

ANC 2F | March Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 4, 2026

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Joe Florio (2F03)
Brett Beasley (2F08)
Kevin Cataldo (2F07)
Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)

ABSENT

Vacant (2F04)
John Fanning (2F06)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

At-Large Councilmember Doni Crawford
Sean Moore (DC Water's Lead Free DC Initiative)
Brian Romanowski (DC Council)
Tiffany Wimenta (MOCRS)
Lieutenant Alexis E Sakulich (MPD)
Lieutenant Alan Herring (MPD)

Chair Kevin Cataldo called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and called roll.

Guest Speaker: At-Large Councilmember Doni Crawford

She was appointed in January and has been meeting with ANC chairs across the district. She emphasized the importance of community input on budget priorities, particularly during a constrained budget cycle. The Mayor's proposed budget is expected on April 1. She noted potential challenges related to tax filings for tax year 2025.

Commissioners were encouraged to share community concerns and priorities that could inform the upcoming budget process.

Community Input and Questions to Councilmember included Budget Priorities, Commissioners discussed several concerns affecting the ANC 2F area.

Commissioner Rubenstein raised concerns about: economic pressures affecting small businesses (particularly along the 14th Street corridor where vacancy rates are increasing), the declining number of Metropolitan Police Department officers (could create risks if crime trends change), Department of Public Works services including city services and 311 (which impact quality of life and commercial activity).

Commissioner Beasley suggested the District focus on improving existing city services, particularly the 311 reporting system. Issues identified included: some providers flagging the 311 website as a malicious site, limited feedback or follow-up once service requests are submitted.

Commissioner Florio added that the 311 reporting system remains inefficient and noted that ANC budget requests have included: cleanliness initiatives, continued support for the trash compactor grant program serving commercial corridors.

Presentation: Sean Moore of the DC Water's Lead Free DC Initiative

Sean Moore provided an overview of the Lead Free DC initiative, which aims to remove lead service lines throughout the District. Mr. Moore reported: 11,437 service line replacements have been completed to date. A public dashboard is available to track progress by geography and year. Health risks of lead exposure can result in: brain and soft tissue damage, learning disabilities and behavioral issues in children, increased risk of high blood pressure, and other health conditions in adults.

Lead Service Line Replacement Program: Residents may qualify for free replacement of both public and private service lines if they authorize participation in the program. Current program challenges include: 25 blocks currently

under construction with only 30 percent of property owners have signed authorization forms. Higher participation is needed to achieve replacement goals.

Community Outreach: Lead Free DC is conducting outreach efforts to increase participation. Residents can receive assistance through program hotlines and email outreach.

Commissioner Questions: Commissioners raised concerns regarding: confusion about whether homes contain lead service lines and past miscommunication about construction schedules. Commissioners agreed to help distribute accurate information to residents.

Reports from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)

Second District Update: Lieutenant Sakulich reported one recent homicide, several theft incidents, and overall crime levels described as relatively low.

Discussion: challenges on 14th Street corridor (specifically 14th and Rhode Island) now that weather is getting nicer, traffic related reporting for incidents (MPD will look into it), DC Council bills passed regarding mandatory reporting.

Third District Update: Lieutenant Herring reported one recent homicide and one assault with a dangerous weapon. Officials also discussed coordination challenges involving federal agents during active investigations.

Discussion: No discussion.

Reports from Ward 2 DC Council with Brian Romanovsky

Waste and Recycling Initiative updates, new recycling drop bins will be installed. Efforts are underway to improve trash collection timeliness with the Department of Public Works. Briefed on Legislative Activity which include legislation focuses on police transparency, particularly regarding interactions with federal law enforcement.

New requirements include reporting use of force incidents involving federal agents, expanded accountability and documentation requirements for MPD interactions.

Environmental Updates: The Potomac River spill cleanup and ongoing environmental health monitoring.

Reports from Tiffany Wimenta, MOCRS Ward 2

Department of Public Works spring services have resumed (street cleaning, etc.). Missed Christmas tree option for 311 was removed from 311 application – call or reach out to MOCRS to have support. Following up with 311 application regarding updates, functionality of app. Tiffany setting up meetings to do one on ones with Commissioners. Roll Off Day 2026 schedule shared.

Community Announcements

Janice Ferebee shared information for upcoming ranked choice voting event scheduled for March 21.

John Guggenmos shared information for upcoming event at Studio Theatre related to the 250 anniversary scheduled for March 31.

Consent Agenda

The Commission approved the consent agenda, including the February 2026 meeting minutes and the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer reported expenses that included the administrator's salary of \$1,126.12.

The motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

Vote: 7–0–0.

Committee Reports

Community Development Committee: Nomination of Brittany Williams to Community Development Committee by Commissioner Rocklin, Commissioner Cataldo seconded.

Vote: 7-0-0.

Alcohol and Cannabis Policy Committee: Commissioner Rubenstein provided update on placards for streateries from Le Diplomat and Number Nine. Discussion at the committee took place which reviewed the language surrounding “live entertainment and sidewalk cafes”, which caused confusion around entertainment separately than the sidewalk café hours. Committee did not vote on acting on either placard.

Public Space and Transportation Committee: Commissioner Florio reported no new actions. Full committee meeting scheduled for March 17 at 7pm. DDOT will present update on large city-wide initiatives and specifically Ward 2/Logan Circle. Shared information about 11th St. bike lane and letter planned by committee.

New Business

No new business

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rocklin, Commissioner Florio seconded at 8:20PM EST.

Minutes approved April 1, 2026 by VOTE 4-0-0



Kevin Cataldo (2F07)