

**ANC 2F Community Development Committee
January 23, 2008 7PM
Washington Plaza Hotel**

In Attendance:

Mike Benardo, Chairman 2F06
Jim Cook, 2F02
Chris Dyer, 2F03
Jim Loucks, 2F06
Jim Richardson, 2F02
Samuel Robfogel, 2F01
Brian Vargas, 2F03

Absent:

Jennifer Trock, 2F04
Joel Heisey, At-Large
Phillipa Hughes, 2F01
Helen Kramer, 2F04

Chairman Benardo called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Robfogel moved and **Vargas** seconded to approve the agenda

Vote 7:0

BZA Special Exception for 934 N Street, NW

BZA Application (No. 17770) is seeking relief to build out two parking spaces at the rear of 934 N Street, NW (currently a vacant lot with a fence). Long time resident and property owner, Giorgio Furiso presented the CDC with elevations of the parking spaces and existing buildings. The parking would be used only by occupants of 926 N Street, NW for a monthly fee. Chairman Benardo brought to the attention of the committee that some constituents are worried that other vacant lots in the neighborhood would be turned into parking lots. Benardo also suggested Furioso meet with the Blagden Alley Association since this alley is in the Blagden Alley neighborhood.

Dyer moved that the CDC recommend to the full ANC that it send a letter to the BZA in support of the building out of two parking spaces at the rear of 934 N Street, NW alley because the proposed exception will not be of substantial detriment to the public good; and that granting the application will not be inconsistent with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations and Map.

Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 7-0

Potential Dog Park(s) in the Logan Circle neighborhood

George Kassouf led a very informative presentation regarding the need and community benefit for formal dog parks in Washington, DC. Kassouf pointed out that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the agency that dog parks currently fall under, recently finalized rules for the creation of neighborhood dog parks. Kassouf pointed out that the ANCs should be the first level of approval for dog parks. An interested group of dog owners will make an application to DPR, list the site, send letters, etc. The application will go to a Dog Park Application Review Committee (DPARC) that will review and publish in the DC Register for 30 days for comments; and the application will be passed on DPR for further review and implementation.

Dog owners of the Logan Circle and Shaw neighborhoods are actively identifying and gathering information about several possible sites for a proposed dog park, and will seek the approval of adjoining ANCs. At that point, a formal application will be made to the DPR to consider one of the sites. Anyone interested in participating in this effort should contact **George Kassouf** at geokassouf@aol.com.

Several sites in, or near, ANC2F were listed by **Kassouf**. They are:

- Bundy Field
- Kennedy Recreation Center Playfield
- Shaw Recreation Field (near Shaw Jr. High)
- The Playground at the southern corner of Garrison Elementary School Property

No action taken at this time.

14th Street Arts Overlay Working Group

During the November ANC2F working retreat, a discussion took place of the ANC's plan to form a working group to interact with the Office of Planning on promoting workable regulations to implement the 14th Street Arts Overlay regime. Chairman Benardo informed the CDC that, at the February ANC2F meeting, ANC Chairman Reed will appoint a committee to define the Arts Overlay and make recommendations to the ANC on action needed. Logan Circle resident Andrea Doughty and CDC committee members Mike Benardo and Joel Heisey will serve on the 14th Street Arts Overlay working group.