

ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Kyle Oliver (2F04)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Councilmember Brooke Pinto (DC Council)
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 7:05 and called roll.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Joe Florio shared updates on street sweeping.

Report from DC Council Ward 2 Office, *Councilmember Brooke Pinto*

Councilmember Pinto shared updates from the Secure DC Act, including the Council's success in working with federal agencies to reduce crime and improve public safety in DC.

CM Pinto addressed the impact of reductions in federal workforce on DC residents, including improving access to benefits and thinking creatively about job placements for federal employees.

CM Pinto expressed her excitement about the upcoming World Pride.

Commissioner Neil Rocklin asked about specific funding for traffic cameras and impounding vehicles whose owners have failed to pay parking tickets. CM Pinto mentioned that the District had worked to build up the presence of cameras and mentioned she'd be interested in exploring more funding. She also mentioned that more funding was needed to address impoundment. She also mentioned new legislation to clarify the process of unpaid parking tickets and to ensure out of district drivers were paying tickets.

Commissioner David Rubenstein asked about recruitment of MPD. CM Pinto shared updates on how MPD was building a pipeline of new recruits, though she noted that retention remained an issue and more progress was needed.

Joyce Cowan asked how the Council was considering budget priorities given the reduction in federal funding, potential cuts to Medicare/Medicaid, and attacks on Home Rule. CM Pinto shared that DC's federal allocation for Medicare/Medicaid was at 70 percent and 50 percent of the District was on one of these programs. Trump is suggesting reducing the allocation to 50 percent, and the District would need to foot the bill for \$2 billion – effectively wiping out other District programs.

Janice Ferebee asked how the community could support DC in the face of federal attacks. CM Pinto said that residents should raise their voices to Congress and seek support from those around the country who were represented by officials in the Senate and House.

John Guggenmos asked about the accreditation of the forensics lab and how that was impacting prosecutions. CM Pinto shared areas of the agency that were back online, but noted that there was still some trust building needed. The CM reported that the backlog on evidence had been reduced by 60 percent.

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

Lt. Hamelin shared that decreasing trends in violent crimes continued, though noted that property crime remained a concern. He noted significant arrests that he hoped would reduce the number of burglaries.

John Guggenmos asked whether MPD tracked arrests, including for drug crime and property crime. Lt. Hamelin explained that they did track some of these arrests.

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

Lt. Pulliam noted that 3D would have a new liaison to 2F, Captain Model. He shared updates from the previous month's meeting, mentioning that he had connected with the Taco Bell Cantina and he mentioned that MPD had looked into the issue with prostitution and made an arrest of a few johns in the area. Lt. Pulliam also shared work with DPW to improve traffic enforcement, including impoundment of vehicles.

Chair Florio expressed his interest in being a resource on food truck enforcement.

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

Ty Abilla reminded the audience of how to engage the mayor on budget requests and issues. She also shared updates on the District's leadership program, on grant opportunities for retail businesses, and on other events. She also shared more information on street sweeping.

Chair Florio asked whether Ty would be presenting the mayor's budget at a future meeting, and she said that she would be happy to do so.

Jeffrey Feltman expressed his thanks to Ty, Chair Florio, and Commissioner Rocklin for keeping the sidewalks clear of snow.

Community Announcements

Latoya Davenport of the District Attorney's office shared opportunities to meet the DA and present any questions to him.

John Guggenmos shared concerns about having received a citation based on flimsy evidence of a mattress disposed of outside of his building. Though he noted

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dyer moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded. Chair Florio moved to amend the consent agenda to remove the nomination of Porter White as a PSTC member. The amendment was approved and the agenda was approved unanimously.

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of February Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - Expenses: Executive Director February salary (\$1156.72)

VOTE: 6-0-0

Committee Reports

Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee, *Commissioner David Rubenstein*

Commissioner Rubenstein shared updates on license renewals.

Chair Florio shared an update on Smokejumpers, because ABCA had missed ANC 2F's protest of the license. He noted that the Roll Call hearing had been rescheduled for March 10.

Public Safety Committee, *Commissioner John Fanning*

Commissioner Fanning noted that he had engaged at the Mayor's forum. He mentioned he was recruiting for the Committee and encouraged nominations. He also shared that he was arranging a community walk with the police chief and invited other commissioners to attend. Commissioner Fanning also mentioned that MPD was planning on surveillance of the block at 1200 M Street.

New Business

Letter to Support Capital Pride

Commissioner Dyer moved to approve the letter of support for Capital Pride. The motion was seconded. Chair Florio presented the support outlined in the letter and underscored how important this support was given tension with the federal government. Commissioner Dyer emphasized that DC would have a World Pride Parade, though he acknowledged there may be some areas under NPS jurisdiction. Chair Florio called the question and the motion passed unanimously.


VOTE: 6-0-0

Approval of New Committee Member Porter White

Chair Florio moved to nominate Porter White for the Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 6-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

 4/2/25

Signed: Kyle Oliver, Secretary, ANC 2F