

**APPROVED MINUTES  
for the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION  
on  
September 4, 2025, Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)**

*Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.*

- Sharon Kershbaum, Director, DDOT

**SUMMARY:** DDOT Director Sharon Kershbaum opened by explaining that recent federal enforcement raids at construction sites have made subcontractors fearful of reporting to work, which, combined with the ongoing District hiring freeze and broader staffing shortages, has slowed the pace of some projects. Asphalt work such as paving streets and alleys should remain largely unaffected because those crews are mostly local U.S. workers, but concrete work, including sidewalks, pedestrian islands, and protected bike lane elements, is being delayed. She noted that DDOT is working with prime contractors to prioritize tasks while assessing whether this disruption will last weeks or years.

On roadway conditions, Kershbaum emphasized that DDOT has reduced the share of poor-condition roadways to around 10% or less, with many of the worst roads falling under federal or National Park Service control rather than the District's. The Pave DC program remains on track, with current-year schedules posted and draft lists for FY26–27 available. While sidewalks may be slowed, alleys and streets, primarily asphalt, should proceed. She also highlighted recent enforcement against utilities, requiring them to complete repaving after excavations by June 1. About 90% complied, and DDOT issued fines for the remainder, which she said has already improved road quality.

Commissioners raised concerns about the pace of larger projects. On 14th Street, bus priority planning remains in concept phase, with design alternatives expected in late 2026. The U Street bus priority project is farther along but has been delayed by staffing shortages, creating gaps in public engagement. Kershbaum confirmed that sidewalk widening is not part of the current U Street scope—beyond limited bus bulb-outs—because the project was shifted from DDOT's corridor management team to its multimodal team, which executes smaller, quicker projects with less funding. Older plans for a more expansive U Street streetscape (14th–18th Street) have gone stale. Commissioners stressed the need for renewed engagement with U Street stakeholders before designs advance further, given rising concerns around crowding, nightlife activity, and curb management.

The U Street performance parking pilot is moving forward with sensors on streetlights to collect time-lapse data on occupancy patterns. Kershbaum said the results will be shared through evaluation reports, though raw data may not be easily interpretable without context. She also confirmed that 9th Street closures during nightlife hours are coordinated with MPD and the nightlife office, but she acknowledged feedback that DDOT traffic control officers are often too passive and committed to reminding teams that they are meant to actively direct traffic and protect pedestrians.

Kershbaum addressed questions on noise cameras, saying they are not a current priority compared with safety-focused cameras like speed and red-light enforcement. She cited high costs, uncertain behavior-change results, enforcement problems with unregistered vehicles, and the lack of an established fine system as barriers, though she said DDOT continues to monitor programs in New York and other cities.

On bicycle infrastructure, she responded to ANC resolutions requesting bike-friendly speed humps with cut-through channels. She noted that pilots in Portland and other cities revealed challenges: narrow channels can hit pedals or collect debris, and wider cutouts invite drivers to maneuver dangerously, sometimes damaging buses and emergency vehicles. While not ruling them out, she said DDOT remains unconvinced and is continuing to test speed tables, cushions, and other traffic calming designs, with some potential for cutouts to aid drainage where slopes are steep. Commissioners emphasized that smoother, better-designed speed humps and fewer in succession could also make biking more manageable.

In closing, Kershbaum acknowledged limits on DDOT's community engagement staff, including delays in email responses, but stressed that ANC input remains essential. She expressed support for bringing project managers to ANC 1B in the fall, particularly on U Street bus priority, both to provide updates and to hear concerns, even if final designs are not ready. She reiterated DDOT's commitment to prioritizing safety, managing limited resources, and improving communication with community partners.

Call meeting to order at 7:17 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	

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo opened the meeting by noting it was the first since federalization, with a full agenda reflecting the stress, fear, and uncertainty many neighbors are

experiencing. Emphasis was placed on the importance of the commission focusing on issues within its control to ensure that local government continues to function effectively for residents. An apology was offered for delays in responding to constituent emails due to the significant coordination required with MPD and federal agencies, while gratitude was expressed for the outreach and positive feedback on the recent newsletter. That newsletter included resources from the Councilmember's office, Know Your Rights information, immigrant rights materials, and links to supportive organizations, along with youth-focused guidance such as updating Kids Ride Free cards to help prevent fare evasion during increased Metro surveillance. Residents were encouraged to review and share the newsletter, use the ANC contact email for support, and trust that the commission is committed to serving the community as effectively as possible.

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Commission September 4, 2025 Meeting Agenda

### B. Commission August 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kensek moved to approve the consent agenda and meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS *(3 minutes per committee)*

### A. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

- i. August Committee Meeting Summary
- ii. Update on DOB response to ZPD questions on 1111/1113 V Street NW

**SUMMARY:** The ZPD Committee reported on its August meeting, where discussion covered a case at 1300 W Street (on the commission's agenda later) and a draft resolution on the Comprehensive Plan introduced by a commissioner, which will return for a vote at the next committee meeting. Updates were also shared on the building collapse at 1111–1113 V Street. Although DOB declined to attend the ANC meeting, they provided written answers to outstanding questions from July along with a narrative of their prior comments. These materials have been compiled into a document for the next ZPD agenda and will be posted online. While it is disappointing that DOB has not agreed to appear again, their responses are seen as generally sufficient and a positive step forward. The committee will decide whether to seek another invitation or escalate the matter to the councilmember's office if more engagement becomes necessary.

### B. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations

- i. Update on Current Protests

**SUMMARY:** The ABCR Committee reported ongoing protests, including a recent walkthrough with the owner of Appioo, where commissioners and community members are working to resolve garbage management issues behind the establishment. While the problems may be caused by

neighboring businesses, the collaboration was described as productive. The committee is also monitoring recurring concerns on 9th Street and considering drafting a resolution opposing the extension of bar, restaurant, and tavern operating hours until 6 AM within ANC 1B, as there are currently no restrictions preventing such requests. In addition, preparations are underway for several tavern license renewals expected in the fall, with the committee expressing confidence in its readiness.

### C. Committee on Community Engagement

- i. U Street “Art All Night” on September 13, come join the ANC at its table
- ii. Reestablishing a farmers’ market in the 1B area
- iii. “Global Community Day: A Celebration of International Service” for neighbors and families affected by termination from USAID, implementing partners, NOI, VOA, and other international assistance agencies on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, Meridian Hill/ Malcolm X Park. This is a Commission-sponsored event. For full details, please visit [www.anc1b.org](http://www.anc1b.org).
- iv. Call to Action: Support your local businesses in this trying time

**SUMMARY:** Community Engagement Committee provided several updates, beginning with ANC 1B’s sponsorship of U Street Art All Night on September 13, where commissioners and community members will staff a table for a few hours to share literature and connect with residents. Planning is also underway to explore reestablishing a farmer’s market in the area for next season, with outreach to Farm Fresh and potential venues. The commission is additionally sponsoring Global Community Day on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Malcolm X Park, an event honoring neighbors who have worked in international service, featuring music, speakers, and storytelling. Finally, a call was made to support local businesses, especially along U Street, which suffered major financial losses following the August 11 federalization, with some reporting declines of up to 70% and seeking emergency loans. Residents were urged to patronize neighborhood establishments, restaurants, bars, shops, and salons, to help sustain them through this difficult period.

### D. Committee on Economic Development

- i. Update on U Street Business Improvement District (BID) Efforts

**SUMMARY:** The Economic Development Committee reported on two major topics from August. First, organizers of the proposed Greater U Street BID presented updates: the boundaries have been set along an east–west orientation running from roughly 6th Street to 16th Street, with some extensions north and south on 9th and 14th Streets to capture commercial corridors. While the map may see minor tweaks, it is largely finalized. The committee also hosted a business roundtable where local owners discussed the benefits and costs of a BID, which is funded through additional property taxes. Organizers are now focused on gathering signatures, with applications eligible for

submission to Council after October 15. The committee expects to revisit the issue with another resolution once more feedback is gathered. Second, the committee discussed 1617 U Street, the District-owned site housing MPD's 3rd District and Firehouse No. 9, noting that a resolution on its future use would be introduced later in the meeting.

**E. Committee on Public Safety**

- i. Monthly crime data updates
- ii. Federal takeover concerns
- iii. Banneker Park updates
- iv. MPD presence on U Street

**SUMMARY:** The Public Safety Committee reported ongoing community concerns about the federal deployment in DC, noting a loss of trust in both MPD and federal partners due to heightened fear. On crime trends, total incidents fell from 137 last month to 85 this month, with no homicides reported. The committee is also examining youth engagement strategies, including the possibility of reactivating the "late-night hype" program to provide safe evening activities at recreation centers. Currently, Banneker's indoor space is used for adult classes and not serving youth, so the committee hopes to advocate for better utilization of that facility to engage young people.

**F. Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Space**

- i. August Committee Meeting Summary

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation, Parks, and Public Space Committee reported on its August 13th meeting, which did not produce resolutions but included a discussion with Washington Parks and People about their work at Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park and other green spaces, as well as brainstorming ways the ANC could support park improvements. The committee also discussed the upcoming 11th Street bike lane project, with plans to draft a resolution by October regardless of whether DDOT has issued a notice of intent, to ensure the ANC's position is clear early. Another idea raised was a potential partnership with Cardozo High School and DPR to convert the school's side yard into accessible park space for students and neighbors. Looking ahead, the next transportation meeting will consider three resolutions: one on the 11th Street bike lane, one urging removal of abandoned or non-compliant streeteries as the COVID-era program winds down, and one to expand reserved disability parking access to residents of multifamily housing. The committee will also host DDOT liaison Keisha Anderson for a more detailed discussion and Q&A, with commissioners invited to suggest questions in advance.

**IV. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, AND AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: Niccole Rivero (3 minutes)**

**SUMMARY:** Niccole Rivero, representing Councilmember Nadeau’s office reported that federal intervention in DC policing represents the most serious challenge to home rule in memory, forcing agencies into actions not permitted under local law and alarming residents, especially immigrants and unhoused neighbors. Residents are encouraged to report incidents to the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Police Complaints. A recent Ward 1 town hall provided resources, including Know Your Rights materials, which are available on the councilmember’s website. The councilmember strongly opposes the mayor’s executive order welcoming federal involvement, calling it harmful to immigrants, low-income residents, and community trust. Questions from commissioners focused on the lack of COVID boosters in DC, which the office pledged to investigate, and concerns about MPD staffing levels and the impact of past debates on police funding. Rivero clarified that MPD has been funded at the mayor’s requested levels annually, with staffing shortages driven largely by retirements rather than budget cuts. Additional concerns were raised about outsized police and federal presence in minor enforcement situations, such as open container arrests, which the office is monitoring and gathering reports on. While no oversight hearings have yet been scheduled, the office expects them to be likely once Council returns from recess. The update closed with reminders of upcoming legislative items, including RFK, the MPD contract, and rental/TOPA legislation. Chairperson Trindade Deramo raised a question about a recent water shutoff in a Mount Pleasant multifamily building and whether legislative action might be needed regarding how liens and shutoffs are handled. Rivero responded that they are monitoring such incidents closely, working with DC Water, property owners, and tenants to prevent or address shutoffs, and connecting affected residents with services. She added that while there are some utility-related proposals under discussion, there is no concrete legislative fix yet, but it remains an active area of consideration.

**B. Office of the Mayor: Anthony Robertson, MOCRS (3 minutes)**

**SUMMARY:** Anthony Robertson from the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services addressed concerns about Mayor Bowser’s September 2nd executive order, clarifying that it does not welcome the federal surge or extend the Trump-era emergency but instead outlines a framework for exiting it when it expires on September 10th unless extended by Congress. He emphasized that MOCRS is available to flag community concerns, including issues related to federal presence, and encouraged commissioners to report problems with agencies so they can be elevated. Commissioner Kensek thanked Robertson for his service and noted that while he has not always agreed with Mayor Bowser’s policies, he believes she is navigating the current crisis as best as possible given DC’s lack of statehood and limited authority, recognizing the unprecedented nature of the situation.

**C. District Agencies: Commander Connors, MPD Third District (3 minutes)**

**SUMMARY:** Cmdr. Connors briefed the ANC on recent policing activity, highlighting four arrests near ANC 1B: a July 24 arrest of a 13-year-old tied to a June 11 attempted robbery on the 700 block of Florida Ave NW; an immediate arrest of Andre Thomas after a July 29 stabbing on the 1800 block of 7th St NW; and an August 3 robbery arrest of 18-year-old Anthony Taylor near 10th St NW. He

said day-to-day Third District patrol operations remain largely unchanged, while some MPD units are partnering with surging federal resources (e.g., U.S. Marshals) to clear more outstanding warrants, stressing such partnerships are longstanding. In exchanges with commissioners, Connors emphasized MPD does not enforce immigration law and expects officers to act lawfully if alongside federal agents, though he wouldn't address specific hypotheticals. Chairperson Trindade Deramo raised concerns about community policing and business outreach compared with visible federal canvassing; Connors acknowledged the trust challenge and said MPD is planning for "Day 31" to rebuild relationships. To a community question about armed, plainclothes personnel at the 17th St station, he said federal partners sometimes process recovered firearms there. Commissioner Kensek and Commissioner Fay thanked Connors for engagement; Connors noted no MPD staff have quit over the federal involvement and that broader departmental guidance on next steps had not yet been issued.

## V. COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A. Commissioner announcements *(1 minute per Commissioner)*

**SUMMARY:** No announcements

### B. Community announcements *(1 minute per community member)*

**SUMMARY:** No announcements

## VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

### A. Executive Officers' Reports *(2 minutes per officer)*

### B. FY26 Budget Presentation and Approval: Aaron Lemon-Strauss, Treasurer

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss introduced the draft FY26 budget, noting it strikes a middle ground between projected FY25 year-end realities and the commission's prior ambitions for community spending. The plan maintains funding for staff (Raessa and Karen), supports internal events (e.g., Art All Night, Shakespeare in the Park), and sets aside grants for external activities like block parties. He emphasized ANC 1B's unusually large cash balance and the ongoing effort to spend it down responsibly: the proposal would reduce the balance from roughly \$161,000 to about \$127,000 over FY26. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss moved to adopt the FY26 budget as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fay emphasized that funds should not sit unused but cautioned against building unsustainable operational patterns. He supported treating expenditures as investments, citing ongoing work to improve ANC processes such as settlement agreement tracking, and committed to reviewing spending strategy with colleagues by year's end. Commissioner Kensek agreed on the need to spend down funds carefully, noting progress made under current leadership and the value of staff support. Community member Frank Chauvin highlighted the importance of ANC investment in maintaining U Street as a vibrant corridor through ABCA oversight. Chairperson Trindade Deramo reinforced that spending is



framed as investment, pointing to improved committee operations as an example, and noted flexibility to adjust line items as needed. The discussion showed general alignment in support of the budget approach. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

**C. Approval of Mike Huling as Community Engagement Chair**

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo announced that Mike Huling, a current committee member and president of the LeDroit Park Civic Association, volunteered to chair the Community Engagement Committee for the rest of the term. Commissioners discussed his qualifications and potential conflicts, noting his relationship to Commissioner Fay. Fay clarified that Huling's role would be interim through December, with the option for reconsideration in January, and emphasized their independence of views. Commissioners Kensek and Holden raised questions about process and community perception but ultimately expressed support. Huling spoke about priorities, including block parties, reviving a farmer's market, and creating guides for community events. **MOTION:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo moved to approve Mike Huling as interim Community Engagement committee chair. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)**.

**D. Budget Approval Amendment for USAID Community Appreciation Day**

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo noted that ANC 1B had previously approved a not-to-exceed budget of \$1,700 for the upcoming USAID Appreciation Day event at Malcolm X Park. While that budget included line items, funds were generally understood to be relocatable. However, the Chair asked to reserve the original stage setup line item and instead increase the overall budget by \$500 to cover unexpected costs for graphic design and additional printing, which had not been accounted for in the initial plan. This adjustment would bring the total budget authority for the event to \$2,200. **MOTION:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo moved to approve the adjusted amount to the previously approved budget amount. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)**.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ABCR: Letter of Support for the transfer of a liquor license at 1905 9th Street NW.**

**SUMMARY:** The ABCR Committee unanimously supported (5-0) a letter backing William Lewis's request for an involuntary transfer of the liquor license at 1905 9th Street, following issues with a prior tenant. Mr. Lewis described his long community involvement and his plan to reopen the property as a breakfast and family-friendly restaurant with a lounge component. Commissioners emphasized that while the letter is not required for the transfer, it signals support for restaurants over new taverns or bars. The draft letter will be revised to explicitly note the intent to support the reopening of a restaurant at the site. **MOTION:** Commissioner Barrilleaux moved to support the letter as recommended by the committee. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

**B. ZPD: Letter of Support for the proposed development of 1300 W Street NW**



**SUMMARY:** The Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee reviewed an application for a new four-story, three-unit condominium building at 13th and W Streets on a long-vacant lot. The committee unanimously supported the project with three conditions: clarifying an easement for trash access, outlining trash storage requirements, and providing a contextual architectural rendering and arborist's report. The applicant, Sean Ruppert, confirmed these materials were submitted and described outreach efforts to neighboring property owners. Commissioners noted the development team's responsiveness. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to support the letter. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

**C. Chair:** Letter of Support for the African American Civil War Memorial Museum History Trail Project

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo reported on a recent visit to the African American Civil War Memorial Museum, which is under renovation and planning a November reopening. As part of its initiatives, the museum seeks to establish the George Washington Williams Heritage Trail, connecting the museum to Howard University with historical markers on lampposts. DDOT requires ANC support, and the Chair requested authorization to draft a letter of support. Commissioners debated whether to approve immediately or refer it to committee for further review. **MOTION:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo moved to support a letter for the African American Civil War Memorial History Trail Project. The motion was seconded. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to refer previous motion to the Transportation, Parks, and Public Space Committee for further review. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fay asked Commissioner Holden to explain the benefits of referring the museum's heritage trail letter to committee. Holden responded that the agenda was already lengthy, the request arrived at 5 p.m. without a draft letter to review, and proper process would allow time for committee consideration in October. Fay agreed with these points. The Chair acknowledged the inconsistency with requiring another letter to be shared earlier in the meeting. The motion **PASSED (5 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstentions)**.

**D. ABRA-133463:** Motion to Protest a New License, Bar Maggie, 903 U Street, N.W., Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, 1B02. Committee votes to protest: 3 yays, 2 nays, 0 abstentions

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Hanrahan share the first case was for Bar Maggie, operated by the same owner who had previously applied for Lounge U. While ANC1B had reached a settlement agreement with Lounge U, the owner abandoned that project due to renovation costs and shifted next door to 903, proposing a restaurant space titled as a bar. Despite the title, it must comply with restaurant rules requiring a percentage of food sales. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved ANC1B supports the committee's recommendation and protests this application for peace, order, quiet and all applicable ground. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioners discussed the protest of Bar Maggie's license application. Commissioner Hanrahan explained that while ANC protests should not be explicitly tied to settlement agreements, discussions with the owner suggest

one is possible. Chairperson Trindade Deramo asked about the basis for concerns, with the Summer Garden, noise, hours, and the establishment's bar identity highlighted as key issues. Commissioner Harris clarified that protests are formally grounded in peace, order, and quiet, but can be withdrawn if a settlement agreement is reached. Commissioner Holden supported including such language to make the process clearer. A community member submitted a comment in support of Bar Maggie, noting that the owner of Kiki is behind the project and intends to create another important space for the LGBTQ community. The commenter described the owner as a strong community member who will be a positive addition to the block. Community member Frank Chauvin urged adding "over-concentration" as a protest ground, citing long-standing problems in the Shaw Moratorium Zone with too many bars creating noise, litter, and safety issues. He also pressed for tools like requiring seating plans or kitchen specifications to ensure restaurant compliance. Commissioner Kensek echoed these concerns, noting vague responses from the applicant and problematic statements during committee review. Commissioners agreed that scrutiny is needed to confirm the business will operate as a restaurant, with hours of operation and the 45% food requirement seen as critical benchmarks. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions)**.

- E. **ABRA-122864:** Motion to Protest a Substantial Change, Sound Bar, 1909 9th Street, N.W, Retailer's Class "C" Tavern, 1B02. Committee votes to protest: 4 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Hanrahan reported on a substantial change request for Sound Bar at 1909 9th Street NW, which sought to extend weekend operating hours until 6 AM. The committee unanimously voted to protest the application on the grounds of peace, order, and quiet, as well as the venue's location within the Shaw Moratorium Zone. Concerns highlighted included consistency with ANC1B's prior protests of other late-night establishments, the lack of adequate MPD coverage after 3-4 AM when violent incidents are more likely, and the absence of the owner, who was invited but did not attend to provide information. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest Sound Bar on the grounds of peace, order, quiet and all other applicable grounds. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

- F. **ABRA-024614:** Motion to Protest a License Renewal, Pure Nightclub, 1326 U Street NW, Class "C" Nightclub, 1B08. Committee votes to protest: 3 yays, 0 nays, 1 abstention,

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Hanrahan reported on the license renewal application for Pure Nightclub, a Class C nightclub located at 1326 U Street NW. The committee voted 3-0, with one abstention, to protest the renewal on the grounds of peace, order, quiet, and all applicable grounds. He noted that committee member Aileen Johnson, who helped draft the original 2011 settlement agreement for the establishment, could not attend the meeting but shared her perspective by phone. Johnson indicated that the club has generally complied with the settlement agreement and suggested that further research might warrant reconsideration of a protest. Nonetheless, she

wished to respect the committee's vote **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest on the grounds of peace, order, protest and other applicable grounds. The motion was seconded.

**DISCUSSION:** During discussion of the license renewal for Pure Nightclub, Commissioner Harris clarified that the establishment is not a sports gambling venue, though one is located next door. Harris noted that while Pure is a nightclub, she had not received complaints about it, considered the existing settlement agreement effective, and did not support a protest. She emphasized that longtime neighbors, including one who helped draft the 2011 agreement, are attentive and would have raised concerns if issues existed. Other commissioners asked whether this was a renewal without changes (which it was) and why the committee had recommended protest. Hanrahan explained that the committee lacked time to fully review the settlement agreement and chose to protest as a precaution. After hearing additional context from Harris and neighbors, Hanrahan indicated he would honor the committee's motion by presenting it to the full ANC but might abstain personally. The motion **FAILS (0 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstentions).**

**G. Chair:** Resolutions related to the emergency declaration under Section 740:

- i. Condemning Federal Overreach in District of Columbia Policing and Demanding the Immediate Return of Local Funds

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo introduced a resolution originating from the ANC Home Rule Caucus, which includes about 75 commissioners citywide. Drafted primarily by ANC 1A, the resolution has already passed in 12 commissions and is scheduled for consideration in many others. It responds to the federal government's emergency declaration and attempted federalization of MPD, which was informally found in court to conflict with the Home Rule Act. The resolution condemns the federal takeover of MPD and the deployment of the National Guard outside of actual emergencies, urges Congress to reject any extension of the 30-day emergency period, calls for release of \$1 billion in locally raised funds currently withheld, supports legal challenges by the District government, and demands full transparency from federal and MPD leadership regarding mission, rules of engagement, officer identification, arrest criteria, geographic scope, and duration of federal control. **MOTION:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo moved to support the resolution condemning the federal overreach in DC policing and demanding for the immediate return of local funds. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fay asked whether the resolution should be updated to reflect that the number of National Guard troops had grown from 800 to over 2,000. The Chair agreed the figure could be corrected and noted that while some details, such as questions about scope and duration, were more pressing earlier in the crisis, the resolution remains important. He emphasized that Congress's current inaction on extending the emergency does not prevent the President from declaring a new one, making it critical for ANCs to stay on record. The Chair also highlighted that commissioners are using these resolutions during lobbying efforts with Free DC, especially while Council is on recess and has not passed similar measures. Fay clarified he was only asking a question and did not propose an amendment, leaving the resolution intact. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions).**

ii. Regarding the Identifiability of Federal Agents and Officers Operating in the District of Columbia

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo introduced a resolution he authored addressing the identifiability of federal agents operating in the District. He explained that many federal officers currently wear generic labels such as “police” or “federal officer” and often cover their faces, refusing to identify their agency. This practice undermines transparency and accountability, making it difficult for residents to know which agency is responsible when someone is detained. The resolution calls on DC leadership to push federal agencies to establish clear policies on identifiability and mask use and urges the Office of the Attorney General to publish agency policies and reporting procedures for violations. It also applauds state-level efforts to mandate identifiability, expresses support for the federal Visible Act—which would require immigration enforcement officers to be clearly identifiable and limit mask use—and reaffirms the Commission’s commitment to community-based policing models that build trust and respect between law enforcement and residents. **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved to support the presented resolution regarding the identifiability of federal agents. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Hanrahan asked about the recipients of the identifiability resolution. Chairperson Trindade Deramo clarified that unlike the earlier resolution aimed at Congress, this one is directed to DC officials—including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councilmembers, and the Office of the Attorney General—so they can pressure federal agencies to adopt clear policies. He also noted that the resolution has already been passed by about four other commissions and is circulating more widely across the District. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

iii. Regarding the Use of Traffic Checkpoints for Immigration Enforcement

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo announced that a planned resolution on the use of traffic checkpoints for immigration enforcement would be withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a completed legal review. While emphasizing that the issue is very important, he noted it will likely return for consideration in the future.

**H. ED: Resolution in Support of DMPED’s Formal Engagement of the Community Before Finalizing a Development RFP for 16171 U Street NW**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Fay reintroduced a revised resolution concerning redevelopment at 1617 U and 1620 V Street, noting that earlier drafts had been sent back to committee after August’s meeting. He thanked colleagues and community members for their engagement and explained that the updated language emphasizes two priorities: meaningful two-way community engagement led by DEMPED and the application of a strong racial equity lens. The resolution includes provisions for structured outreach, surveys, open houses, and partnerships with community-based organizations rooted in the African American community. Commissioner Holden expressed strong support, noting that the revised draft was clearer and more effective. Community members, including Arlene Feskanich and Karen Gaal, praised the resolution’s improvements but suggested wording changes,

such as replacing “invite” with “formally request” and clarifying phrasing around centering community voices. Commissioners agreed to adopt these friendly amendments. Commissioner Fay commended the committee’s extensive work, noting that while some earlier aspirations, like exploring social housing, were not included, the final draft was focused and well-prepared. The commission prepared to move forward with a vote. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to support the resolution with friendly amendments. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

I. **CE:** Approval of Funding Request from the LeDroit Park Civic Association to Support the Annual LeDroit Park Block Party

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo reported that the LaDroit Park Civic Association requested \$500 to support promotion of its annual block party, an event the ANC has sponsored in the past. While the committee initially considered covering the association’s full \$700 promotion budget, the LPCA later clarified they would be satisfied with the original \$500 request. It was also noted that setting a consistent standard for block party sponsorships—such as the \$500 previously provided for the 13th Street Block Party—would ensure fairness across events of similar size. **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved to support the \$500 request to support the annual LeDroit Park block party. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions).**

J. **SMD1B06:** Letter to the Secretary of the Interior on repairs to Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park

**SUMMARY:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo proposed sending a letter to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior urging major rehabilitation of Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park, an NPS site, using funds tied to the federal “Safe and Beautiful DC” executive order. The letter highlights the park’s civic and cultural importance and requests capital upgrades such as fountains, turf, restrooms, stairs, lighting. The chair acknowledged discomfort with parts of the EO’s “safe” provisions but argued park improvements would be a clear community win and said they’ll also pursue other funding avenues. Commissioner Kensek supported the effort, emphasized the park’s citywide value, suggested practical infrastructure fixes such as PVC to restore fountains, and noted long-standing advocacy dating back to former Councilmember Nadeau when she was a commissioner. **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved to support the letter as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Community member, Karen Gaal, emphasized that recent ADA upgrades at Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park remain inadequate, limiting full accessibility, especially in the upper plaza. She requested that the Commission add language urging a review and improvement of ADA accessibility in the park. The chair agreed, noting the current compliance may be technical only and not truly functional, and proposed adding a sentence on accessibility alongside other capital improvement requests. The member offered further assistance, and the Commission agreed to move forward with the letter including this amendment. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

**K. SMD1B02: Community Sponsorship: Westminster Playground Fall Event**

**SUMMARY:** Commissioner Barrilleaux sought ANC support for a Westminster Playground block party focused on family-friendly programming and outreach, initially requesting up to \$2,000 with WNA contributing ~\$1,000 for items like a bouncy house, food, supplies, and possibly a band; Treasurer Lemon-Strauss advised that while incidentals can be covered via direct expenditure, food/entertainment likely require a grant under OANC rules, and multiple commissioners cautioned that the \$3,000 total felt high and precedent-setting compared with recent \$500 block-party supports, urging donations and cost-savings; to keep planning on track for the late-October target without setting a large precedent. Commissioner Fay suggested some cost costing measures to help keep the overall budget lower. Fay also reminded that we need to be mindful of what precedent we set. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to approve a not-to exceed \$500 direct expenditure for eligible incidentals, with any grant funded food/entertainment routed to committee for October review and the event to be scaled or postponed if needed. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions).**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

*The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, October 9, 2025.*

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**Approved on:** October 9, 2025

**Attested by:** Matthew Fay, ANC1B Secretary

  
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