

Report from the Chair of the Free Speech Working Group to
Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee on April 9:

Over the past several months, the Free Speech Working Group has had extensive discussions regarding a possible permit or notification process for protests or demonstrations. At our last meeting on March 19th, two motions were passed. First, a motion was passed that the Free Speech Working Group support or move forward on a voluntary process for registration or notification of protests or demonstrations. Second, a motion was passed that the FSWG reject a mandatory proposal and focus on a voluntary proposal which leaves open the option of considering the model created by the District of Columbia.

In addition, the clear consensus of the Free Speech Working Group was that the Group recommends to the Council a notification plan or process that does not make it an offense to fail to notify the City of a proposed public assembly.