

ANC 2F COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
September 25, 2003

In attendance Helen Kramer, Chair
 Thomas Funk
 Miriam Trimble
 Jackie Steward
 Jim Loucks
 Leah Lorber
 Dick Warren
 Jim Cook
 Jim Richardson
 Mike Petri
 Kara McCabe

Embassy Suites Hotel – 1000 K Street

Tom Page, on site project manager for Hunt Construction is building a hotel and requests permission to close 10th Street between New York and K Street, since there is also construction by Boston Properties/ Clark Construction across 10th Street. Truck construction will be directed on New York Avenue and 11th. Loucks questioned how people in the neighborhood will go south, and asked if there is any precedent for closing a street. Richardson asked how long it will be closed. Answer: 22 months. Loucks asked if 10th would be reopened when the construction across the street was completed. Page said that he could look into it. Brad Smith, 10th Street, asked why they couldn't use K Street until Boston Properties was completed. Kramer commented that K Street is a major thoroughfare and 10th is not. Funk said it would inconvenience the entire community. He also said that many promises are made prior to construction projects starting, but they often are not kept. Page said that when the project was enclosed, they could possibly use just the parking lane, and work on the inside. Loucks asked why they need 3 lanes when the Boston construction company only has closed one lane. Loucks also commented that it is very rare that a project in downtown Washington DC would close an entire city street. Kramer asked that Hunt Construction revisit this, and come back with another plan to the ANC meeting on October 1st.

936 N Street, NW – multi-family building

Bill Bonstra, Bonstra Architects, presented drawings for the renovation of this multi-family building. Scott Friedman is the owner of the building. The building backs up to Blagden Alley. It has not been occupied for some time. The building

currently has 13 units, but Friedman is proposing renovating it into just 7 condominiums. All the windows and the front door will be replaced. The gas meters will be hidden behind decorative grillwork. There will be an internal trash room. They request permission for a roof deck addition, with green space and a trellis. It will be set back from the front of the building. The brick for the addition will match the rest of the building. There is an existing garage with one space only. Loucks spoke on behalf of the LOGAN Circle HRB. He said that they were happy to see this building renovated and had made some suggestions for the entry. They will review construction materials when they have been selected.

Funk moved that the CDC recommend that the ANC approve the design, subject to the approval of materials. Richardson seconded. Vote: Approved 11-0.

November CDC meeting date

There was a discussion about when to hold the November CDC meeting. Monday or Tuesday the 17th or 18th were suggested dates. Sherri will send out an email on the exact date.

Curb cut and driveway at 1150 K Street

From the materials submitted, it was impossible to tell what they were asking for. The committee asked Sherri to contact the architects for clarification. This led to a discussion of Public Space requests. High Noon is still putting tables out illegally. Richardson said he was available to meet an inspector at any time. Sherri will call Public Space and ask if they will specify a time for an inspector to be there.

Logan Circle Park renovations

Mary Brown and Commissioner Cary Silverman presented the plans for the renovated circle. They want to make sure that the changes to the circle are reflected by the pedestrian walkways, crosswalks, and traffic patterns. Benches will be added, landscaping will be improved and a footpath to "nowhere" will be removed. The park service will add two concrete paths at each side of the park on P Street. However there are no plans to add crosswalks there. The walkways will be ADA compliant. They met with DDOT to ask about traffic plans and signage. The representative from DDOT suggested that they send a letter to DDOT asking for painted crosswalks, and address the traffic coming from P Street onto the Circle, perhaps changing that light to a flashing light in 2004, and look at the circle traffic plan long term for 2005. This project is budgeted out of the same kitty as the major parks. Silverman said that the lack of coordination between DDOT and the Park Service is incredible. Jim Smith said that if the footpath they showed as being eliminated is actually eliminated, he will file a

lawsuit. Kramer thanked Brown and Silverman for their work, and asked what Silverman will be asking at the ANC meeting. He said that he will ask the ANC to send the draft letter to DDOT with any changes they want made. Kramer said that it will be brought up at the ANC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.