

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 22, 2008, 7:00 PM

The Washington Plaza Hotel  
# 10 Thomas Circle, NW

In Attendance:

Michael Benardo, Chairman, 2F06  
Brian Vargas, 2F03  
Ben Harris, 2F01  
Joel Heisey, at-large  
Helen Kramer, 2F04  
Jim Loucks, 2F06  
Monica Schneider, 2F02

Absent:

Chris Dyer, 2F03  
Jennifer Trock, 2F04  
Dustin Cole, 2F05

**Benardo** called the meeting to order.

Heisey requested to add Vermont Baptist Church Parking Issue to the agenda. **Kramer** moved, and **Vargas** seconded, to approve the agenda as amended.

**1337 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW** (former Dakota Cowgirl Restaurant) Roof structure and deck  
Michael Babin Neighborhood Restaurant Group

The neighborhood Restaurant Group plans to operate one business with two distinct concepts. On the ground floor of the old Dakota Cowgirl Restaurant, will be Birch & Barley. Birch & Barley will be a unique concept that will combine a seasonal and farm driven dining menu with the most extensive and meticulously selected beer program on the east coast. The second floor will be home to Church Key, a neighborhood pub with a selection of small plates and large plate entrees.

Babin is seeking to add a new roof structure that includes a roof deck for dining. Under the current plans, a portion of the deck will have a retractable awning. A detailed plan for lighting does not yet exist; however, low and atmosphere lighting will be in place. No plans for music at this time. Signage will evolve as the restaurant logos are finalized.

An adjacent building has apartments and having a bar on the roof could create noise issues. However, the owner of the adjacent property, Jackie Reed, felt that the owner, Michael Babin, will do everything in his power to make sure there isn't a noise problem. Babin stated a noise barrier will be put in place, if needed. Reed stated she and Babin have been in communication and believes the restaurant will serve a need in the community and be a great asset to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The hours of operation are still open for discussion and will be considered in a voluntary agreement to be worked out.

**Heisey moved** , That the CDC recommend to the full ANC that the concept, design and massing of the project at 1337 14 Street, NW, as presented, is consistent with accepted historical preservation guidelines, and, accordingly, advises the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve the pending application as to concept, design and massing.

**Vote: (7-0) Unanimous**

**Vermont Baptist Church Parking Issue** – The Vermont Baptist Church is illegally using a vacant property at the corner of R Street and Vermont Avenue for parking. It was decided that the CDC would first refer this matter to Abby Petersen of the Mayor’s Office and Sheri Kimbal of Jack Evans’ office for possible resolution.