

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
JULY 2, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

David Rubenstein (2F01)
Neil Rocklin (2F02)
Joe Florio (2F03)
Christopher Dyer (2F05)
John Fanning (2F06)
Kevin Cataldo (2F07)

ABSENT

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Brian Romanowski (DC Council)
Ty Abilla (MOCRS)
MPD Second District
MPD Third District

Chair Joe Florio called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and called roll.

Community Forum

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioners shared updates on constituent concerns, trash collection schedule for July 4th, and upcoming events including the Palisades Parade. DDOT's virtual Bikeshare meeting was also mentioned.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department, Lieutenant Alexis E. Sakulich, Lt. Sakulich provided a public safety update, reporting a total of 53 crimes within the Second District. The majority of these incidents involved retail theft or theft from automobiles. She noted a continued rise in auto thefts, particularly around 14th Street NW. Food truck operations are currently under review in coordination with other DC agencies. She also shared that boating restrictions will be in place for the Fourth of July and encouraged residents to stay informed through AlertsDC.

During the discussion, Commissioner Florio asked for more information regarding the location of food trucks, and Lt. Sakulich provided additional details. Commissioner Florio also raised concerns about email reports indicating possible illegal drug activity near the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 14th Street NW. In response, Lt. Sakulich confirmed that the Crime Suppression Team is actively working to address the issue.

Report from Metropolitan Police Department Third District, Commander Sean Connors, Commander Connors provided updates on crime trends in the Third District. He reported that violent crime in 3D is down 24 percent year-to-date, with overall crime down 11 percent. Despite the reduction, PSA 307 remains a concern, with two homicides reported so far in 2025. He noted that many nightlife-related incidents are occurring during late-night and early-morning hours, often involving individuals walking back to their vehicles. Vehicle break-ins continue to be an issue along U Street and near 14th Street, where people park and return to find their cars broken into or items stolen. In response, the MPD midnight shift is focusing patrol efforts in these areas.

The Crime Suppression Team is working in coordination with the citywide narcotics unit to disrupt drug sales. Efforts also include targeted outreach to users and individuals experiencing homelessness to build relationships and support long-term prevention. Increasing police visibility remains a priority across the district.

Commander Connors shared that MPD is conducting trend analysis to identify repeat calls from specific apartment buildings or individuals, with the goal of implementing more proactive enforcement.

Commissioner Rubenstein asked for information on the recent homicide on S Street. Commander Connors confirmed that the case remains open. The incident involved a confrontation while individuals were walking back to their cars, which led to shots being fired. That night saw a significant increase in activity due to large crowds and multiple shootings, and detectives are continuing their investigation.

Commissioner Rubenstein also expressed concern that while statistics show a reduction in crime, residents near 14th Street are not experiencing that improvement, particularly due to frequent vehicle break-ins. He added that many of these incidents occur after bars close. Another attendee raised concerns about safety for early-morning community members, including those exercising. Commander Connors responded that some incidents may be attempted robberies or unresolved conflicts from nightlife venues that escalate once on the street.

Report from DC Council Ward 2 Office, Councilmember Brooke Pinto – Brian Romanowski from Councilmember Pinto’s office delivered Ward 2 updates. He highlighted the DC Council’s recent passage of Councilmember Pinto’s comprehensive “Peace DC” public safety omnibus plan. He also noted that Councilmember Pinto was marking five years as Ward 2’s representative and invited the community to her upcoming Ward 2 office hours on July 16. Romanowski further mentioned opportunities for public input on economic development proposals for example, encouraging residents to testify at a July 29th Council hearing on bringing the Washington Commanders football team back to the RFK Stadium site.

Report from Mayor Muriel Bowser’s Office, Ty Abilla – Ty Abilla (MOCRS) shared several announcements on behalf of the Mayor. She reminded attendees of the 59th Palisades Community Association July 4th Parade & Picnic and noted that DC’s Department of Public Works would shift trash/recycling pickup one day later due to the holiday. She outlined DPW’s summer heat emergency schedule – on days forecast above 90°F or with unhealthy air quality, crews will begin collections at 5:30 AM to ensure worker safety. Ty Abilla also announced a virtual public meeting on July 9, 2025 to discuss proposed Capital Bikeshare fare changes. Additionally, she encouraged community members to support the effort to bring the Washington Commanders back to the RFK site by signing up to testify at the Council’s hearing on July 29. Finally, she provided a contact (Salima Khalid in the Mayor’s Office) for any nightlife or general business-related concerns.

Community Announcements

Business Meeting

Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dyer moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded, and the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of [June Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approval of Treasurer’s Report
 - Executive Director [June salary](#) (\$1156.72)
 - DropBox Subscription ([Exec Director Reimbursement](#)) (\$127.07)
 - WordPress renewal ([Exec Director Reimbursement](#)) (\$22.25)
 - Commission Administrator [June salary](#) (\$563.33)
 - DC Income Tax (\$149.06)
 - Federal Income Tax (\$1462.27)
 - Unemployment Insurance (\$123.73)
 - Paid Family Leave (\$39.33)
- Approval of [Q3 2025 Quarterly Financial Report](#)

VOTE: 7-0-0

Committee Reports

Public Space and Transportation Committee (PSTC) Report, Commissioner Florio provided an update on the bike lane plans for 11th Street and Vermont Avenue, noting that the project is moving forward. He then introduced a motion to appoint Mr. Marcel Angliviel de la Beaumelle as a voting member of the Public Space and Transportation Committee. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Commissioner Fanning, representing SMD 2F06, expressed support for the recent safety walk and confirmed he will join the committee as well.

Alcohol Policy Committee (APC), No report provided.

Public Safety Committee (PSC) Report, Commissioner John Fanning, Commissioner Fanning shared updates on recent public safety initiatives, including a public safety walk that focused on identifying crime prevention opportunities. During the walk, over 20 participants joined to assess the area surrounding the Streets Market. One key recommendation was for the District Housing Authority to install fencing around a nearby parking lot to limit access points. Participants also noted areas where lighting could be improved and checked whether surveillance cameras were registered with MPD. The goal is to conduct these safety walks on a quarterly basis. Additionally, Commissioner Fanning is working to coordinate a mobile substance abuse services unit to visit the area as part of a broader prevention effort.

New Business

[Medical Cannabis Retail License Application – 1534 14th St. NW \(2F03\)](#), Chair Joe Florio introduced an application for a new medical cannabis retailer at 1534 14th Street NW. Commissioners discussed the proposal, raising questions about operational issues such as trash storage and pickup given the building’s limited facilities. The applicant’s representative explained that a private trash service would be used and agreed to coordinate pickups at appropriate times to mitigate noise and sanitation concerns.

Commissioner Florio moved that the ANC protest the license application based on peace, order and quiet.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Commissioner Florio moved to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM EST.

Minutes reviewed and approved by committee 9/3 ANC2F Meeting .

