

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

Wednesday, June 2, 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 property located at 1207 Q Street, NW the CDC at its March meeting recommended the ANC 2F to advise DCRA that the property be designated as a blighted property. That was done, and now the property has been designated as a blighted property.

Commissioner Vargas spoke to the community about his resignation and his regret that he is moving out of ANC2F.

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 Gay Pride Parade will be held on June 12, 2010. Council Member Evans will be in attendance with some type of float or car. If you want to participate with Council Member Evans office please call 202-724-8058.

Chairman **Reed** asked that Council Member Jack Evans' office to consider a rider to the Budget Bill to authorize waiver to the DC Auditor's hold back of ANC checks written during the period the ANC had not completed its Annual Security Fund subscription. [*Post meeting note: The DC Auditor notified the ANC that she approved the waiver request submitted by the ANC, so no further action is necessary.*]

PSA 307 Report – Lt. Vanessa Moore

Sergeant Trestee announced that overall crime is down this month from this same month last year: 71 % down in overall crimes with a 66% down in crime committed to properties. He warned that summer conditions bring people out on the streets, and enhance the likelihood of street crimes. He suggested greater awareness of surroundings and belongings while out of doors.

Operation 6th Sense—which focuses on indentifying criminal potential before crimes occur—in the Rhode Island Avenue area will put more crime suppression teams on the streets.

Jr. Police Academy

Summer 2010 (June 28 - August 17) *Application were due: June 1, 2010*

This 8-week summer program is an opportunity for students (ages 14-18) who are curious about the law, politics and government or interested in law enforcement to gain an insider's perspective by learning about the criminal justice system and the internal operations of the Metropolitan Police Department. This is a chance for students to compare CSI and Law & Order to MPD and the District of Columbia Government.

Students will:

- Meet for morning or afternoon roll call each day at Police Headquarters (am or pm shift).
- Commute to the MPD Police Academy for learning and observing.
- Spend a day with Police Cadets (high school graduates who are receiving college credits before becoming police recruits).
- Meet Homicide Detectives, Investigators, Police Commanders, etc.
- Visit the Office of Unified Communications (9-1-1 Center) and learn how calls are routed.
- Visit the Forensic Science Services Division at MPD.
- Visit the Crime & Punishment, Spy & News Museums.
- Visit the Courthouse and Interact with Local Judges.

- Visit Harbor Patrol, Canine Unit, Police Stations, the Joint Operations Command Center, etc.
- Meet members from the U.S. Attorney's Office and Office of the Attorney General.
- Observe Real Court Cases.
- Hear from lawyers about DC law and legal cases in the District.
- Participate in Simulated Driving and Shooting Scenarios for Officers.
- Participate in Outreach Events, like National Night Out and "All Hands on Deck."

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

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DCWSA) announced the replacement of the small diameter water main on Corcoran Street NW, from 15th to 13th Streets, NW. The work is to improve system reliability and water pressure, maintain water quality, and ensure adequate flows in the system. DCWSA requires that when the line to the house is disrupted the lead increases, so water filters should be used for six months.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Warth**, seconded by **Raymond** 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: ABRA
 Donovan House
 Hotel Helix
 Thai Tanic
 Burch and Barley
 Continental Liquors
 Add Under DDOT:
 1209 13th Street, NW Public Space Permit #PA10004238
 New Business:
 DC Auditor
 DC House of Prayer Street Closure

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of May 5, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2010, were not presented for prior review; and were deferred for consideration at the July meeting.

DDOT

1209 13th Street, NW Public Space Permit #PA10004238
Commissioner Raymond will follow up with Jeff Mordian

ABRA

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise the ABC Board, The Mayor's Office and City Councilman Jack Evans' office for lack of sufficient notice regarding Donovan House and Burch and Barley renewal notices.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

HR 57 1610 14th Street, NW
No action taken

Café Salsa 1712 14th Street, NW License Renewal
No action taken

The Sphinx Club 1315 K Street, NW
No action taken

Donovan House 1155 14th Street, NW

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F upon re-notification from ABRA the protest on the peace order and quiet of the residential community surrounding the premises of the licensee and tend to reduce the property values thereof.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Thai Tanic 1326 14th Street, NW

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F approves the amended Voluntary Agreement and subject to its approval by ABRA and withdraws the protest.

Continental Liquors 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F, having determined that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in rejecting the Voluntary Agreement between Continental Liquors and this Commission without addressing each of the concerns expressed by the Commission has failed to accord “great weight” to the recommendations and advice of this Commission in violation of D.C. Code §1-309.10, and, accordingly, that this Commission explore and encourage an appropriate legal action against the Board by a resident or residents within this Commission’s boundaries.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Hotel Helix 1430 Rhode Island Ave, NW

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F protest the liquor licenses based on peace order and quiet of the residential community surrounding the premises of the licensee and tend to reduce the property values thereof.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

ARTS Overlay Committee

Zoning Commission Hearing

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F recommend to the Zoning Commission the adoption of the proposal submitted by the Office of Planning (which stem from recommendations of this Commission’s Committee on the Arts Overlay District) to increase the density limit of restaurants and bars from 25% to 50%, with the conditions that measurement of the limits be block by block (section by section) and that any deviation from the limit be reviewed by the statutory standards applicable to zoning variances; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all Commissioners of this Commission be and are hereby authorized and encouraged to appear before the Zoning Commission hearings on this matter scheduled for June 10, 2010 to testify in favor of the pending recommendations consistent with the foregoing resolution.

Vote (5-0) Un

Appointment of Chair of Joint Compliance Group, NIF Funding

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F appoint Jim Kane as the Chair of the Joint Compliance Group for NIF Funding

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Web Site Committee Report

The test site for the new ANC 2F website will be up soon.

Community Development Committee

Commissioner **Benardo**, Chair of the CDC reported on the results of its meeting held May 19, 2010.

1431 11th Street, NW – 8 Units

Paul Robertson presented this project which includes 8 Units, a courtyard, and 1 parking space per 2 units. No variances are required and Mr. Robertson has already met with Steve Callcott of Historic Preservation Review Board. Paul Robertson can be reached at 202-255-8557 or Paul@RobertsonDevelopment.com.

Kramer moved, and **Warth** seconded, that the CDC advise ANC 2F to recommend that the HPRB approve the conceptual design for the project, as presented to the CDC.

CDC Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Ghana Café, 1336 14th Street, NW – Public Space Permit Outdoor Seating

An outdoor seating permit is being sought for 6 tables with umbrellas and 18 chairs for sidewalk dining.

Kramer moved, and **Warth** seconded, that the CDC advise ANC 2F to advise DDOT to support the public space permit application for the outdoor seating.

CDC Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

New York University 1307 L Street, NW

David Avitable of Goulston & Storrs presented this project to add a green roof which requires a slight modification to the existing plans. Mr. Avitable can be reached at www.goulstonstorrs.com.

Kramer moved, and **Cipro** seconded, that the CDC advise ANC 2F to recommend to the Board of Zoning Adjustments approval of the aforesaid modification to add a green roof.

CDC Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

DDOT – Proposal to close 800 block of Vermont Street, NW

No CDC action required however the CDC will continue to watch for further announcements regarding any proposed actions.

DDOT – Installation of angled parking 900 block of 11th Street, NW (Sundays only)

No CDC action required.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F accept the foregoing unanimous recommendations of the CDC, and, therefore, advise the respective agencies of the District of Columbia government accordingly.

Vote (5-0) Unanimous

New Business

Predatory Pawnbroker Regulation and Community Notification Temporary Act 2010

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F recommend to the relevant committees of the Council of the District of Columbia the passage of the *Predatory Pawnbroker Regulation and Community Notification Temporary Act 2010* in so far as it mandates (i) 45 days notice and opportunity for ANC comment on issuance of pawnbroker licenses (including transfers) and grants “great weight” to recommendations of ANCs to such licenses; ive the ANC’s Great Weight; (ii) that the DC Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking be the regulatory agency over pawn brokering in the District of Columbia; and (iii) that an appropriate maximum interest rate be established on pawn brokerage loans.

Vote (5-0) Unanimous

Resignation of Commissioner Brian Vargas

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

RESOLVED, That, owing to the resignation of Brian Vargas and the lack of time available under D.C. for a replacement election prior to the general elections of 2010, ANC 2F invoke the provisions of Article IV, Section 5 of its bylaws for the election of a non-voting delegate to represent the interests of residents of SMD 2F-03; and that such election be held at the July 2010 monthly meeting of ANC 2F.

Vote (5-0) Unanimous

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F express its enduring appreciation and that of the community to Brian Vargas for his distinguished and effective service as an ANC commissioner on ANC 2F.

Vote (4 -0) (Mr. Vargas recusing)

Treasurer's Report (Matt Raymond, Treasurer)

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

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| Cynthia Cota..... | \$938.45 |
| Verizon | ...Not to exceed \$75.00 |
| DC Treasurer..... | \$54.00 |

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:38 PM.