

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC
MEETING Wednesday, November 5, 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

Commissioner **Dyer** congratulated **Brian Vargas** for winning SMD03 seat.

Commissioner **Trock** congratulated **Matt Raymond** for winning SMD04 seat. **Trock** also stated it was honor serving as an ANC commissioner in the Logan Circle community.

Reed reminded the community about Lt. Smith's retirement party and the party is designed to be a community thank you! The residents of Logan Circle are going to miss Lt. Smith and his dedication to making Logan Circle a safer place to live. Another reminder went out to please join the Logan Circle community and LCCA as they 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."

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.

Please join LCCA on November 20, 2008 for their annual awards dinner and potluck. This year LCCA will be honoring long-time Board member and friend, Eric Korpon, who is stepping down from the Board after many years of tireless service. Please bring a dish to share. The dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Contact Jennifer Trock at (202) 248-3509 for more information about this event.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Charlie Houser

Lt. Hauser will take Smith's place, but he too is retiring at some point. Houser introduced himself and complimented Lt. Smith on all his great work. Hauser stated that robberies are up, but auto thief is down. Try and be safe, walk in groups if possible and walk in well lit areas. Lt. Hauser can be reached at 202-423-8091 or by email at charles.houser@dc.gov

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

On Wednesday, November 5, 2008, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Clark E. Ray, Director of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation hosted a "leash-cutting" ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Shaw Dog Park, the District's first off-leash public dog park, located at the Shaw Recreation Center field, on the east side of the 1600 block of 11th Street, NW (between Q and R Streets). The public is invited to attend, with or without dogs.

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

Christopher Ziemann reported that 11th Street between L and O street improvement construction was to start last Monday, but will start by the end of the calendar year. DDOT is hosting a meeting regarding this project on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 6 PM at 926 11th Street, NW. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will provide the public with an update on a roadway construction project along 11th Street from L Street NW to O Street NW. The meeting will be held at the Asbury United Methodist Church, located at 926 Eleventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. The improvements in this area include roadway reconstruction, sidewalks, street lighting, intersection and signal improvements, enhancements to traffic operations, pedestrian amenities, and safety improvements. Thursday's briefing with residents and businesses in the area will provide an update on construction timing, phasing, and traffic management, as well as DDOT's plans for coordinating with utilities and private developments in the area. Information will continue to be distributed throughout the construction of this project. For more information please contact the construction manager, Mr. Osman Mohamed

15th Street Analysis Update and Final Short-term Alternative:

The 15th Street project between Massachusetts Avenue and Florida Avenue is to assess the feasibility and impacts of reducing the number of lanes, installing bike lanes, and two-way operations. DDOT has examined the comments from the public meeting held in June and from community emails, and has developed a fifth hybrid alternative. Public comment period will remain open until December 19, 2008. **Dyer** suggested this project be placed on the November CDC agenda for December ANC agenda.

Community Announcements

Allison Prince of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman law firm and Patrick Burkhart of Shalom Baranes Associates presented the new plans for the Whitman-Walker building. In June, the Whitman-Walker announced plans to sell its property located at 1407 S Street, NW to developer JBG. JBG plans to preserve the historic structure while constructing a seven-story building with ground level retail and six floors of condos above and next to the current structure. JBG is seeking a variance and several special exceptions to allow increased lot occupancy on the second and third floors, a reduced rear setback on the seventh floor, additional height for mechanics, and 15 fewer parking spaces than zoning requires. In addition, the developer is seeks relief from the Arts Overlay that would permit a restaurant on the first floor retail. The Board of Zoning Adjustment is scheduled to review this project on December 2, 2008.

The Shaw Dog Park opened and George Kassouf has played a major key in getting this park open. The 15,000 square foot dog park, which will allow dogs to run off leash behind fences, includes a separate dog run for smaller dogs under 25 pounds. Bag dispensers for collection of dog waste and trash receptacles are on site. This facility would not have become a reality without the personal involvement of Mayor Fenty, Councilmember Jack Evans, Clark E. Ray, Director of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, and George Kassouf founder of Dog Owners of Greater Shaw.

- 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 DDOT Public Space:

The Park Restaurant 920 14th Street, NW outside patio in rear with a bar

Add under DCRA

Illegal construction on 1400 Block of Q Street, NW

Remove alley Church – to be put on December agenda

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

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of October 1, 2008

Minutes of the meeting of October 1, 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: (6-0) Unanimous

DCRA

1440 Q Street, NW – Interior construction is being conducted without appropriate permits. Possible conversion from single family to multifamily or to a single family dwelling with 14 proposed dwelling units; however, it is unclear at this time what is really going on in this unit.

Joan Ferraris and **Lou Cipro** have contacted DCRA, and they have inspected the dwelling twice, but it seems that the building permit is inconsistent with the construction project. This could be a possible oversight with DCRA and it needs further investigation.

Upon motion by **Dyer** seconded by **Trock**, and after further discussion ANC2F advise DCRA that illegal construction is being conducted at 1440 Q Street, NW and has been overlooked by DCRA present ANC2F with notification and review of the permits, drawings and plans.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

DDOT

Public Space -The Park Restaurant 920 14th Street, NW Outside Rear Patio Bar

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

RESOLVED, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F (“ANC”) advises DDOT to grant the application of The Park Restaurant for a public space permit to install a bar and a rear patio, the ANC having determined that there are no residential tenancies near the proposed location and that the operation of the bar would not disturb the peace, order, or quiet of surrounding building occupants.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

ABRA

The New bill which would allow concurrent CR and B licenses (**Andrew Kline**) to buy wine and take it home with you “off premise”

No action at this time

Three liquor store owners attended the meeting to gather more information about the liquor license policy emergency ban:

Amare Lucas, owner of, Best-In Liquors located at 1420 P St, NW 202-232-9130
Yemane Meresie, owner, Sav-On Liquor located at 1414 14th Street, NW 202-462-1414
C. J. Park, owner, S&W Liquors located at 1428 9th Street, NW 202-332-3450

Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Trock**, and after further discussion, it was AD Hoc committee to revise ANC2F liquor license policy emergency ban reviewing exception

Reed, Schneider, Cole, community members, and two business owners Amani Lucas and C.J. Park will serve on the Ad Hoc committee.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

International Lifestyles, 903 N Street, NW "CX" Club #076926

Capitol Supermarket, 1231 11th Street, NW "Retailer B" #001688

11-M Corner Market, 1133 11th Street, NW "Retailer B" #012446

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F file a protest with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the above licenses on the grounds that the operations in endangering peace, order and quiet

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Whole Foods, 1440 P Street, NW "Retailer B" #060167

No action

Community Development Committee Matters

1337 14th Street, NW (former Dakota Cowgirl Restaurant) Roof structure and deck

The neighborhood Restaurant Group plans to operate one business with two distinct concepts. On the ground floor of the old Dakota Cowgirl Restaurant, will be Birch & Barley. Birch & Barley will be a unique concept that will combine a seasonal and farm driven dining menu with the most extensive and meticulously selected beer program on the east coast. The second floor will be home to Church Key, a neighborhood pub with a selection of small plates and large plate entrees. Babin is seeking to add a new roof structure that includes a roof deck for dining. Under the current plans, a portion of the deck will have a retractable awning. A detailed plan for

lighting does not yet exist; however, low and atmosphere lighting will be in place. No plans for music at this time. Signage will evolve as the restaurant logos are finalized.

An adjacent building has apartments and having a bar on the roof could create noise issues. However, the owner of the adjacent property, Jackie Reed, felt that the owner, Michael Babin, will do everything in his power to make sure there isn't a noise problem. Babin stated a noise barrier will be put in place, if needed. Reed stated she and Babin have been in communication and believes the restaurant will serve a need in the community and be a great asset to 14th Street. The hours of operation are still open for discussion and will be considered in a voluntary agreement to be worked out. (CDC Vote: 7-0 Unanimous)

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F determines that the concept, design and massing of the project at 1337 14th 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: (5-0-1) Reed abstained

New Business

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. Improvements are in process; CIH Properties, Inc (Angela Conyer, Site Director) the management company has stepped up a little since Commissioner Cole has started this inquiry. Angela Conyer, Horizon House, can be reached at aconyer@cihproperties.com or at the property location 1221 M Street, NW 202-682-9395

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2 formally request the District of Columbia Housing Authority to provide information as to conditions, living conditions, safety, 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,

Vote (6-0)

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	67.56
DC Treasurer	54.00
IRS	1,173.45

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:49 pm.