

ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 4, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Joe Florio (2F03)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Captain Michael Hamelin (MPD)
Director Tiffany Crowe (DLCP)
Ty Abilla (MOCRS)
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)

Commissioner David Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 7:01 and called roll.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner David Rubenstein welcomed the opening of World Pride in the District.

Report from Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection, *Director Crowe*

Director Tiffany Crowe shared updates from the DLCP and the Mayor's budget. She began with an overview of growth in the District, including returning populations and businesses. She then outlined the Mayor's growth agenda, including investments in the District as a technology hub, sports and entertainment, and the tourism economy. She also mentioned an increase in the Education budget; investments in public safety (noting a significant drop in crime in the District); and investments in public space, including illegal vending enforcement and modernization of public recreation centers.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked about the status of a bill that would allow DLCP to issue citations for illegal vending, and Director Crowe mentioned that this was in the budget.

Commissioner Oliver asked whether there were any plans to put in place regulations to legalize street vending. Director Crowe confirmed that the DLCP does issue license for street vending.

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

Lt. Michael Hamelin shared updates on crime statistics, noting that the WaWa and CVS conveniences stores remained trouble areas for thefts and that the MPD were working with the establishments' ownership to address crime issues. He also shared tips for reducing vehicle and porch theft.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked about public safety plans for the upcoming World Pride events. Lt. Hamelin mentioned there would be additional MPD units present and that MPD was working directly with private security that would be present for the events.

Commissioner Fanning mentioned crime activity that constituents reported in the alleys in his SMD, including potential theft or drug transactions.

While no representative was present from the Third District, the Commissioners noted a concern about continued crime in that District, including a homicide that had taken place in the last month.

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

Brian Romanowski shared updates regarding the budget process, including the hearing schedule. He invited the ANC to share priorities with the Council. Mr. Romanowski shared that the House of Representatives had not resolved its hold on District spending and mentioned that the Council was closely watching potential cuts to Medicaid or other spending programs.

He also gave updates on legislative activity for the Councilmember, including on banning cell phones in schools.

Finally, he mentioned the Councilmember's oversight of the World Pride events and other upcoming events that the CM would be hosting in the summer.

Commissioner Rubenstein reminded Mr. Romanowski that the ANC had passed a resolution requesting additional funding for the Clean Team.

Sam, a neighbor, noted a provision in the Secure DC bill to create Drug Free Zones and he asked whether CM Pinto or MPD had considered 12th and M Street as a location for a Drug Free Zone. Mr. Romanowski mentioned that the ANC had brought up this area before and he would mention it to MPD again; he also encouraged the community to call MPD with concerns since they identified Drug Free Zones based on data around crime reports.

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

Ty Abilla also shared information about the budget process and expressed excitement about the upcoming Pride Parade.

She shared information about upcoming clean-up efforts at Garrison Elementary School and elsewhere.

Commissioner Rubenstein also reminded Ms. Abilla about the ANC's resolution on additional funding for the Clean Team. Ms. Abilla mentioned she would follow up on whether this request was included in the budget and committed to following up on other pending questions.

Sam also noted trash and other debris that was present in the 12th and M Street area and asked whether the Mayor's office would be conducting a walk in this area. Ms. Abilla offered to connect via email.

Commissioner Fanning also confirmed that he would be hosting a Public Safety Walk on Wednesday, June 25th at 11:00 am 12th and M Street NW.

Community Announcements

No community announcements were put forward.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Neil Rocklin moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

Committee Reports

Community Development Committee, *Helen Kramer*

HPRB Application: 1017 M Street NW

Helen Kramer, Chair of the Community Development Committee, presented the concept for the project at 1017 M Street NW, noting the current decrepit state of the building and plans for new development, including efforts to maintain historic elements of the structure. She noted that the Committee was unanimous in approving the proposed concept and massing and recommended that the ANC send a letter to the HPRB supporting the application.

Commissioner Rubenstein moved that the Commission support the application to the HPRB for the proposed concept and massing at 1017 M Street NW. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee, Commissioner David Rubenstein

Protest License Renewal: Lupo Pizzeria

Commissioner Rubenstein shared community concerns about Lupo Pizzeria, including the operation of a sidewalk cafe without appropriate permitting and concerns around trash poor mitigation. Given those concerns, Commissioner Rubenstein moved that the ANC protest the license renewal for Lupo Pizzeria on the grounds that the application would negatively impact peace, order, and quiet in the neighborhood, and with the hopes that the establishment would enter into a Settlement Agreement with the ANC. Commissioner Fanning seconded the motion and expressed his hope that any Settlement Agreement would address the presence of trash cans on the sidewalk. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Support for Stipulated License: KBird (1333 P ST NW)

Commissioner Rubenstein presented the proposal for a new bar at the Studio Theater (KBird), which sought a stipulated license to operate a sidewalk cafe with alcohol service. Commissioner Rubenstein noted that support for the stipulated license did not preclude the Commission from protesting a license in the future.

K Scarry, the owner of K Bird, presented the concept for the bar, noting that the bar had opened inside Studio Theater six months ago and now sought to serve on the sidewalk. She noted that the operating hours she was seeking on the stipulated license, confirming that they were not looking to include any amplified noise. She mentioned that KBird and Studio Theater were co-licensees and both on the license.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked when the placard would be posted; Ms. Scarry said she had submitted all materials and expected the placard in the next week or so.

Commissioner Rubenstein moved to support the application for a stipulated license. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Rocklin noted that the establishment was in Chair Florio's SMD and asked whether he was aware. Commissioner Rubenstein responded that Chair Florio was aware of the application and supporter. Commissioner Rubenstein expressed some hesitation around the hours that were requested in the license. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Public Safety Committee, Commissioner John Fanning

Commissioner Fanning reiterated the information about the upcoming public safety walk.

New Business

Approval of the Hiring and Employment Contract of ANC 2F Commission Administrator

Commissioner Rubenstein announced that the Executive Committee had selected a new Commission Administrator. He moved that the Commission approve the Administrator's contract. The motion was seconded and passed with four votes; Commissioner Fanning abstained.

VOTE: 4-0-1

Approval of Prorated June Salary for Incoming Administrator (\$688.50)

Commissioner Rubenstein presented a proposal for an overlapping period of onboarding for the new Commission Administrator and outgoing Executive Director, which would require an additional a payment of \$688.50. He moved that the Commission approve this payment. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kyle Oliver", is written over a horizontal line.

Signed: Kyle Oliver, Secretary, ANC 2F