

**APPROVED MINUTES
for the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
on
March 5, 2026, Hybrid Meeting
Josephine Butler Parks Center and via Zoom webinar**

Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.

- DC Board of Elections – Ranked Choice Voting Workshop

SUMMARY: A representative from the DC Board of Elections provided a presentation on ranked choice voting, which will be implemented in District elections beginning with the June 2026 primary. The system was approved by voters through Initiative 83 in the November 2024 general election and funded by the DC Council in the FY2026 budget. Ranked choice voting allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. It will be used in contests with three or more candidates, and voters may rank up to five candidates, including write-ins. Voters are not required to rank all candidates. During tabulation, only first-choice votes are counted initially. If a candidate receives more than 50 percent of first-choice votes, they are declared the winner. If no candidate reaches a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and ballots for that candidate are redistributed to the next ranked choice. This process continues in rounds until a candidate receives a majority. Certain ballot errors can cause a contest to become inactive for a voter. These include assigning the same ranking to multiple candidates, ranking the same candidate multiple times, making two consecutive skipped rankings, or failing to provide any ranking in a contest. If only one candidate is ranked and that candidate is eliminated, the voter's ballot becomes inactive for that contest but remains active for other contests. Mail ballots will be sent to all registered voters beginning May 11. Ballot drop boxes will open May 22. Early voting will occur from June 8 through June 14, with election day scheduled for June 16. The Board of Elections encouraged voters to use mail ballots and offered opportunities for residents to practice with sample ballots and voting machines. Outreach events and additional resources are available through the DC Board of Elections website and outreach team.

Call meeting to order at 7:06 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	

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission March 5, 2026 Meeting Agenda
- B. Commission February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- C. ABCR Committee Items Not Requiring Commission Review

MOTION: Commissioner Holden 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. SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT AGENCIES

- A. **Update on the U Street Performance Parking Program (30 minutes):** Laura MacNeil, Associate Director for Curbside Management Transportation Planning

SUMMARY: DDOT presented an initial evaluation of the U Street performance parking zone, describing its goals, early outcomes, implementation challenges, and possible next steps. The zone was created in response to high parking demand, visitor spillover into residential streets, and legislation directing DDOT to better manage curbside access, reduce repeat violations, and address congestion during peak nightlife hours. DDOT explained that the program's initial policies were based largely on parking meter transaction data, but later occupancy data showed that transaction data did not fully reflect actual parking demand. A summer 2025 occupancy study found that parking demand was highest during the midday period, not the evening as initially expected. Midday occupancy was close to DDOT's target of 85 percent, while evening occupancy was lower than expected. Payment compliance was lower during periods of higher occupancy. The agency reviewed several policy changes made in the zone, including a three-tiered hourly pricing structure, standardized paid parking rules, permit-or-pay zones, expanded short-term parking, additional accessible parking spaces, and standardized commercial loading zones. DDOT said these changes were intended to improve curbside availability, increase turnover, and reduce cruising for parking. On outcomes, DDOT reported mixed results for congestion and travel time reliability, as well as for broader multimodal impacts. However, the agency observed increases in Metrorail and Capital Bikeshare ridership in the area, including a notable increase in late-night trips to the U Street stations from outside the District. DDOT also reported a decrease in safety-related parking citations within the zone, including a substantial drop in double-parking citations. Resident parking impacts

showed a somewhat higher share of out-of-zone vehicles compared with a control sample in Adams Morgan. DDOT also reported increased parking-related revenue in the zone, driven by expanded meter hours, higher hourly rates, and permit-or-pay policies. The agency said transaction volume increased as well, with more users paying through the mobile app rather than at meters. Staff described several implementation challenges, including the large amount of sign installation and quality control work, limited in-house capacity, the staff time required to collect and analyze occupancy data, and operational issues related to enforcement and management of the new parking policies and fund structure. As next steps, DDOT said it wants additional feedback from residents and the ANC, and it recommended adding more short-term parking zones in areas with high rideshare activity. It also proposed modest price reductions in the morning and evening periods based on the newer occupancy data, with the intention of continuing to monitor and adjust pricing over time.

Commissioner Holden asked DDOT about parking enforcement and use of revenue from the U Street performance parking zone. DDOT said it coordinates regularly with DPW, DMV, and other agencies, provides training on the permit-or-pay system, and is moving toward more pay-by-plate tools to support enforcement. Enforcement in the zone remains primarily based on walking patrols. DDOT said the zone has generated additional revenue, but final figures and a spending plan are still being refined. The agency said future spending decisions will incorporate community input and follow the legislation authorizing the fund. Commissioners and residents questioned DDOT's data and raised concerns about low payment compliance and weak enforcement. DDOT said its occupancy analysis was based on time-lapse cameras on eight representative commercial blocks, and that Adams Morgan was used as a comparison area for residential parking impacts because there was no direct baseline for U Street. The discussion also covered bus ridership, short-term pickup and drop-off zones, and other curbside proposals. DDOT said it wants to better align overlapping requests from the ANC and MPD before making additional changes and agreed to continue discussions with a smaller group.

B. Washington Parks and People (5 minutes): Steve Coleman, Executive Director

SUMMARY: Steve Coleman, Executive Director of Washington Parks and People, provided an update on the status and future of Meridian Hill / Malcolm X Park. He noted that the organization, which began 36 years ago as Friends of Meridian Hill, continues to focus much of its work on supporting and advocating for the park. Coleman said the park is currently in poor condition but that \$14 million in federal funding has been allocated for repairs, including work on the cascade waterfall, statues, landscaping, and other infrastructure. However, he expressed concern that these improvements are moving forward without a clear role for the community in decision-making. Coleman asked the ANC to support the creation of a permanent three-way management partnership for the park involving the federal government, the District, and the community. He said such a structure would ensure ongoing stewardship and community input as improvements move forward. Washington Parks and People hope to launch a "phase two" effort to help the park reach its full potential as a central community space serving surrounding neighborhoods. Jim Epstein, a collaborator on the project and local resident, said the park has strong potential but has been

neglected for many years. He emphasized the upcoming 90th anniversary of the park's dedication in September as an opportunity to begin a broader revival effort. Epstein described a long-term vision to reestablish the park as a vibrant public gathering place and performance space, while increasing community engagement in planning and management. Organizers plan to begin outreach and engagement activities leading up to the anniversary. Both speakers highlighted the park's historic and cultural importance and noted the long history of community involvement and volunteer support. They encouraged continued collaboration with the ANC and other community organizations to guide future improvements.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS *(3 minutes per committee)*

A. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

- i. February Committee Meeting Cancelled
- ii. Preview of March 2026 Agenda Items

SUMMARY: Chair Brandt shared the Zoning, Preservation, and Development (ZPD) Committee reported that there were no cases to review for the third consecutive month, resulting in a brief update. The committee did not meet in February due to the lack of agenda items. For the upcoming March meeting on March 16, the committee plans to review two pieces of legislation: the Fair Share Housing Targets Act and the One Front Door Act.

B. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations

- i. Committee Meeting Recap
- ii. Update on Current Protest Actions

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan, chair of ABCR Committee reported that it has been working on several ongoing projects. Committee members provided testimony at the ABCA public performance oversight hearing. The committee also organized a walk through the 9½ Street alley to assess issues related to trash, easements, and rat activity, and is continuing to follow up on possible solutions. In addition, the committee is managing several active protests related to new businesses and has recently finalized multiple settlement agreements. Committee members were acknowledged for representing the community during the oversight hearing.

C. Committee on Community Engagement

- i. ANC 1B Community Grant Application Process
- ii. Farmers Market Feasibility Survey
- iii. Vermont Avenue Garden Party

SUMMARY: No update provided

D. Committee on Economic Development

- i. Withdrawal of Alternate “Gentle Density” Resolution
- ii. Zoning Update on 1617 U Street NW Parcel
- iii. 2026 Committee Planning Framework

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay provided an update for the Economic Development committee. The Zoning Commission recently approved an upzoning application for 1617 U Street, the District-owned site that includes Firehouse No. 9 and the Third District police headquarters nearby. The decision was released the previous week, and challenges to the ruling have already been filed. The ANC will continue monitoring the situation over the coming months. The Economic Development Committee also reported that it had previously submitted an alternative “gentle density” resolution intended to address concerns with another version proposed by Commissioner Barrilleaux. Since the Commission approved Barrio’s version, the committee voted to withdraw its proposal to avoid further discussion on the topic. Finally, the committee announced that it will begin a broader planning discussion in March focused on the economy of the Greater U Street area. This topic will be a priority at an upcoming meeting. Commissioners also noted that ideas from the withdrawn density proposal may still be discussed within the Comprehensive Plan Special Committee.

E. Committee on Public Safety

- i. Update from the Office of the Dep. Mayor for Public Safety
- ii. Activation of DPR Sites with Youth Programming

SUMMARY: Commissioner Barrilleaux shared the Public Safety Committee updates and reported recent crime updates and ongoing initiatives. A homicide that occurred in February on the 3100 block of 16th Street was identified as domestic violence related, and a suspect has since been arrested. No additional homicides have occurred in ANC 1B in the past month. Overall crime declined month-over-month from 74 incidents to 54 and is also down year-over-year by a similar margin. The committee is exploring a partnership between the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Beta Academy, a martial arts program, to provide youth programming in DPR facilities beginning in April. Testimony was also submitted to the DPR oversight hearing urging the Council to provide additional funding and guidance so recreation centers can remain open for youth during evening hours. The committee noted that some facilities, such as Banneker, currently restrict indoor space to adult programming in the evenings. Additionally, the committee heard from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice about the Safe Passage program. The program is reportedly performing well, and there is interest in expanding it beyond middle and high schools to include elementary schools, where many students also travel long distances and face safety concerns on their routes to and from school.

F. Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Space

- i. Committee Meeting Recap
- ii. Preview of TPPS Resolutions and Letters

SUMMARY: Commissioner Holden shared out the TPPS updates. The committee announced that the April meeting will include a discussion of the proposed 11th Street bike lane project. DDOT has issued a notice of intent for the segment from L Street downtown to Florida Avenue, with a separate notice expected later for the northern segment from Florida Avenue to Monroe Street. The upcoming meeting will review DDOT's plans and the notice of intent, and community members interested in the bike lane project are encouraged to attend.

V. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, AND AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUMMARY: Nicole Rivero provided legislative and policy updates from Councilmember Nadeau's office. The DC Council recently passed two emergency bills requiring the release of MPD body-worn camera footage when officers are present during incidents where federal agents use deadly force, and requiring MPD arrest reports to include the names of federal agencies and agents involved when force is used. The measures are intended to improve transparency. Councilmember Nadeau also introduced legislation aimed at increasing transparency and streamlining the contracting and procurement process. The Council is reviewing how this proposal may align with similar legislation introduced by the Mayor. Rivero also addressed issues related to parking enforcement technology. At a recent DPW oversight hearing, the Councilmember pushed for expanded use of license plate readers to modernize enforcement. Currently, DPW has 26 LPR units, but the agency plans to acquire roughly 150 additional units and install readers on tow trucks, which could improve enforcement in areas such as the U Street performance parking zone. Finally, Rivero clarified a question raised previously about affordable housing and Area Median Income (AMI). Housing with income or rent restrictions at 80% AMI is considered affordable housing for that income level, though Councilmember Nadeau prioritizes deeper affordability, particularly housing for residents at 30% AMI or below. The Housing Production Omnibus Act introduced by Nadeau and Councilmember Robert White proposes new affordability tiers to provide clearer definitions.

B. Office of the Mayor: Stephanie Advincula, MOCRS (3 minutes)

SUMMARY: Stephanie Advincula shared several community announcements. The deadline to apply for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for youth ages 14–24 is March 6. The program provides summer job opportunities and paid work experience for young people. The 8th annual Her History 5K will take place on March 7 at Freedom Plaza, with registration still available and same-day sign-up starting at 8 a.m. The race begins at 10 a.m. Upcoming spring roll-off trash collection

events were also announced. The Ward 1 roll-off will take place on June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at LeDroit Park (268 V Street NW), with another scheduled in October. A special waste collection event will also be held at RFK Lot 8 in Ward 7, where residents can dispose of items such as household waste, batteries, and documents for shredding. Residents were encouraged to participate in neighborhood cleanups through the Clean City program, which can provide supplies. Additional updates on the Mayor's spring cleanup and potential electronics recycling options will be shared in the future.

C. District Agencies: *(3 minutes)*

SUMMARY: no announcements

VI. COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Commissioner announcements *(2 minute per Commissioner)*

SUMMARY: no announcements

B. Community announcements *(2 minute per community member)*

SUMMARY: Chair Trindade Deramo discussed a request from the Community Engagement Committee to approve a \$500 budget allocation for the Vermont Avenue Garden, consistent with funding provided in previous years. The funds are designated for purchasing plants, and the recipient will need to submit the required Form 100A and receipts within 60 days in accordance with OANC guidelines. Commissioners noted that the request follows the same structure as prior years and briefly discussed approving it, though it had not been formally listed on the meeting agenda. **MOTION:** Commissioner Trindade Deramo moved to approve \$500 for the Vermont Avenue Garden. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Job Description for ANC 1B Public Relations Staff Member: ANC 1B Chair

B. Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) Approval: Aaron Lemon-Strauss, Treasurer

SUMMARY: The commissioners reviewed the FY26 Q1 Financial Report. The report had been circulated in advanced. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemon Strauss moved to approve the fiscal year 26, Quarter 1 financial report. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

MOTION: Commissioner Fay moved to reimbursement for \$100 for refreshments for this meeting. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

C. Application to the EAF relative to Thurst Lounge

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay discussed applying for funding through the Office of the ANC's Expert Assistance Fund, which helps commissions cover costs for legal or technical support related to issues such as zoning or ABCA protests. The ANC had previously approved two applications in January for other protest cases. A third application is being submitted to help cover expenses related to a protest involving Thurst Lounge on 14th Street. The request is for \$5,000, which would cover roughly half of the anticipated costs. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to approve an application to the office of the ANC for support from the Expert Assistance Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to support our protest of Thurst Lounge's renewal license. The motion was seconded.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Kensek stated for the record that the ANC had made extensive efforts to work with the establishment to resolve the issue without filing a protest. He emphasized that pursuing a protest was not the commission's preferred approach and that it occurred only after significant attempts to reach a resolution and after other options had been exhausted. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

D. Retainer for the Commission's attorney

SUMMARY: The ANC discussed replenishing the retainer for its ABCA legal counsel. The commission originally funded the retainer with \$20,000 (with additional historical contributions), but recent protest cases have significantly reduced the balance to about \$6,000. Because the ANC is currently involved in multiple ABCA protests, each costing roughly \$7,000–\$8,000, additional funds are needed to ensure continued legal support. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to authorize up to \$20,000 for the attorney retainer for ABCA legal counsel, while immediately transferring \$10,000 from the ANC's account. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioners discussed that the retainer system had been established several terms earlier at about \$30,000 and had lasted several years because it had been used conservatively. Commissioners expressed support for maintaining a sufficient retainer so the ANC would not need to repeatedly vote on replenishment and could continue to respond quickly to protest cases. They also noted that applications to the Office of the ANC's Expert Assistance Fund may offset a portion of the legal costs. It was clarified that the retainer functions as a prepaid account held by the attorney. Once funds are transferred, they leave the ANC's account and are held by the attorney to be drawn down as legal services are provided. The attorney regularly sends statements detailing expenditures and the remaining balance, allowing the commission to monitor how the funds are used. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

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

SUMMARY: An announcement was shared that the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has declared a juvenile curfew zone on U Street for the following night, beginning at 8:00 PM. The update was provided for community awareness.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ABRA- 135097: Motion to Protest a New License, Icon DC/Eleven DC, 2001 11th Street NW, Class "CX" Multipurpose Facility, 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan discussed a motion from the ABCR Committee to protest a new liquor license application for Icon DC/Eleven at 2011 11th Street NW, which is applying for a Class CX multipurpose facility license. The committee explained that its main concern is the proposed hours of operation, which would allow indoor operations until 6:00 a.m. on weekends. Commissioners noted broader concerns about late-night operations, including limited overnight staffing at ABCA for noise complaints and the lack of MPD officers stationed in the area after certain hours. The applicant, Jonathan Ruby, addressed the commission and said that while the license application allows operations until 6:00 a.m., the venue's nightlife activities would end around 3:00 a.m. He explained that the space would also function as a restaurant and host other activities beyond alcohol service. Ruby asked the ANC to continue discussions so the matter could move forward without unnecessary delays that could create financial burdens. Commissioners acknowledged that Ruby had been proactive in engaging with the ANC and attending meetings, and several expressed appreciation for his outreach and willingness to work with the community. One commissioner noted that the applicant had made significant efforts to communicate with commissioners and argued that the establishment had demonstrated good faith. However, the protest motion was still being considered as part of the commission's standard process while discussions about potential settlement terms continued. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest Icon DC/Eleven on the grounds of peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

B. ABRA- 125907: Motion to Protest a License Renewal, Chi Cha Lounge, 1214 U Street NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B08

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan discussed a motion from the ABCR Committee to protest the liquor license renewal for Chi Cha Lounge. The establishment had previously failed to attend a required roll call hearing, which led to the dismissal of its earlier application. The business later reapplied for the license. Community concerns have been raised, including complaints about loud music and speakers placed in the establishment's windows that project sound into the neighborhood. A community group is also protesting the application. Commissioners also noted that Chi Cha Lounge had applied for extended hours but similarly failed to attend the related hearing, which raised additional concerns. The ANC indicated that it hopes to reach a settlement

agreement with the establishment to address the neighbors' concerns. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest the license renewal of Chi Cha Lounge on the grounds of peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Holden shared personal experience living above the former Chi Cha Lounge location during COVID, noting they did not personally experience problems at the time but were aware of prior complaints from neighbors. The new owner of Chi Cha Lounge joined the meeting and said this was his first time participating in an ANC or ABCA process and that he had not previously understood how the system worked. He expressed willingness to work with the ANC and neighborhood residents to address concerns and asked to connect directly with commissioners. ANC members welcomed his participation, emphasized that the protest process is often used to facilitate negotiations toward a settlement agreement, and agreed to continue discussions offline to resolve the issues. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

C. ABRA- 131092: Motion to Approve an Amended Settlement Agreement, MK Lounge DC, LLC, 913 U Street NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan reviewed a proposed amended settlement agreement for MK Lounge at 913 U Street NW, the former location of Dirty Goose Tavern. The amendment addresses operations for the rooftop summer garden at the property. As part of negotiations, the owner agreed to align the summer garden's operating hours with the ANC's standard hours resolution: closing at 2:00 a.m. on weeknights and 3:00 a.m. on weekends. The amendment largely maintains the terms of the original Dirty Goose settlement agreement while updating the language to reflect the new establishment, address, and rooftop summer garden operations. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve the amended settlement agreement with MK Lounge on U Street. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

D. ABRA-115293: Motion to Approve an Amended Settlement Agreement, Whitlows, 901 U Street NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Handrahan introduced an amended settlement agreement for Brixton Pub/Whitlow's at 901 U Street NW. The amendment was requested by the owner, John Williams, to address issues with the current settlement agreement that limited their ability to open early for events such as morning soccer matches. The revised agreement would allow earlier opening hours for these events and provide additional flexibility regarding the establishment's door policy. Specifically, it allows one of the two doors to remain open at times when staff are checking IDs, while still maintaining measures intended to reduce noise impacts on the neighborhood. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve the amended settlement agreement with Whitlows. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

E. ABRA-088787: Motion to Approve a New Settlement Agreement, MK Lounge, 1930 9th St NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan reviewed a new settlement agreement for MK Lounge at 1939 9th Street NW. The protest was primarily related to concerns about trash management in the alley behind several nearby establishments. After a recent walkthrough of the area, commissioners determined that the broader sanitation issues would be addressed collectively with multiple businesses. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve the settlement agreement with MK Lounge on 9th Street. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

F. ABRA-123209: Motion to Approve a New Settlement Agreement, Posh Lounge, 1924 9th St NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan reviewed a proposed new settlement agreement with Posh Lounge at 1924 9th Street NW. Commissioner Hanrahan noted that the owner, Daniel, had been cooperative with the community and helped organize a walkthrough of the alley behind nearby businesses. He also worked with neighbors on 9½ Street to address concerns related to trash management and rodent activity. As part of the agreement, the owner committed to removing a lighted sign on the building's façade that conflicts with historic building compliance rules. Commissioners amended the settlement language to specify that the sign must be removed within 45 days of ABCA Board approval of the settlement agreement and clarified that failure to remove it would constitute a violation of the agreement. The settlement otherwise follows the ANC's standard template while allowing continued collaboration between the business and the ANC on longer-term trash management solutions in the alley. During discussion, a community member also raised concerns about enforcement of noise provisions in settlement agreements. Commissioners acknowledged the challenges with enforcement and noted that potential legislative changes and future ABCR Committee discussions may address improvements to noise enforcement language. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve the settlement agreement with Posh Lounge. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

G. ABRA-126215: Motion to Approve a New Settlement Agreement, SOST, 1901 9th St NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay raised a procedural question about whether the ANC should waive its rule requiring settlement agreements to be submitted before a set deadline. Commissioners noted the agreement had been under negotiation for months and the delay in circulation was due to attorney review earlier that day. Members agreed the deadline is an internal guideline, and the chair recommended proceeding with discussion given the long history of negotiations and time constraints. Commissioner Barilleaux introduced a settlement agreement with Sost for a Class C tavern license renewal. The commission had previously voted to protest the establishment on August 7 of the prior year following concerns from nearby residents regarding noise and

disturbances affecting peace, order, and quiet. Over the past six to seven months, commissioners worked with the establishment, the Westminster Neighborhood Association, and nearby residents to negotiate an agreement. A community meeting between the business and neighbors led to some early improvements, including the installation of soundproofing and the sharing of contact information with residents. The proposed settlement agreement includes several provisions: the establishment must continue working with a sound engineer to address noise issues; it must permit at least one ABCA sound check each year; it must arrange trash and recycling collection at least three times per week; and it must take reasonable steps to manage patron noise and queuing, including issuing verbal warnings, removing disruptive patrons, and organizing lines to minimize impact on nearby residences. The agreement also specifies that third-party promoters may not control security operations at the establishment. Residents speaking during the meeting acknowledged that the situation has improved but emphasized that noise and queuing remain ongoing concerns. Commissioners noted that the agreement represents a compromise reached through negotiation and may not resolve every issue, but it provides a framework for continued monitoring and cooperation between the business, neighbors, and the ANC moving forward.

MOTION: Commissioner Barrilleaux moved to approve the settlement agreement with SOST. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

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- H. **TPPS:** Letter of Support for DDOT NOI #26-19-MPDD: 10th St NW and Barry Place NW Tactical to Permanent – Cmsr Holden

SUMMARY: Commissioner Holden reviewed DDOT Notice of Intent 2618 for a permanent roundabout at 10th Street and Barry Place NW, part of the tactical-to-permanent program. The temporary design improved traffic flow at an awkward intersection, and DDOT now plans a concrete upgrade with better signage and durability. The committee supported the project with three recommendations: ensure signage is clear and secure, minimize impacts on nearby parking, and confirm that large vehicles can safely navigate the intersection. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to approve the letter of support for DDOT NOI #26-19. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Sycamore suggested adding art or landscaping (e.g., a mural or garden) to the center of the roundabout. The amendment was not accepted due to lack of prior written submission, but members agreed the idea had support and could be pursued later through a separate resolution. The motion **PASSED (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**.

- I. **1B02:** Request for ANC Funding Support of an Alleyway Mural Project – Cmsr Barrilleaux

SUMMARY: Commissioner Barrilleaux presented a mural project for 9½ Street, proposing that the ANC allocate up to \$5,000 for supplies. The project would be funded in accordance with OANC guidance, which allows funding for materials but not direct payments to artists. The plan includes community-matched funding to support artist fees and flexibility to develop the project, purchase

supplies, and coordinate with artists and neighbors. **MOTION:** Commissioner Barrilleaux moved to approve funds up to \$5,000 to fund multiple murals on 9 ½ street. The motion was seconded.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed funding for a mural initiative and agreed not to immediately spend \$5,000, but instead to create a budget line item allocating up to \$5,000 for mural projects. Funds would be disbursed later based on specific proposals and matching community funds, with further review likely at the committee level. This approach allows planning and outreach to proceed while maintaining oversight of expenditures. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions).**

J. **TPPS:** Resolution Requesting DDOT Evaluation of Traffic Calming Measures in LeDroit Park (West) – Cmsr Fay

K. **TPPS:** Resolution Requesting DDOT Evaluation of Traffic Calming Measures in LeDroit Park (East) – Cmsr Fay

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay discussed follow-up actions related to the S Street redesign project affecting traffic in and around LeDroit Park. After waiting about a year to observe traffic pattern changes, the commission identified a small number of potential traffic calming measures. Two resolutions, covering the east and west sides of the neighborhood, to request that DDOT conduct traffic safety studies to determine appropriate calming measures. The resolutions were presented as a package for approval so they can be transmitted to DDOT and initiate the study process.

MOTION: Commissioner Fay moved to approve the package of resolutions to request DDOT Evaluation of traffic calming measures. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions).**

L. **TPPS:** Resolution Opposing Federal Attempts to Remove Protected Bicycle Facilities in DC – Cmsr Holden

SUMMARY: Commissioner Holden discussed a resolution responding to reports that the federal Department of Transportation may remove protected bike lanes, including the 15th Street bike lane. Commissioners noted the lane's importance in connecting neighborhoods and supporting daily use by residents and visitors. The resolution condemns any removal of protected bike lanes, urges DC officials to defend existing infrastructure, and expresses support for potential legal and community actions to prevent changes to the bike network. **MOTION:** Commissioner Holden moved to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** A commissioner expressed support for the resolution while noting that not all bike lanes are well designed and some may need improvement. They emphasized strong support for the 15th Street bike lane. It was clarified that the resolution does not reference all bike lanes universally. The commissioner confirmed their support, and the vote proceeded. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions).**

M. TPPS: Resolution Requesting Additional ADA Parking Spaces on Neighborhood Streets – Cmsr Holden

SUMMARY: Item was moved from the agenda and will be considered at a future meeting.

N. TPPS: Resolution Advocating for an Intergovernmental Approach to the Stewardship of Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park – Cmsrs Holden, Trindade Deramo

SUMMARY: Item was moved from the agenda and will be considered at a future meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

(Although the Commission typically meets on the first Thursday of each month, the April meeting will take place on the second Thursday of April in recognition of Passover)

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Approved on: April 9, 2026


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Attested by: Matthew Fay, ANC1B Secretary