



**THE MINUTES OF THE
JUNE 17, 2026
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

- **Time:** Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM
- **Location:** LAYC (1419 Columbia Rd) & Zoom
- **Present:** Commissioners Bhatia, Davidson, *Secretary*, Easley, Lehmann Morales, Miller, Kelley, Sherman, *Chairperson, presiding*, Thomas-Davis; Commissioner Perri arrived at 7:38 PM
- **Quorum:** A quorum of 9 Commissioners was established

Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** The Chair sought unanimous consent to approve the agenda as amended.
- Commissioner Thomas-Davis requested that two Board of Zoning Adjustment correspondence items, concerning BZA Case Nos. 21474 and 21487, be removed from the consent agenda and placed under New Business because of concerns about whether the materials conformed to BZA reporting requirements.
- **Outcome:** The agenda was approved as amended by unanimous consent, with no objections.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** The Chair made a motion to approve the May 20, 2026, meeting minutes.
- **Discussion:** Commissioner Thomas-Davis requested amendments and technical corrections, including removal of recorded seconds from the minutes, correction of a pronoun/reference for an Office of Planning representative, and additional clarification regarding a prior motion that had been withdrawn.
- **Outcome:** The May 20, 2026, minutes were approved, as amended and with technical corrections, by voice vote.

Reports of Officers

- **Secretary's Report**
 - Commissioner Davidson reported that, at the prior meeting, the Commission approved two letters and five resolutions. Since that meeting, the Commission received or noted agency follow-up on prior actions, including a DDOT response regarding the resolution concerning reinstallation of in-street pedestrian crossing signs on Lamont Street NW at 13th Street NW and acknowledgment or follow-up related to the Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park stewardship resolution.
 - Commissioners discussed the importance of circulating and preserving agency responses. Commissioner Davidson noted that a new folder had been created in

the Commission's drive to store agency responses for recordkeeping and public reference.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Commissioner Bhatia reported that the Commission's total balance was \$62,461.60. Expenses since the last meeting included a final payment to the Commission's administrative assistant and disbursement of grant funds to District Bridges, which served as fiscal sponsor for the Holmead Place block party.
- Commissioners discussed procedures for expenditures made under approved budget line items, including the importance of transparency and ensuring spending requests are handled consistently.

Community Presentations

Public Comments

- **Commissioner Announcements**

- Commissioner Davidson announced that ANC 1A had posted an opening for a part-time administrative assistant/independent contractor position at \$700 per month for approximately 15 to 20 hours of work.
- Commissioner Thomas-Davis discussed the Columbia Heights Dog Park at 11th Street and Park Road, noting that the Council was expected to restore funding after prior funds had been swept or tied up. He expressed hope that the resolution on the consent agenda would help move planning, design, and construction forward before the end of calendar year 2026.
- Commissioner Easley reported on a meeting with Commissioner Thomas-Davis and DDOT's Urban Forestry team regarding tree maintenance, tree replacement, and public space conditions around Civic Plaza. Residents were encouraged to use 311 and contact commissioners regarding tree issues.
- Chair Sherman announced that ANC 1A had received a DDOT Notice of Intent for a new crosswalk at Park Road and Holmead Place NW. He noted that the Commission would likely consider a letter on the matter at the July meeting and encouraged residents to provide feedback.

- **Neighbor and Stakeholder Comments**

- Gina Neely, a resident, described concerns involving alleged unauthorized entry into her apartment, stalking, identity theft, and lack of response from her building and MPD. Commissioners clarified that her address was in ANC 1C, not ANC 1A, and offered to connect her with the appropriate ANC and Councilmember's Office resources.
- Enrique Lopez, Ward 1 MOCRS (Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services), provided updates on a recent Ward 1 roll-off event, which collected two roll-offs of bulk trash to help address illegal dumping. The representative also announced the upcoming annual barbecue battle on Pennsylvania Avenue and noted that tickets would be shared with ANCs. Public safety walks with MPD Third and Fourth Districts were also expected to continue during the summer.

Community Presentations and Agency Updates

- **Office of Councilmember Brianne Nadeau**

- Norma Rivera, the new Ward 1 constituent services representative for Councilmember Brianne Nadeau's office, introduced herself and provided a budget update. She stated that the first budget reading occurred on June 9, 2026, with the second and final reading scheduled for June 23, 2026, followed by related votes in early July.
- Ms. Rivera reported that Councilmember Nadeau had raised concerns that the Mayor's proposed budget disproportionately affected vulnerable residents. She also discussed ongoing conversations about recurring revenue, including a possible tax on passive income for very high-income earners.
- She further noted legislation affecting delivery fees, including a proposed 20-cent surcharge on meal and other deliveries to support health programs, public restrooms, health insurance access, and the early childhood educator pay equity fund. Commissioners had no substantive questions. Her email address was shared in the chat.

Committee Updates

The Chair noted that committee meeting notes were included in the meeting agenda packet for the following committees:

- **Committee on Public Safety**
- **Committee on Transportation**
 - Commissioner Kelley gave an oral report, briefly updating the Commission on the 14th Street Bus Priority Project, which runs from Newton Street to Arkansas Avenue. She reported that DDOT had recently presented to the Transportation Committee and that a formal Notice of Intent was expected in the fall. Residents were encouraged to review DDOT's project materials and committee recordings.
- **Permanent Special Committee on Public Life and Neighborhood Planning**
 - Commissioner Thomas-Davis gave an oral report, providing additional comments on the Comprehensive Plan process, noting that the Office of Planning was expected to provide ANC materials in September and that the Commission would have a limited window to provide substantive feedback. He encouraged residents and commissioners to begin considering neighborhood priorities, including parks, land use, housing, commercial corridors, and public space. He also noted that the Special Committee on Public Life and Neighborhood Planning would meet on June 24 to discuss engagement ideas, including possible housing and business walks.

Consent Agenda

- Items Included:
 - Resolution Concerning Calling for the Completion of the Columbia Heights Dog Park at 11th Street and Park Road Before the End of Calendar Year 2026
- Motion: Commissioner Perri moved to approve the consent agenda.
- Outcome: The consent agenda was approved by voice vote.

New Business

Board of Zoning Adjustment Letters of Support - BZA Case Nos. 21474 and 21487

- Commissioner Lehmann-Morales introduced two BZA support letters together, with the consent of the Commission.
- BZA Case No. 21474 - 1459 Columbia Road NW
 - Commissioner Lehmann-Morales summarized the application for 1459 Columbia Road NW. The applicant sought zoning relief related to rear yard requirements for a proposed 87-unit affordable multifamily residential building of seven stories. The project would include studios, one-bedroom units, one-bedroom-plus-den units, and two-bedroom units. Commissioner Lehmann-Morales stated that all units would be affordable, with some at or below 60% AMI and others at or below 80% AMI.
 - The historic 1904 church sanctuary and bell tower would be preserved and converted into resident amenity/community space, while a later addition would be demolished. Commissioner Lehmann-Morales noted that the ANC had previously supported the project's rezoning and that no community opposition had been reported.
- BZA Case No. 21487 - 3613 13th Street NW
 - Commissioner Lehmann-Morales summarized the application for 3613 13th Street NW. The applicant sought relief to allow three residential units in an RF-1 rowhouse that had been renovated to function as three units, with separate mechanical systems and kitchens, but where the certificate of occupancy had not been updated. The property was described as approximately 150 square feet short of the lot-size threshold needed for a special exception, requiring variance relief instead. No exterior changes or major renovations were proposed.
- Motion: Commissioner Lehmann-Morales moved approval of both BZA letters.
- Discussion
 - Commissioner Thomas-Davis explained that his concern was procedural rather than substantive. He stated that BZA materials should include information required for ANC reports so that the Commission's views receive "great weight" and so the filings are not rejected or delayed. Commissioners discussed whether letters had historically been accepted and whether additional formatting was necessary.
 - Commissioner Thomas-Davis proposed that the Secretary be authorized to make technical and conforming changes so the letters comply with BZA form requirements. Commissioner Lehmann-Morales accepted the amendment.
- Amendment: Technical and conforming changes were authorized to ensure the letters complied with BZA report/form standards.
- Outcome: APPROVED by voice vote.

Resolution Concerning Coterminality of Service Delivery in DC

- Commissioner Thomas-Davis introduced a resolution addressing fragmentation in District agency service boundaries and service delivery structures. He stated that agencies often use different geographies, reporting structures, and planning boundaries, making it difficult for residents and ANCs to evaluate outcomes, coordinate across agencies, or hold agencies accountable.

- The resolution called for a policy of presumptive co-terminality where practical, a comprehensive inventory of existing municipal service boundaries, and exploration of a common geographic framework to improve accountability, performance measurement, and equity. Commissioners discussed how fragmented MPD districts, service areas, and agency structures affect ANC 1A's ability to coordinate on public safety and quality-of-life issues.
- Motion: Commissioner Thomas-Davis moved approval of the resolution.
- Outcome: APPROVED by voice vote 9 YEAS-0 NAYS

Resolution Concerning Service Area Committee Clarification and Development in Ward 1 and DC

- Commissioner Thomas-Davis introduced a resolution regarding the service area coordination framework contemplated by District law. He stated that District law requires service area coordinators and agency service area managers, but that the current structure is difficult for ANCs and residents to identify or use.
- The resolution asked for clarification and implementation of service area committees or similar coordination mechanisms so agencies, ANCs, and residents can more predictably coordinate on issues that cross agency lines, including public safety, behavioral health, homelessness outreach, transportation, sanitation, parks, and public space.
- Motion: Commissioner Thomas-Davis moved approval of the resolution.
- Discussion
 - Commissioners expressed support for improved coordination but raised concerns about whether the resolution could create another bureaucratic layer, whether existing structures such as MOCRS and agency liaisons could be strengthened instead, and whether the timing was optimal given the upcoming mayoral transition. Commissioner Thomas-Davis responded that the resolution sought to make existing statutory structures useful and accountable, not necessarily create entirely new staffing structures.
- Vote: APPROVED by roll call vote 7 YEAS-0 NAYS-2 PRESENT.
 - YEAS Commissioners Easley, Davidson, Kelley, Lehmann Morales, Miller, Perri, Thomas-Davis
 - NAYS
 - PRESENT Commissioners Bhatia, Sherman

Resolution Concerning Lack of Agency Action on a Good Neighbor Agreement for the DC Stabilization Center on Park Road

- Commissioner Thomas-Davis introduced a resolution concerning the DC Stabilization Center planned for the former Engine Company 11 firehouse on Park Road. He stated that the resolution was not intended to relitigate the siting of the facility or oppose behavioral health or crisis stabilization services. Instead, he said the purpose was to ensure that commitments to community accountability, engagement, and a Good Neighbor Agreement were honored before the facility opens.
- Commissioner Thomas-Davis stated that residents had participated in engagement sessions for more than two years and had been told that a framework for ongoing communication, mitigation, complaint resolution, and accountability would be developed.

He said no finalized Good Neighbor Agreement or advisory committee had materialized despite construction continuing.

- Motion: Commissioner Thomas-Davis moved approval of the resolution.
- Discussion
 - Commissioners discussed the importance of a Good Neighbor Agreement while also raising concerns about the draft agreement. Commissioner Easley stated that he would support the amended resolution as a tool to bring DBH back to the table, but clarified that his vote should not be read as wholesale approval of the underlying draft agreement. Commissioner Davidson asked about the precedent for Good Neighbor Agreements in DC. Commissioner Thomas-Davis responded that such agreements had been used in other contexts, particularly in DHS-related facilities, and that this would likely be the first of its kind for ANC 1A.
 - Commissioner Sherman stated that his district is immediately across from the site and that residents had experienced construction-related impacts, including construction activity at 3:00 AM and water shutoffs without proper notice. However, he expressed concern that DBH had already provided a proposed agreement and that the Commission should focus on negotiating from that document rather than passing a strongly worded resolution.
 - Commissioner Miller proposed an oral amendment to clarify that the community-drafted agreement was a working, negotiable document. Commissioner Thomas-Davis accepted the amendment as “friendly” and agreed to work with the Secretary on technical and conforming language, including language indicating that the document is community-led, community-driven, and intended as a working document for negotiation.
- Amendment: The resolution was amended to clarify that the community-drafted Good Neighbor Agreement is a working, negotiable document and to authorize technical and conforming edits by the Secretary.
- Outcome: The resolution, as amended, was APPROVED by voice vote 8 YEAS-1 NAYS.

Resolution Requesting ADA and Public Right-of-Way Inspection and Corrective Action Around DC USA and the Columbia Heights Civic Core

- Commissioner Miller introduced a resolution requesting an ADA and public right-of-way inspection and corrective action plan around DC USA and the Columbia Heights Civic Core. She stated that the Commission had repeatedly heard concerns about sidewalk access, public space management, micromobility obstructions, pedestrian safety, cleanliness, and corridor management.
- Commissioner Miller emphasized that the resolution was not targeted at vendors as such, but at ensuring unobstructed and safe public right-of-way access for all users, including people with disabilities, seniors, and people with strollers. The resolution requested collaboration among DDOT, the Office of Disability Rights, the Office of Human Rights, Grid Properties, and other relevant parties to inspect the area and develop a comprehensive corrective action plan.
- Motion: Commissioner Miller moved approval of the resolution.
- Discussion

- Commissioners supported the resolution and emphasized the need for clear, safe sidewalk access without selective treatment of vulnerable workers, vendors, small businesses, or residents. Commissioner Thomas-Davis noted that the Commission had repeatedly raised concerns about the 3100-3300 blocks of 14th Street NW and that sidewalk access, vending, vehicle traffic, and corridor management should be addressed comprehensively.
- Outcome: APPROVED by voice vote 9 YEAS-0 NAYS

Resolution Concerning a District-Wide Early Notification System for ANC's and Community Organizations

- Commissioner Thomas-Davis introduced a resolution calling for a district-wide early notification system for ANC's and community organizations and expanded use of digital public engagement tools. He stated that ANC's have statutory authority to advise on matters affecting their neighborhoods but that, in practice, notices are fragmented across agency websites, emails, portals, and individual communications.
- The resolution asked the District to establish a centralized system allowing users to subscribe by geography and topic, covering matters such as proposed developments, zoning, capital projects, grant awards, service delivery changes, and enforcement actions of neighborhood significance. It also called for agency workflows to ensure notices are posted consistently and with sufficient lead time for public review.
- Motion: Commissioner Thomas-Davis moved approval of the underlying resolution.
- Commissioner Thomas-Davis then moved an amendment to the resolution to strike references to the "PublicInput" platform, which is being gradually phased out by OP. The amendment removed references to that specific platform and instead referenced a successor or comparable tool. The amendment was accepted without objection.
- Discussion
 - Commissioner Davidson offered a "friendly" amendment, which was accepted by Commissioner Thomas-Davis, to ensure that any new platform would be advertised so residents and ANC's know it exists.
- Outcome: The resolution, as amended, was APPROVED by voice vote 9 YEAS-0 NAYS.

Adjournment

- Time: 9:22 PM

Prepared by: Shira Davidson

Approved on: July 15, 2026

Attested by the ANC 1A Secretary:



Shira Davidson