

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC
MEETING Wednesday, October 1, 2008 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Chris Dyer (2F03), Mike Benardo (2F06) Dustin Cole (2F05), Monica Schneider (2F02), 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

Chairman Reed announced that, shortly before the public meeting, the ANC had welcomed a delegation of community leaders from several Latin American countries at the behest of the U.S. Department of State. The ANC presented a discussion as to the history, purpose and operations of the ANC system in Washington. Members of the delegation were present for the meeting and were introduced.

Lt. Michael Smith Retirement from MPD. Please join the Logan Circle community and LCCA as we celebrate Lt. Michael A. Smith's retirement and honor his many years of service to the Logan Circle community and to the District of Columbia. For the few of you who don't know him (or have his cell phone on your speed dial), Mike is a 27-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department. He is virtually unparalleled as a tireless, effective and dedicated officer. As former Chief Ramsey said of him in testimony before the D.C. City Council, "If I had 10 more like him, I wouldn't need to increase the size of the MPD."

We in this community have seen him in action. He makes every ANC and LCCA meeting, including the committee meetings of the Crime and Safety Committee of our ANC. He is the first man at any community action event, like clearing graffiti, handing out flyers, or policing the streets. He is a dogged police officer, constantly making arrests and responding without regard to whether he is on or off duty when there are emergencies in his PSA, and often uses his personal funds to get needed equipment that MPD's budget will not cover.

While we are distressed to see Lt. Smith leave, we look forward to honoring him and celebrating the next phase of his life on November 8, 2008 8:00 PM at the Ronald Reagan Building Ballroom. The cost is \$35.00 per person and a government ID is required. Cost has been kept to a minimum so as many people as possible can join us in the celebration. We are also soliciting donations in excess of \$35/person to help defray costs and to provide Mike with a nice gift and honorarium befitting his years of service and dedication to the community. All money raised for this event will go towards the actual costs for the event and towards the gift/honorarium, so we encourage you to be generous. If you would like to attend but are unable to pay the \$35, please contact jennifer.trock@logancircle.org to discuss possible arrangements.

LCCA is also compiling old photos, videos, and memories of Lt. Smith for the event, and for Lt. Smith to take with him as he heads off to the Sunshine State. If you have anything you would

like to share, please send an email to Jennifer Trock at jennifer.trock@logancircle.org or Colleen Riley-Smith.

LCCA October Meeting - Candidates Forum Wednesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Washington Plaza Hotel. Please join the Logan Circle Community Association for its October meeting and candidates forum on October 15, 2008 from 7-10 p.m. at the Washington Plaza Hotel. LCCA will host candidates for At-Large and Ward council positions, as well as ANC2F candidates. Candidates who have already confirmed include Ward 2 Candidates Jack Evans and Christina Culver, At-Large Candidates Carol Schwartz, Patrick Mara, Kwame Brown, and David Schwartzman, and nearly all of the ANC2F candidates. LCCA is very excited over this event and hopeful for a great turnout. The format will allow each candidate to provide an opening statement followed by a question and answer period. To ensure we are as efficient as possible, we are encouraging you to email us questions in advance.

Commissioner Dyer noted that crime statistics in the Logan Circle neighborhood have decreased overall in the past year, and violent crime has decreased 44 %. However, car crime is still a problem in Logan Circle. See www.crimemap.DC.gov for more information about crime in the Logan Circle area.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Mike Smith

In likely his last report, Lt. Smith reiterated that robberies and violent crimes are down sharply; but that thief from auto is up 267% from this time last year. He urged residents not to keep valuables in their cars.

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

A temporary dog park will be up and running in Shaw in approximately 6 weeks. The old dog park is being repaired.

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

Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans

Jack Evans addressed the meeting. He stated that despite budget problems in neighboring jurisdictions, the City's finances are sound; however in light of the growing national financial crisis and likely turndown, there will be some cut backs or delays in secondary services. The District's \$300 million in new initiatives are expected to be continued, but at a prudent pace and with quarter by quarter reassessment of the financial climate. If a shortfall develops due to the worsening economy, the Mayor is planning not to cut primary service jobs, but to either raise taxes or not fill secondary vacant positions. Councilman Evans also stated that Logan Circle currently has the greatest amount of development in the City, and all its major projects appear to be sound.

Nicole Ennix from **Councilman Kwame Brown's** office attended the meeting and was welcomed by **Chairman Reed**. **Ennix** can be reached at nennix@dccouncil.us.

Community Announcements

Helen Kramer noted that Ed Six and Lynn Munson, who have recently moved, contributed significantly to the work of the Crime and Safety Committee, and recommended that the ANC formally recognize their valuable service to the community.

DDOT

Christopher Ziemann reported that the final report on the 14th Street Transportation and Streetscape study can be viewed at www.14thstreetstudy.com. He states that the plan is still flexible and projects a 5 to 10-year window for its implementation.

15th Street- DDOT received a lot of request for bike lanes and two-way traffic. DDOT is still reviewing alternatives.

11th Street- street improvement construction was to start last Monday, but will start by the end of the calendar year

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Trock**, seconded by **Reed** 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:

Add under ABRA:

New license H & 15th LLC- Italian Kitchen 1426 H Street, NW #79720

Add Under New Business:

Resolution regarding Ed Six and Lynn Munson

Delete Under New Business:

Illegal construction on 1444 Q Street

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded by **Dyer**, and after further discussion, the agenda was unanimously approved as revised.

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of September 3, 2008

Minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2008, were presented for approval.

Upon motion by **Dyer** seconded by **Schneider**, and after further discussion, the minutes were approved with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC2F website.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

DCEMADHS/Street Closures

Elizabeth Saylor presented a request for street closing for the Fannie Mae- Help the Homeless Walkathon, will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 8:30 AM -12:00 PM. **Saylor** 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. **Saylor** can be reached at betty_saylor@hotmail.com for more information.

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing applications of Fannie Mae-Help the Homeless Walkathon, Saturday November 22, 2008, 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 application.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

ABRA

New license H & 15th LLC- Italian Kitchen 1426 H Street, NW #79720

No motion

DDOT

Studio Theater- Pole Banners- Public Space Renewal

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

RESOLVED, That the ANC2F advise DDOT to grant the pending application of The Studio Theater for a public space permit to hang five season and five show banners on designated lamp posts (located on 14th Street, NW between P and Q Streets and P Street, NW between Kingman Place and 15th Street) in the Logan Circle neighborhood from November 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009, with the condition that The Studio Theater routinely inspect and maintain the banners in good condition.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Community Development Committee Matters

Logan Circle Neighborhood Investment Fund

Emily Yates, Ward 2 Planner, presented the Logan Circle Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF) to the Community Development Committee. The NIF is an annual, non-lapsing, revolving fund to finance economic development and neighborhood revitalization in 12 target

neighborhoods. The NIF is funded through an annual appropriation of 17 percent of a personal property tax, not to exceed \$10 million.

One of the requirements of the enabling legislation, the Neighborhood Investment Act of 2004, is for the Mayor to develop NIF Investment Plans for each of the target area using input from community stakeholders including the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, residents, business owners, faith community, not for profit organizations, among other groups. The purpose of the Investment Plan is to set community priorities for how the NIF funds should be utilized in the target area over a five year period.

Even though the official comment period is closed, the DC Office of Planning will still accept public comments regarding the Logan Circle NIF. www.planning.dc.gov

Tarek Bolden presented the NIF to the full ANC. He can be reached at tarek.bolden@dc.gov for more information.

4 Logan Circle, NW

Architect Patrick Brown requested ANC support for the project at 4 Logan Circle, NW, which has pending before DDOT an application for curb cut and variance for the driveway off Kingman Place, behind the projects. The application and variance is necessitated by the 60 ft requirement between a driveway and an intersection. The driveway will be 29 feet from the intersection of P Street, NW and Kingman Street, NW.

Previously, the Applicant appeared before ANC 2F's Community Development Committee and the full ANC to discuss the concept, design and massing; BZA variances; and HPRB matters of the same project, all of which resulted in favorable support from the ANC. .

The DDOT hearing for public space is schedule for October 23, 2008. Recent concern about retaining wall being in public space has been corrected. A total net gain of two parking spots will be achieved (lose one public space and gain three private spaces). **Reed** in whose SMD the project is located indicated that the residents most affected by the request have asked that the ANC act favorably on the additional request.

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

RESOLVED, That the ANC2F send a letter to advise DDOT to grant the waiver in support of the Public Space Application and variance from the 60 ft provision.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

New Business

Ed Six and Lynn Munson

Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Dyer**, and after further discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Ed Six and his wife, Lynn Munson, have been until recently, residents of the Logan Circle area and constituents of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F; and

Whereas, the couple was actively involved in bettering the community by generously devoting their time and energies in many projects needed within the community, and most specifically in undertaking to work selflessly on reducing crime and improving safety within the community; and

Whereas, both served on the Crime and Public Safety Committee of ANC2F, and were active in the Logan Circle Community Association on matters related to improving peace, order, and safety of the area, achieving a number of important goals relating to derelict and illegal properties, providing testimony on needed city legislation and initiatives, and acting to assure public awareness of issues affecting crime and public safety;

Now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F on behalf of the community which Ed Six and Lynn Munson leave behind as a much improved place as a result of their public spirited donation of their time and talents, hereby expresses the gratitude of their fellow committee members of the ANC2F Crime and Public Safety Commission, and of the Commissioners of this Commission, and of the community at large; and, it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Ed Six and Lynn Munson carry with them our best wishes and a warm farewell, and commend them to their new community which will now gain two committed and energetic new citizens who will work for the public good. .

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Horizon House- housing facility 12th and Massachusetts Ave, NW

Commissioner Cole brought to the attention of the Commission the deplorable, unsafe and unhealthy state of Horizon House, a City owned elderly housing facility within his SMD. Upon motion by **Dyer**, seconded by **Cole**, and after further discussion, it was:

RESOLVED, That ANC2 formally request the District of Columbia Housing Authority to provide information as to conditions, budget and management of Horizon House, 12th and Massachusetts Ave., NW, so as to enable this Commission to exercise its statutory functions under §1-309 of the District of Columbia Code, with the view of improving conditions for the residents of that facility, and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Commission Dustin Cole, ANC 2F-05, be and is hereby authorized and directed to report to this Commission at its November 2008 public meeting, or at a public meeting as soon thereafter as feasible on recommendations for actions in the public interest regarding this facility, it being anticipated that a representative of DCHA will be requested to appear before this

Commission at the same time.

Vote (5-0)

Treasurer's Report (Dustin Cole, Treasurer)

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

Cynthia Cota	\$938.70
Verizon	66.72
DC Treasurer	54.00
DOES	54.00
Washington Plaza Hotel	290.40

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:51pm.