

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F  
SPECIAL MEETING IN LIEU OF  
REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 3, 2007, 7:00 PM  
Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW**

**Present:** Charles Reed (2F01), Chris Dyer (2F03), Jennifer Trock (2F04), Mike Benardo (2F06), Sandra Biasillo (2F05), Jim Richardson (2F02)

**Absent:** None

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Charles Reed, *chairman pro tem*, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noted that a quorum was present and directed that a copy of the notice of the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Elections: Charles Reed turned the meeting over to Sherri Kimbel to handle the annual elections. She asked for nominations for Chair. Chris Dyer nominated Charles Reed. Jim Richardson seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Kimbel closed the nominations and called for the vote. **Charles Reed** was elected **Chairman** by a vote of 6-0.

Kimbel opened nominations for Vice Chair. Sandra Biasillo nominated Chris Dyer. Charles Reed seconded. Hearing no other nominations, they were closed and the vote was called. **Chris Dyer** was elected **Vice Chairman** by a vote of 6-0.

Kimbel opened nominations for Secretary. Chris Dyer nominated Mike Benardo. Jim Richardson seconded. Hearing no other nominations, they were closed and the vote was called. **Mike Benardo** was elected **Secretary** by a vote of 6-0.

Kimbel opened nominations for Treasurer. Charles Reed nominated Sandra Biasillo. Jennifer Trock seconded. Hearing no other nominations, they were closed and the vote was called. **Sandra Biasillo** was elected **Treasurer** by a vote of 6-0.

Reed asked for nominations for the Public Safety Committee. He nominated Mike Schaeffer and Jennifer Trock, to continue as co-chairs, Richardson seconded. Biasillo asked if Jennifer had the time to continue being Chair of this committee, as she is now an ANC Commissioner and President of the LCCA. She suggested that only Mike Schaeffer be nominated. Reed asked that Jennifer stay on, with the proviso that she step down if time constraints prevent her from chairing the committee. The original question was called, nominating both Trock and Schaeffer. **VOTE: Approved 6-0.**

Reed asked for nominations to chair the CDC (Community Development Committee), and nominated Chris Dyer. Richardson seconded. **VOTE: By**

**acclamation, unanimous.** Reed asked that the Commissioners inform Dyer of their appointments to the CDC prior to the first CDC meeting of the year.

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Charles Reed introduced and welcomed the new ANC commissioners: **Jennifer Trock** and **Mike Benardo**.

### PSA 307 Report – Lt. Mike Smith

**Lt. Mike Smith** gave an update on crime in the area. Crime is up, and arrests are down. He gave information on how to file a complaint against police officers, per a requirement by the District Police Department. **Mike Schaeffer** asked how to send a commendation about a police officer. Smith directed him to the website of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Schaeffer asked about 916 N Street. There was an arrest there recently, but there is not enough coverage of that area. Schaeffer said that Commander McCoy called him and said that he would try to find more assistance for the area, but he has not. McCoy did not inform the ANC of any information regarding this site. Reed said he would call McCoy and demand more assistance. Smith said that Park Police have been helpful with the crime emanating from this area, and helped with the recent arrest.

### DDOT Report

**Chris Ziemann**, the new Ward 2 Transportation Planner introduced himself. He said that he does not handle potholes or streetlights and that these must be handled through the website or the Mayor's call center. The Q Street project from 14<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> is going as planned. This will involve replacement of street pavement, and changing sidewalks to brick and new curbs. Dyer asked about the 15<sup>th</sup> Street project and a 14<sup>th</sup> Street streetscape plan. Ziemann said he would get back to the ANC with answers on these questions. He also handed out his cards. Reed also asked about follow up to his meeting with the prior Transportation Director, as a new Director has recently been appointed. Reed said that he would email Ziemann with specifics. Reed welcomed Ziemann and said he looked forward to working with him.

Former ANC Commissioner **Mike Nelson** said that the pedestrian crossings around Logan Circle are a mess. Traffic does not know where/when to stop and pedestrians lose. If something is not done, there could be a pedestrian death. Several residents concurred. CVS also constantly has trucks stopped and double parked along P Street and 14<sup>th</sup>. Ziemann at first asked residents to call the Mayor's call center about the Logan Circle problem, but then said he would look into it at the urging of several residents and the ANC Commission and would get back to the ANC.

### Community Announcements

**Sean Metcalf** of **Jack Evans** office announced the Constituent Services fundraiser on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Palomar. All residents are invited.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Reed added a stipulated license for Vegetate to the agenda, as well as the Security Fund Resolution. Dyer moved approval of the amended agenda, Biasillo seconded.

**VOTE: Approved 6-0.**

### **Approval of December 2006 Minutes**

Reed said that the December minutes that were distributed to the Commissioners are not the final minutes and deferred consideration of the minutes until the next regular meeting.

### **ANC 2F Crime and Public Safety Report**

**Mike Schaeffer** said that the Blagden Alley/Naylor Court association will be working with the ANC to possibly institute a civil suit against 915 N Street. He said that the building at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and M Streets, which was an abandoned property, is getting a new roof and windows, saving it from being condemned. Ed Six and Lynne Munson have been working with Jack Evans office to get this “abandoned property” brought up to code.

1316 12<sup>th</sup> Street has a trash dump behind the house, and has become a rat trap. The building is now condemned.

Trock is going to survey the community to try to get more trash cans for the area.

1337 11<sup>th</sup> Street – the Annex –has a large wall behind it. They have been trying to get a mural painted on it to try to eliminate the graffiti that is constantly put on it.

**Ed Six** said that the Office of Tax and Revenue is loath to charge the vacant house tax rate on vacant homes. Schaeffer said that the ANC should review the loophole permitting these houses to be taxed as though they are residential homes and send a letter asking that this be addressed.

The next meeting of the Crime and Public Safety Committee will be January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Charles and Jackie Reed’s home (1310 Q NW). Schaeffer asked residents to attend.

### **ABRA Matters**

**Halo**, located at **1435 P Street** has requested a roof deck. There are some issues to work out, but Reed feels that they will be able to work this out. However, Reed indicated that a protest must be filed to preserve standing.

Upon motion by Reed, seconded by Richardson, and after further discussion, it was,

**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F file a protest with respect to the pending application (Case # 50201-07/016P) of Logan Circle Spectrum, LLC T/a Halo, on grounds that the substantial change in operations being sought will disturb peace, order and quiet of residential property and diminish real property values, and, it is,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Chairman of this ANC and/or any other commission be and is hereby designated to appear for the ANC before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board with respect to this matter.

**VOTE: 5-0-1, Dyer abstaining.**

*Vegetate, 1414 9<sup>th</sup> Street* has requested a temporary (stipulated) liquor license pending the approval of their license. Former Commissioner Mike Nelson noted that there is already a voluntary agreement in place. Upon motion duly made by Reed, seconded by Trock, and after further discussion, it was

**RESOLVED**, That ANC 2F advise the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue a stipulated license Class “C”- Restaurant to Vegetate pending grant of a liquor license to such applicant (#72764)

**VOTE: Approved 6-0.**

### New Business

#### **Welcome Kit for New Residents**

Reed said that he strongly supports a “Welcome Kit” for new residents and encouraged anyone who wanted to get involved to do so. It was pointed out that the Logan Circle Community Association had done a flyer for new residents a few years ago, and Trock said she would provide it in case it could be used as part of the new kit.

### Treasurer’s Report

Sandra Biasillo placed upon the table the requirement of the ANC to participate in the Security Fund, as effectively required by law. Upon motion by Reed, seconded by Richardson, and after further discussion, it was,

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**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F participate in the Security Fund for 2007, and that the ANC approve the expenditure of \$25 for such participation.

**Vote: Approved 6-0.**

Upon motion of Biasillo, seconded by Richardson, and after further discussion, the following additional expenditures were approved:

\$684.80 to Jeannine Wray  
22.00 to DC Treasurer  
25.00 to ANC Security Fund  
646.80 to US Treasury  
36.00 to DC DOES  
60.00 to Verizon

**VOTE: Approved 6-0.**

Biasillo noted for the record that the bank charge of \$5 in the ANC's monthly statement is a charge to the ANC for photocopies of all checks written by the ANC. This is not a "bounced check" charge. The purpose of the photocopies is to comply with the record keeping requirements imposed by the D.C. Auditor.

There was some discussion as to whether the ANC needed to purchase a new printer. It was decided to table this issue until after staffing issues are handled and then work with the new staff member.

### **ANC Regular Monthly Meetings**

In accordance with the ANC's bylaws, Reed indicated that Regular monthly meetings of the ANC would be held on the first Wednesday of the month in 2007, which fall on the following dates:

February 7  
March 7  
April 4  
May 2  
June 6  
July 11  
August (No meeting)  
September 5  
October 3  
November 7  
December 5.

Dyer indicated that the CDC meets on the third Wednesday of each month (except there is no July meeting).

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.