

ANC 2F MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2003
7:00 P.M.
Washington Plaza Hotel
MINUTES

In attendance: Helen Kramer, Chair
Jim Brandon, Vice Chair
Thomas Funk
Cary Silverman
Bob Hinterlong (arrived at 7:25)
Miriam Trimble

Community Forum

Helen Kramer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no announcements. Architect Bill Bonstra made a presentation on his proposed development at 14th and Q, across from the Berret School building. It is a 7 story building with 32 units and retail on the first floor. Bonstra said that he had made some revisions based on the comments made at the CDC and with other community groups. The side on Q Street has been stepped back in line with the Berret School Building. The "gap" created by the set back next to the alley has been tightened up as much as possible under the zoning regulations. A cornice was added at the corner of the building on Q and 14th. There will be a garden roof deck. Bonstra said that he felt that the building was moving in the right direction, according to the input they received. The storefront windows were enlarged, and two entrances were added to the retail part of the building. Kramer complimented Bonstra on his responsiveness to community input. Silverman asked if there was any change to the height from the previous presentation. Bonstra said that the height has not changed, and it is within zoning. Al Collins, Q Street, said that he thought it was very improved, but that he still has concerns with the height. He also asked if the balconies on could be recessed, so that they didn't protrude from the building. Gary Ridley, who lives in the Barret school, has a concern about the massing. He pointed to the Metropolis developments as good examples. He feels it does not respect the neighborhood. Andrea Doughty asked a question about the rear yard setback in relation to the height of the building. She wasn't sure that the setback couldn't be less than 16'. Bonstra said that he had checked it thoroughly. Von Macy said that Bonstra addressed only the minor points that were mentioned, not the major issues of massing and height. There have been no changes in those areas, and he feels it doesn't belong in the historic district. Bonstra said that they are on the December 18th HBRB docket.

Shakir Muslim was introduced as the new Lt. for PSA 310.

After a brief break, Kramer reconvened the meeting. She asked for additions to the agenda, and added Appointment of a permanent Advisory Committee for the Convention Center. Brandon moved approval of the agenda. Trimble seconded.

VOTE: Approved 6-0.

Brandon moved acceptance of the November 5, 2003 ANC meeting minutes. Trimble seconded. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

Community Development Committee Report

CDC met on November 17th to consider the project at 1600 14th Street and a BZA appeal of the certificate of occupancy for Wagtime on 1412 Q Street. The committee voted no on the building on 16th street, citing the height and massing and recommending that the building be designed in consultation with guidelines for new development in historic neighborhoods. Kramer asked that the ANC consider the CDC items one at a time. Silverman said that he is happy with many of the changes made, but shares the concerns of other residents on the massing and height. He said that smaller buildings have gone up in the area, and have been financially successful. Silverman moved that the ANC send a letter to HPRB expressing its continued concerns in relation to the massing and height and the impact this building would have on the historic area and surrounding buildings.

VOTE: Approved 4-0-2, Trimble and Brandon abstaining.

Lt. Shakir T. Muslim entered the meeting and was introduced by Kramer. He has been with the force for 21 years. His cell phone number is 240-460-8684. Michael Nelson asked if he had an email address. It is smuslim@mpd.gov

Kramer continued the CDC report. Several Q Street residents filed an appeal on the validity of the C of O for Wagtime. The CDC recommended that the ANC send a letter asking for clarification of the zoning in the arts overlay district and whether the uses, including dog boarding, are a matter of right under the existing zoning regulations. The committee did not recommend taking a stand one way or the other, but only to seek clarification. Brandon moved acceptance of the recommendation. Hinterlong seconded.

VOTE: Approved 6-0.

Liquor License Renewals Update

Brandon said that Izalco is not located at 1314 14th Street. Hinterlong suggested that if the information given by the ABC is incorrect, they may extend the deadline for protesting. Brandon said he would check into it. This license will be added to the January agenda.

Tom Funk approached the owner of 13th Street Quality Market. He was amenable at first and Funk was not going to protest the license if a voluntary agreement could be reached. The owner would not sign the agreement Funk drafted, so a protest was filed. Funk said that if one business is required to stop selling singles, they should all have to. Kramer said that it is her understanding that the Comfort Inn next door also filed a protest. There is a roll call hearing on December 17th, Sherri will represent the ANC and will request mediation.

Hinterlong is dealing with 11-M and Capital Supermarket. He is looking for background information and any agreements with either or both licensees. He has filed protests on both of them. Hinterlong moved that the ANC join in the protest of the license of Capital

Supermarket. Kramer questioned the date of the vote, as the protest date was yesterday. Hinterlong has sent a letter. Hinterlong stated that he thought the ABC regulations permitted this. Kramer asked for a friendly amendment requesting that we ask for mediation right from the beginning. Funk seconded.

VOTE: Approved 6-0.

Hinterlong said that negotiations were still going on with the voluntary agreement with S & W Liquors on the corner of 9th and P Streets. The next meeting is scheduled for January, but Hinterlong said that he may enter into a voluntary agreement with S & W and the ANC alone.

Advisory Committee for the Convention Center

Kramer said that there was a movement to have a permanent advisory committee to have community input on the Convention Center, and she would like ANC2F to support this idea. Silverman asked if this already exists and this was just to make it permanent. The consensus was yes. Funk moved that we support the legislation to establish a permanent advisory committee to the Washington Convention Center. Brandon seconded.

VOTE: Approved 6-0. Silverman to write the letter.

Treasurer's Report

Hinterlong moved the following expenses be approved:

\$300.00	National City Christian Church, January rent
709.15	Sherri Kimbel, November wages
32.00	DC Treasurer, November withholding
49.97	Verizon, phone bill

This leaves a balance of \$16,833.99 in the account. Brandon seconded.

VOTE: Approved 6-0.

Quarterly Report

Brandon moved acceptance of the quarterly report. Silverman seconded.

VOTE: Approved 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35.