

ANC NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
July 5th, 2006, 7:00PM
Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW

Present: Chairman Charles Reed (2F01), Chris Dyer (2F03), Bob Ellison (2F04), Sandra Biasillo (2F05), Jim Richardson (2F02 Delegate*¹)

Absent: Michael Nelson (2F06)

Community Forum
(Announcements and Reports)

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

Commissioner Announcements

Dyer said that he does not believe the 400 ft. rule bill will be voted on before the full council this year.

Chairman Reed said that he has been appointed to the Mayor's Task Force on Congregational Parking. The Task Force consists of private individuals and representatives of the religious community, ANCs, and government agencies. **Reed** said he felt that solutions had been reached within the Logan Circle Community prior to the Mayor's extension of the enforcement moratorium and the creation of the Task Force, **Reed** believes it to be most important to commence enforcement in this area as soon as possible, since the solutions reached by the ANC ad hoc parking committee, which worked with churches, the citizens group led by Todd Lovinger, and DC agencies, require enforcement as an integral element.

Community Announcements

David Chianese spoke about the continuing problem of illegal construction at 1312 13th St., NW. Chianese said that since he first presented the issue at the June 2006 ANC meeting, DCRA has issued a stop-work order which has been torn down and construction continued. The biggest concerns of the construction are safety issues, such as exposed wiring.

Chairman Reed asked Chianese to send him more information about the site and the illegal construction. Reed said he will send out a letter to the appropriate DC agencies from the ANC concerning this construction.

¹ Mr. Richardson is a non-voting delegate pursuant to By-Laws Art. IV, Sec. 5, whose presence is not counted for quorum purposes. In all other respects he has all the rights and privileges of a commissioner under the By-Laws.

Barry Johnson, of the Icon Association, said that since the property is landlocked, it is difficult for DCRA to see the violations when they arrive on the scene. Johnson said that the zoning history of the property confirms that it has often been used for illegal businesses.

Sgt. Mike Emmerman suggested speaking with the Ward 2 government services coordinator, Carlson Klaphor, who organizes the coordinated response for all government agencies.

PSA 307 Report – Sgt. Mike Emmerman

Sgt. Emmerman said that while he did not have exact crime statistics for the month, there have been a couple of arrests in the past 10 days and there have been numerous burglaries in the area. Sgt. Emmerman said the police arrested a man at 10th and M St. who was walking down M St. breaking car windows. It turned out he was under the influence of narcotics, and was not a theft from auto suspect. Sgt. Emmerman said that there had been a decrease in prostitution due to the rain.

Biasillo said she has trouble calling in and reporting prostitutes. She said that she will give an initial report, but that she will only be called back at an inconvenient time. **Sgt. Emmerman** said that this is something he would like to address with the communications part of the police department.

Lynn Munson, said that she saw a prostitute on the corner of 11th and M St. and called 311 to report it, but that the time between a call and response from the police officers is enough time for the prostitute to leave and go to another location. **Sgt. Emmerman** said that because telephone reporting is not a 24 hour system there is a larger burden after 10:30PM for the district.

Mike Sheaffer asked what the process is for having undercover cops work prostitution. **Sgt. Emmerman** said that the district does not currently have the resources for a plain clothes officer. The district may be able to request outside units if there are a high volume of calls in order to effectively target cars and routines of pimps and prostitutes.

- 5 Minute Recess -

Business Meeting

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was amended by unanimous consent to add consideration of amended voluntary agreement for Ollies Trolley, 1426 L St. NW.

As modified above, the agenda was duly and unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes

With no corrections, the minutes of the June 2006 meeting were duly and unanimously approved. **Reed** directed that copies of the minutes be posted on the ANC2F website.

ANC2F Crime and Public Safety Report

Sheaffer said the committee sent out four letters of allocution and one to the office of neighborhood services. In response to previous letters of allocution, Chris Gaines will be sentenced for theft from auto on July 7th.

Sheaffer said the CCPS committee website will add new .pdf files of crime related news articles for the area.

Election of Delegate to Represent SMD 2F-02

Reed said that only one petition was filed to occupy the open delegate seat. Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Dyer**, and after further discussion, it was

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the by-laws appoint Jim Richardson to serve as delegate for ANC2F until the next general election and seating of a duly elected commissioner for that SMD.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

ABRA Matters

1426 L St. NW – Amended Voluntary Agreement

Dyer said that the owners of Ollie's Trolley have leased space in the adjacent building and intend to expand. The owners would also like to change the hours to close at the same time as its neighbors, 2AM on weeknights and until 3AM Friday and Saturdays. This will be a substantial change to their voluntary agreement.

Upon motion by Biasillo, seconded by Ellison, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that Dyer will be delegated to negotiate with the owners of Ollie's Trolley, at 1426 L St. NW, with respect to their voluntary agreement and report back to the ANC in September.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Street Closings, Parking and Traffic Matters

15th St. & N St. NW – Pedestrian Safety Concerns

Dyer said that one of late Commissioner Jim Brandon's constituents had expressed concern about this intersection. There are 4 one-way lanes. There is no stoplight between Massachusetts Ave. and Rhode Island Ave, which creates a very fast area in between.

Dyer would like to encourage DDOT to study how to encourage drivers to slow down. Dyer would like to consider painting the intersection and improving the signage.

Biasillo asked if it would be effective to lobby for a traffic light. Sgt. Emmerman responded that DDOT may encourage people to walk due to cross at Rhode Island and Massachusetts Aves.

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

RESOLVED, that the ANC will ask DDOT to review the intersection of 15th and N Sts., NW, and to find a strategy to slow traffic down as a matter of pedestrian safety.

VOTE: 4-0 (Unanimous)

Community Development Committee (CDC) Report

Consent Calendar Items:

Massachusetts Ave. & 11th St., NW (Design, Massing and Concept Approval, Zoning Variance Application).

Pennsylvania Ave. & 15th St., NW (Public Space Permit).

1101 K St., NW (Public Space Permit), Mid City Business Association and Midtown Association (Banner Approval)

Dyer said that there should be a correction in the June CDC minutes. Helen Kramer, as evident in the minutes, was present at the June 2006 CDC meeting.

Dyer said that the Morrison Clark Hotel, located at Massachusetts Ave. & 11th St., NW, want to expand east of them and require HPRB approval to move forward. The current zoning will not allow the expansion to proceed as a hotel, and requested a relief from current zoning. The hotel proved the three point criteria of practical difficulty, harm to the common good, and economic damage, that have been set for seeking a BZA variance.

Dyer said that 1232 & 1234 10th St., NW, did not attend the meeting and were taken off the agenda.

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

RESOLVED, That the unanimous recommendations of the CDC be and are hereby approved, and accordingly, it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That with respect to Massachusetts Ave. & 11th St., NW, ANC2F advise HPRB that the design, massing, and concept submitted to the meeting of the Community Development Committee of the ANC at its public meeting held June 28, 2006, be granted; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That with respect to Massachusetts Ave. and 11th St., NW, ANC2F advise BZA that the zoning variance submitted to the meeting of the Community Development Committee of the ANC at its public meeting held June 28, 2006, be granted; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That with respect to the Pennsylvania Ave. and 15th St., NW, ANC2F advise DDOT that the public space permit submitted to the meeting of the Community Development Committee of the ANC at its public meeting held June 18, 2006, be granted; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That with respect to 1101 K St., NW, ANC2F advise DDOT that the public space permit submitted to the meeting of the Community Development Committee of the ANC at its public meeting held June 18, 2006, be granted; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That with respect to the Mid City Business Association and Midtown Association, ANC2F advise DDOT that the banner approval submitted to the meeting of the Community Development Committee of the ANC at its public meeting held June 18, 2006, be granted.

VOTE: (4-0) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer put before the meeting her monthly report. Upon motion by Biasillo, seconded by Dyer, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED: That the treasurer's report be and is hereby accepted; and the following expenditures be and are hereby authorized and ratified, as the case may be:

VOTE: (4-0) (Unanimous)

Jim Richardson said that a construction site on the 1300 block of Rhode Island Ave., NW, may be in violation of its public space permit. Richardson said that construction for the 4 story building has been happening 7 days a week, instead of the maximum 6 days a week.

Reed suggested Richardson speak with Chris Kohatsu at DCRA.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:05 PM.