

ANC 2F | October Rescheduled Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Joe Florio (2F03)
John Fanning (2F06)
Bret Besly (2F08)
Kevin Cataldo (2F07)

ABSENT

Christopher Dyer (2F05)
Kyle Oliver (2F04)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Brian Romanowski (DC Council)
Ty Abilla (MOCRS)

Chair Joe Florio called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and called roll.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

The Chair announced they will not seek the Chair position for the next calendar year. The position of Chair and the Executive Committee will be elected in January. The Chair offered to meet with interested Commissioners to discuss the role.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department: No representative present.

Report from DC Council Ward 2 Office, Councilmember Brooke Pinto – Brian Romanowski:

- Monitoring potential federal government shutdown and related impacts. Local government operations exempt.
- Council finalized RFK Stadium deal.
- Juvenile curfew extension on weekends advanced. Second vote expected October 7.
- Approved 13 percent pay increase for MPD officers to support recruitment and retention.
- Continued oversight of OUC 911 operations.
- DPW leaf collection briefing for Commissioners scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m. Bagged leaves require 311 requests.
- Streeteries must comply with new rules. Businesses should schedule November 1 removal if not retaining structures.
- DPW staffing and equipment challenges noted. Leadership vacancies under recruitment.

Report from Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office, Ty Abilla – Ty Abilla (MOCRS)

- DPW leaf collection briefing for Commissioners, Tuesday, October 7, 5:30 p.m.
- MPD Active Threat presentation, Friday, October 10, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Union City Church, 1611 16th Street NW.
- MOCS adding a business liaison and a faith-based liaison.
- Rodent activity noted along 14th Street corridor. Coordination with DOH continues.
- Drug activity concerns in Gordon Way alley flagged to MPD for increased presence.

Community Announcements

Business Meeting

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Motion approved to amend the agenda to add a protest of Detroit Brick Pizza Co. license application due to upcoming deadline.
- Consent Agenda approved:
- Commission Administrator salary for September.
- July–September federal and DC withholding and unemployment insurance payments.

VOTE: 6-0-0

Committee Reports

Public Space and Transportation Committee (PSTC) Report, No new report. Prior letter on Logan Circle safety remains in effect.

Alcohol Policy Committee (APC),

- Trade, 1408–1410 14th Street NW, renewal review continued. Ongoing community concerns about late-night noise from the summer garden.
 - Motion: Protest Trade’s license renewal based on peace, order, and quiet. Representative designated.

VOTE: 6-0-0

- Buffalo Billiards, proposed for 2012–2022 14th Street NW in ANC 1B. Capacity noted at approximately 500. No action taken. Committee to seek briefing and monitor hours and late-night egress.
- Detroit Brick Pizza Co., 1626–1630 14th Street NW. Discussion included zoning context and linked concept with Electric Jane.
 - Motion: Protest Detroit Brick Pizza Co. Class C Tavern application based on peace, order, and quiet to preserve standing. Representative designated.

VOTE: 6-0-0

Public Safety Committee (PSC) Report, *Commissioner John Fanning*, No September meeting due to holiday. Planning a public safety forum at Washington Plaza Hotel for late October, tentatively October 29.

- Discussion noted increased police response near recent camera deployment and shoplifting reporting practices.
- Commissioners urged residents and retailers to report incidents to MPD to ensure accurate data.

Community Development Committee Report, *Helen Kramer*,

- Zoning variance request discussed for the Uptown Arts overlay related to linear frontage limits on eating and drinking establishments.
- Concerns cited about trash, egress, alley use, and potential live entertainment impacts.
- Applicant requested postponement at a prior CDC session. No motion taken at that time.

New Business

Commissioner Florio moved to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM EST

Minutes Approved by committee and signed by Commissioner Florio .

