

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

Wednesday, May 5, 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), Dustin Cole (2F05)

Absent: None

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 DC Streetcar Showcase will be open to all District residents. The District owns three streetcars, which are currently stored at Metro's rail yard in Greenbelt, Maryland. For the showcase, DDOT will transport one the vehicles downtown where it will be set on temporary tracks in Lot B of City Center DC. The public will be able to access the lot from the intersection of 9th and H Streets, NW. The Showcase is in connection with potential plans to revive streetcar transportation in the District of Columbia.

Admission is free and the event schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, May 5, 11am – 7pm
- Thursday, May 6, 11am – 7pm
- Friday, May 7, 11am – 7pm
- Saturday, May 8, 11am – 5pm

Commissioner Vargas announced his resignation effective June, 24, 2010, due to his moving out of his SMD, which renders him ineligible to continue as Commissioner on this ANC. He stated it was a pleasure to serve as an ANC commissioner working with the residents to make Logan Circle a better community.

Chairman Reed reported that the ABC Board denied the Voluntary Agreement (by a vote of 4-0) with Continental Wine & **Liquors**. Instead, a Fact Finding Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 12 at 10:30 am regarding the single sales application of Continental Wine & Liquors.

Chairman Reed also announced he, along with representatives of Jack Evans's office and members of the ANC 2F Arts Overlay Committee had a meeting with the office of Deputy Mayor Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) regarding NIF grants in the Logan Circle area. The information received was that **MidCity** Business Association will receive \$100,000 for marketing and branding; Cultural Tourism was denied for phase I funding, but will receive funding for stage II; Shaw Dog Park will receive \$145,000 or \$290,000 grant with additional funds up to \$300,000 and change the location to Garrison Park. Shaw Dog Park is a temporary dog park and is scheduled to close in June 2010 to accommodate the construction of the new Shaw School. There will be further discussions with ODMPED regarding the award of NIF grants.

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.

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Vanessa Moore

Sergeant Terestre representing PSA307 announced that overall crime is down this month from this same month last year, with heavier declines in violent crime. The notable trend of robberies is that the robberies were committed by groups of five to nine people, usually juveniles. **Terestre** also reported that the situation that happened last month on the corner of 14th/Q was an assault and not robbery. The unfortunate news is that thief from auto is up 136%, please remember to remove all personal items from your car.

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.

DDOT Report

ANC2F is beginning to formulate questions for a meeting with DDOT officials regarding snow removal. Streetscape plan needs attention from the ANC and as a result, Commissioner **Brian Vargas** was invited to be a member of the working group of the design phase of the 14th Street Design.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Vargas** 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 -2010 Capital Criterium; DC Triathlon;
Add Under: ABRA Siroc Public Space Permit;

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of April 7, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2010, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Warth** and after further discussion, the minutes were approved with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC 2F website.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Rick Bauman presented a request for street closing for Bike DC, which will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 7:00 AM -10:30 PM. **Bauman** 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. **Bauman** can be reached at 202-558-7401 or info@bikedc.net .

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing application of Bike DC, to be held May 23, 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: (6-0) Unanimous

Julie Hanson presented a request for street closing for the Light the Night, which will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 5:00 PM -9:00 PM. **Hanson** 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. **Hanson** can be reached at 703-307-2734 or www.lightthenight.org .

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing application of Light the Night, to be held October 16, 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: (6-0) Unanimous

Ira Brody presented a request for street closing for the Washington DC Triathlon, which will be held on Sunday, June 20, 2010 from 5:30 AM -11:30 AM. **Brody** 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. **Brody** can be reached at 202-257-3472 or Ira@wseminc.com for more information.

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing application of the Washington DC Triathlon, to be held June 20, 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: (6-0) Unanimous

Ira Brody presented for **Pam Frentzel-Beyme** a request for street closing for the 2010 Capital Criterion, which will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2010 from 4:00 AM -5:00 PM. **Brody** 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. **Frentzel-Beyme** can be reached at 202-997-8353 for more information.

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

RESOLVED, That upon review of the street closing application of the 2010 Capital Criterion, to be held July 11, 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: (6-0) Unanimous

ABRA

Post Pub; Casa Blanca, Café Mozart, Fine Mondo, CulinAerie.

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

RESOLVED, That the following ABRA Public Notice Renewal Notices be placed on the agenda: Post Pub; Casa Blanca Restaurant; Café Mozart; Fine Mondo; CulinAerie

FURTHER RESOLVED, That no action be taken at this time by the ANC because these businesses are located within the business district, and, in the case of CulinAerie, there having been received no complaints

regarding its operations, which are located within a building with residential tenants.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

El Rinconcito

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F protest the liquor license on the grounds that its operations breach the peace order and quiet of the residential community surrounding the premises of the licensee and tend to reduce the property values thereof.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Acadiana 901 New York Ave, NW

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F take no action at this time by the ANC because the business is located within the business district.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Bibiana 1100 New York Ave

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F take no action at this time by the ANC because the business is located within the business district.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Thai Tanic 1326 14th Street, NW (change of operations- hours)

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

RESOLVED, That this ANC shall seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable Voluntary Agreement with the licensee and that upon its ratification by this ANC and its acceptance by the ABC Board the protest shall be withdrawn.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

La Trattoria, LLC t/a Siroc 915 15th Street NW License no. 80975 CR 01

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F recommend to the Public Space Committee to amend the public space permit to reflect the hours of the sidewalk cafe to be consistent with the hours 11:30 am -10:30 pm approved by ABRA and no further application be submitted in respect to *La Trattoria, LLC t/a Siroc 915 15th Street NW*.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Ghana Café

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

RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the CDC; allowing the request to move the bus stop; DDOT hold over the application of the sidewalk and communicate with DCRA; Warth is authorized to communicate with appropriate agencies

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

DDOT

DDOT Great Streets Project Coordinator, Karina Ricks, presented ideas from DDOT's Action Agenda. The 2010 Action Agenda seeks to lay out clear, defined, and measurable actions that DDOT commits to deliver in a timely, on-budget manner through an open process. The Action Agenda is meant to be a two-year plan which will be followed by a public report on the progress DDOT has made. Five areas in which DDOT believes it has excelled in dealing with needed improvement are: safe passages; sustainable living; capital assets; prosperous places and firm foundation. One idea presented was closing Vermont Ave during the summer months and turn it into a volleyball court.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F advise DDOT to close the 800 block of Vermont Avenue, NW, temporarily in 2010 to establish a recreational area; provided, however, that the such advice is explicitly reserved to a single closing with the understandings that any further closure or extension of such closure would require notice and opportunity to comment to be given to ANC 2F; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED; That ANC 2F support the aims of the 2010 Action Plan and hereby delegates to the Community Development Committee of ANC 2F responsibility for liaison to DDOT with regards to this potential project.

Vote: (5-1) Raymond dissenting

Installation of angle parking (Sundays only) 900 block of 11th Street, NW

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

RESOLVED, That, owing to insufficient notice give to ANC 2F, an additional period of 35 days to consider the proposal to install angled parking in the 900 block of 121th Street NW, and to consider the matter at its meeting of June 2, 2010.

Vote (6-0) Unanimous

15th Street Survey

In response to community concerns regarding traffic speeds and pedestrian and bicycle safety on 15th St NW north of Massachusetts Avenue, DDOT analyzed various options to reconfigure the street. As a hybrid alternative, DDOT installed the contra-flow protected cycle track between Massachusetts Avenue and U Street as a pilot project. This is both the first protected cycle track and the first contra-flow bicycle lane in Washington, and as such DDOT is committed to analyzing the cycle track for improvements and lessons to apply to future cycle tracks. Included in this analysis are traffic data (speed and volume), bicycle and pedestrian counts and observations, cycle track user surveys, and general user surveys.

Persons living or working on or near 15th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue and U Street, or who use this stretch to walk, cycle or drive, are invited to visit the on-line survey at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/15th_Street_User

Community Development Committee

AME Zion Church

No action

1321 Naylor Court, NW

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F accept the recommendation of its Community and Development Committee and, therefore, recommend to the BZA to grant the pending application for concept and massing design phase and lot size and HPRB to grant the pending request for historic variance with regard to *1321 Naylor Court, NW*.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

New Business

Claridge Towers- Trash/Rodent problem

It was reported at the meeting that trash problems are improving; The property manager, Mr. Flora, attended the meeting to address any outstanding issues, of which none were raised.

Treasurer's Report (Matt Raymond, Treasurer)

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Vargas** and after further discussion, the following expenses were approved and the 2nd Quarter Report:

Cynthia Cota.....	\$938.45
Verizon	\$61.55
DC Treasurer.....	\$54.00
Cynthia Cota (Web.Com).....	\$155.40
DOES	\$10.80

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

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