Oliver, Secretary, ANC2F