

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC
MEETING Wednesday, June 4, 2008 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Chris Dyer (2F03), Mike Benardo (2F06),
Absent: Jennifer Trock (2F04)

COMMUNITY FORUM

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

Commissioner Announcements

Dyer stated he did research with **Abby Petersen's** help with the no parking on L Street between K Street 14th and 13th K Street, NW., concluding that prostitution is still a problem on the 1400 block of K and 1300 block of L Street, NW. Consequently, while sympathetic to the request of Ollie's Trolley to remove no parking signs, he will support the MPD recommendation that the signs need to remain.

Reed will conduct a meeting with DC City Council member **Phil Mendelson** regarding proposed legislation to make clear that ANCs may allocute at sentencing of persons whose crimes affect the ANC in question.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Smith

Officer M.J. Caron announced there has been a spike in violence in area 5D over craps games. Officer **Caron** asked that persons with knowledge of any crap games in progress to telephone the police. **Benardo** asked about police activity at the Shiloh Baptist Church June 3. **Caron** had no information at this time.

Mike Brady, a new resident to the Logan Circle area, indicated he had difficulty getting home due to high security around the Convention Center. **Caron** assured him that all he need to do was to just show ID with an address confirming he lived in the neighborhood.

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

Abby Petersen detailed some of the services the Mayor's Office provides for the residents. The dumpster at 14th and P Street NW, Ft Richardson as it has affectionately been known, is a dumpster enclosed by fence but no lock. Petersen announced there is a lock on the fence and Department of Public works is giving out tickets for unlocked dumpsters. **Lynn Munson** stated at the May meeting that a fence has been put up on public property at 1128-1132 10th Street, NW and the owners have been unresponsive to complaints. **Petersen** said the gate is now unlocked and open for pedestrian use.

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 or abby.petersen@dc.gov

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

15th Street Reconfiguration Public Meeting Open House will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at the 15th Street Presbyterian Church (15th and R) from 6-8 PM

Reed asked **Ziemann** about the repaving of Kingman Street P/Q one block to the east of 14th Street. **Reed** stated Kingman is in bad shape and the residents are seeking to have that repaved and repaired. However, DDOT is currently doing patch work. So the question is “why not repair the street and get the street in shape?” **Ziemann** said it is likely that DDOT is doing the utility work.

Brian Vargas stated that the SmartBike kiosk is not finished on Rhode Island. **Ziemann** said these things take time and DDOT is in the process of completing the work.

Community Announcements

Joseph Freeman, Director of Operations of **Emmaus Home Health Services** to announce the recent acquisition of Tending Loving Care, 1212 New York Ave, NW Suite 310 by his organization.

Brain Vargas announced the Logan Circle Community Association annual picnic will be Sunday June 8th at the Hotel Helix, 1430 Rhode Island Avenue from 4- 7 PM.

Steve Callcott, Historic Preservation Review Board, gave a description and history of the HPRB, in addition to the types of services it provides. Washington’s local government has recognized the importance of historic preservation for decades, offering advice to property owners, helping balance the need for new buildings with an appreciation for the value of historic ones, and providing official designations and guidelines that help to ensure that the community maintains important properties. Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the State Historic Preservation Office is responsible for administering a certified historic preservation program in the District of Columbia. The purpose of the program is to encourage the preservation of the District’s historic and archaeological resources.

Tarek Bolden, Office of Planning, presented the community with fliers announcing the Shaw/Logan Circle 2nd NIF (Neighborhood Investment Fund) to be held on Thursday, June 12th at the Shaw Junior High School, 925 Rhode Island Ave, NW from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information contact the Office of Planning at 202/442-7600 or www.planning.dc.gov. **Tarek** also described the Neighborhood Grants Program (NGP). The program provides matching grant funds to assist community organizations in strengthening the social network of their community within the 12 NIF target areas. The follow types of grants are available:

- *Small & Simple:* applicants may request \$500 - \$15,000 in NGP funds and must complete the proposed project within 6 months of executing a grant agreement with the District.
- *Large Projects:* applicants may request \$15,001 - \$75,000 in NGP funds and must complete the proposed project within 12 months of executing a grant agreement with the District.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Benardo** and after further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following amendments and a copy directed to be filed with the minutes and posted on the ANC2F website:

Remove under: ABRA CulinAerie Stipulated license

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of April 2, 2008

Minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2008, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Benardo**, and after further discussion, the minutes were approved with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC2F website.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Crime and Public Safety Matters

ANC2F Crime and Public Safety Committee Report (Helen Kramer, Chair) - No report

ABRA Matters

Tuscan West 1350 I St., NW Class C #19970-Substantial change
Geisha 727 15th St., NW, Class C #13991- Substantial change

No action proposed.

Vegas Lounge – 1415 P St NW Class CN 01 #1273 Voluntary Agreement.

Reed reported that he and- Cooper Lewis Condo president **Pinnell** met with Vegas owners to negotiate a VA, and anticipates that agreement will be reached and a form of agreement presented at the July meeting for approval. A status hearing before ABRA is scheduled for July 9.

Izalco, 1228 11th St., NW, Class CR 01 #25144 - Voluntary Agreement.

A form of Voluntary Agreement negotiated with the Licensee by **Reed** (who undertook to complete negotiations commenced by former Commissioner **Sikorski** was presented for approval.

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

RESOLVED, That the Amended and Restated Voluntary Agreement presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved; that the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) be and is hereby advised to accept and approve the same; and that, subject to acceptance of the agreement by the ABC Board and applicant’s continued compliance with the Agreement, and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED. That pending consideration by the ABC Board of the Amended and Restated Voluntary Agreement, this ANC2F protest any application for renewal or substantial change in operations, which protest will be automatically withdrawn *ab initio* upon acceptance by the ABC Board of such agreement, such protest being based on the determination by ANC2F that the applicant is in violation of its obligation not to breach the peace, order and quiet.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Proposed single sale ban. **Reed** stated that he had informed Councilmember Jack Evans that ANC2F would likely support the pending legislation to impose a single sale ban throughout ANC2F. **Dyer** stated his view that to the extent such ban conflicted with existing voluntary agreements entered into by the this ANC, he would not favor such a ban. **Reed** indicated that the matter would be placed on the July Agenda of the ANC for formal action.

Community Development Committee Matters

1435 Q Street, NW (rear addition to a row house) Owners: Feltman/Draper

This house currently has a non-contextual, brick rear addition, which will be removed to construct a more attractive and functional addition. The new addition will be visible only from the alley and will add five feet to the building. Notwithstanding, the project will conform to lot and zoning limits. A garden, stone wall and a paved parking area will be added to the property. No changes will be made to the front of the house. All building materials will be consistent with the original house and HPRB guidelines. The CDC determined that the project as presented to its meeting is compatible with historic principles and guidelines, and unanimously recommends approval of design, concept and massing.

Garage in Blagden Alley behind 1215 10th Street - Design, Concept and Massing

Proposed design to add a second floor to the existing building, and a roof deck. After renovations are complete, it will be used by a graphic design company for owner’s offices. The CDC Committee and residents of Blagden Alley last month rejected the then proposal to use cement board and other materials on the façade that were not historically accurate. The applicant resubmitted the project with a changed design to meet the objections. The second presentation shows an all brick facade with changed windows. An open air passage has been added to keep building integrity; smooth hardy board is proposed to be used on the side elevations where appropriate. Nelson Architects have met with the Blagden Alley/Naylor Court Association but

not Logan Circle Community Association. All community concerns from last month's CDC meeting have been addressed. The CDC determined that the redesigned project as presented to its meeting is compatible with historic principles and guidelines, and unanimously recommends approval of design, concept and massing.

Marriott Marquis/Old Convention Center Headquarters Hotel - Design, Concept and Massing; Zoning Change to Planned Unit Development.

At the end of April 2008, Marriott International, Inc. filed an application with the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for approval of the hotel's conceptual design. The HPRB has indicated that they are ready to move forth with consideration of the application and Marriott seeking ANC 2F's approval of design, concept and massing.

In addition, Marriott has filed an application with the Zoning Commission for a planned unit development (PUD) that will accommodate the development and construction. Input and support from ANC 2F is also needed for this process.

The hotel will be located at 9th and Massachusetts Avenue and fully incorporates the historic Plumber's Union Building by making it boutique hotel rooms. The Hotel will have between 1,125 and 1,150 guest rooms, with two levels of underground parking, three street level restaurants, food vendors and a fitness center inside the hotel. A preliminary traffic study was conducted at the request of DDOT. The hotel will be Silver Leeds Certification. The LEED rating system offers four certification levels for new construction -- Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum -- that correspond to the number of credits accrued in five green design categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality. Truck traffic will be minimized by connecting to the underground delivery docks of the Convention Center. All major deliveries will be made through this connection underground.

Comments from the CDC and the community related to the linear nature of the glass building and a suggestion that the secondary entrance to the hotel be closer to the corner of 9th and L Streets (instead of in the middle of the block) to encourage guests to use the traffic light and crosswalk instead of crossing 9th Street in the middle of the block. Ninth Street is the gateway to the Shaw community, and the local residents would like to see this project succeed as a shopping destination for residents, as well as visitors to Washington, DC; the street level vendors and shops needs to be successful.

The CDC determined that the project as presented to the meeting is compatible with historic principles and guidelines and unanimously recommended approval of the design, concept and massing for HPRB purposes; the CDC further recommends the zoning change to PUD.

Veranda Restaurant - 11th and P Streets, NW

The owner is seeking ANC support for a Public Space Permit for outside seating of five tables. A previous application was rejected by DDOT because seating was within 15 feet of a

bus stop shelter. Also, the current patio is raised to the level of the doors and HPRB felt it should be at the sidewalk level. Therefore, the application provides for removing and replacing with flagstone or brick at sidewalk grade. Flower boxes will be placed along the edge as an attractive barrier between the patio and the sidewalk. The current three trees will remain.

Currently public parking is taking place on a concrete slab at the rear of the property off of the adjacent alley. No parking permits have been issued for this activity and parking on public space in a historic district is not allowed. Therefore, it was suggested that the owner take some sort of action to deter parking on the current concrete slab.

934 N Street Special Exception (BZA case no. 17770)

The property owner seeks a special exception pursuant to Section 3104.1 of the zoning regulations to provide off-street parking on a property. The CDC previously reviewed this application in January 2008 (and the full ANC advised the BZA to grant the special exception at its February 2008 meeting. At the suggestion of Office of Planning, the applicant has amended its application to rely upon subsections 2116.5-2116.9 of the zoning regulations, rather than Subsection 214. The CDC unanimously recommends approval of the amended application for special exception

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

RESOLVED, That the unanimous recommendations of the Community Development Committee as set forth above be and are hereby approved, and that the appropriate agencies of the District of Columbia be advised to approve the respective pending applications referred to above.

Vote: (2-1) (Reed dissenting as to approval of Veranda while it remains in violation of its Voluntary agreement with this ANC).

New Business

Ambulance Fee Increase – **Reed** announced that the City Council has already acted on the proposal, to increase city ambulance fees. No action was proposed by the ANC.

Zip Car - **Elise Perez**, Zip Car manager attended the meeting. She stated that based upon the ANC's complaints about the 14th and Corcoran Streets, Zip Car parking lot, the company is seeking to address the problem. She requested further advice on the nature of the objections. **Reed** stated that the lot is an eye sore, and that the company is in violation of its undertake to apply screening landscaping so that the nature of the lot was not visible from the street. Ms. Perez asked for recommendations; **Reed** indicated that it was the obligation of Zip Car to address the problem, and he suggested the company to contact a landscape for direction on this project. **Reed** asked whether Zip Car would relinquish the street parking spaces it hold adjacent to the John Wesley Church at the same corner, in light of the Church's parking problems on Sundays. Ms. Perez stated that this would not be possible, and she had so indicated to Reverend Shannon of that Church. As to the landscape problem, **Perez** stated she will get back to **Reed** before the July ANC meeting.

Morrison Clark Inn.

Reed indicated that the BZA at its hearing held May 27, 2008 rejected the motion for reconsideration of the approval of the exceptions previously granted to this applicant. **Reed** stated that he believes the BZA erred further in its determination, having failed to address all the points of error set forth in the motion, and basing its decision in part on inappropriate requirements imposed on the ANC.

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

RESOLVED, That the denial of ANC2F motion for reconsideration and the approval of the pending special exceptions with respect to the Morrison Clark Hotel be further opposed by ANC2F, and that the appropriate officers of this Commission be and are hereby authorized and directed to file a further motion for reconsideration of the actions taken by the BZA at its May 27 hearing.

Vote (3-0) Unanimous

Appointment of Dustin Cole ANC2F-05 Delegate

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F having a temporary vacancy for SMD 2F-05, hereby in accordance with Section 5(c) of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of ANC2F, appoints Dustin Cole to be a Delegate representing SMD 2F-05; and that said Delegate shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified.

Vote (3-0) Unanimous

Parks and Recreation vacant Pool Removal- 11th and S Street, NW

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F having determined that the unused pool at 11th and R Streets, NW poses safety hazards to the community, advise the Department of Parks and Recreation to remove the pool.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Trock, Treasurer)

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

Cynthia Cota	\$938.70
Verizon	64.79
DC Treasurer	54.00

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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