

**APPROVED MINUTES
for the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
on
May 1, 2025, Hybrid Meeting (via Zoom webinar)**

Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.

- Nick Kushner and Alex Krefetz from the DC Office of Planning will present updates on work to advance the District's Comp Plan 2050 development process

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning (OP) presented the DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan, a long-term planning effort that will guide the city's growth and development through 2050. The comprehensive plan shapes policies on land use, zoning, density, housing, transportation, and public facilities. A central tool in the plan is the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), which informs what types of development can occur where and must align with zoning regulations. The comprehensive plan also affects city budgeting, as agency proposals must align with its priorities. The need for a new plan stems from projected growth of 145,000 residents and 175,000 jobs by 2050. The new plan will replace the 2006 plan and respond to major changes in the city since then. The planning process is designed to be community-centered, data-driven, user-friendly, and focused on outcomes. Public engagement will emphasize inclusion of voices often left out of past planning efforts and provide clear information on how planning decisions affect residents' daily lives. The planning timeline includes engagement activities through 2025, with scenario planning on where new housing and density might go beginning this fall. A draft plan is expected by fall 2026, with a final version submitted to DC Council in summer 2027. If approved, the plan would be implemented starting in early 2028. The Office of Planning encouraged residents to take a brief vision survey, sign up for updates, attend upcoming public workshops, and participate in community events. Materials are available in multiple languages, and targeted outreach is underway in Ward 1 and other areas.

In response to Commissioner Barrilleaux's question, OP clarified that the current RA-1 text amendment is proceeding based on the 2021 update and is being led by a different team. Commissioner Fay stressed the importance of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), noting that zoning decisions often follow it without much debate, making early community input essential and then asked how ANCs and neighborhoods could organize deeper engagement and ensure that feedback is incorporated into the DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan. OP encouraged communities to host their own discussions and submit summaries or letters to the DC 2050 email, all of which will be tracked and reflected in engagement reports. They confirmed that formal ANC submissions will be accepted during the draft plan comment period and advised signing up for the newsletter and following OP on social media for updates. OP noted that many areas near Metro and bus corridors were already upzoned in the 2021 plan but additional areas for growth will be explored. They also said an anti-displacement strategy is in progress and will be shared for input in the fall. The planning timeline is guided by legislative requirements from the last plan update.

Call meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner	Present	Absent
1B01 Fay	X	
1B02 Barrilleaux	X	
1B03 Sycamore		X
1B04 Lemon-Strauss	X	
1B05 Kensek		X
1B06 Trindade Deramo	X	
1B07 Holden	X	
1B08 Harris	X	
1B09 Hanrahan	X	

II. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Commission May 1, 2025 Meeting Agenda

B. Commission April 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

C. Committee Recommendations Not Requiring Commission Action

SUMMARY: Chair Trindade Deramo reintroduced the consent agenda, a streamlined process allowing a single vote on non-controversial items. Any commissioner can request that an item be removed for separate discussion. This meeting's consent agenda included the meeting agenda, April meeting minutes, and a new item: non-protest decisions from the ABCR Committee. These are cases the committee chose not to protest, now listed for transparency and general awareness. While the committee may recommend no protest, the full Commission retains authority to vote to protest any item. Non-protest listings can be found on page 18 of the meeting packet.

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moves to approve tonight's consent agenda. Commissioner Holden seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions)**.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 Minutes per Committee)

A. Committee on Community Engagement

i. No Meeting Held in April

SUMMARY: Committee char was not present, no report was given.

B. Committee on Economic Development

- i. Place Management Entity for U Street (Resolution under New Business)
- ii. Launching a U Street Business Roundtable in May, 2025
- iii. DMPED Scheduled to Attend May Committee Meeting to Discuss Reeve's Center, 1617 U Street Property, and Rita Bright

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay announced plans to review a resolution on a place management entity for U Street and to launch a U Street Business Roundtable on Thursday, May 22 at 1 PM. The roundtable will gather local businesses to discuss operational challenges, public safety, and future management options, with participation from MPD and DPW. Businesses interested in attending were encouraged to email the ANC to register. Sandlot U Street, located at Florida Ave and 7th St, recently held a welcome event and is officially opening this weekend. The ANC also noted that DMPED will attend the May Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss the future of 1617 U Street, Rita Bright, and the Reeves Center. Commissioners emphasized the importance of the roundtable and asked for help spreading the word to U Street businesses. Outreach efforts are already underway, including door-to-door engagement. Given the May 22 date falls right before Memorial Day weekend, commissioners discussed possibly holding a second meeting or shifting the date to better accommodate business owners' schedules.

C. Committee on Public Safety

SUMMARY: Commissioner Barrilleaux provided a public safety update, reporting 106 crimes in the past month, including 14 violent crimes, with no homicides. While this marks an increase of 16 crimes from the previous month, year-to-date totals are down compared to last year, including 93 fewer total crimes and 11 fewer violent crimes. Notable recent incidents included two stabbings and a shooting on U Street. Commissioner Barrilleaux reported that a recent fire on Vermont Avenue caused significant damage, leaving several homes uninhabitable and others filled with soot and smoke. While no one was injured, the impact on residents was severe, and extensive repairs will be needed. The ANC plans to spread awareness and facilitate fundraising efforts to aid affected families, like past fire recovery efforts. Commissioner Barrilleaux also flagged concerns about reduced MPD presence due to a federal budget shortfall, which has already triggered funding delays. MPD currently relies heavily on overtime, but future cutbacks are likely if funding isn't restored. Areas like 7th and T Streets may see decreased patrols. The Public Safety Committee passed a resolution urging a Congressional hearing on the confirmation of interim U.S. Attorney Ed Martin, whose term ends May 20. The resolution also calls for DC's non-voting federal representatives to be allowed to participate in that process.

D. Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Space

i. No Meeting Held in April

SUMMARY: The Transportation, Parks, and Public Space Committee did not meet last month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 and the agenda will be shared soon.

E. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

SUMMARY: Vice Chair Christian Brandt served as acting chair of the Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee over the past month following Commissioner Kensek's resignation. While the committee had no cases to review, it hosted three presentations. The first was from Alex Cross of Department of Buildings, who shared information about the organization's services and took questions. The second presentation with Zoning Administrator Kathleen Beeton, who discussed zoning enforcement and how calculations—likely related to zoning requirements—are determined. The third was a presentation from Teresa Edmondson from the Howard University's Real Estate and Capital Asset Team on the Howard University Hospital project, previously shared at the December ZPD meeting. These presentations offered valuable information and opened the door for future collaboration. Brandt was publicly thanked for stepping in, and a vote to confirm him as the permanent ZPD Chair was scheduled for later in the meeting.

F. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations

SUMMARY: The ABCR did not have quorum at its last meeting but still held an informal discussion. The committee focused on improving community engagement through the settlement agreement process, aiming to build cooperative relationships with establishments rather than just focusing on protests. Members also discussed inviting ABCA Director Fred Moosally to a future ANC or committee meeting to provide guidance on issues like noise complaints and enforcement. Several license renewals were received, with no new applicants or substantial changes. Two specific cases were flagged for discussion: Alero, which had noise complaints, and the Howard Theater, which has an existing settlement agreement outlining crowd control and security responsibilities. While Commissioner Hanrahan noted a lack of detailed findings from a FOIA request on Alero, Commissioner Harris clarified that residents, including those in her building, have submitted complaints, even if they haven't gone through formal channels. Commissioner Harris also clarified the limits of ANC authority: while the ANC can protest a license and negotiate settlement agreements, enforcement falls to ABCA and MPD. The Howard Theater case was noted to have an MPD presence requirement already in place. Both Alero and Howard remain under consideration for protest during the "new business" portion of the agenda, depending on input from the relevant single-member district commissioners.

IV. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: Nicole Rivero (3 - 5 Minutes)

SUMMARY: Nicole shared that the mayor’s budget has not yet been released, but a resolution was passed requiring it to be submitted by May 15. If that timeline holds, the budget will likely be finalized by late July. Until the proposal is released, it’s unclear what cuts might be made, though major Council priorities like affordable housing, homelessness, and early childhood are expected to remain central. Community members and ANC commissioners were encouraged to testify during upcoming Council budget hearings once the schedule is released.

Chair Trindade Deramo raised concerns about Capital Bikeshare capacity in central neighborhoods, noting stations are often full despite record-breaking usage. While the system’s expansion focus has been on citywide access, there’s also a need for infill. The representative agreed to flag the issue and check on the program’s operating budget status. Finally, the next Councilmember’s office hours in ANC 1B will be held at Right Proper Brewing on May 21 from 6 to 8 PM, offering a chance for residents to speak directly with Councilmember Naedau.

B. Office of the Mayor: Stephanie Advincula, MOCRS (3 - 5 Minutes)

SUMMARY: Stephanie Advincula from the Mayor’s Office, Ward 1 liaison, provided a brief update, confirming that the Pre-K enhancement initiative will be fully funded in the FY26 budget—the only specific budget item the mayor has officially announced so far. She also mentioned a QR code survey for residents to share their opinions on the proposed Commanders stadium at RFK, regardless of whether they support or oppose the project. Commissioner Hanrahan would like to organize a cleanup day and Stephanie confirmed that community members can still organize clean-up days and get supplies like trash grabbers and bags by coordinating through the Mayor’s Office of Clean City. A new request form is being rolled out, and she offered to provide direct support for interested commissioners. Commissioner Fay expressed appreciation for the Mayor’s Office’s active involvement in ANC 1B, particularly praising Anthony Robertson for his responsiveness and hands-on approach to issues like illegal dumping. Stephanie affirmed that her team is proactively addressing illegal dumping and sanitation issues across the ward.

C. District Agencies: Chris Dyer, DPR (5 Minutes)

SUMMARY: Christopher Dyer from the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provided updates on programming, permitting, and maintenance. Summer program registration opens May 13 at noon for aquatics and May 14 for all other programs via dprprograms.com. Residents are encouraged to verify or create RecTrack accounts in advance to avoid registration delays. Income-based discounts of 50–75% are available and valid for a full calendar year. Permits are required for gatherings of 10 or more people and should be requested 30–45 days in advance through dpr.dc.gov/permits. DPR receives 35,000–40,000 permit requests annually. Maintenance, including trash pickup and water fountains, is managed by the Department of General Services (DGS) and can be reported through 311. Brown trash bins fall under DPW; blue recycling bins are DGS-managed.

DPR currently has limited inventory of blue bins. All public pools and splash pads will open Memorial Day weekend. Pools operate on weekends only until June 22.

Commissioner Harris asked a question about water fountains, including those at Banneker, that have not been working over the last year. Dyer will look into that specific request and confirmed that water fountains are scheduled to be operational by Memorial Day. Issues can be reported to Dyer with photos in JPEG format. Commissioner Barrilleaux asked a question regarding the opening date and hours of splash parks and if it was related to funding. Dyer explained that the delay in opening splash pads and outdoor pools until Memorial Day weekend is primarily due to staffing and resource constraints. DPR significantly increases its seasonal lifeguard workforce in the summer, often hiring high school and college students. Without school being out, there is not enough availability to staff pools earlier in the season. Additionally, weekday pool use tends to be low when schools are still in session, making earlier openings less cost-effective. Funding limitations also play a role. Dyer acknowledged rising temperatures and climate projections indicating more extreme heat days by 2050, noting the long-term need to adapt infrastructure and staffing models to address those changes. He also mentioned that Camp Riverview registration is now open and must be completed in person due to required documentation.

D. Commissioner announcements: *(2 Minutes per Commissioner)*

SUMMARY: No Commissioner announcements

E. Community announcements: *(2 Minutes per Community Member)*

SUMMARY: Amy Gato, a resident of 13th Street NW, announced a community-led block party scheduled for May 17 on the 2000 block between U and V Streets, from 1:30 to 10:00 p.m. The free event will include local DJs, drag performances, live art, workshops, and a skate meetup, and will highlight community-based organizations. She asked ANC1B for help with promotion and possible funding to support artists and event logistics. Chair Trindade Deramo directed her to connect with the ANC's outreach coordinator to include the event in upcoming communications and discussed possible financial support. They acknowledged the timing challenge, as ANC typically needs more notice to approve funding, but agreed to explore whether a small expenditure could be proposed and voted on during the meeting. Chair Trindade Deramo emphasized that reimbursement procedures require documentation and follow-up.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Executive Officer's Reports *(2 Minutes per Executive)*

SUMMARY: No reports provided

B. Appointment of Chair to ZPD Committee, Miguel Trindade Deramo

SUMMARY: Commissioner Kensek stepped down as chair of the Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee. Christian Brandt, who had been serving as vice chair, was

nominated to become the permanent chair. Chair Trindade Deramo praised Christian's qualifications and his effective leadership since stepping into the interim role. **MOTION:** Chair Trindade Deramo moved for Christian Brandt, of SMD 1B06, to be the permanent chair of the ZPD committee. Commissioner Hoden seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions)**.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Economic Development:** Resolution in Support of a U Street Place Management Entity

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay introduced a resolution in support of forming a place management entity for the U Street corridor. The resolution builds on discussions held since January, including public hearings in February and March, and input from Councilmember Pinto, who supports a north-south BID along 7th Street. In contrast, ANC 1B's resolution expresses support for an east-west structure along U Street. The resolution does not specify whether the entity should be a Neighborhood Management Authority (NMA) or a Business Improvement District (BID), acknowledging the strengths and challenges of both. It emphasizes the need for a structure that supports small and large businesses and includes residents in governance. The geographic scope proposed spans from 5th to 17th Streets NW, south to S Street, and north to Barry Place and Florida Avenue. Key priorities include safety, cleanliness, a welcoming environment, and inclusive representation. The resolution concludes that a place management entity is needed as soon as possible and calls for ANC 1B to formally support its creation. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moves for the for the passage of the resolution as presented to the commission tonight. Commissioner Holden seconded the motion. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss asked whether the Councilmember's office had provided feedback on the resolution supporting a place management entity for U Street. The Council representative had no immediate comments, noting it was their first time reviewing the resolution. In response, Commissioner Fay clarified that ANC 1B had been in frequent discussions with David Meni from the Councilmember's office. While the Councilmember supports the proposed Neighborhood Management Authority (NMA), she has publicly stated she would also support a Business Improvement District (BID) if one were formed, emphasizing that her main priority is ensuring U Street receives needed resources and coordination. Commissioner suggested including an ANC 1B representative on the eventual board governing the entity. Commissioner Fay noted that the resolution is a first step and that additional resolutions could follow to clarify positions on governance, services, and structure as the effort develops. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions)**.

B. **SMD06:** Resolution in Support of the Proposed Neighborhood Management Authority (NMA) Bill for the Columbia Heights Neighborhood (Commission 1A)

SUMMARY: Chair Trindade Deramo introduced a resolution supporting the establishment of a Neighborhood Management Authority (NMA) for Columbia Heights, citing the absence of any active Business Improvement District (BID) proposal as a key distinction from the U Street corridor. The

resolution affirms that an NMA is the most appropriate structure to meet the specific needs of Columbia Heights and encourages the DC Council's Committee on Business and Economic Development to hold a hearing on the proposal without delay. It also urges further engagement with affected ANCs to tailor the legislation to local conditions and calls for the resulting NMA to deliver services equitably to all businesses and residents within its boundaries. Chair Trindade Deramo committed to remaining involved in the broader deliberations and stated that even if a U Street NMA does not move forward, the Columbia Heights component of the bill should proceed independently. **MOTION:** Chair Trindade Deramo moves for the passage of the resolution as presented to the commission in support of the establishment of a Neighborhood Management Authority Bill for the Columbia Heights Neighborhood. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Jeremy Sherman from ANC 1A spoke in support of the proposed Neighborhood Management Authority (NMA) for Columbia Heights, noting positive feedback from residents, business owners, and arts organizations during discussions at ANC 1A meetings and committees. He emphasized that, unlike U Street, Columbia Heights has no viable BID proposal, making the NMA a practical option. While ANC 1A has not yet voted on a resolution, it plans to review one that aligns with ANC 1B's. Sherman clarified he was not speaking on behalf of the full ANC but sharing the status of ongoing discussions. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions).**

C. Public Safety: Resolution Calling for Congressional Hearing for Confirmation of Ed Martin

SUMMARY: Commissioner Barrilleaux introduced a resolution calling on Congress to hold a confirmation hearing for Interim U.S. Attorney Ed Martin before his term expires on May 20. The resolution cites multiple concerns, including alleged political bias, a conflict of interest involving a January 6 defendant, and internal staffing changes. It does not express support or opposition to Martin's nomination but calls for transparency and local input, including participation from D.C.'s Shadow Senators and Representatives. Shadow Senator Ankit Jain joined the meeting in support of the resolution, emphasizing Martin's unsuitability for the role, the urgency of action before the May 20 deadline, and the potential impact of ANC support. He noted that ANC 1B would be the first to pass such a resolution and encouraged others across the city to follow. Some commissioners and community members voiced support, citing the U.S. Attorney's direct impact on crime prosecution in ANC 1B. Others, including Commissioner Harris, opposed the resolution, arguing it was outside the scope of ANC 1B's local mandate and lacked sufficient local framing. The resolution was positioned as a timely, symbolic first step with potential to influence Senate consideration and galvanize other ANCs, despite not being formally coordinated across commissions yet. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to pass the resolution as written with a license for the secretary to make clerical amendments. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Chair Trindade Deramo commended Commissioner Barrio for drafting a resolution that carefully grounds its concerns in local public safety impacts. They emphasized that the resolution does not take a position on the nomination itself but calls for transparency and local input in the confirmation process. Commissioners highlighted that time and resources spent by the U.S. Attorney's office on politically motivated matters detract from addressing serious crime in ANC 1B neighborhoods. Commissioner Harris expressed alignment with concerns about Ed Martin personally but opposed the resolution on procedural grounds. She argued the issue is beyond ANC 1B's local scope and that the resolution should have included more neighborhood-specific data or impacts. Harris suggested a resolution focused on budget cuts and MPD funding might have been more directly relevant. Commissioner

Fay clarified that ANC statutes authorize advocacy to federal agencies and stated the resolution is legitimate. Others noted the resolution is a principled, democratic step and could serve as a model for other ANCs. Community members spoke in support, reinforcing the idea that the U.S. Attorney's actions have direct local consequences, even if the issue appears federal. Commissioner Lemon-Strauss noted his abstention for the record. The motion **PASSED (5 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions)**.

D. Alcohol: ABRA-071881- Alero Restaurant and Lounge - 1301 U St NW, Class "C" Restaurant, SMD 1B08

- i. Application for a license renewal
- ii. Protest Date 5/5/25
- iii. Committee Action: The committee recommends the ANC protest on the grounds of peace, order and quiet.

SUMMARY: The Commission discussed two alcohol license renewals—Alero Restaurant and the Howard Theatre—that had been flagged by the ABCR Committee due to community concerns, although the committee did not have quorum to take formal action. These items were separated from the consent agenda for possible Commission votes. **MOTION:** Commissioner Harris moved that the ANC protest Alero Restaurant and Lounge on peace, order and quiet and all applicable grounds. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harris shared her concerns about repeated late-night noise complaints, especially from live music on the patio, which violates the current settlement agreement. She argued the protest was necessary to amend and strengthen the agreement. Commissioner Lemon-Strauss questioned the need to protest with an agreement already in place, while Commissioner Harris emphasized that the renewal process is the only time to push for changes. Commissioner Hanrahan noted limited FOIA records and no strong committee recommendation. Commissioner Fay expressed general hesitation about protesting renewals but acknowledged the need for accountability. Community member, Frank Chauvin, supported the protest and called for stronger ANC action on corridor-wide noise issues. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions)**.

E. Alcohol: ABRA-123697: Howard Theater - 620 T St NW, Class "C" Multipurpose, SMD 1B02

- i. Application for a license renewal
- ii. Protest Date 6/2/25
- iii. Committee Action: The committee recommends the ANC protest on the grounds of peace, order and quiet.

SUMMARY: No motions were presented in relation to Howard Theater renewal application

F. Community Event Sponsorship: \$500 in support for the 13th Block Party on May 17th

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved that the ANC sponsor 500 dollars of allowable expenses of

the 13th Street block party on May 17th. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Lemon- Strauss clarified that ANC sponsorships differ from formal grants and have fewer administrative requirements, though funds must still follow specific spending rules. The organizers expect around 1,500 attendees and a total event budget of \$1,500–\$2,000. Commissioners encouraged earlier requests in the future and affirmed their support for community-building events. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions)**.

Community Member Comment on Public Safety: Frank Chauvin raised concerns about persistent crime in PSA 305 and requested more detailed, consistent public safety data, especially for areas within ANC 1B experiencing higher rates of crime, such as 1B02 and 1B08. Commissioner Barrilleaux agreed, noting the availability of PSA-level data through DC Crime Cards and inviting specific data requests to inform possible resolutions to MPD. Chair Trindade Deramo affirmed the need for ongoing, structured reporting and acknowledged recent improvements, including monthly crime updates and coordinated public safety walks involving MPD, DC agencies, and commissioners.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on June 5, 2025.

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Approved on: June 5, 2025

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