

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 7:00 PM
The Washington Plaza Hotel
10 Thomas Circle, NW

In Attendance:

Michael Benardo, Chairman, 2F06
Dustin Cole, 2F05
Ben Harris, 2F01
Joel Heisey, at-large
Helen Kramer, 2F04
Jim Loucks, 2F06

Absent:

Chris Dyer, 2F03
Jennifer Trock, 2F04
Brian Vargas, 2F03

Benardo called the meeting to order.

Kramer moved, and **Harris** seconded, to approve the agenda.

Logan Circle Neighborhood Investment Fund

Emily Yates, Ward 2 Planner, presented the Logan Circle Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF). The NIF is an annual, non-lapsing, revolving fund to finance economic development and neighborhood revitalization in 12 target neighborhoods. The NIF is funded through an annual appropriation of 17 percent of a personal property tax, not to exceed \$10 million.

One of the requirements of the enabling legislation, the Neighborhood Investment Act of 2004, is for the Mayor to develop NIF Investment Plans for each of the target area using input from community stakeholders including the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, residents, business owners, faith community, not for profit organizations, among other groups. The purpose of the Investment Plan is to set community priorities for how the NIF funds should be utilized in the target area over a five year period.

Jim Loucks asked if these funds could be used for a park and Ms. Yates said that would fall under the jurisdiction of DC Parks and Recreation.

Helen Kramer asked if NIF funds could be used to compliment the 14th Streetscape Improvement Project and Ms. Yates replied the NIF funds do not subsidize funded projects. Public art projects can receive NIF funding. NIF project must serve to better the community.

For information on the types of loans and grants available under the NIF, residents should contact Latrena Owens at latrena.owens@dc.gov or 202-724-8111.

Even though we are past the official comment period, the DC Office of Planning will still accept public comments regarding the Logan Circle NIF.

Emily Yates will present the NIF to the full ANC on October 1, 2008.

4 Logan Circle, NW

Architect Patrick Brown presented for # 4 Logan Circle, NW. They are requesting a curb cut and variance for the driveway off Kingman Place, behind # 4 Logan Circle, NW. Specifically, they have made a DDOT Public Space Application for a variance from the 60 ft requirement between a driveway and an intersection. The driveway will be 29 feet from the intersection of P Street, NW and Kingman Street, NW.

Previously, the Applicant appeared before ANC 2F's Community Development Committee and the full ANC to discuss the concept, design and massing; BZA variances; and HPRB matters of the same project.

The DDOT hearing for public space is schedule for October 23, 2008. Recent concern about retaining wall being in public space has been corrected. A total net gain of two parking spots will be achieved (lose one public space and gain three private spaces).

Joel Heisey thinks this is not a good variance for DDOT to grant the variance, as it is too close to the intersection. It will be hard to see the cars pulling out of the parking spaces and P Street has a lot of pedestrian traffic.

Kramer moved, **Cole** seconded, that the CDC recommend to the ANC that it send a letter to DDOT in support of the Public Space Application and variance from the 60 ft provision.

Vote: 5-1 (Heisey voted against)

Patrick Brown will present this application to the full ANC on October 1, 2008.