

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, June 6, 2007 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Chris Dyer (2F03), Mike Benardo (2F06), Jennifer Trock (2F04) Jim Richardson (2F02).

COMMUNITY FORUM

Chairman Reed noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and directed that a copy of the notice of the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner **Reed** made announcements as follows:

Both Pepco and WASA have pending applications before the Public Service Commission for rate increases.

Last December, Pepco received permission from the PSC to increase its rates effective June 1, 2007. In its petition to the PSC, Pepco estimated the generation rate increase would increase the average residential consumer's bill by 11.6% (or about \$8.50 per month).

The [Office of People's Counsel](#) (OPC), who is charged with represents all utility ratepayers in the District of Columbia before the Public Service Commission, believes Pepco's approved increase is too high. The OPC wants residents to be aware of the PSC's upcoming hearings how Pepco's increases have affected consumers. (See below.)

The Commission will convene community hearings at the following locations:

Kennedy Recreation Center
1401 7th Street, NW
Thursday, June 14, 2007, 6:00 pm

Allen AME Church, Room 201
2498 Alabama Avenue, SE
Saturday, June 16, 2007, 11:00 am

If you are interested in testifying either on the electric or water rate increases, contact the DC Public Service Commission for further information.

The D.C. Attorney General's Office has responded to the Commission's referral to that office of potential perjury in connection with the BZA appeal involving *1312 13th Street, NW*.

The response was to indicate that the referral should be made to the U.S. Attorney's Office, since it has jurisdiction for such matters.

Commissioner **Reed**, Richard Pinnell, and Shawn Metcalf from Jack Evans, Councilmember Ward 2, office got together to hold a meeting with DDOT to explore the bus

stop on the NW corner of 14th Street and P Street, NW after a compliant was received about the bus stop location to the intersection as well as the bus stop becoming a hang out for the homeless with litter and filth. The group will report back at next meeting. One solution might be to move the bus stop back in front of Studio Theater.

Artfully Chocolate Café, a gourmet chocolate store on 14th in the 1500 block will open this fall with a retail space as well as a café.

Commissioner **Trock** welcomed the community to join the Logan Circle Community Association (LCCA) for its Annual Picnic. LCCA will be honoring law enforcements officials and their families.

Capital Pride Parade will be held on Saturday June, 9, 2007.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Mike Smith

Lt. Mike Smith, Metropolitan Police Department, 3D asked people to contact him directly with any reports of crime. He can be reached at 202-365-6454 (cell phone—please use discretion as to the timing of calls, since the phone will ring at any hour, including at his home during the night).

PSA 307 seeks credible leads from citizens, businesses, service organizations, corporations and social clubs.

Crime is down in the Logan Circle area with CrimeReports reporting 1 assault; 6 burglaries; 1 robbery and 4 thefts. (Those interested in particular neighborhood crime patterns may find information on the web at www.crimereports.com).

Sgt. Maguire explained how to file a citizen's compliant against a police officer by calling 202-727-1000 and asking for the Office of Investigative Reports. The Office of Investigative Reports will field any questions on how to file a police compliant or answers any questions regarding internal matters. Calls commending officers may be made to the same number.

Executive Office of the Mayor – Joseph E. Martin and Sean Howard

Sean Howard, the Mayor's Office Ward 2 Coordinator, reported no real problems this past month. To report problems or to make a service request you can contact Howard directly at sean.howard@dc.gov, or by calling his office at 202- 442-8151 or the District of Columbia main phone line at 202-727-1000. Report or complaints can also be made at www.dc.gov.

DDOT Report

Chris Ziemann, Transportation Planner Ward 2, responding to a complaint raised by a resident, presented the information that the 1400 block of Church street is in fact too narrow with parking on both sides for emergency vehicles to pass in the event of an emergency. **Marilyn Lapidies** asked that parking be permitted on only one side of the street. The matter was referred to the CDC to present a report at the July meeting, after having interfaced with the fire department and DDOT.

The *14th Street Transportation Project* will meet on June 20 at the Source Theater to introduce the neighborhood to the project and create a vision, streetscape, traffic patterns. All community members are welcome. **Chris Dyer** formally represents the ANC on the committee.

Community Announcements

The Humanities Council of Washington DC announces a grant program. Individual and community groups are invited to request funding for programs that celebrate and document the cultural life of the national's capital. Grants up to \$5,000 are available. Applicants may attend one of the technical workshops prior to the application deadline of Monday, September 3, 2007. Contact *Masresha Tadesse*, Director of Communications and Development, Humanities Council of Washington, DC 202-387-8391 ext. 16 or e-mail at mtadesse@wdchumanities.org.

Pre-K for All DC is building a grass roots level movement to ensure that every three-and four year old in the District of Columbia has equal access to a quality pre-school and Kindergarten education. For more information about Pre-K for All DC please call 202-833-2220 or e-mail at www.prekforalldc.org.

Shawn Metcalf representing Jack Evan, Councilmember Ward 2, said a group will be conducting a graffiti removal day on Saturday, June 16th from 10-2 PM at Logan Circle. For further information or questions, contact Metcalf at 202-724-8058 or e-mail at atsmetcalf@dccouncil.us or www.jackevans@dccouncil.us.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was presented for approval. By consent, amendments were made as follows:

Add under ABRA: Corrections:

Il Mulino 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW. Sidewalk café application and stipulated license with respect thereto.

Cork Restaurant 1740 14th Street NW, license application

As amended, the agenda was unanimously adopted, and the Executive Director was directed to post it on the ANC2F website.

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of May 2, 2007

Minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2007, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Benardo** and after further discussion, the minutes were approved, and the Executive Director was directed to post them on the ANC2F website.

VOTE: Approved (5-0).

DDOT Matters

Public space committee: Application of Il Mulino, 1110 Vermont Street, NW for Outdoor Café.

The application of 1110 Vermont Renaissance Associates, LLC pending before DDOT for a public space permit was placed before the meeting and discussed. The application seeks a permit for an unenclosed sidewalk café at 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW, which would contain 915 square feet and accommodate seating for 42 persons.

Upon motion of Commissioner **Dyer**, seconded by Chairman **Reed**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F (“ANC”) advises DDOT to grant the application of 1110 Vermont Renaissance Associates, LLC, for a public space permit to install a sidewalk café, the ANC having determined that there are no residential tenancies near the proposed location and that the operation of the café would not disturb the peace, order, or quiet of surrounding building occupants; and it was,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That DDOT be notified that the advice herein given is intended to be formal and that DDOT be requested to afford “great weight” to such advice in accordance with § 1-309.10 of the District of Columbia Code., and it was

FURTHER, RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to grant a stipulated license to the licensee the Board’s consideration of the pending application.

VOTE: Approved (5-0)

Street Closings:

Street closings were requested by **The Thomas G. LaBrecque Lung Cancer Foundation 5 K Run**, and **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk**,

Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Trock**, and after further discussion, it was

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise DCEMA and Home Land Security Emergency Management to grant applications pending before them for permits for the following events: The Thomas G. LaBrecque Lung Cancer Foundation 5 K Run(September 16, 2007) and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk (October 13, 2007).

Crime and Public Safety Matters

Helen Kramer, Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Committee (“CPSC”) reported that members from Jack Evan, Councilmember Ward 2 office will be conducting a graffiti removal day on Saturday, June 16th from 10-2 PM at Logan Circle. Prior to that, the Committee is

conducting a neighborhood survey with volunteers on Saturday, June 9, 2007. At the next ANC meeting the CPSC will have a full report of the survey conducted.

Kramer stated her committee would be making requests for graffiti removal. **Kramer** also referred to the need for updating allocation letters with the US Attorney General Office in the efforts to cause judges to issue penalties sufficient to deter and punish certain, more egregious criminal defendants.

The next CPSC meeting will be on May 11th, 7:00 PM at 1310 Q Street, NW.

ABRA Matters

Ollie's Trolley 1424 L Street, NW

Dyer placed before the meeting a modified Voluntary Agreement with AK Food, Inc t/a Ollie's Trolley Restaurant located at 1424 L Street, NW which he had negotiated. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Reed**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That the amended Voluntary Agreement with respect to Ollie's Trolley as presented to the meeting be and is hereby ratified and approved, and the appropriate officers of ANC 2F are hereby authorized and instructed to execute such agreement and, in accordance with resolutions previously adopted by this ANC to withdraw the pending protest of the ANC upon acceptance of the agreement by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

VOTE: Approved (5-0)

Nima's Restaurant and Bar, 1230 9th Street, NW. Street, NW

Sam Sam, LLC has applied for a Class C restaurant license to operate Nima's Restaurant and Bar serving continental, Italian and French cuisine. Background music, occasional DJ and or piano player, and live band for special events will be requested. Some concern was expressed that the restaurant will border on residential tenancies and that a voluntary agreement should be negotiated to avoid problems.

Upon motion by **Dyer** seconded by **Benardo**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application of *Nima's* on the grounds that its operations would disturb the peace, order and quiet, of residential tenancies and lower property values, and that the Commission by represented by Commissioners Charles Reed and/or Jim Richardson before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board ("ABC Board") in connection with such protest; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That such designated commissioners seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable Voluntary Agreement with the licensee and that upon its ratification by this ANC and its acceptance by the ABC Board the protest shall be withdrawn.

VOTE: Approved (5-0).

Reed announced that the ANC had received notices from ABRA of numerous applications for liquor license renewals. These are notices in the ordinary course of the 3-year renewal cycle of all restaurant licensees. The notices were posted in the minutes of the May 2, 2007 meeting, as well as the ANC web site, so that the community could have an opportunity to bring to the attention of the ANC and its commissioners any comments it might wish to make with respect to the licensees.

The following licenses involved issues and were acted upon:

Total Caterers Enterprise Inc.- 1409 Playbill Café (CR-01) #23427

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded by **Benardo**, and after further discussion,

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application of Total Caterers Enterprise Inc.- 1409 Playbill Café (CR-01) #23427 on grounds that its operations would disturb the peace, order and quiet, of residential tenancies and lower property values, and that the Commission by represented by Commissioners Charles Reed and/or Jim Richardson before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That such designated commissioners seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable Voluntary Agreement with the licensee and that upon its ratification by this ANC and its acceptance by the ABC Board the protest shall be withdrawn.

VOTE: Approved (5-0).

K & D, LLC- Cork Restaurant 1720A 14th Street, NW (C-01) #77111

Upon motion by **Dyer** seconded by **Benardo**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application of K & D, LLC- Cork Restaurant 1720A 14th Street, NW (C-01) #77111 the grounds that its operations would disturb the peace, order and quiet, of residential tenancies and lower property values, and that the Commission by represented by Commissioners Charles Reed and/or Jim Richardson before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That such designated commissioners seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable Voluntary Agreement with the licensee and that upon its ratification by this ANC and its acceptance by the ABC Board the protest shall be withdrawn.

VOTE: Approved (5-0).

Other licensees as to which no current protest was raised were:

Posting Date April 20, 2007

Petition Date June 4, 2007

Renewal Application Hearings June 20, 2007 @10:00 AM

- Haad Thai Restaurant (CR-01) #21540

- Aoi, Inc. Restaurant (Sushi Aoi) (CR-01) #60525
- Kovaler, LLC (Veranda) (CR-01) #73443

Posting Date April 27, 2007

Petition Date June 11, 2007

Renewal Application Hearings June 27, 2007 @10:00 AM

- Logan Dining, LLC (Logan Tavern) (CR-01) #60706
- Logan Grill, LLC (Merkado) (CR-01) #71487
- Rice Restaurant, LLC (Rice Restaurant & Bar) (CR-01) #60730
- Answers Now, LLC (Sparky S Express Café) (CR-01) #60634
- Stoney's LLC (Stoney's) (CR-01) #75613

Posting Date May 11, 2007

Petition Date June 25, 2007

Renewal Application Hearings July 11, 2007 @10:00 AM

- Total Caterers Enterprise Inc. (1409 Playbill Café) (CR-01) #23427
- Titan Restaurant, Inc. (Dakota Cowgirl) (CR-01) #60218
- Hermanos Amaya, Inc. (La Villa Restaurant) (CR-01) #60123
- Lalibela Inc. (Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant) (CR-01) #23745
- 1410 Restaurant Corp. (Mar De Plata) (CR-01) #60043

Posting Date May 18, 2007

Petition Date July 2, 2007

Renewal Application Hearings July 18, 2007 @10:00 AM

- HR-57 Center for the Advancement and Preservation (HR-57) (DR-01) #60382
- FDK Restaurant of National Place, Inc (A slice of Italy Pizzeria) (DR-01) #7255
- Aira Management, LLC (Aria) (CR-03) #74742
- Strathroy Park Corp. (Bobby Van's Grill) (CR-04) #73165
- Cesar Guzman (Casa Blanca Restaurant) (DR-01) #20067
- Chef Geoff's Downtown (Chef Geoff's Downtown) (CR-03) #60577
- Passion Food, LLC (DC Coast) (CR-03) #25677
- E&C Capitol LLC (Elephant & Castle Pub Restaurant) (CR-03) #70714
- National Delicatessen, Inc. (Loeb's Restaurant) (DR-01) #1881
- McCormick & Schmick Restaurant Corp. (M&S Grill) (CR-03) #60429
- The Oceanaire Restaurant Co. (The Oceanaire Seafood Room) (CR-03) #60184
- Parasi, Inc (Tuscana West) (CR-03) #19970
- JRC Group, LLC (Mongolian Grill/Tokyo Sushi Bar) (DR-01) #72360

Community Development Committee Matters-

CDC Report

Commissioner Dyer, Chair of the Community Development Committee ("CDC"), reported the following unanimous recommendations of the CDC reached at its May meeting:

1330 13th Street, Design approval for HPRB

Matthew Greeves presented the renovation of a basement apartment with alteration and repair to allow the structural alteration and modernization of the existing 3-story rear porch. This would also include the raising of an existing attic space for the conversion into a mezzanine space. No change will be made to the front façade and the addition will not be seen from the front elevation.

The CDC recommended that ANC 2F advise HPRB to approve the concept, and design for the renovations of the property at 1330 13th Street, NW because the proposed modifications were not inconsistent with historical guidelines.

1416, 1428, 1432, 1436, and 1446 R Street

National Housing Trust Enterprise Preservation Corporation (NHT Enterprise) and the Hampstead Development Group have partnered to acquire, preserve, renovate and improve these properties that are currently used to provide subsidized housing for residents.

The CDC recommended that ANC advise the Department of Housing and Community Development to approve publicly funded loans for this project, subject, however, (1) to adoption of an agreement between the ANC, National Housing Trust and relevant agencies to ensure the security for the project in view of the fact that these properties have historically posed crime and public safety problems in the community; and (2) that the mix of units based on average median household income as stipulated in the NHT Enterprise plans be strictly maintained.

Upon motion of **Richardson**, seconded by **Dyer**, it was

RESOLVED, That the aforementioned recommendations of the Community Development Committee be and are hereby adopted, and that the Commission community such advice to the appropriate agencies of the District of Columbia government.

VOTE: Approved (5-0).

Nominations of Joel Heisey and Phillipa Hughes

Upon motion of **Reed**, seconded by **Trock**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That Chairman Reed having nominated **Joel Heisey** to be the at large member of the CDC, and as Commissioner for SMD 2F-01 having appointed **Phillipa Hughes** to be a CDC member representing SMD 2F-01 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **Kara McCabe**, the nomination of the former be and is hereby ratified, and that in accordance with the Commission's bylaws, each of the foregoing persons shall be members of the CDC until their successors are appointed and qualified, and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ANC 2F, on behalf of the community, commends and expresses its appreciation to **Kara McCabe** for her dedicated commitment and service on the CDC.

VOTE: (5:0)

New Business

Dave Mallof of Empower DC’s People Property Campaign gave a presentation on the organizations mission to protect and preserve DC public property for future generations. Empower DC People’s Property Campaign is seeking a simple proactive resolution from the ANC2F to reinforce their mission to preserve DC public property. Mallof can be reached at 202-256-9958 or by e-mail at mallof@verizon.net for more information or questions.

Following discussion on the matter, **Reed** suggested that the appropriate time for the Commission to consider the matter was when and if a proposed bill is put before the D.C. Council. No action was taken on the proposal by Mr. Mallof.

Treasurer’s Report (Sandra Biasillo, Treasurer)

In the absence of the Treasurer, **Dyer**, at her request, moved and **Reed** seconded the approval of the following expenses:

Cynthia Cota	\$702.80
Verizon	65.41
DC Treasurer	25.00

VOTE: Approved (5-0)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.