



## MINUTES

### February 18, 2026 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

#### Meeting Details

- **Date:** February 18, 2026
- **Time:** Meeting commenced at 7:03 PM; Adjourned at 9:15 PM
- **Location:** Fully virtual (Zoom)
- **Quorum:** A quorum of 10 Commissioners was established.
- **Present:** Commissioners Bhatia, Davidson, Easley, Sherman, Miller, Kelley, Achenbach, Lehmann Morales, Perri, and Thomas-Davis

#### Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the agenda as presented.
- **Second:** Commissioner Morales seconded.
- **Discussion:** No edits or changes were requested.
- **Outcome:** The agenda was approved by a voice vote of 10-0-0.

#### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the January 21, 2026, meeting minutes.
- **Second:** Commissioner Achenbach seconded the motion.
- **Outcome:** The minutes were approved by a voice vote of 10-0-0.

#### Reports of Officers

- **Secretary's Report:** Commissioner Achenbach reported that all measures from the January meeting (St. Jude's Marathon, Dance Institute, San Romero Plaza, and NOI opposition) were transmitted. He also reported that DDOT Director Sharon Kirschbaum responded to the ANC's letter regarding overdue resolution responses, committing to address all outstanding items.

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Commissioner Bhatia reported a current total balance of \$53,081.75. Transactions included checks for administrative services (December) and routine subscription payments (Canva and X). He also noted the receipt of technical assistance funds to reimburse Chair Sherman for video conferencing equipment.

## Community Presentations and Agency Updates

- **Office of Councilmember Brianne Nadeau (Ward 1):**
  - **Presenter:** Niccole Rivero.
  - **Summary:** Ms. Rivero provided an update on the D.C. Council’s performance oversight season and noted that the record for written testimony remains open for most hearings. She specifically highlighted the upcoming MPD performance oversight hearing scheduled for the following week. Additionally, she invited community members to share their FY2027 budget priorities with the Councilmember’s office.
- **Columbia Heights Mount Pleasant Public Realm Framework Design:**
  - **Presenter:** Commissioner Anthony Thomas-Davis.
  - **Summary:** Commissioner Thomas-Davis announced the official publication of the framework design by the DC Office of Planning, describing it as a visionary document to guide neighborhood development for the next 20 years. He credited the Permanent Special Committee on Public Life and Neighborhood Planning for its leadership in the process. Residents were encouraged to participate in a related DC Council roundtable scheduled for February 24th.
- **Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Update:**
  - **Presenter:** Nick Kushner, DC Office of Planning.
  - **Summary:** Mr. Kushner presented on the initial draft of the new FLUM, emphasizing a more user-friendly and digestible format for the Comprehensive Plan. He announced a series of public workshops in March to gather feedback before the plan is submitted to the Council in 2027.
- **Grant and Language Access Initiative:**
  - **Presenter:** Nick Kushner, DC Office of Planning.
  - **Summary:** Announced a new grant initiative in partnership with the Congress Heights Community Development Corporation and MLove. The project focuses on expanding engagement with Latino, Amharic, and Mandarin-speaking residents in Wards 1 and 4 through dedicated language access outreach.
- **Commissioner Updates (Single Member District News):**

- **SMD 1A01 (Commissioner Bhatia):** Reported that the Department of Health will begin rat abatement efforts at the end of February and announced a DDOT pilot program for speed bumps in the Girard-Harvard alley.
- **SMD 1A08 (Commissioner Davidson):** Announced a Commission "Meet and Greet" at Cuckoo Restaurant on March 1st and the launch of the ANC 1A WhatsApp announcement channel.
- **SMD 1A10 (Commissioner Easley):** Addressed ongoing issues with trash and recycling collection following a recent storm, urging residents to report missed pickups to their local commissioner.

## Consent Agenda

*The following items were presented for approval under the consent agenda. These items are approved collectively unless a member requests to remove an item for separate discussion.*

- **Items Included:**
  - **Resolution Concerning An Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of ANC 1A for A New Address**
  - **Settlement Agreement Concerning Letena Ethiopian Restaurant, LLC t/a Letena, for A Substantial Change Application from the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration**
  - **Resolution Concerning Reinstallation of In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs on Lamont Street NW at 13th Street NW**
  - **Resolution Concerning the Installation of Anti-Slip Treatments on Metal Grating in Central Columbia Heights**
  - **A Resolution Concerning Support for the Substantial Change Application of The Wonderland Ballroom, LLC t/a The Wonderland Ballroom for a Streatory Endorsement with 38 Seats, from the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration**
  - **Letter of Support for Case #21415 at 1300 Girard Street NW, from the Board of Zoning Adjustment**
- **Discussion:** Commissioner Thomas-Davis noted that the BZA application for 1338 Park Road NW (Case 21448) was officially withdrawn.
- **Motion:** Commissioner Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda.
- **Outcome:** Approved collectively by voice vote (10-0-0).

## New Business (Summaries of Discussions and Votes)

- **Resolution on Micro-mobility Enforcement:**
  - **Motion:** Commissioner Thomas-Davis moved to approve a resolution calling for strengthened compliance and enforcement of micro-mobility (e-scooter and e-bike) regulations.

- **Summary of Discussion:** Sponsored by Thomas-Davis and Miller, the resolution addresses safety concerns regarding e-vehicles on sidewalks, particularly for seniors and those with disabilities. The resolution urges the District to assign clear enforcement responsibility to specific agencies.
- **Outcome:** Approved by a voice vote of 10-0-0.
  
- **Resolution on Sidewalk Vending Legislation:**
  - **Motion:** Commissioner Miller moved to approve a resolution regarding pending sidewalk vending legislation.
  - **Summary of Discussion:** The resolution reaffirms support for vendors as micro-entrepreneurs while calling for better management of public space. It specifically addresses gaps in Councilmember Nadeau's bill regarding enforcement resources and the need for clearly marked vending zones.
  - **Outcome:** The resolution was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.
  
- **Opposition to Parking Removal (15th and Harvard Streets NW):**
  - **Motion:** Commissioner Sherman moved to approve a letter in opposition to DDOT NOIs 25312TPA and 25313TPA regarding the removal of street parking.
  - **Outcome:** Approved unanimously (10-0-0).

## Adjournment

- **Time:** 9:15 PM
- **Next Meeting:** March 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM (In-person at LAYC).

**Prepared by:** Mitra Moin

**Approved on:** March 18, 2026

**Attested by the ANC 1A Secretary: Monte Achenbach**

