

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F**  
REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING  
Wednesday, July 11, 2007 – 7:00 PM  
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL  
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

**Present:** Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Chris Dyer (2F03), Mike Benardo (2F06), 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**

**Chairman Reed** indicated that a planning meeting will be held July 16 at 7:30 PM to coordinate with those affected by the work on the alley between the 1400 blocks of Church and Q Street. The meeting will be held at 1401 Church Street at Q Street, NW.

**J. Richard Pinnell**, President Cooper Lewis Condominium Association and **Chairman Reed** met with DDOT to discuss the relocation of the Metrobus westbound P Street, G2 stop from the east side of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, to the west side of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The current location of the bus stop is creating traffic issues and congestion on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and P Streets, NW. DDOT will be looking into the matter and report back to Mr. **Pinnell** and **Chairman Reed**.

**PSA 307 Report – Lt. Mike Smith**

Burglaries continue to plague the ANC2F neighborhood; the area hardest hit in north of Vermont Avenue. Bicycles and electronics are the most popular thief items.

A total deployment of all offices in district 7 (12 hour shifts- all hands on deck) will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>. The police department has found the total deployment method to be a very effective and successful crime fighting tool.

The community cookout hosted by MPD District 3 will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**Lt. Smith** related a domestic dispute that erupted into gun fire on French Street and a week later at 7<sup>th</sup> and M Streets, NW. The incidents related solely to the individuals involved, and an arrest was already made.

Those interested in particular neighborhood crime patterns may find information on the web at [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com).

**DDOT Report – Chris Ziemann**

**Chris Ziemann**, Transportation Planner Ward 2 discussed the two-way conversion of 10th Street, NW between L and M. **Commissioner Benardo**, reporting the views of the ad hoc committee formed at the prior ANC meeting stated that the community affected believes that the street should remain one way.

**Ziemann** stated that DDOT is in the preliminary stages of a study of converting 15 Street, NW between Massachusetts Avenue and Florida from one-way to a two-way street with possible bike lanes. He presented several design options. **Chairman Reed** asked that the CDC consider this issue and report its findings and recommendations to the ANC. The issue will be placed on the CDC agenda for its meeting September 26, 2007.

**Ziemann** asked the ANC2F if it had a position on the Church Street parking issue because the street is too narrow for emergency vehicles. **Chairman Reed** stated that as a result of community meetings on the subject at which the matter was discussed with fire department and other officials present, it appeared that the ANC does not have a recommendation to change existing parking.

**Community Announcements** (none offered)

- 10 Minute Recess -

## BUSINESS MEETING

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

*Add under DDOT:*

Veranda Restaurant

*Add under ABRA:*

Park Place

1410 Restaurant Corp.

Thai, Inc.

Garfinckel's Limited Partnership

Cesar Guzman

Les Halles

Carcamo

Izalco Restaurant

Playbill

Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Benardo** and after further discussion, the agenda was approved as amended, with direction to the Executive Director to post the approved agenda on the ANC2F website.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

**Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of June 6, 2007**

Minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2007, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Richardson**, and after further discussion, with direction to the Executive Director to post the approved minutes on the ANC2F website.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

### **DDOT Matters**

*Public space committee: Application of Veranda Restaurant, Street for Outdoor Café.*

A proposal was made to advise DDOT on a pending application for an outdoor café of Veranda restaurant, 1100 P Street, NW

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

**RESOLVED**, That the ANC2F advise DDOT to approve the application as presented to the meeting for an outdoor café for Veranda Restaurant, 1100 P Street, NW; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the appropriate officers of this Commission be and are hereby authorized to make corresponding revisions to the existing voluntary agreement regarding alcoholic beverage licensing of the restaurant, in coordination with other signatories to such agreement, and to present the same to the Commission for its actions thereon.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

**Chris Ziemann**, DDOT spoke about the change in the valet parking regulations and told the community that the first draft was completed in May and is under review with the valet service vendors and the next draft should be out in the fall.

### *Street Closings*

Charles **Brodsky** presented a request for street closing for the “The Nation’s Triathlon.” **Brodsky** stated that the request complies with the published street closing policy of this ANC and that he had made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. He stated he can be reached at 202/257-3472 for more information.

Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Reed**, and after further discussion, it was **RESOLVED**, That ANC2F advise DCEMA and Home Land Security Emergency Management to grant the application pending before them for permits for the following events: **The Nation’s Triathlon**, Saturday September, 29, 2007

### **Crime and Public Safety Matters**

**Helen Kramer**, Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Committee (“CPSC”) reported several car break-ins have occurred within the last month. Most of the time, things are visible from the street and **Kramer** stressed to the community not to leave valuable items in your car. Kramer reported that there are 9 open graffiti cases, but 86 have closed.

### **ABRA Matters**

*Stoney’s (Class C) 1433 P Street, NW #75613 – Expansion to second floor*

**Chairman Reed** reported that he and the adjacent property owner protestors have been in negotiations over a revised Voluntary Agreement. He stated he expects to meet further with attorneys for the licensee.

**Dyer** suggested in light of the fact that the Commission holds no August meeting, that in order not to delay licensees plans that the ANC act immediately with regard to this matter.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Commission protest the pending application of Stoney’s LLC #75613 for a substantial change in operations 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 revision to the existing 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: (4-0) Unanimous**

*Park Place 918 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW*

**Dyer** requested that minor changes in the previously adopted Voluntary Agreement be approved. The requested changes are necessary as a result of the agreements reached with other protestors. Such changes were presented to the Commission and relate to security matters the effect of which are a benefit to the community.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the amended voluntary agreement with respect to Park Place 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: (4-0) Unanimous**

*Black Cat 1811 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW; Roof Deck with music and alcohol service*

**Dee Hunter**, Chairman, ANC1B requested the support of ANC 2F in its currently pending protest against the proposed substantial change in operations of the Black Cat night club, which is located in ANC 1B just north of the boundary of ANC 2F. ANC1B is protesting the application because of the music and alcohol service.

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

**RESOLVED**, That, the ANC 2F support the protest of ANC 1B against the application of Black Cat 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 Commissioner Charles Reed before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest.

That,

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

Commissioner **Dyer** asked that the record to show that he voted in favor of the resolution but is uncomfortable with the fact that Black Cat had no representative at the meeting. **Hunter** indicated that he would follow up by having the representatives of ANC 2F-01 residents contact **Reed** with respect to the specific facts and to prepare for the ABC Board hearing on the matter. .

*El Sauce Restaurant and Carry-out 1227 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (Carcamo) (DR-01) #72654*

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Commission protest the application of El Sauce Restaurant and Carry-out, 1227 11<sup>th</sup> Street NW (DR-01) #72654 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, Chris Dyer, Mike Benardo before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

*Izalco Restaurant, Inc. 1228 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (CR-01) #25144*

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Commission protest the application of Izalco Restaurant, Inc, 1228 11<sup>th</sup> Street NW (CR-01) #25144 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, Chris Dyer, Mike Benardo before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

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

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

**RESOLVED**, That the ANC2F authorize the execution of the Voluntary Agreement as presented to this meeting and that such Voluntary Agreement be delivered to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) with the request that the pending protest be withdrawn upon acceptance of the Voluntary Agreement by the ABC Board.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

Other licensees as to which no current protest issues were received by the Commission:

Renewal Application Notices

*Petition Date August 13, 2007*

*Hearings Date: August 29, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.*

1410 Restaurant Corp. (CR-01) #60043

Thai, Inc. (CR-01) #60559

Garfinckel’s Limited Partnership (CR-02) #71408

Cesar Guzman (DR-01) #20067

Les Halles Washington LLC (CR-03) #20608

**Community Development Committee Matters**

*1400 Church Street*

Following the complaint of a community member that the two-sided parking on the 1400 block of Church Street posed a safety hazard, Chairman **Dyer** participated in meetings with city emergency and fire personnel along with other community members. In light of the view of the fire marshall that no hazard is posed, the Committee determined to make no recommendation for change in parking.

*1410 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Mar del Plata- Sidewalk Café Application*

The Committee advised Mr. Alfaro, the owner of *Mar del Plata*, to present to the Committee plans for a proposed sidewalk café, following which the Committee will act upon a request for public space permit for such café. Mr. Alfaro was also advised that he would likely need to contact DCRA as well.

*4 Logan Circle, Concept Massing and Design*

The CDC unanimously determined to recommend approval of the condominium concept, design and massing. A separate issue was raised as to a basement door that had been converted to such from what was originally a window. The Logan Circle Community Association

historical preservation committee has expressed its position that the door should be returned to its original form as a window. A further issue was raised as to a curb cut on Kingman Place at the rear of the project. The latter issue was not a part of the action of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED**, That, having determined that concept, design, massing of the pending application relating to 4 Logan Circle, NW is consistent with historical guidelines, ANC2F advise the Historical Preservation Review Board to approve such application; it being noted, however, that ANC2F agrees with Logan Circle Community Associate that the doorway should be restored to the original window design.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

### **New Business**

#### *China Town Busses*

**Brendan Danaher** gave a presentation on the safety and traffic issues surrounding curbside buses in downtown Washington, DC. Curbside buses are also known as “**Chinatown buses**” and use curbs, alleys, bus stops and loading zones to conduct their business in transporting people to and from major East Coast cities. Curbside buses do not operate from traditional bus terminals and therefore create traffic issues, discriminate against persons with disabilities and often interfere with legitimate business. **Danaher** pointed out that the District of Columbia has laws in place to regulate curbside buses, but is not enforcing the existing laws and regulations. Mr. **Danaher** asked the ANC2F to support efforts to have the City take steps to enforce the laws and regulations and correct the public safety and traffic issues.

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

**RESOLVED**, That, ANC2F advise the Mayor and the City Council to address the issues raised by curbside busses that operate illegally.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

**Reed** requested **Danaher** to provide further background information and the text of proposed letter.

#### *DC Taxicab Zone-*

The presenter who had asked for time to request ANC 2F action to implement taxi-meters throughout the City failed to appear. The matter was passed over.

It was reported that the property located at **1402 12 Street**, NW that the house is being used illegally as a boarding house, and the occupants were creating noise disturbance with parties.

#### *Resignation of Commissioner Sandra Biasillo*

Treasurer **Biasillo** presented ANC2F with a letter of resignation stating both professional and personal reasons for her resignation. **Chairman Reed** publicly thanked **Biasillo** for all her hard work she has given to the ANC2f and especially her Single Member District 2F-05. **Chairman Reed** will communicate with notifying the Board of Ethics and Dyer pointed out that a mass mailing to 2F-05 be made to encourage people to run for the open ANC seat.

*Election of Treasurer*

In view of the resignation of Commissioner Biasillo, who was treasurer of ANC 2F, the Chairman declared the office open, and solicited nominations to fill it.

Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Reed** and after further discussion, the ANC2F elected Commissioner Jim Richardson as Treasurer, said election to be by acclamation.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

**Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the former Treasurer who had prepared expenditures for approval at this meeting, **Dyer**, at her request, moved and **Reed** seconded approval of the following expenses:

Cynthia Cota	\$702.80
Verizon	129.48
Sandra Biasillo	155.40
US Treasurer	583.80
DC Treasurer	25.00
DC DOES	36.00
TOTAL	\$1,632.48

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:17 pm.