ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting

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WEDNESDAY May 7, 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 Hidza Hiller (MPD) Lieutenant Alexis Sakulich (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

No committee announcements were presented.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department Third District, Lieutenant Hidza Hiller

Lieutenant Hidza Hiller shared updates on crime statistics from the third district.

Chair Florio asked for clarification on the location of a knife attack that had taken place in the ANC; Lt. Hiller said it was around 8th and U ST NW.

Commissioner David Rubenstein asked for an update on a homicide that had taken place in the ANC, including whether any surveillance video had been captured. Lt. Hiller explained that the investigation was ongoing, and she explained that the first canvass that occurred would be to examine any video footage. Commissioner Rubenstein noted that this was a block that had seen prior crime activity and asked for confirmation on whether there was a camera present in the location; Lt. Hiller committed to returning with confirmation.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department Second District, Lieutenant Alexis Sakulich

Lt. Alexis Sakulich presented information on crimes that had occurred in the Second District, including an increase in thefts. She noted the CVS at 14th and P ST NW as a particular hotspot for theft and noted that MPD was considering what they could do to address this recurring issue.

Commissioner Neil Rocklin asked what citizens might do if they encountered a robbery in progress. Lt. Sakulich emphasized that citizens should not intervene in any criminal activity, but she recommended that they observe as much detailed information as possible about the perpetrator as possible and call 911 to report.

Chair Florio noted an ongoing concern around the food trucks on 14th ST NW. He implored MPD to keep an eye on the issue, particularly in the early morning outside of vending times. Lt. Sakulich noted that since citations are often mailed to the food trucks, it may take time to rectify the situation.

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Commissioner John Fanning shared more information about public safety walks that had taken place in the ANC over the past weeks. He also mentioned that the Public Safety Committee would be meeting in person in June. Lt. Sakulich also shared information about an upcoming walk that she would be hosting in her PSA.

Report from DC Council Ward 2 Office, Brian Romanowski

Brian Romanowski offered updates on the District's current budget crisis given the federal government's failure to authorize the District to spend its budget. He mentioned that the District was in a hiring freeze and may need to further curtail critical functions if the freeze continue. He also noted that the delay has postponed the District's budgeting process but hoped to present a budget in the next two weeks.

Mr. Romanowski also mentioned that the District was closely watching potential cuts to Medicaid, which would disproportionately impact the District.

Mr. Romanowski offered an update on CM Pinto's bill to ban cell phone use in schools, as well as a new Peace DC Plan to build on the success of Secure DC.

Mr. Romanowski gave updates on the upcoming World Pride celebration.

Commissioner Rocklin asked for CM Pinto's position on moving the Commanders back to DC. Mr. Romanowski explained that CM Pinto does support the move back to DC, including the team's commitment of significant funding to the District.

A DC resident asked whether the CM would conduct a safety walk at 12th and M ST NW, and Mr. Romanowski and Commissioner Fanning said that they would follow up to coordinate. Mr. Romanowski also shared a resource that listed all of the CM's public safety walks.

Report from Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office, Ty Abilla

Ty Abilla also shared concerns about a loss of jobs and resources due to federal budget cuts; she noted that the Mayor's growth agenda identified opportunities to grow the District's economy to bring needed revenue. She also announced the decision to bring the Commanders back to DC and she committed to sharing updates on the process.

Chair Florio asked about the mayor's support for repealing Initiative 82 and what type of action the Mayor was considering in order to do so; Ms. Abilla mentioned that she did not have the information at hand but committed to sharing with the Commissioner.

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Community Announcements

No community announcements were put forward.

Consent Agenda

Chair Florio moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of April Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - o Expenses: Executive Director April salary (\$1156.72)
 - o Approval of Q2 2025 Quarterly Financial Report

VOTE: 6-0-0

Committee Reports

Alcohol-Cannabis Policy Committee, Commissioner David Rubenstein

Commissioner Rubenstein noted that the Committee met to discuss license renewals but noted that there were no issues raised around any of the renewals and so the committee did not recommend taking any action. He did note concerns around parking at the Viceroy, which Commissioner Kyle Oliver was working on resolving in order to avoid a protest of the license renewal.

Chair Florio also provided an update that Mr. Nice Guys had officially received its cannabis retail license. He mentioned the Settlement Agreement that the ANC approved last year was now in place and he was working with the establishment and neighbors to resolve any issues.

Public Space and Transportation Committee, Commissioner Kyle Oliver

Commissioner Oliver reported that DDOT had attended the meeting and presented plans for new bus stops in the ANC. He also mentioned that the Committee had recommended that Commission pass a resolution on safety improvements at Logan Circle.

Logan Circle Safety Improvements

Chair Florio moved that the ANC send a letter asking for increased attention to public safety at Logan Circle. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Rubenstein recommended that the letter was addressed to the Mayor, as well as the National Park Service Superintendent and CM Pinto. Chair Florio underscored his support for the letter given the number of cars that have driven into the circle. The motion was passed unanimously.

Updated Letter of Support – R Street Sculpture

Commissioner Rubenstein explained that the Logan Circle Community Association was in a long process to install a sculpture on 14th ST NW and needed to seek a new permit. He noted that the ANC had twice previously voted to support the project. He moved that the ANC send a third letter of support. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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Public Safety Committee, Commissioner John Fanning

Commissioner Fanning again announced the upcoming PSC meeting on June 24 in person to discuss crime prevention measures, and he again committed to scheduling a community walk with the Councilmember's office.

New Business

Formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to Nominate New ANC 2F Commission Administrator

Chair Florio announced the intention to form a committee to review resumes and select the Commission's new Commission Administrator. Chair Florio moved to form the *ad hoc* committee. The motion was seconded. Chair Florio mentioned that the Committee would be comprised of the current executive committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

VOTE: 6-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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Approved by Kyle Oliver, ANC 2F Secretary, June 4, 2025

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