

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, December 5, 2007 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Chris Dyer, Vice Chair (2F03), Mike Benardo (2F06), Jim Richardson (2F02), Jennifer Trock (2F04)

COMMUNITY FORUM

Vice Chairman Dyer 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 Vice Chairman **Dyer** announced the ANC2F held an Executive Session to revise the long term goals statement. Four areas of concern that came out of this meeting are: the arts overlay project- get a better understanding of the definition and guidelines; improving policy and notice given to the public with respect to DDOT street closures; improving the distribution of meeting notices and marketing the ANC as a neighborhood organization; survey of problem buildings in the ANC2F boundaries.

A brief overview of the 14th Street Project was discussed and Dyer stated that further information can be found at www.14thstreetstudy.com. 14th Street Transportation and Streetscape Study will post the existing conditions report on the DDOT website next week. Short and long term recommendations and the next public meeting will probably be in January when the Draft Final Report will be presented with various options.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Mike Smith

Smith reported crime statistics are down in PSA 307.

Neighborhood crime patterns information are on the web at www.crimereports.com.

Mayor's Office Ward 2 Coordinators

Mark Bjorge and Joseph Martin, Neighborhood Services Coordinators for Ward 2 gave a description of the services provided by the Neighborhood Services Coordinators office, “we are the eyes and ears of your community.” **Martin** and **Bjorge** alerted the community that residential and commercial gas service around Rhode Island and 10th Streets, NW has intermittent service. If anyone is experiencing such issues please contact the mayor’s compliant hotline at 202-727-100, use the DC.gov online compliant site, or contact them directly at either

joseph.martin@dc.gov or mark.bjorge@dc.gov .

The bus stop at P and 14th NW on NW Corner was brought up by resident **Richard Pinnell**. **Pinnell** was told by DDOT that the new bus stop was merely a repositioning of the stop (which is objected to by Cooper Lewis Condo Assoc.) from its temporary location on the NE corner of that intersection, and where it had been placed due to the construction on the 1400 block, and that the developer had asked that the stop at 15th and P not be replaced. According to **Pinnell**, the stop was at the NE corner for the past 32 years, and was never previously at its present location. **Bjorge** said he look further into the matter and communicate with **Pinnell** since it appears to the community that the current location is hazardous, obstructing, and disturbing.

Bjorge and **Martin** can be reached at the Office of Community Relations and Services 202-442-9509 or at the following e-mail addresses: mark.bjorge@dc.gov or joseph.martin@dc.gov.

Community Announcements

Cary Silverman announced that he is running for Ward 2 on the DC Council and that he had a successful kick off event in Logan Circle at HR-57 the previous evening. For more information and to join the campaign, check www.caryforcouncil.org or call (202) 347-7850.

Brian Vargas announced The Logan Circle Community Association held its 29th annual house tour and it was a great success. The Logan Circle Holiday House Tour was held on Sunday, December 2, 2007 from 1-5pm. This year's tour featured a variety of Victorian homes, extraordinary condominiums, and a historic church located in the neighborhood. Tour participants were also welcomed to a Wassail reception hosted at the Studio Theater, at 14th and P Street.. More information regarding LCCA and pictures of this event can be found at logancircle.org.

Dan Mullin presented on the Exploring program endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Nation Sheriffs' Association. Exploring is a law enforcement education program for young men and women who are 14 (completed eight grade) though 20 years of age. Mullin can be reached at 202-285-9911 or dmullin@lflmail.org for more information.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

The draft agenda for the meeting was presented for approval. Upon motion by, seconded by **Richardson** and after further discussion, the agenda was approved as amended by consent to:

Add Vegas Lounge 1415 P Street, NW under ABRA.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of October 3, 2007; November 7, 2007

Minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2007 and November 7, 2007, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Richardson**, and after further discussion, such minutes were adopted with direction to the Executive Director to post the approved minutes on the ANC2F website.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

ABRA Matters

Ollie's Trolley 1426 L Street, NW # 23540 (CR-01)

A modified Voluntary Agreement with AK Food, Inc t/a Ollie's Trolley Restaurant located at 1424 L Street, NW was reviewed. WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to enter into this modified Voluntary Agreement and request that the Board approve the Applicant's modification conditioned upon the Applicant's continued compliance with the terms of the existing Voluntary Agreement. Mr. **Nichols**, attorney for applicant, stated in e-mail communication, that he has been unable to get signatures of the two other parties names in the voluntary agreement. These parties will be removed from the voluntary agreement.

The Voluntary Agreement was upon motion by **Benardo**, seconded by **Trock**, 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. Additionally, the ANC will send a letter to the ABC Board requesting that they accept this modified voluntary agreement and give great weight to our advice.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Vegas Lounge, 1415 P Street, NW #1273 (CN 01)

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

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application of Vegas Lounge #1273 on the grounds that its operations would disturb the peace, order and quiet,

, and that the Commission be represented by Commissioners Charles Reed and/or Jim Richardson, Mike Benardo, Christopher Dyer or Jerome Sikorski. 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: (4-0) Unanimous

Be Bar 1318 9th Street, NW #74696 (CT-02)

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

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application for renewal of a liquor license of Be Bar #74696 on the grounds that its operations would disturb the peace, order and quiet, and that the Commission be represented by Commissioners Charles Reed and/or Jim Richardson, Mike Benardo, Christopher Dyer or Jerome Sikorski. before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest

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: (3-0-1)

Community Development Committee (Commissioner Benardo, Chair)

Hotels Washington – 1434 F Street, NW Application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for special exception relief from the roof structure requirements of Sections 411.11 and 770.6 of the Zoning Regulations to allow the placement of two new air handling units on the roof of the Hotel Washington. Within the C-5 District, all rooftop mechanical equipment must be set back from all street-facing exterior walls a distance equal to twice the height of the structure. The units will be set back a distance equal to twice their height from the hotel’s exterior walls along F Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, and 15th Street, they however; will not be sufficiently set back from the walls of the hotel’s interior courtyards. No change to current rooftop mechanics.

Applicant is asking for special exception relief from the roof structure requirements because where it is impractical with operating difficulties, size of the building lot, or other conditions relating to the building or surrounding area that would tend to make full compliance unduly restrictive, prohibitively costly, and or unreasonable.

Central Union Mission Redevelopment (1625-31 14th Street, NW – SE corner of R and 14th Streets, NW) – Application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment Presentation by: Jeffrey Schonberger, Alturas Real Estate Interests, LLC. The property consists of a limestone structure and a series of three-story brick attached structures (1625, 1627, and 1629 14th Street, NW). All of the structures are currently used by the Central Union Mission as a community-based residential facility, offices, chapel, and accessory uses. The three buildings are connected internally and are therefore considered to be one building for purposes of zoning. Following the proposed renovation and addition, the property will contain approximately 17,270 square feet devoted to ground floor retail and approximately 36 residential units. Additionally, a single level of below-grade parking containing 34 parking spaces will be constructed to accommodate the residential use.

The applicant is seeking the following zoning relief from:

Variance relief:

Non-conforming structure; lot size 100% of lot coverage

Inclusionary zoning

Special exception relief from:

Two roof structures at unequal heights;

Arts Overlay design and use requirements

Dupont Circle Association Zoning Reduction Proposal—Northeast Dupont Area Neighborhood presented the zoning reduction goals of the organization to bring the existing zoning laws into conformance with actual use and with the 2006 DC Comprehensive Plan. The Northeast Dupont Neighborhood Zoning Reduction Proposal includes the south side of the 1400 block of S Street, NW in the overall down zoning initiative. Busch pointed out that the zoning reduction will help keep the indented character of the low scale nature of the neighborhood as well as preserve and protect the environment.

Benardo recommended that the unanimous recommendation of the CDC be accepted by the ANC. Upon motion by **Trock**, seconded by **Benardo**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the CDC as presented to the ANC2F Commission and are hereby approved; that ANC 2F advise that it send a letter to the BZA in support of a variance of the rooftop air handling units because the applicant (Hotels Washington) successfully demonstrated that the physical characteristics make it difficult for the owner to use the property; that granting the application will not be of substantial detriment to the public good;

and that granting the application will not be inconsistent with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations and Map.

FUTHER RESOLVED, That ANC send a letter to the BZA in support of a variance of the two rooftop units of unequal heights, and the relief of the non-conforming lot size because the applicant (Central Union Mission Redevelopment) successfully demonstrated that the physical characteristics make it difficult for the owner to use the property; that granting the application will not be of substantial detriment to the public good; and that granting the application will not be inconsistent with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations and Map.

FUTHER RESOLVED, That ANC send a letter to the Office of Zoning and Planning in support of the Northeast Dupont Neighborhood Zoning Reduction Proposal.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

New Business

Jason Clark a Washington, DC artist applied for a grant through the DC Commission o the Arts and Humanities for a grant with the Public Art Building Communities. **Clark** wants to create a sculpture that will stand 7 to 12 feet tall depending on the location of the sculpture within the Logan Circle neighborhood. The base will be poured concert, the truck and branches will be made of found rebar and welded tighter. Application deadline is January 30, 2008. **Clark** was advised to find an appropriate location and to work with several local community groups to help identify that location for the community sculpture. **Clark** was advised to attend the January meeting of the ANC2F for an in depth presentation and location selection.

Treasurer's Report (Jim Richardson, Treasurer)

Commissioner Dyer moved and **Benardo** seconded the approval of the following expenses:

Cynthia Cota	\$938.70
Verizon	66.54
TOTAL	\$1,005.24

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

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