APPROVED MINUTES
for the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
on
April 9, 2026, Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)

(No guest speaker this month.)

Call meeting to order at 7:00 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 April 9, 2026 Meeting Agenda

B. Commission March 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve the consent agenda and meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion**.** The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

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

A. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

i. Fair Share Housing Targets Act

ii. Housing Omnibus Bill

iii. One Front Door Act

iv. CM Nadeau's Office to provide additional detail at April 20 Meeting

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay reported on behalf of the ZPD Chair that there are no significant updates from the March ZPD meeting. He shared that an HPO/HPRB case in LeDroit Park will be presented and discussed. He noted that David Meni will attend the April 20th ZPD meeting to discuss housing-related legislation, including the Housing Omnibus bill and proposed changes to the Housing Production Trust Fund. Chairperson Miguel Trindade Deramo added that the One Front Door Act will also be discussed. He confirmed an upcoming meeting with the Office of Planning to begin coordination on ANC input for the Comprehensive Plan rewrite, focused on structuring feedback and understanding the process.

B. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Regulations

i. Committee Recap

ii. Update on Current Protest Actions

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan reported ongoing work to incorporate streatery language into settlement agreements and continued review of the Noise Balance Amendment Act, with plans to provide comments at a future meeting. He noted continued planning for a 9½ alley walk and ongoing protests and discussions related to ABCR matters. He also referenced follow-up work on clarifying ANC "great weight" and the role of resolutions. The Noise Balance Amendment Act remains the primary focus. Chairperson Trindade Deramo asked about a potential hearing timeline; Commissioner Hanrahan confirmed no date is set. The Chair also referenced a prior request for ABCR to document its processes to preserve institutional knowledge, noting flexibility on the June reporting timeline to allow for a more complete final product.

C. Committee on Community Engagement

i. Farmers Market Survey

ii. Murals Project Pilot

iii. Ranked Choice Voting Education

SUMMARY: Al Wilkins reported that the Community Engagement Committee finalized a farmers market interest survey, which will be distributed via the ANC newsletter and commissioner outreach, with results expected in May. The survey will assess attendance patterns and potential locations for a Ward 1 farmers market and share information about existing markets. He also noted coordination with the 9½ Street mural project team, with the committee supporting volunteer recruitment and funding efforts. Additionally, the committee is prioritizing outreach and education on ranked choice voting ahead of the June 16 primary, including promoting sessions led by the DC Board of Elections. Chairperson Trindade Deramo suggested additional survey distribution

strategies, including use of a Mailchimp poll feature, commissioner newsletters, and in-person outreach using ANC materials.

D. Committee on Economic Development

i. Business Improvement District Update

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay reported that the committee's primary focus is the proposed U Street Business Improvement District (BID). Organizers provided an update, noting ongoing challenges including retail vacancies, declining rents, and pressure on large property owners. Despite this, they are continuing petition efforts, with support from the committee to connect them with stakeholders. Organizers will return with additional information, and the committee aims to present a resolution in support of the BID in May, pending clarification of outstanding questions, with the goal of advancing to Council before the June recess. He also noted that Niccole Rivero will provide additional time for updates on the public restroom "throne" placement process, which remains under review. Additionally, DPR has begun focusing on the 625 T Street park project; while now under TPPS oversight, the committee will continue engagement to ensure community input shapes the redevelopment. Commissioner Fay also acknowledged Brianne Nadeau for funding small parks in Ward 1, including this site.

E. Committee on Public Safety

i. Committee Update

SUMMARY: Chairperson Trindade Deramo noted no updates from the Public Safety Committee in the absence of Commissioner Barrilleaux. Commissioner Fay reported on a recent public safety walk hosted by MPD, covering alleys near 9½ Street and between 8th and 9th Streets. The walk included engagement with MPD, business owners, and HIPS, and provided an opportunity to discuss local safety concerns and conditions in the area.

F. Committee on Transportation, Parks, and Public Space

i. 11th Street Bike Lane

ii. Vermont Avenue Bike Late

SUMMARY: Chairperson Trindade Deramo reported no urgent updates from the Transportation, Parks, and Public Space Committee in the absence of Commissioner Holden. He referenced prior discussions on the 11th Street and Vermont Avenue bike lanes, noting a Notice of Intent for Vermont Avenue. Commissioner Fay confirmed there were no urgent items and noted that one or two TPPS resolutions from the previous month remain on the current agenda.

IV. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, AND AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUMMARY: Niccole Rivero reported that housing is a major focus in the final year of Brianne Nadeau's term. Recent activity includes hearings on the Housing Production Omnibus bill and housing targets legislation. The One Front Door Act passed its first reading unanimously and is expected to receive a final vote in April. She highlighted ongoing development of the DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan, noting concerns that proposed Future Land Use Map updates do not go far enough to increase density needed for affordable housing. Public comments are open through April 30. She also encouraged public participation in upcoming budget hearings, noting expected fiscal constraints. Rivero provided a brief update on the public restroom "throne" location process, stating that DPW continues to evaluate potential locations in coordination with other agencies. Commissioner Fay raised concerns about balancing density with livability and economic vitality, particularly the impact of vacant storefronts on U Street. Rivero acknowledged the concern and indicated follow-up would be provided, including further discussion with David Meni.

B. Office of the Mayor: Enrique López, MOCRS *(3 minutes)*

SUMMARY: Enrique Lopez reported an increase in shootings over the past six weeks, based on MPD data, and noted continued public safety engagement through recent alley walks. He stated that MPD will increase patrol presence in identified hotspots and continue hosting community walks as weather improves. He also highlighted coordination with DPR to expand youth programming during spring break to address youth safety concerns. Lopez encouraged residents and commissioners to attend public safety walks and share feedback. Additionally, he invited commissioners to participate in a Ward 1 spring cleanup on April 25 at Banneker Recreation Center, noting it as an opportunity to engage residents and gather input for the farmers market survey. Chairperson Trindade Deramo confirmed the event details and noted potential commissioner participation and coordination.

C. District Agencies: *(3 minutes)*

SUMMARY: No updates provided

V. COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay reported that the YOLO protest hearing was held, lasting approximately four hours, with participation from himself, Commissioner Hanrahan, and ANC counsel. He stated that the protest process, which began in the fall, has concluded, and a decision from the ABCA Board is expected in the coming days. Commissioner Hanrahan acknowledged the

effort and noted his attendance at the hearing. Chairperson Trindade Deramo also recognized the work involved and referenced appreciation for counsel's support.

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

SUMMARY: No updates provided

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Memo authorizing DIFS/PASS accounting updates, ANC 1B Treasurer

SUMMARY: Commissioner Lemon-Strauss explained that the item authorizes the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) to act as the ANC's agent for limited administrative purposes, including filing financial forms and handling transactions with DC systems. This would centralize administrative functions across ANCs rather than requiring each commission to manage them independently. Chairperson Trindade Deramo clarified that the vote is to authorize the treasurer to draft a memo providing required financial and identifying information to the CFO and formally designate OANC as the ANC's agent for these purposes. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss moved to approve the treasurers request to submit required financial documents and designate OANC as an agent for limited administrative purposes. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fay asked for clarification on whether the authorization is specific to ANC 1B or part of a broader process. Commissioner Lemon-Strauss confirmed that this is a standardized process offered by the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) for all ANCs, allowing administrative and financial filings to be handled centrally rather than by each individual commission. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

B. Status of EAF applications, ANC 1B Secretary

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay reported that three funding requests of $5,000 each (totaling $15,000) have been approved, with funds intended to cover legal expenses related to protest cases. He noted that recent spending has been elevated due to attorney costs but expects this to decrease as protest cases conclude. Funds may be used for both reimbursement and advance payment of legal expenses tied to specific cases. He also emphasized that protest hearings are not typical practice, noting that out of over 100 license renewals, along with new applications and substantial changes reviewed, only four cases were taken to protest, reflecting efforts to resolve issues prior to formal hearings. He will provide a detailed update via email. Chairperson Trindade Deramo confirmed clarification on the use of funds. Commissioner Hanrahan acknowledged the workload and ongoing efforts, noting the intent to document processes and improve coordination between operators and the community.

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

SUMMARY: Chairperson Trindade Deramo announced that a job description for a new outreach consultant will be posted and asked commissioners to share it through their newsletters and social

media. Enrique Lopez requested that the posting also be shared with the Mayor's Office of Community Relations (MOCR) network. The Chair agreed and asked Karen to ensure it is distributed to MOCR once posted.

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

SUMMARY: No reports provided

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. TPPS: Resolution Requesting Local Partnership in Park Stewardship of Meridian Hill/ Malcolm X Park – Cmsrs Holden and Trindade Deramo

SUMMARY: Chairperson Trindade Deramo presented a TPPS resolution, co-sponsored with Commissioner Holden, supporting local partnership in the stewardship of Meridian Hill / Malcolm X Park. He explained that the resolution, developed with Washington Parks and People and Friends of Meridian Hill, looks ahead to the park's 100th anniversary and calls for a long-term vision for its maintenance and programming. The resolution recognizes the park's cultural and civic significance while noting ongoing challenges due to limited federal resourcing for staffing, maintenance, and community engagement. It highlights current improvements funded through America 250 but emphasizes concerns about sustainability without consistent funding. The resolution urges exploration of a multi-party management model involving federal and DC governments, community organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure long-term stewardship of the park. **MOTION:** Chairperson Trindade Deramo moved to adopt the resolution requesting local partnership in park stewardship of Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fay expressed support for the resolution, emphasizing the importance of Meridian Hill / Malcolm X Park as one of the few large green spaces in Ward 1 and the need for community involvement in its preservation and upkeep. He asked whether the resolution should more explicitly define a multi-stakeholder management model or remain broad to initiate discussion. Chairperson Trindade Deramo responded that the resolution is intended to begin the conversation, particularly with District agencies, while acknowledging ongoing coordination with federal partners. He proposed adding a "whereas" clause referencing models like Franklin Square and similar partnerships. Commissioner Fay agreed that the current approach is sufficient. The Chair indicated he would incorporate the additional language as a friendly amendment after the meeting. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

B. ABRA-092012: Motion to Approve a Settlement Agreement, Uproar, 639 Florida Ave NW, "C Tavern", 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay introduced an amendment to the existing settlement agreement with Uproar (operated by Ching LLC), following negotiations addressing community concerns about noise. The amendment establishes decibel targets for both interior and exterior areas, along with a "reasonability" standard based on proximity and audibility near residences, informed by the proposed Noise Balance Amendment Act. It also includes provisions for ongoing communication

with the community and parking management. He noted that one exterior decibel level may be slightly adjusted following a final sound check. Attorney Matt Minora confirmed agreement with the terms and indicated that audibility standards may ultimately govern enforcement. Chairperson Trindade Deramo clarified that the approval includes flexibility for minor adjustments to the decibel level. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to approve the settlement agreement amendment with Uproar. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion. The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

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

SUMMARY: Chairperson Trindade Deramo introduced a TPPS resolution requesting additional ADA-accessible parking spaces on neighborhood streets. Commissioner Fay explained that the resolution builds on a prior measure extending eligibility for dedicated ADA parking to multifamily residents. This second resolution proposes creating unreserved, publicly accessible ADA parking spaces across neighborhoods to improve access for residents and visitors with disabilities. Committee member Karen Gaal emphasized the need, citing difficulty for residents with disabilities in finding parking and proposing a guideline of one ADA space for every 20 parking spaces. She noted the resolution aligns with accessibility standards and reflects extensive committee work. Commissioners discussed implementation details, including how spaces would be distributed and interaction with street cleaning. The resolution aims to guide DDOT in evaluating and expanding accessible parking citywide. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** no discussion**.** The motion **PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**

D. **ABRA-135097:** Motion to Approve a Settlement Agreement, Icon DC/Eleven DC, 2001 11th Street NW, Class "CX" Multipurpose Facility, 1B02

SUMMARY: Chairperson Trindade Deramo stated that, at the applicant's request, consideration of the settlement agreement for Icon DC / 11DC (2001 11th Street) is being postponed.

E. **ABRA–125456:** Motion to Protest an application for a Substantial Change, Spicy Water, 2019 11th Street NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan introduced a motion to protest the license change for Spicy Water (African Grill), which is seeking to upgrade from a Class C to a Class D license to allow the sale of spirits. He noted the committee's unanimous support and explained that the protest is intended to facilitate a settlement agreement addressing potential impacts such as parking, trash, and neighborhood conditions, particularly considering nearby infrastructure changes. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to protest the substantial change application for Spicey Water. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Hanrahan noted that the motion to protest Spicy Water's license change was brought forward following committee discussion, primarily to pursue a potential settlement agreement, though outreach to the owner had been limited due to technical issues during the committee meeting. Commissioner Harris opposed the protest, stating

there were no valid grounds, as the establishment is small, has standard hours, no entertainment endorsement, and is only seeking to sell liquor like a typical restaurant. Commissioner Sycamore agreed with this position. Commissioner Fay also expressed hesitation, noting the establishment's positive reputation and lack of prior issues, and questioned whether a protest was warranted without specific concerns. The motion **FAILED (0 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstention).**

F. ABRA–103008: Motion to Protest an application for a Streatery Endorsement, Service Bar, 1926 U Street NW, Class "C" Tavern, 1B02

SUMMARY: Commissioner Hanrahan presented a motion to protest Service Bar's streatery endorsement, noting that while the establishment has a settlement agreement and a strong operating record, the committee discussed concerns about extended outdoor alcohol service hours (up to 3 AM) and how streateries should be regulated compared to sidewalk cafés or summer gardens. He also highlighted broader context, including the loss of streateries due to regulatory changes and the Commission's recent decisions not to protest similar applications from Maidan and The Royal. He acknowled Service Bar's positive track record and lack of complaints, he introduced the motion in line with committee action. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hanrahan moved to support protest of Service Bar's Streatery Endorsement. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Lemon-Strauss asked for clarification on the rationale for protesting Service Bar's streatery endorsement. Commissioner Hanrahan explained the concern centered on late-night outdoor alcohol service (until 2–3 AM), which could function more like a bar than a typical restaurant extension. Commissioner Harris questioned comparisons to other endorsement types, emphasizing that streateries are distinct and should be evaluated on their own criteria. She noted there were no specific issues or complaints tied to the establishment. Commissioner Fay confirmed there were no noise complaints, no outdoor entertainment endorsement, and that the business has a settlement agreement and positive track record. He suggested informal outreach to confirm continued responsible operations rather than pursuing a protest. The motion **FAILED (0 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstention).**

G. SMD 1B01: Resolution Supporting the Extension of the Juvenile Curfew Authority – Cmsr Fay

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fay introduced a resolution supporting a temporary, six-month extension of the juvenile curfew law, emphasizing it as a short-term public safety tool rather than a permanent solution. He explained that the updated legislation allows the Mayor and MPD to implement earlier curfew hours and designate specific zones, such as the U Street corridor, in response to anticipated youth gatherings. He noted that MPD and local businesses view the curfew as a necessary tool to prevent large "takeover" events that could pose risks to youth, residents, and businesses. However, he stressed that the curfew is an incomplete response to broader challenges. Commissioner Fay emphasized that the resolution intentionally pairs support for the temporary extension with a call for long-term investment in youth engagement, including programs, activities, and safe spaces. He highlighted plans to develop a follow-up resolution informed directly by youth input to guide more sustainable solutions. **MOTION:** Commissioner Fay moved to approve the

resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harris questioned the lack of youth input in drafting the resolution and expressed opposition, citing concerns about effectiveness, lack of data, and opposition to increased police interaction with young people. She stated she could not support the measure without stronger evidence and more focus on long-term solutions. Commissioner Fay acknowledged that no youth were consulted for this specific resolution, explaining that youth engagement is intended for a separate, forthcoming resolution. He emphasized the current proposal as a time-sensitive, short-term measure informed by conversations with MPD, businesses, and residents, and framed it as a temporary tool to prevent large youth gatherings. Chairperson Trindade Deramo and other commissioners raised concerns that the curfew may simply shift activity to other areas and does not address root causes. The Chair noted the lack of progress on long-term youth engagement strategies and expressed concern that extending the curfew could reduce pressure on policymakers to act. Commissioner Sycamore expressed support for the resolution, arguing it provides a necessary immediate tool and signals responsiveness to community concerns. Chairperson Trindade Deramo stated he would abstain, citing competing concerns: the lack of systemic solutions versus the potential loss of existing protections that keep youth out of the justice system. The motion **FAILED (2 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions).**

H. SMD 1B01: Resolution Urging Council to Create and Support Youth Engagement Programming – Cmsr Fay

SUMMARY: Chairperson Trindade Deramo stated that consideration of Commissioner Fay's resolution urging Council to create and support youth engagement programming is postponed, as the proposal is still under development and will be brought back at a future meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, May 7, 2025.

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Approved on: May 7, 2026

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