

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, April 4, 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) and Jim Richardson (2F02).

Absent: Sandra Biasillo (2F05)

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 **Dyer** reported that he and **Helen Kramer** testified at the BZA hearing regarding 1312 13th Street Dry-cleaning, *1312 13th Street, NW* (Appeal of BZA denial of issuance of a certificate of occupancy to permit a dry cleaning business to operate in a residential building). A decision is expected around May 1, 2007 by the BZA

Commissioner **Benardo** stated that DDOT requests community opinion regarding parking around convention center. By consent, **Reed** appointed **Benardo** to act as the ANC2F representative to DDOT on this issue and requested that he undertake to study the issue with residents in his SMD (which abuts the Center). **Benardo** invited interested residents to contact him with any comments or suggestions. mikebenardo@alo.com or anc2f@starpower.net.

Reed stated that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Old Convention Center is Wednesday, April 18, 2007 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Office of the Washington, DC Economic Partnership (1495 F Street, NW). At the meeting, Hines/Archstone-Smith will present the proposed schematic design for the project and solicit input and feedback from the committee members. Commissioner **Benardo** will attend.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Mike Smith

Crime started down this month and then ended with a 13 % increase from same period last year. An arrest has been made in a break-in committed last year. Lt. Smith stated that the suspect, Chance **Ridout**, had committed approximately 60-70 break-ins. He is currently under arrest in the State of Virginia.

DDOT Report

Chris Ziemann, Transportation Planner Ward 2 reported Logan Circle re-stripping redesign re-signal design is finished. 14th transportation and street design study –parking sidewalk furniture, etc will begin soon. Plans are also in place to repave 11th Street, NW between

L and O.

Community Announcements

Advisory Committee for the Old Convention Center Site Redevelopment Project's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2007 from 4:00-6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the office of the Washington, DC Economic Partnership located at 1495 F Street, NW. At the meeting, Hines/Archstone-Smith will present the proposed schematic design for the project and solicit input and feedback from the committee members.

DC Humanities Council is looking for contact information on senior groups that exist in the ANC2F area so they can provide outreach.

DC Voting Rights March, April 16, 2007 at 2:30 PM. The march will begin at Freedom Plaza at 13th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and end with a rally at the Capitol Reflecting Pool, 3rd and Independence Avenue, NW.

Zack **Dobelbower** with the DC Office of Planning presented information on the Stakeholders Meeting- Center City Action Agenda 2007. The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at the Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vern Place, NW Room 102-B from 6-8 PM. For more information please contact, **Dobelbower** at 202-442-7631 or zachdobelbower@dc.gov.

DC Parks and Recreation Spring Program Guide is now available for registration on-line at dpr.dc.gov or Walk-In at any of the recreation centers. The Kennedy Recreation Center located at 1401 7th Street, NW serves the ANC2F neighborhoods. In addition to recreation, aquatics, fitness and senior services, DC parks and Recreation also offers summer youth programs.

Luella Johnson Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia spoke to the meeting about community service projects that her office provides with convicted offenders. Many different types of community service help is available and Johnson can be contacted at 220-5721 or by e-mail at Luella.Johnson@csosa.gov

Mayor's Office Ward 2 Coordinators

Sean Howard and **Joe Martin**, Neighborhood Services Coordinators for Ward 2 solicited questions, comments and notice regarding any community issues. Both can be reached at the Office of Community Relations and Services 202-442-9509 or at the following e-mail addresses: sean.howarde@dc.gov or joseph.martin@dc.gov.

Sean **Howard** reported:

14th Street apartment had a terrible trash pick-up problem; trash is now cleared.

11 Street, NW is in need of repaving. **Howard** asked DDOT to get involved. DDOT has money to design a repave project from Rhode Island to Massachusetts /New York Ave, but has not made a full commitment for funding

DC graffiti removal policy is available thru the DC government website's Service Request Center at DC.gov or by calling the Mayor's Office 727-1000. To avail themselves of the service, Homeowner's will be required to sign a Graffiti Removal Release and Waiver of Liability Form. When reporting graffiti, please give as much information as possible. The DC graffiti policy can also be found on the ANC2F web site at anc2f@starpower.net.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda as presented to the meeting was amended,
to *remove*:

Alley way between Q and Church, 14th and 15th Streets, Alley Restoration TCP-
Paul Hoftyzer, and

to *add*:

Dakota Cowgirl ABRA Voluntary Agreement;
Army Ten-Miler Run (DCEMA)(Street closing)

As amended, the agenda was duly and unanimously approved.

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of March 7, 2007

Minutes of the meeting of ANC2F were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Richardson**, seconded by **Reed** and after further discussion, the minutes were approved, and the Executive Director directed to have such minutes posted on the ANC2F website.

VOTE: Approved (5-0).

DDOT Matters

Chris **Ziemann** and **Seyed Nabavi** from DDDOT discussed the proposed 10th Street, NW- traffic pattern modification for two-way traffic between L and New York Ave. The proposal is considered issued and subject to a 30-day comment period. A number of comments were raised, mainly in objection from residents in the vicinity. DDOT has supported the changes, which it perceives will lessen traffic congestion, add bike lanes, increase access to businesses, and afford residents easier access in getting around the neighborhood.

Given such concern, upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Benardo**, and after further discussion, it was

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F advise DDOT that the proposed changes on traffic plan modification on 10th St. NW between L and New York, as described by Mr. Seved Nabavi raise concerns from residents likely to be impacted by such changes, and further advise DDOT that the proposed modifications not be made approved for a period of three months, in which ANC 2F will obtain further community input and confer with DDOT and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Commissioner **Benardo** be and is hereby appointed as a committee of one to explore the issues with affected residents and report to the ANC at its next meeting.

VOTE: Approved (5-0)

Julie Brothers brought to the ANC's attention that a public alley on 10th Street is locked and is posing a problem for fire exit and traffic issues. **Joe Martin** undertook to resolve the problem.

Helen Kramer stated the 13th and O Streets NW the traffic light is not coordinated properly, causing considerable traffic congestion.

Reed observed that the currently on-going street reconfiguration on Q Street NW between 14th and 11 Streets, NW, has taken out 30 to 50 street parking places, placing a burden on local residents to find adequate parking. Following a brief discussion on the matter,

Reed moved, **Dyer** seconded, and after further discussion, it was

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F advise DDOT to temporarily suspend all street cleaning operations in the affected areas of the street work on Q Street between 14th and 11th Streets NW for a period of several months.

Street Closings

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walk, Sunday May, 6, 2007. **Elizabeth Jordan** presented the JDRF walk proposed plans and stated no street closings and they followed the ANC policy. Betty Sayler is the Director and can be reached at betty_sayler@hotmail.com or 703-963-3265 for more information.

Marine Corps Marathon, Sunday October, 28, 2007. **Bert Schmidt** presented the Marine Corps Marathon proposed plans and stated no street closings and they followed the ANC policy. **Schmidt** can be reached at 800-Run-USMC for more information.

Capital Pride Parade, Saturday June, 9, 2007. Jewel **Murray** presented the Capital Pride Parade's proposed plans and stated no street closings and they followed the ANC policy. **Murray** can be reached at jmurray@wwc.org or www.capitalpride.org for more information.

Army Ten-Miler---George Banker presented the Capital Pride Parade's proposed plans and stated no street closings were requested and the organization followed the ANC policy.

Baker can be reached at george.banker@jfhqncr.northcom.mil for further information.

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise DCEMA ANC to grant applications pending before you for permits for the following events:

May, 6, 2007	Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walk
June, 9, 2007	Capital Pride Parade
October, 7, 2007	Army Ten-Miler
October, 28, 2007	Marine Corps Marathon.

VOTE: (5-0)

Crime and Public Safety Matters

Mike Sheaffer, Co-Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Committee (“CPSC”) reported graffiti on certain specified walls has been painted blue. Also, allocution letter in two pending sentencings have been sent (one with respect to Carter Cartel (auto thief) and another for an undisclosed juvenile have been sent to the appropriate judges. DDOT has responded to the ANC’s request to implement abandoned bicycle removal, acceding the request and is currently removing such bicycles. Finally, he indicated that the City has responded to the ANC’s request to clean up 1124 11th Street, NW. .

Reed noted that **Mike Sheaffer** has tendered his resigned his chairmanship of the CPSC, having moved to Capitol Hill; the resignation was sadly accepted.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC express on behalf of the Commissioners and the whole community grateful appreciation to **Michael Sheaffer** for his effective and valuable contribution to this community in his role as chairman of the Crime and Public Safety Committee of the ANC 2F, and wish him and his family well in their new home; and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in accordance with the bylaws, **Helen Kramer** be and is hereby approved to become the Chair and Ed Six Vice Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Committee of the ANC 2F.

VOTE: Approved (5-0).

ABRA Matters

Whole Foods, 1425 P Street, NW (requested change in existing Voluntary Agreement)(Class B—off premises)

A proposed form of an amendment to the existing Voluntary Agreement of Whole Foods was

presented to the meeting by **Reed** and **Richardson**. Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Richardson**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That the amended voluntary agreement with respect to Whole Foods as presented to the meeting be and is hereby 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).

La Pata Negra , 1612 14th Street, NW (Class C-Restaurant).

Reed placed before the meeting a voluntary agreement which he had negotiated on behalf of the ANC with the above applicant, and which he had sent to counsel for applicants. **Reed** indicated that the agreement is consistent generally with agreements with neighboring restaurants Rice and Viridian. Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Richardson**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That the voluntary agreement with respect to La Pata Negra as presented to the meeting be and is hereby 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).

Park Place, 918 14th Street, NW (Class C-Nightclub).

Dyer placed before the meeting a voluntary Agreements with Park Place which he had negotiated. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Trock**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That the voluntary agreement with respect to Park Place 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).

Dakota Cowgirl, 1337 14th Street, NW (Class C-Restaurant, Entertainment Endorsement)-

A proposed form of an amendment to the existing voluntary agreement of Dakota Cowgirl (previously named Hamburger Mary's) was presented to the meeting by **Reed** and **Richardson**. Andrew **Kline**, attorney for Dakota Cowgirl, objected to language in the draft regarding change

in ownership. After discussion, the parties agreed in principle to a change such that any proposed change in ownership by Mr. Mlaker be notified to the other parties prior to seeking approval of such change from the Alcohol Beverage Control Board and so that the change may be protested. Upon motion by **Richardson**, seconded by **Trock**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That the amended voluntary agreement with respect to Dakota Cowgirl as presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, with the understanding that mutually agreeable language with respect to a provision agreed in principle between the parties as to notice upon a proposed change in whole or part in ownership of the applicant shall be resolved, 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.

Reed indicated that his involvement in negotiation this amendment were undertaken in his capacity as a private party to the amendment, and that **Richardson** was present at all meetings with the applicant, representing the ANC.

VOTE: Approved (4-0). (**Reed** took no part in the consideration of or action upon the resolution)

New Business

1312 13th Street, NW (Appeal of BZA denial of issuance of a certificate of occupancy to permit a dry cleaning business to operate in a residential building).

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

RESOLVED, That it having been reported to this ANC by Commissioner Dyer and Helen Kramer that sworn testimony given March 20, 2007, at the aforementioned appeal hearing by **Edward Rooth** appeared to be knowingly false, the Commission refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia for investigation whether perjury was committed.

VOTE: 5-0

Treasurer's Report (Sandra Biasillo, Treasurer)

In the absence of the Treasurer, **Trock**, moved and **Dyer** seconded the approval of the following expenses:

Cynthia Cota	\$702.80
DC DOES	18.00
Us Treasurer	307.40

Dc Treasurer	25.00
Verizon	59.85
Current Newspaper	<u>74.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1174.05

VOTE: (5-0)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.