

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F**  
REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING  
Wednesday, March 5, 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), Jennifer Trock (2F04)

**Absent:** Jerome Sikorski (2F05)

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

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

**Commissioner Announcements**

**Dyer** announced his shoulder is separated and a rib is fractured due to a skiing accident. Luckily, no surgery is required and **Commissioner Dyer** is on the road to recovery.

**Richardson** announced Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, April 26, 2008. DC residents may safely dispose of hazardous materials and old electronics during this free event at Carter Barron Amphitheatre- 16<sup>th</sup> and Kennedy Streets, NW from 9:00 am to 3 pm.

**Chairman Reed** announced:

A representative from Lima Restaurant, 1401 K Street, NW was present and that, in addition to providing free snacks at the meeting, Lima Restaurant offers one free meal to residents of ANC 2F.

The Vegas Lounge Roll Call hearing before the ABC Board is rescheduled for March 12, 2008.

City Counsel's ANC Questionnaire has been received. If anyone has any comments or questions regarding the questionnaire, contact **Reed** via the ANC e-mail ([ANC2F@starpower.net](mailto:ANC2F@starpower.net)) or feel free to contact **Reed** at his office directly at ([creed@kgrmlaw.com](mailto:creed@kgrmlaw.com)).

SmartBike is a type of automated bicycle rental (or "bike sharing") system developed by Clear Channel Adshel, an international outdoor advertising company. Smartbike is coming to Logan Circle and greater DC in Spring 2008 as part of our bus shelter advertising contract. For more information see [www.ddot.dc.gov/bike](http://www.ddot.dc.gov/bike), or call 202 671 2331.

**PSA 307 Report – LT. Smith**

Crime was down 13% down overall; several officers were pulled off PSA 307 (13 officers currently- 29 authorized) because the crime was down in PSA 307. For crimes committed in the year 2006- Derrick Green was just convicted of armed robbery as an adult. **LT. Smith** reported that the judge this case will give full sentencing.

Before you have become a victim of theft, **LT. Smith** suggested you take make a permanent record of your valuables by taking digital photos and write down the serial numbers of of all your electronic, bicycles, jewelry and any other items that might be taken during a residential break-in. An Open House is held by the MPD, date to be determined, for residents to claim stolen items.

At **1425 M Street, NW** a sex offender was arrested for having sex with a minor. Additionally, at **916 Blagden Alley, NW** a Fetish Club (underground parties, S&M, Whips, etc.) was discovered. This club was underground, although advertised via Internet. No residential complaints had been filed even though there seemed to be an increase in traffic. MPD issued many parking violations to deter the traffic flow. According to the web site the club is DXSRapsure is no longer in business.

According to several Logan Circle residents, Sunday church parking continues to be a problem. **LT. Smith** stated that 16 tickets were issued last Sunday, regarding public safety or a driveway blocked and that church leaders are working with their congregations to increase awareness of the obligation to park legally.

Several MPD handouts were available to attendees of the meeting: Preventing Office Theft; Filing Citizen Complaints against Metropolitan Police Officers and the Complaint Review Process; and Protecting Your Vehicle from Theft and Tampering.

Anyone wishing more information should contact **Lt. Mike Smith** at [Michaela.smith@dc.gov](mailto:Michaela.smith@dc.gov) or (202)673-7401.

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

### **Mayor's Office Ward 2 Coordinators- Abby Petersen and Mark Bjorge**

**Reed** announced that **Joseph Martin** has been transferred to take on Office of Community Relations in his home neighborhood and has been replaced in Logan Circle by **Abby Petersen**. She is a resident of Logan Circle SMD3. Ms. Peterson was welcomed.

**Mark Bjorge** and **Abby Petersen** 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 [abby.petersen@dc.gov](mailto:abby.petersen@dc.gov)

Resident, Cheryl K. Barnes asked a question about the timing of the lights on Logan Circle; "they just don't give you enough time to cross the street."

1318 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW construction of a commercial building- **Richardson** asked about the construction permits because they are still blocking four parking spaces on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

It was the sense of the ANC that the Mayor's office be informed of the Mr. Martin's outstanding service to the ANC 2F residents.

**DDOT Report – Chris Ziemann (DDOT Transportation Planner, Ward 2)**  
([Christopher.Ziemann@dc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Ziemann@dc.gov) or at 202/671-2555)

No Report

**Community Announcements**

Source Theater is in renovations and will reopen in June 2008 with a 150 seat black box theater, upgraded speakers, restrooms, handicap accessibility, and rehearsal studios for resident artists. Programming will continue toward innovated small emerging arts groups and affordable art space. The Source Festival will be in June and run for 3 weeks. The preservation of this property will maintain the neighborhood's historic character and enhance the arts scene along 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Nadine Gabai-Botero, Cultural Development Corporation, can be reached at 202/315-1309 or [Nadine@Culturaldc.org](mailto:Nadine@Culturaldc.org) for more information.

**Brian Vargas** announced the Logan Circle Community Association's next meeting will be March, 12 @ 7 PM, Washington Plaza Hotel.

- 10 Minute Recess -

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Approval of Agenda**

Additions:

Under ABRA

Lima Restaurant approval of sidewalk café-

VA HR57 Entertainment endorsement to liquor license

Under DDOT

AYT- Body shop 14<sup>th</sup> Street seeking to provide for auto mechanic training

Under New Business

ANC Appreciation letter- Joe Martin

Under Treasurers Report

Investigate ANC savings account

Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Dyer** and after further discussion, the agenda was approved as amended, and a copy directed to be filed with the minutes and posted on the ANC2F website.

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

**Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of February 6, 2008**

Minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2008, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Benardo**, and after further discussion, in which a typographical error was noted and corrected, the minutes were approved as corrected with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC2F website.

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

## **DDOT**

Mr. Harman, owner, Auto Training Center on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW is seeking to provide for auto mechanic training within his auto shop. Harman stated he was just doing business in the community and is looking to be a good business neighbor in the Logan Circle community. AYT Institute will provide the on-site auto repair training. **Reed** offered ANC help in advising the City to grant AYT's pending application for a grant to finance the center.

## **Crime and Public Safety Matters**

No report; a Crime and Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled during the following week.

## **DCEMADHS**

**Julie Hanson** presented a request for street closing for the Komen Race for the Cure that will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 8:00 AM -10:30 PM. **Hanson** stated that the request complies with the published street closing policy of this ANC and that she had made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Hanson** can be reached at 703/307-2734 or at [jewelhanson@msn.com](mailto:jewelhanson@msn.com) for more information.

**Julie Hanson** presented a request for street closing for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Walk which will be held on, Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 6:45 PM- 9:00 PM. **Hanson** 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. **Hanson** can be reached at 703/960-1100 or [www.lightthenight.org](http://www.lightthenight.org) for more information.

**Bret Schmidt** presented a request for street closing for the Marine Corps that will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 8:00 AM -1:15 PM. **Schmidt** stated that the request complies with the published street closing policy of this ANC and that she had made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Schmidt** can be reached at 703/432-1160 or [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) for more information.

**Betty Sayler** presented a request for street closing for the Diabetes Research Foundation Walkathon will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 10:00 AM -2:00 AM. **Sayler** 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. **Sayler** can be reached at [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org) for more information.

**Mike Benardo** (for Stephanie Casper) presented a request for street closing for the American Association of Diabetes Educators 5 K which will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 5:00 AM- 7:00 AM. For more information please contact Stephanie Casper at 617.965.6811 or email at : [scasper@tracs.net](mailto:scasper@tracs.net).

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

**RESOLVED**, That upon review of the street closing applications pending before

the D.C. Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security (“EMADHS”) and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise to grant such applications which are pending before EMADHS relating to: The Komen Race for the Cure that will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 8:00 AM -10:30 PM; Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Walk which will be held on, Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 6:45 PM- 9:00 PM; Marine Corps that will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 8:00 AM -1:15 PM; Diabetes Research Foundation Walkathon will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 AM; and American Association of Diabetes Educators 5 K which will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 5:00 AM- 7:00 AM.

**Vote: (4-0-1) Benardo abstaining**

### **ABRA Matters**

*Lima Restaurant & Lounge Sidewalk Café’ 1401 K Street, NW*

**Arman Amirshahi**, Operations Manager, asked the ANC to reaffirm the advice previously given to DDOT to approve a sidewalk café, due to a mistake made at DDOT concerning the hours of operation.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the ANC2F advise DDOT to approve the application as presented to the meeting for an outdoor café for Lima Restaurant, 1401 K Street, NW, with hours consistent with the hours of operation of the restaurant itself.

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

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

A redrafted version of a proposed Voluntary Agreement previously presented by **Jerome Sikorski** was presented to the meeting by **Reed**. **Dyer** wanted the record to show that this is a solid Voluntary Agreement. A suggestion was made that Item #6 of the VA should address limitations on the time for dumpster activity. No action was taken on the agreement in light of the absence of Commissioner **Sikorski**.

*Ollie’s Trolley- Confirmation of Voluntary Agreement*

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

**RESOLVED**, That the ANC 2F authorize the execution and reconfirmation of the Voluntary Agreement previously authorized by this Commission; and that the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) be advised of such reconfirmation that Commission’s pending protest be withdrawn subject to acceptance of the Voluntary Agreement by the ABC Board and applicant’s continued compliance with the Agreement.

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

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

**Reed** presented an Amended and Restated Voluntary Agreement for consideration by the Commission. **Reed** stated that no one who lives near this establishment has voiced complaints regarding this establishment, and that **Reed** contacted a number of residents to solicit their views. All favored the terms of the Agreement.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the ANC 2F authorize the execution of the Voluntary Agreement as presented to this meeting and that such Agreement be delivered to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board ("ABC Board") with the request that the pending protest be withdrawn subject to acceptance of the Voluntary Agreement by the ABC Board and applicant's continued compliance with the Agreement and protest be dropped by ANC2F.

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

*Veranda Restaurant, 1100 P Street, NW- Voluntary Agreement Violation*

**David Berger**, 1426 11th Street (the condo building next to the Veranda), spoke about the Veranda Restaurant exhaust noise and fumes from the grease fan, which disturbs him and which, despite repeated attempts at informal resolution, continues to pose a problem. **Benardo** pointed out that Section 18 of the voluntary agreement with Veranda states that the "[a]pplicant agrees to install a grease-catching or grease-filtering hood over its cooking area and to vent kitchen exhaust through an existing chimney that exits the building on the rear roof. All parties agree that the result of these arrangements should produce no noticeable odors, including odors detectable from elevated decks or rear patio areas. Parties agree to assess the effectiveness of these arrangements, and if not sufficiently effective, Applicant will promptly consider further measures, such as cleaning its interior grease traps more regularly, increasing the height of the exhaust or improving the interior filtration system."

It appeared to the Commission that Veranda is in default of its obligations under the Agreement, and that Veranda's owner, Aleks Duni, who was invited to attend the meeting but was not present, should be so informed.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the ANC2F give notice to Veranda Restaurant of its breach of the Voluntary Agreement, and demand compliance within 10 days failing which the Commission consider taking action with the ABC Board..

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

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

No report

**New Business**

**Reed** noted that the DC City Council legislative oversight hearings of ANC Operations will take place on March 11, 2008.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Chairman and Treasurer of this Commission be and are hereby authorized and directed to testify at the oversight hearing.

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

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

Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Reed** and after further discussion, the following expenses were approved;

Cynthia Cota	\$938.70
Verizon	68.98
DC Treasurer (Feb)	54.00
Web.com	Not to exceed \$170.00
RCN Web Host	Not to exceed \$450.00

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

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to move excess funds (\$10,000) into an interest bearing account in accordance with any applicable requirements of the DC Auditor

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:05 pm.