

**ANC2F Community Development Committee
June 27, 2007 – 7PM
Washington Plaza Hotel**

In Attendance:

Mike Bernardo, 2F06
Jim Richardson, 2F02
Jim Cook, 2F02
Chris Dyer, Chairman
Joel Heisey, At-Large
Philippa Hughes, 2F01
Jim Loucks, 2F06
Samuel Robfogel, 2F01
Brian Vargas 2F03

Absent:

Helen Kramer, 2F04
Jennifer Trock 2F04

Chairman Dyer called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Amend the agenda to rearrange and move 14th Street first on the agenda and 4 Logan Circle last.

Cooke moved, Benardo seconded

VOTE: Approved 7:0

1400 Church Street—Discussion about optional removal of parking spaces on one side of street

Marilyn Lapidus- a resident of Church Street, presented an argument that the 1400 block of Church Street being too narrow for emergency vehicles to move down with parking on both sides of the street. **Lapidus** presented numerous mathematical details on the width of the street, 24 feet, in comparison to parked vehicles on both sides of Church Street, 8 feet, in relationship to the size of emergency vehicles, 133 inches in particular fire engines. **Lapidus** expressed concern that if an emergency occurred on a day that both sides of the side had parked cars, and if a delivery truck was blocking the remaining street, the emergency vehicle would not reach its intended target. **Lapidus** suggested that 14 Street parking only be allowed on one side of the street, thus removing about 15 parking spaces.

Chief Schultz—Chief of Operations DC Fire Department- presented guidelines on narrow streets, and stated there are many streets in the District that are narrow. Engine 16, Tower 3 is the fire truck/house in Logan Circle ANC2F and the truck is equipped with a boom bucket for high-rise rescue. The responsibility of the fire truck is to bring water via the hose to the fire even if it means hooking up on 14th Street. **Schultz** quoted that often the DC Fire Department can not get onto a street, but that they have the ability to get around all difficult situations. "I can't think of a situation in the past where lack of access has prevented the DC Fire Dept from doing its job. Our policies give us great flexibility". **Schultz** has not ever seen a catastrophic outcome. **Vargas** asked the question about EMT/ambulances and **Schultz** said he did not see an issue because these vehicles are smaller. There is not a public safety issue; but it is often challenge. Chief **Schultz** spoke to the committee about new construction and the fire codes that

require building material be non-combustible in nature and most fires will be contained within the walls of where the fire started.

CDC discussed that DDOT has conducted two traffic control plans at 15th and never did they suggest that 15 parking spaces be removed.

Vargas moved to table this discussion, Richardson seconded

Vote: Approved 9-0. No further action will be taken on this agenda item.

1410 14th Street, Mar del Plata- Sidewalk Café Application

Joaquin Alfaro- represented Mar del Plata and stated that the restaurant had in fact, applied to ABRA for outdoor café; 3 tables in front of restaurant on sidewalk. Chairman **Dyer** told **Mr. Alfaro** that he not only needed to apply for a special permit with ABRA, but the restaurant also needed to apply for a public space permit from DDOT. Once Mar del Plata applies for the public space permit, and is given a hearing date, then **Mr. Alfaro** should go before the CDC with the outdoor café drawings for a vote. It was also pointed out to **Mr. Alfaro** that he needed to go to the DCRA as well.

4 Logan Circle, Concept, Massing and Design approval for HPRB

John Magan, Architect, and **Kathryn Miliaras** presented a lengthy presentation on the house known as 4 Logan Circle, a 3 story brick house built in 1872 with a front porch, rear addition and several renovation processes over the years. The owner, John Rich, would like to rehabilitate 4 Logan Circle to the late 1800's original design.

Three new parking spaces will be added to the rear of the building.

Philip Dunham, a resident, pointed out that the zoning codes are different than DDOT regulations 31.4.3.1 that states the curb must be 60 feet from curb, not 25 feet as the zoning laws require.

Dunham also spoke about the lack of communication with the neighbors regarding this project.

LCCA, presented the CDC with a list of recommendations it will be making to the HPRB. Chairman **Dyer** asked the CDC committee if they we want to mirror LCCA's recommendations to the HPRB. The CDC Committee looked at each point and with thoughtful discussion decided it did not have a problem with all the recommendations except there are three points of contention.

Points of contention:

1. Front elevation balustrades to be metal clad -
No motion

2. P Street a new doorway that opens onto a new porch instead of a window; one doorway will accessible to the porch; this will be the second access.

This is going to be a HPRB decision

Vote: 1 No- 6 Yes - one abstain (will not include doorway objection onto porch.)

3. Basement level door- currently a door in an apartment, LCCA would like it to be a window in stead thinking that it would keep the character of the building. The owner feels it would be nice for the renter not to have to go upstairs (two level apartment) to get to the outside.

Chairman **Dyer** moved that the CDC recommend to the ANC that we approve concept, massing and design but that the doorway on the ground level of P Street be restored as a window. **Vote:** 8-1

Dyer moved the meeting be adjourned, **Robfogel** seconded
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.