

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Special Public Meeting
Wednesday August 11, 2010 – 6:30 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL—10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

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

Absent: Samuel Goekjian (2F-03), Dustin Cole (2F04).

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

He further announced that, as the meeting was a special meeting, only those matters specified in the notice of the meeting were in order.

I. **Amendment to voluntary agreement.** An amendment to an existing voluntary agreement, which amendment was entered into among Hotel Helix, 1430 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, ANC 2F and the Logan Circle Community Association, was submitted to the Commission.

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

RESOLVED, That the Amendment to Voluntary Agreement (with Hotel Helix) as presented to the meeting, be and is hereby ratified and approved, and that the appropriate officers of this Commission be and are hereby authorized and directed to submit such Amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, with the recommendation that it be approved, and that upon such approval the pending protest of the renewal of the applicant's license be withdrawn; such recommendation being intended to be formal and pursuant to §1-309.10 D.C. Code (2010), and, thus, entitled to great weight by the Board.

II. **Joint Meeting with Logan Circle Community Association.**

The joint meeting was called to order by the respective chairmen of the two organizations, **Charles Reed** (ANC 2f) and **Robert Maffin** (LCCA). United States Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton was cordially introduced, and the floor turned over to her for a discussion of the state of the District of Columbia as relates to the Congress of the United States. Ms. Norton reviewed the status of problems of the District in its dealings with Congress. Specifically, she addressed in substantial detail the question of statehood status for the District, which, in her view, was the most practical solution to the continuing unfairness to the citizens of the District in light of the fact that they have no voting representation in Congress, but still subject to Federal taxes. She expressed the view that the process of obtaining statehood was a long range effort that would not bear fruit for a number of years. She also referred to the enormous power of the National Rifle Association which has lobbied against any statehood consideration unless and until the District adopts gun control legislation satisfactory to the NRA to replace the statute held unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. A number of community residents present at the meeting joined in the discussion with questions and comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.