

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC
MEETING Wednesday, January 7, 2009 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Brian Vargas (2F03), Mike Benardo (2F06) (Vice Chairman) Dustin Cole (2F05), Matt Raymond (2F04)

Absent: Monica Schneider (2F02)

COMMUNITY FORUM

Charles Reed, *chairman pro tem*, 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.

Election and Installation of Officers 2009

Elections: **Charles Reed** turned the meeting over to **Cyndie Cota** to handle the annual elections. She asked for nominations for Chair. **Mike Benardo** nominated **Charles Reed**. **Brian Vargas** seconded. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed, and a vote was called. Charles Reed was elected **Chairman**, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (5-0) unanimous**

Reed then assumed the chair. He opened nominations for Vice Chair. **Brian Vargas** nominated **Mike Benardo**. **Reed** seconded. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed, and a vote was called. Mike Bernardo was elected **Vice Chairman**, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (5-0) unanimous.**

Nominations for Secretary were opened. **Reed** nominated **Brian Vargas**. **Benardo** seconded. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed, and a vote was called. **Brian Vargas** was elected Secretary, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (5-0) unanimous.**

Reed opened nominations for Treasurer. **Benardo** nominated **Dustin Cole**. **Reed** seconded. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed, and a vote was called. **Dustin Cole** was elected Secretary, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (5-0) unanimous.**

Reed asked for nominations to chair the CDC (Community Development Committee). **Matt Raymond** nominated **Mike Benardo**. **Brian Vargas** seconded. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed, and a vote was called. **Mike Benardo** was elected chairman of the CDC, to serve until his term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (5-0) unanimous.**

Reed asked for nominations for the Crime and Public Safety Committee, and he nominated **Matt Raymond. Bernardo** seconded. Nominations were closed, and a vote was called. **Matt Raymond** was elected chairman of the Crime and Public Safety Committee, to serve until his term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (5-0) unanimous.**

Reed noted that it is important to the functioning of the Commission that it be advised of legislative and regulations matters that may affect ANC2F and its constituents. Upon motion by **Reed**, second by **Bernardo**, and after further discussion, it was:

RESOLVED, That an ad hoc committee to be called the Legislative Committee be, and is hereby, established to serve at the pleasure of the Commission, to advise the Commission on all matters involving legislation before the City Council or regulations of the agencies of the District of Columbia government which may affect constituents of ANC 2F or the work of ANC 2F, including matters which arise in the Council or the agencies, or which the Legislative Committee proposes be initiated by the Commission in the sense of advising the City Council or the appropriate agency, as the case may be, to initiate the same; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Monica Schneider be and is hereby elected to be the chair of such Committee.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner **Benardo** announced that the DC Preservation League is accepting nominations for Most Endangered Places for Washington, DC. Since 1996, the DC Preservation League (DCPL) has released an annual list of the Most Endangered Places for Washington, DC. These lists have included a variety of historically and culturally significant resources from every quadrant of the city. They include neighborhoods, churches, theaters, and DC Government owned buildings. The most successful nominations are those that come from the community reflecting the historic fabric that means the most to a wide variety of people, organizations and neighborhoods. Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 PM, Friday, February 6, 2009. For more information visit www.dcpreservation.org or contact Erik Hein, Director of Programs at 202-783-5144.

Commissioner **Raymond** thanked out going Commissioner **Trock** for her dedication, contributions, and time served on both the ANC and the Logan Circle Community Association.

Commissioner **Reed** announced that John Wesley A.M.E. Zion church cordially invites you to join them in a historical celebration. Witness the inauguration of the President-elect, Barack Obama with family, friends and good cheer on a large viewing screen at the church on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 with breakfast at 8:00 AM and lunch served at 2:00 PM. The John Wesley A.M.E. Zion church is located at 1615 14th Street NW. Reservations are requested by contacting the church office at 202-667-3824 or JWC1615@aol.com.

Commissioner **Reed** noted that DC Councilmember Ward 2 **Jack Evans** will attend the February ANC meeting.

Commissioner **Benardo** announced a meeting regarding at traffic flow in and around the Logan Circle area during the Inauguration will be held at Convention Center briefing Room 102A on January 8, 2009 at 6:30 PM. For more information visit the www.inauguration.dc.gov website.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Hauser

A homicide occurred at 11th and Q Streets in December and the MPD believed this crime was a robbery and was not a hate crime. An arrest was made in connection with a robbery at 1300 block of Corcoran after the perpetrators crashed a stolen car in the 3rd Street tunnel. The Bike Rack, 1400 block of Q Street had been experiencing a rash of break-ins where high-end bikes have been stolen. A juvenile arrest, related to this break-in, has been made. Lt. Hauser pointed out that one issue that is driving up the crime rate in the Logan Circle area is out-of-state auto thief and thief from autos that involve electronic equipment like computers, cell phones and navigational systems. The prostitution issue at Massachusetts Avenue and L Street is still a problem. If crime continues to be down, some officers will be reassigned but the same number of officers will be on the streets. Gun registrations are still being accepted in the District. Commissioner **Reed** pointed out that **Lt. Hauser** is up for retirement, and the ANC would like to meet with the MPD to discuss his replacement. **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

Abby Petersen reiterated that going the Inaugural website is the best source for information regarding street closures and activities surrounding the Inauguration. That web site is www.Inauguration.dc.gov

Abby Petersen can be reached at the Office of Community Relations and Services 202-442-9509 or at abby.petersen@dc.gov

Community Announcements

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), in partnership with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), wants to enhance bus service through District neighborhoods. Currently, many District of Columbia neighborhoods lack efficient surface transit circulation to support mobility and accessibility; neighborhood-to-neighborhood connectivity; and District-wide economic development goals. The District of Columbia Neighborhood Circulation Study (Study) builds from previous studies to comprehensively develop surface transit connections between District neighborhoods, activity centers, and major transit corridors. DDOT has already begun to improve some service with the assistance of WMATA by adding new routes, expanding existing routes, and establishing the DC Circulator in 2005. However, there is still more to be done. The focus of this study is to:

1. Identify current deficiencies in neighborhood transit connectivity;
 2. Improve local bus services to enhance neighborhood circulation as well as connectivity between neighborhoods and District activity centers;
 3. Identify new neighborhood services which will enhance circulation and connectivity;
- and,

4. Complement the long-range transit system as planned in the DC Transit Alternatives Analysis.

For more information on the DC Neighborhood Circulation Study and where/when the next project study meeting will be held, please call the project hotline at 202-561-3700 or visit www.dcdetinvolved.com/circulationstudy.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Cole** 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 New Business: Emmaus Services for the Aging- support letter NIF
Add under ABRA: Whole Foods Single Sale Ban (*Withdrawn*)

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Upon motion by **Vargas** seconded by **Cole**, and after further discussion, the agenda was unanimously approved with the amendment of Whole Foods Single Sale Ban.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meetings of November 5, and December 3, 2008

Amend the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2008, were presented for approval.

Upon motion by **Vargas** 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: (5-0) Unanimous

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

Upon motion by **Cole** seconded by **Raymond**, 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

Nicola Beddow presented a request for street closing for the National Brain Tumor Society 5K, will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 8:55 AM -10:30 PM. **Beddow** 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. **Beddow** can be reached at www.curebraintumors.org for more information.

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing application of National Brain Tumor Society 5K, will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009 pending before the D.C. Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security (“EMADHS”) and presented to the ANC, ANC2F advise EMADHS to grant such application.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

ABRA

International Lifestyles- The Space 903 N Street, NW CX Club 076926

ANC2F protested a request from International Lifestyle for a summer garden on safety and crime problem. A Roll Call hearing was held December 22, 2008 and **Reed** represented the ANC at the Roll Call Hearing. The Applicant failed to appear and the ABC Board summarily denied the application.

A number of residents living close to the licensee’s premises appeared at the meeting to complain about the licensee’s operations. **Michael Alderfer**, who lives next door, stated he had filed numerous complaints with ABRA and DCRA without effect.

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

RESOLVED, That, ANC2F Given the escalating claims and counterclaims at its public meetings, the Commission will hold an evidentiary hearing at its February 4, 2009 public meeting.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Consideration of waivers from Inauguration Period extending closings hours

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise the ABC board to *grant* any request to the Board for extended hours during the 2009 Inauguration Period for any licensee located within the boundaries of ANC2F and south of L Street, NW; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ANC advise the ABC Board to *grant* any request to the Board for extended hours during the 2009 Inauguration Period for any licensee located with the boundaries of ANC2F and north of L Street NW, provided such licensee has had no significant complaints have been lodged with ABRA; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise the ABC Board to *grant* requests to the Board for extended hours during the 2009 Inauguration Period to the following specific licensees: 1409 Playbill Café (1409 14th. St. NW), Be Bar (1318 9th. St. NW), Cork Wine Bar (1720 14th. St. NW), Lalibela (1415 14th.St. NW), and The Park (920 14th.St. NW); and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ANC advise the ABC Board to *deny* any request to the Board for extended hours during the 2009 Inauguration Period to the following specific establishments: International Lifestyles The Space (903 N St. NW #076926).

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

New Business

CVS located on P Street, NW – alley issues

Ms. **Maria Nanis**, President, 1425 Rhode Island Ave Condo Association asked the Commission for assistance in abating the trash problem existing in the alley behind her condominium. She presented numerous documents showing the lack of maintenance of the dumpsters and lack of trash removal. The lack of cleanliness in the alley has created a rodent problem, has allowed people to eat the disregarded food from the dumpster, and has created an unsafe environment. In addition, delivery trucks are making deliveries during off hours.

Upon motion by **Vargas**, seconded by **Cole**, and after further discussion, it was

RESOLVED, That, ANC2F advise DCRA to inspect the alley for safety and after hours delivery and DPW to conduct a survey to observe the trash problem

FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC advise Jack Evans and Mayor’s Office to communicate and coordinate with these city agencies to resolve these issues in the alley.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Emmaus Services for the Aging

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

RESOLVED, That, ANC2F place Emmaus Services for the Aging on the February ANC agenda

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Treasurer’s Report (Dustin Cole, Treasurer)

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F hereby approves the Q-1 2009 Quarterly Report and ANC2F participation in the ANC Security Fund; as presented to the meeting.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

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

Cynthia Cota	\$938.70
Verizon	67.12
DC Treasurer	54.00
IRS	1,173.45
IRS	63.84
ANC Security Fund	25.00
Cynthia Cota (printer ink)	76.10
DOES	54.00

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:10pm.