



MINUTES

March 18, 2026 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Meeting Details

- **Date:** March 18, 2026
- **Time:** Meeting commenced at 7:07 PM
- **Location:** LAYC (1419 Columbia Rd) & Zoom
- **Quorum:** A quorum of 8 Commissioners was established.
- **Present:** Commissioners Bhatia, Davidson, Easley, Sherman, Kelley, Achenbach, Lehmann Morales, and Thomas-Davis
- **Absent:** Commissioners Miller, Perri

Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the agenda as presented. A specific motion was added to waive the \$1,000 grant cap for a specific item, which requires a three-fourths vote under commission rules.
- **Second:** Commissioner Morales seconded.
- **Discussion:** No edits or changes were requested.
- **Outcome:** The agenda was approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes.
- **Second:** Commissioner Achenbach seconded the motion.
- **Outcome:** The minutes were approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Reports of Officers

- **Secretary's Report:** The Department of General Services (DGS) informed the ANC that the dog park project at 11th Street and Park Road is suspended. While \$300,000 was spent on design, \$500,000 in construction funds were frozen during a citywide spending sweep. Only \$200,000 of the required \$700,000 remains available. Commissioner Thomas Davis is coordinating with the Ward 1 Council Office to seek restoration of these funds in the FY27 budget.
- **Treasurer's Report:** ANC 1A currently has a balance of \$57,980.59. Audit Updates: Previous issues with two quarterly financial reports have been resolved, and the commission is awaiting the next disbursement from OANC.

Commissioner Updates (Single Member District News):

- Commissioner Easley noted an MPD resource fair at DC USA and reported that two arrests were made following a shooting at 11th and Columbia on Sunday.
- Sidewalkpalooza: Scheduled for Saturday, March 28th, at 14th and Oak Triangle Park from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM to identify 311 sidewalk repair needs.
- Tour del Taco: A community "taco crawl" event starting soon, organized by the Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant Main Street program.
- 11th Street Bike Lanes: Repaving and restructuring within the ANC are expected to begin in 2027. DDOT will provide further updates at the April 2nd Transportation Committee meeting.
- Spring Cleanup: The 10th annual citywide cleanup is set for Saturday, April 25th, starting at 10:00 AM at Banneker Recreation Center.

Community Presentations and Agency Updates

- **Ranked Choice Voting (Board of Elections):** Representatives provided a tutorial on how ballots will be tabulated in the upcoming primary, explaining that if no candidate receives 50%, the lowest-ranking candidate is eliminated, and their votes are redistributed until a winner is determined. Voters were encouraged to use their mailed ballots to create a "vote plan" before heading to centers, as the new process will likely result in longer wait times.
- **DC Water's Lead Free DC program:**
 - The initiative aims to replace all 42,000 lead service lines in DC; as of the meeting date, 11,608 had been removed.
 - Activity in ANC 1A: Currently, 54 blocks (approximately 800 premises) are in various phases of construction, with 45% of those authorizations already signed. An additional 14 blocks (150 premises) were recently selected for the program.

- Small Diameter Water Main Projects: Lead service lines are replaced for free during major water main work; 13 such projects are planned for the neighborhood in the next 12 to 24 months.
- Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program (LPRAP): Provides free replacements for the private side of the service line for eligible homeowners; 120 premises in ANC 1A have been identified as eligible.
- Low Engagement Areas: Mr. Moore highlighted several "low engagement blocks" in the area where participation is currently below 30%.
- Resources: Residents can check their service line material on an interactive map at dcwater.com/leadmap. Questions can be directed to the lead hotline at 202-787-4044 or via email at lead@dcwater.com.
- [View presentation slides here.](#)
- **Office of Tenant Advocate:** Christopher Lucas presented on the upcoming DC Tenant Summit and the availability of resources for small businesses at 1401 Columbia Road NW.

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 Of Support Concerning the Substantial Change Application of Jadi Goose LLC T/A Queen's English (ABRA-113210) for a Streatery Endorsement**
- **Motion:** Commissioner Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda.
- **Outcome:** Approved collectively by voice vote (8-0-0).

New Business

- **Resolution Concerning Pet Waste Removal Communications:**
 - **Summary of Discussion:** The Commission debated whether the ANC should spend \$500 of its own budget on these signs. Opponents argued that signage is a basic city service that should be funded and executed by DPW. Supporters argued that since DPW has been unresponsive to previous requests, the ANC should take immediate action to address the increasing cleanliness issues in the community.
 - **Outcome:** Approved by a voice vote of 7-1-0.
- **Budget Letter Concerning Funding the Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2025:**
 - **Summary of Discussion:** The discussion focused on the high number of vacant and blighted storefronts along the 14th Street and Georgia Avenue corridors. Commissioners noted that the Act provides necessary incentives and grants to help small businesses move into these spaces, which would improve public safety and economic vitality in Columbia Heights.
 - **Outcome:** The resolution was approved by a vote of 8-0-0.
- **Cultivating Community Refrigerator Grant:**
 - **Summary of Discussion:** The Commission discussed the logistics of maintaining a community refrigerator. While there was strong support for the initiative's goal of addressing food insecurity, one commissioner raised concerns about the long-term sustainability and the volume of food required to keep the fridge stocked. The budget was amended during the meeting to focus on the essential hardware and initial setup costs.
 - **Outcome:** Approved 7-0-1.

Adjournment

- **Time:** 9:55PM
- **Next Meeting:** April 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM (In-person at LAYC & on Zoom).

Prepared by: Mitra Moin

Approved on: April 15, 2026

Attested by the ANC 1A Secretary: Monte Achenbach

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