

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F REGULAR MONTHLY
PUBLIC MEETING**

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Mike Benardo (2F06) (Vice Chairman), Brian Vargas (2F03) (Secretary), Matt Raymond (2F04) (Treasurer), Andrew Warth (2F02)

Absent: Dustin Cole (2F05)

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He noted that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been duly noticed, and he directed that a copy of the notice of the meeting be filed with the minutes.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Commissioner Announcements and Monthly Government Reports

Commissioner Benardo announced the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit event will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. There will be temporary impacts to the surrounding area in underway April 9th through 14th. Updates will be available online at the websites:

District Department of Transportation: Parking restrictions, DC Circulator information - www.ddot.dc.gov.

Federal Aviation Administration: Flight restrictions - www.faa.gov/news.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Metrorail, Metrobus, and Metro Access - www.wmata.com.

District Department of Public Works: Trash and recycling collections, Vehicle ticketing and towing - www.dpw.dc.gov.

United States Coast Guard Washington Station: Waterway restrictions - www.uscg.mil/d5/stawashingtondc.

United States Secret Service: www.secretservice.gov.

Metropolitan Police Department: www.mpd.c.gov.

Benardo also indicated that repaving of 11th Street should be completed by next week.

Commissioner Vargas announced that he and his wife expect to move soon and that it is not likely he will be able to remain a resident of his SMD. That will require his resignation from the ANC. He will keep the ANC informed.

Chairman Reed reported that the ANC 2F Snow Committee had a very productive meeting with Jeffery Marootian, ANC liaison for DDOT, to research how the city reacts to snow removal and snow emergencies. Reed also announced reported that the “Hands On DC”

initiative is a volunteer work-a-thon in which on May 15 volunteers will paint, clean, and landscape school buildings. **Hands on DC** is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that organizes projects to improve the physical condition of Washington, DC public schools. Those wishing to participate with an estimated 2000 volunteers, can call 202-667-5808 or email volunteer@handsondc.org

Reed indicated that he and **Commissioner Raymond** provided the ANC testimony before the District of Columbia Counsel Committee on Aging and Community Affairs on March 31, 2010. ANC had the following recommendations:

- A. Amend the ANC Act to Provide ANC Authority to Commence Litigation
- B. Expansion and Clarification of ANC Authority under DC Code §1-309.10
- C. Give ANC's the Right to Solicit Voter's Email Addresses at City Elections

The full testimony can be found on the ANC's website under the library tab.

Reed further announced that the DC Public Defender Service is hosting its Sixth Annual Community Reentry and Expungement Summit on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center located at 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW. The summit is designed to aid ex-offenders in the following areas:

- Learn how to succeed with a criminal record;
- Understand whether or not they are eligible to have their criminal records sealed under the Record Sealing Act of 2006; and
- Provide useful information concerning issues relating to their respective employment, housing, education, and health care situations.

Executive Office of the Mayor

Francisco Fimbres, Outreach Specialist is available to answer questions or to listen to community concerns. Mr. Fimbres can be reached at 202-727-9223 (office), 202-664-6119 (cell) or Francisco.fimbres@dc.gov. Jeffery Marootian is the ANC liaison for DDOT.

Report from Office of Council Member Jack Evans

Sherri Kimbel of Jack Evans's office indicated he has requested that street sweeping be suspended during the 2010 Nuclear Summit April 12-13th in order to avoid ticketing during this congested period when parking availability will be very tight.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Vanessa Moore

Sergeant Totaro announced that overall crime is up this month from this same month last year, with heavier declines in violent crime. Summer like conditions bring people out on the streets, with the result that PSA 307 experienced nine burglaries this month. **Moore** asked that people be sensitive to the fact that public display of personal items can create a risk; public

display in this regard means having one's dwelling windows open so that the interior may be viewable from the street.

Brian Bray, assistant attorney general is handling prostitution cases. Bray can be reached at brian.bray@dc.gov. Please feel free to email him with prostitution problems. **Lt. Vanessa Moore** can be reached at 202-553-9247 or by email at vanessa.moore@dc.gov.

Community Announcements

FRESHFARM Markets announced it had an outstanding first season at the Vermont Avenue-White House location. The White House market farmer sales in its seven selling days season were equivalent to the full season sales for 1997 at Dupont Circle. The organization thanked ANC 2F for its support. The Vermont Avenue location operates on Thursdays, September 17-October 29th.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Vargas**, seconded by **Benardo** and after further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following amendments and a direction that a copy be filed with the minutes and posted on the ANC 2F website:

Add Under: DCHSEMA Army Ten Miler

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of March 3, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2010, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond**, seconded by **Vargas** and after further discussion, the minutes were approved with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC 2F website.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Isabelle Thompson presented a request for street closing for the Marine Corp Marathon, which will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 8:00 AM -12:00 PM. **Thompson** stated that the request complies with ANC 2F published street closing policy and that he had made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Thompson** can be reached at 703-432-8550 or isabelle.thompson@usmc.mil.

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing application of Marine Corp Marathon, to be held October 31, 2010 pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency (“DCHSEMA”) and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Eric Reader presented a request for street closing for the Capital Pride Parade, which will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 6:30 PM -9:00 PM. **Reader** stated that the request complies with ANC 2F published street closing policy and that he had made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Reader** can be reached at 202-719-5304 or www.CapitalPride.org .

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing application of Capital Pride Parade, to be held June 12, 2010 pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency (“DCHSEMA”) and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (4-0) 1

George Banker presented a request for street closing for the Army Ten Miler, which will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 5:00 AM -12:30 PM. **Banker** stated that the request complies with ANC 2F published street closing policy and that he had made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Banker** can be reached at 202-685-3408 or George.banker@jfhqncr.northcom.mil .

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing application of the Army Ten Miler, to be held October 24, 2010 pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency (“DCHSEMA”) and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Report of ANC2F Executive Meeting Held March 20th Goals and Issues 2010

ANC2F held an executive session on March 20th to redefine the goals and issues for 2010. A report will follow.

ABRA

Continental Wine & Liquor-single Sale Restriction

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

RESOLVED, That Charles Reed be and is hereby empowered to negotiate with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as to its requested changes in the voluntary agreement with Continental Wine & Liquors, LLC, previously approved by ANC 2F, and to make such changes that shall appear to him to be reasonable while at the same time protecting the interests of the community and the liquor licensing policies of this ANC.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Teakwood 1323 14th Street, NW Class CR, restaurant Voluntary Agreement

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F approve the Voluntary Agreement presented at the meeting with Teakwood restaurant and recommend it be accepted by the ABC Board.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Community Development Committee

*1440 P Street, NW (Whole Foods)
DDOT Public Space Permit
Kyle Mincey of MV+A Architects – presenter*

Whole Foods is requesting a reduction in the size and number of seats and tables allowed in the public space in front of the store. Whole Foods currently has a public space permit significant number of outdoor seats, the exact number was unknown by Mincey, but now is asking to have 80 seats in three separate seating areas in front of the store with temporary fencing material.

Kramer moved, and **Heisey** seconded, that the CDC advise ANC 2F to advise DDOT Public Space Committee to grant the public space permit for reduction of seating with the provision that Whole Foods keep the newspaper stands in the correct place on the sidewalk.

CDC Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

*1207 Q Street, NW
Blighted Property
Vermont Avenue Baptist Church*

Heisey moved, and **Kramer** seconded, that the CDC recommend that ANC 2F advise DCR that the property located at 1207 Q Street, NW be designated as a blighted property.

CDC Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

*1436 Q Street, NW
Introduction of House Remodel
Allan Hahn and Diane Ohlbaum, Owners*

Allan Hahn presented his interior remodeling drawings to the committee.
No CDC committee action required because the home owner isn't seeking any variances.

*1321-1325 Naylor Court
Introduction of building remodel
Sas Gharai of SEA Architects -- presenter*

Currently this project is under development and no action from the committee was required. Mr. Gharai presented the CDC committee with architectural drawings for 3 townhouses and discussed various options regarding the façade and parking spaces.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F accept the foregoing recommendations of the CDC, and, therefore, advise DDOT to grant the Public Space permit with respect to Whole Foods; and advise DCRA to declare 1207 Q Street, NW a blighted property and to revoke the building permit issued with respect thereto. .

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Snow Emergency Committee Report- Amy Smith, Chair

Amy Smith announced that the ANC 2F Snow Emergency Committee needs members, and asked that this need be circulated.. She can be reached at ams@whiteoakcom.com. She reiterated that she and **Reed**, had a useful meeting with DDOT, and that the current form of the City's snow plan reflects that the City is using excellent technical resources. Notwithstanding, the plan needs significant change, particularly where, as was the recent case, snow falls exceeding 18 inches are involved. The committee is currently in a fact finding stage, but is aiming at producing a report over the next two months.

New Business

Bill-18-596 Snow Removal

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F refer to the Snow Committee Bill-18-596 and report back to the ANC for comment.

Vote (Unanimous 5-0)

Claridge Tower- Trash/Rodent problem

By consent this matter was set over to the ANC2F May5, 2010 agenda

NIF Funding (Two proposals Heritage Trail and Shaw Dog Park)

Proposals were made that ANC 2F support two pending proposals for NIF grants, one being the application of Midcity Residents Association and Shaw Dog Park Association for a \$145,000 to improve the Shaw Dog Park (also endorsed by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation) and the other totaling \$145,000 being the application of Working Partners and the Logan Circle Community Association to further planning and implementation for a heritage trail project highlighting the Logan Circle area.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F finds that the MidCity Business Association has a record of demonstrated success and effectiveness in promoting economic development in the Logan Circle area and advise the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to grant requested funding.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise Deputy Mayor for Development that ANC recommended the NIF application for the Shaw Dog Park be granted.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Complaint of Noise Emanating at 1111 Mass Ave, NW (Soo Kim)

The complainant over the noise problem issuing from the above address, **Soo Kim**, appeared at the meeting to thank the ANC for its help with this matter.

Treasurer’s Report (Matt Raymond, Treasurer)

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Vargas** and after further discussion, the following expenses were approved:

Cynthia Cota.....	\$938.45
Verizon	\$61.55
DC Treasurer.....	\$54.00
Cynthia Cota (printer).....	\$111.28
DOES.....	\$54.00
IRS.....	\$1,173.45

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:47 PM.