

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F**  
REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING  
Wednesday, January 9, 2008 – 7:00 PM  
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL  
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

**Present:** Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Chris Dyer (2F03), Mike Benardo (2F06), Jim Richardson (2F02), Jerome Sikorski (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.

**Election of ANC2F Officers** In accordance with DC Code §309.10 and Article IV of the Bylaws of ANC 2F, the following officers were elected to serve until December 31, 2008 and until their successors are elected and qualified to serve:

Chairman- Charles Reed SMD-01  
Vice Chair- Christopher Dyer SMD-03  
Secretary- Jerome Sikorski SMD-05  
Treasurer- Jim Richardson SMD-02

**Vote 5-0 Unanimous**

**Commissioner Announcements-**

Chairman **Reed** announced the District Department of the Environment will be offering free home Radon testing kits and conducting Radon community workshops by request. To receive a free Radon test kit or request a workshop, DC residents should call the DDOE Radon Hotline at 202/535-2302 or visit the DDOE website at [www.ddoe.dc.gov](http://www.ddoe.dc.gov).

**PSA 307 Report – Lt. Mike Smith**

**Smith** reported 3 homicides in ANC2f last month. Currently only one murder is still unsolved with suspect identified. This crime spree seems to be gang related crime; however, crime overall PSA 307 is down 13% from 2006 to 2007.

A homicide took place at 1221 M Street, NW and it appears the victim's common in-law wife committed the crime. Also, a shooting took place behind the Shiloh Baptist church with the victim calling in the crime a day later. **Smith** reported more than likely, the victim lives locally.

**Ed Six** asked about prosecuting certain juveniles as adults. **Smith** indicated that where juveniles commit hard core crimes prosecution under Title 16 may be considered.

Neighborhood crime patterns and information can be found on the web at [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com).

## **Community Announcements**

**Utility Quality of Service Hearings-** Hearings are scheduled (February 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>) before the D.C. Council Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs chaired by Councilmember Mary Cheh. The Council has recognized the need to host a forum for consumers to voice their concerns about the quality of electric, natural gas and telecommunications services in the District. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Aukima Benjamin at 202/724-8062 or via email at [abenjamin@dccouncil.us](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us).

Thursday, February 7, 2008 @ 10:00 AM 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chambers  
Saturday, February 9, 2008 @11:00 AM Room 412

## **Mayor's Office Ward 2 Coordinators**

**Mark Bjorge**, 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."

The apartment building located at 1107 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW has been closed for loss of potable water and will more than likely be condemned. Approximately 20 legal residents have now been relocated in hotels. Resident **Ed Six** asked **Bjorge** if any legal action will be taken against the owner and **Bjorge** said the City is looking into the matter.

The Department of Public Works will collect holiday trees and greenery until January 19. Residents should strip their trees and greenery of all ornaments and tinsel and place these items at the curb. Trees and greenery collected from curbside by January 19 will be mulched. After January 19, the Ft. Totten Trash Transfer Station, 4900 Bates Road, NE, will have facilities to mulch trees until demand has ebbed. Ft. Totten is open to residents weekdays, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 8:00 am - 3:00 p.m. Residents may place their trees with their trash and the collection crews will pick them up as space permits in their trucks. These trees will be taken to the landfill. For more information, contact Councilmember Evans' DPW liaison, [Sean Metcalf](#).

**Ed Six** asked whether the gate erected at 10<sup>th</sup> between L and M is across a public space alley, and is limiting access to the alley for several residences. **Bjorge** will look into the matter.

The relocated bus stop at 14<sup>th</sup> and P still has not been addressed. Resident **Richard Pinnell** presented **Bjorge** with numerous e-mail correspondences dating back to December 2006.

**Bjorge** (and Joseph Martin) can be reached at the Office of Community Relations and Services 202-442-9509 or at [mark.bjorge@dc.gov](mailto:mark.bjorge@dc.gov) or [joseph.martin@dc.gov](mailto:joseph.martin@dc.gov)

## **DDOT Report – Chris Ziemann (DDOT Transportation Planner, Ward 2)**

*15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Reconfiguration Project*, (one way North bound traffic) Draft Final Report will be released soon. In order to reflect the residential character of the neighborhood, DDOT is looking into changes on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to make walking and bicycling safer and more convenient. DDOT is examining the possibility of adding bicycle lanes and converting the

operation to two-way traffic.

The project itself would begin in 2009 at the earliest. **Dyer** asked **Ziemann** at what point this decision will be made regarding this project and should the ANC should make a resolution in support of this project to help DDOT move the project along. This will be discussed at a later date.

*14<sup>th</sup> 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. DDOT will host a 14<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Design & Transportation Study Open House on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Studio Theatre Atrium from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. The Studio Theatre is located at 1501 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

For additional information about either the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Reconfiguration Project or the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Transportation and Streetscape Study, please feel free to contact Chris Ziemann, Project Manager, at [Christopher.Ziemann@dc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Ziemann@dc.gov) or by calling 202/671-2555.

*Q Street, NW-* **Ziemann** was questioned about the terrible temporary surface conditions on Q Street between 14<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. **Ziemann** said he will look into the matter.

*P Street, NW, 1400 Block and Church Street Repaving.* **Ziemann** responded that Metropolis Development Company has been attempting to get a release/waiver from DDOT contract with Ft Myers Construction to mill and repave portions of P Street and Church Street which were damaged during construction. **Ziemann** is trying to get all contractors to meet at the site to coordinate the mill and overlay work.

### **Community Announcements**

The Department of Parks and Recreations recently finalized rules for the creation of neighborhood dog parks. Dog owners of the Logan Circle and Shaw neighborhoods are actively identifying and gathering information about several possible sites for a proposed dog park, and will seek the approval of adjoining ANCs. At that point, a formal application will be made to the DPR to consider one of the sites. Any dog owner interested in participating in this effort should contact **George Kassouf** at [geokassouf@aol.com](mailto:geokassouf@aol.com).

Several sites in or near ANC2F were listed by **Kassouf**:

- Bundy Field
- Kennedy Playfield
- Shaw Recreation field
- Playground (southern corner) Garrison elementary school

The Dog Parks Task Force will attend the Community Development meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for a full discussion.

- 10 Minute Recess -

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Approval of Agenda**

The draft agenda for the meeting was presented for approval. Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Benardo** and after further discussion, the agenda was approved as amended by consent to include, under Community Development Committee the property located at 1316 9th Street, NW, with direction to the Executive Director to post the approved agenda on the ANC2F website.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

### **Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of December 5, 2007**

Minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2007, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Benardo**, and after further discussion, such minutes were adopted with direction to the Executive Director to post the approved minutes on the ANC2F website.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

### **DCEMADHS**

No business

### **DDOT Matters**

No business

### **Crime and Public Safety Matters (Helen Kramer, Chair)**

No business

### **ABRA Matters**

*HR-57 1610 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW- Application (and stipulated license) for retailer "CR" license, sidewalk café, entertainment endorsement.*

Tony Puesan owner HR-57 gave an informative description of the name of his club. HR-57 is a 1987 House Resolution to include jazz as an art form. HR-57 is a longstanding jazz club looking to expand his business by adding a sidewalk café and obtaining an entertainment endorsement. Chairman **Reed** explained the best way to proceed is to get together with **Reed** and **Richardson** to draft a Voluntary Agreement that is appropriate for HR-57 and the community.

**No Action taken at this time**

*El Sauce, 1227 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW – Lt. Smith indicated that the block in which this liquor license applicant operates is a gang member hang-out with several drunks and disorderly conduct incidents. **Reed** asked for particulars on the crime in the block and a protest will be considered given information received.*

## **Community Development Committee (Commissioner Benardo, Chair)**

### *1316 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW- Concept, Massing and Design approval for HPRB*

A presentation was made to the ANC directly by the owner/architect. The proposed application demonstrates Shaw Manor, LLC's intentions for the property located at 1316 9th Street, SE, Washington, DC 20001. It is the applicant's intent to renovate the property's existing structures into assets that contribute to the neighborhood's economic and aesthetic revitalization. In doing so, the proposed concept results in a mixed-use building that is sensitive to the context of the surrounding urban environment and updates the property's structures to today's safety standards.

The property is located in both the Shaw and Blagden Alley Historic Districts and consists of a 2,480 square foot lot area zoned C-2-A. The property contains two structures, a two-story building on 9th Street and a carriage house structure that abuts Naylor Court. Both of these structures are in severely dilapidated condition and contain serious structural damage due to neglect. Both of these structures have been unoccupied for at least five years and show signs of illegal habitation by 'squatters.'

Because of the deteriorated condition of both of the property's structures, the applicant proposes to remove, replace, repair, and construct new portions of the structures on the site. The following is a description of the proposed build out under the two proposed alternatives. These two schemes (Scheme A and Scheme B) were developed after extensive conversations with Historic Preservation and Office of Planning Staff.

#### Both Schemes:

1. Both schemes are intended to be developed 'by-right' with no variances or modifications to the site's zoning requirements (including maximum height, FAR, and lot coverage requirements).
2. Both schemes contain a mix of office, retail, and residential uses with a total gross square footage of 6,200 square feet (2.5 FAR) or less. Currently, both schemes assume 3 residential units, approximately 2,400 gross square feet of retail use, and 1,000 to 1,300 gross square feet of office use.
3. Both schemes propose the renovation of the existing two-story façade along 9th Street with historically appropriate materials.
4. Both schemes maintain the two-story massing along Naylor Court by rebuilding the exiting carriage house structure to today's safety standards using historically appropriate materials.
5. Both schemes incorporate façade setbacks on the upper floors (at both the 9th street and Naylor Court elevations) to minimize the new construction's impact on the existing massing of the street and court.
6. Under the recent amendment to the Zoning Regulations, Section 2120, no additional parking is required for the proposed increase in intensity of use. In addition, the property is located within two blocks of a Metro station, but the applicant may choose to provide some parking for the structure if warranted by occupant demand.

Scheme A uses a four-story massing strategy with the tallest portion of the structure located near the rear of the lot. This allows for the additional structure to be barely visible from 9th street through a large setback on the third floor. Scheme B uses a three-story massing strategy, which reduces the overall height of the structure, but requires the setback of the third story façade to be reduced. Both of these schemes are being considered acceptable alternatives and the applicant desires to maintain the flexibility to pursue either of these two schemes in order to provide an appropriate design during further study of the mechanical, structural, aesthetic, and economic restrictions of this revitalization effort.

In short, both of the proposed schemes allow for the renovation of the existing structure's façade and the preservation of the two-story massing along Naylor Court. They also adopt an overall massing strategy that minimizes the new construction's impact on 9th Street and Naylor Court. As a result of these techniques and the proposed uses that encourages 24-hour activity in and around the property, the proposed schemes will allow for the creation of a mixed-use asset that will contribute to both the economic and aesthetic revitalization of the Shaw neighborhood.

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

**RESOLVED**, That ANC 2F determines that the concept, design and massing of the project at 1316 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW as presented to the meeting is consistent with accepted historical preservation guidelines, and, accordingly, advises the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve the pending application as to concept, design and massing.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

### **New Business**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the dates for the regular monthly meetings of ANC2F for 2008 shall be held on the following dates:

January 9  
February 6  
March 3  
April 2  
May 7  
June 4  
July 2  
August (no meeting)  
September 3  
October 1  
November 5  
December 3,

all such meetings to be held at 7:00 P.M. at Washington Plaza Hotel, Thomas Circle, NW, unless the ANC shall by appropriate action in compliance with the Bylaws change the time and place for such meetings.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

**Treasurer's Report (Jim Richardson, Treasurer)**

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

**RESOLVED**, That ANC 2F approves participation in the Security Fund and hereby authorizes and directs the appropriate officers to execute and deliver the participation agreement, and it was,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the following expenses be and are hereby approved:

Cynthia Cota	\$938.70
Verizon	64.91
DC Treasurer (Nov)	53.75
DC Treasurer (Dec)	53.75
DC DOES	43.68
ANC Security Fund	25.00
Internal Revenue Service	<u>1,001.38</u>
TOTAL	\$2,181.17

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:37 pm on 1/9/08.