

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, November 3, 2010 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Mike Benardo (2F06) (Vice Chairman), Andrew Warth (2F02), Matt Raymond (2F04) (Treasurer) Dustin Cole (2F05) Samuel V. Goekjian (2F03 Delegate)

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 the groundbreaking for the Washington Marriott Marquis, the new Walter E. Washington Convention Center Hotel will take place on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 11:00am. Mayor Fenty, Council Chairman Gray, and Ward 2 Councilmember Evans will be joined by officials from the Washington Convention and Sports Authority, Destination DC, and the Chairman and CEO of Marriott International, Bill Marriott. The groundbreaking and press conference will take place on the hotel's future site within ANC 2F, at the intersection of 9th Street, NW and Massachusetts Avenue, NW (adjacent to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center).

Commissioner Warth announced the *Fanny Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon* will take place on Saturday, November 20, 2010; Warth noted that the event is an important fundraiser for N Street Village, a women's shelter in SMD 2F02. Warth announced that tenants of the Windsor House apartment building (1400 Rhode Island Ave NW) who were displaced as a result of the November 2 fire were eligible for discounted rates at a nearby hotel.

Chairman Reed announced he will attend a meeting called by Council Member Jim Graham regarding Alcohol Omnibus Bill 18-868. This Bill would allow restaurants to sell alcohol on an off-premise basis with a requirement of up to 25% of food sales.. This is an initiative that Andrew Kline has sought on behalf of the restaurants in DC that would let patrons buy wine they “discover” while dining at restaurants to take home (perhaps gets around Sunday closing laws, etc.). On the other hand, the proposal is criticized as a means of extending off premises hours currently limited to 10:00 PM. Another implication is that the obverse is that off premises licensees will wish to sell alcohol on premises, thereby potentially proliferating bars.

Reed reported that Francisco Fimbres, Outreach Specialist will be available until the middle of December to handle any unresolved issues within Logan Circle.

The Ad Hoc Snow Removal Committee needed another volunteer and Don Hawkins volunteered to work on the committee. The Committee has a threefold task: assist DDOT to create a more workable city wide plan; create a plan that will help the community and neighborhoods with snow removal efforts in the large snow fall; disseminate information from DDOT regarding snowfalls and clean-up.

Report from Office of Council Member Jack Evans

Sherri Kimbel thanked everyone for attending Jack's party.

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 – Sergeant Suber.

Officer Fawzi, reported that overall crime is down 27% down, including robberies committed with a gun. Please pay particular attention to all PSA announcements. A recent PSA announcement gave several night life tips including how to be safe while using the ATM machine at night, not to walk alone at night, and how not to become a car jack victim. Try to use light timers in at home when away. The holiday season is coming, so please look out for your neighbors. If a street light is out, call 311. Ask for a log number so as to be able to track the request. Officer Fawzi provided the community with three pamphlets: *Avoiding Becoming a Victim of Carjacking*, *Protecting your Vehicle from Theft and Tampering*, and *Guarding Against Robbery and Assault*.

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.

Crime and Public Safety Committee

The Crime and Public Safety Committee is looking for community members to serve on the committee. If you are interested please contact Bryan Goodman at bgoodman32@hotmail.com. Josh Hubner and Alex Lutch met with the police last week to discuss community crime in the Logan Circle area.

Community Announcements

Joyce Tsepas is the Ward 2 Planner for the Office of Planning. Ms. Tsepas is responsible for zoning and city wide planning (comprehensive planning) and neighborhood planning for ANC2F. Joyce Tsepas can be reached at 202-535-1556, joyce.tsepas@dc.gov.

Resident Gino Ceron asked the ANC what responsibility the Windsor House building owner has to provide temporary housing for tenants displaced as a result of the November 2 fire.. Mr. Ceron was advised to contact the Rental Accommodations Office at Department of Consumer Regulatory Affairs and Legal Aid.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded by **Goekjian** and after further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following additions, with a direction that a copy of the amended agenda be filed with the minutes and posted on the ANC 2F website:

Add Under: DDOT- Arts Overlay Pole Banners

Add Under: New Business letter of recommendation for Kimpton Group Hotels

Add Under: New Business proposal to take out advertising space in LCCA House Tour

Correction Under ABRA: Application to Ghana Café change to read Summer Garden

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of October 6, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2010, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond**, seconded by **Benardo** 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/StreetClosures

Molly Quinn presented a request for street closing for the **The Nation's Triathlon**, which will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 7:00 AM -11:30 AM. **Quinn** 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. **Quinn** can be reached at 202-629-0200 x101 or molly@wseminc.com.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the application of **The Nation's Triathlon** for street closing for the race to be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011, which application is pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency ("DCHSEMA"), ANC2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Molly Quinn presented a request for street closing for the **DC Triathlon**, which will be held on Sunday, June 19, 2011 from 7:00 AM -11:30 AM. **Quinn** 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. **Quinn** can be reached at 202-629-0200 x101 or molly@wseminc.com.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the application of **DC Triathlon** for street closing for the race to be held on Sunday June 19, 2011, which application is pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency ("DCHSEMA"), ANC2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

ABRA

License Renewals:

Jasper 1301 K Street;
Laughing Man 1306 G Street;
The International Trade Center 1300 Penn Ave
Capital City Brewing Co. 1100 New York Ave
Mayur Kabab House 1100 K Street, NW

No ANC2F action required because all licensees are in the business district

Ghana Café 1336 14th Street, NW- Summer Garden

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

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application of Ghana Cafe, 1336 14th Street, N.W., Washington, DC, License ABRA-082751 on grounds that the licensee's proposed new operations will disturb the peace, order and quiet of the community

and lower the real estate valuation of nearby properties; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission be represented by Commissioners Charles Reed or Michael Benardo, or Samuel V. Goekjian, or any of such periods (with power of substitution), before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

DDOT

Sheri Kimbel announced that street sweeping has been suspended for leaf pick up. Helen Kramer has noticed that the storm drains are clogged and in need of cleaning. Kimball will find out more information and will report back to the ANC.

Community Development Committee

The Franklin School 925 13th Street, NW

A public meeting has been called by the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) on the future of the historic Franklin School located at 13th and K, NW. The meeting will be held on November 18, 2010 at Thompson Elementary School-1200 L Street, NW 20005 at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to take community comments on a proposal to declare the school “surplus” property, for which there is no public use. The DMPED will then formulate a proposal to the D.C. Council as to whether to declare the property surplus. If the Council surpluses the property, then a second step requires approval by the Council of any recommendations of the Mayor to dispose of the property. Affected ANCs are afforded great weight notice and opportunity to comment. There was a consensus that the ANC take no position until after the November 18 meeting.

Arts Overlay Committee

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F advise DDOT to grant approval of the Public Space Permit of the Arts District Branding Project pole banners and to waive the 90 day provision.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

New Business

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F express thanks to and commend the community spirited action of the Kimpton hotels—Helix, Rouge, and Palomar—in extending free hotel accommodations to residents of Windsor House apartments on Rhode Island Avenue displaced by the building fire on November 2, 2010.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Proposal to create standing committee on education

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F, hereby create a standing committee on education to foster improvement in primary public schools, generate more resources for public schools available to ANC2F residents, with the view to make it possible for the children of such residents to receive first class educations in the public schools and give residents a viable option to depending upon private schools or relocating outside the ANC area for better schools; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bylaws of this Commission be and are hereby amended to include a new Article VIII, Section 9, (and make corresponding revisions in the bylaws to accommodate the new Section), which Section shall read as follows:

Education Committee. The Education Committee shall be a standing committee.

The Education Committee shall provide recommendations and advice to the Commission on all matters relating to education within the District of Columbia. The committee is formed for the purpose of seeking to assure improvement of the facilities, personnel, policies, and progress of primary education for all persons within the District of Columbia, and, particularly, within the boundaries of the Commission.

Each Commissioner shall be entitled to appoint one member to the Education Committee. The Committee may have such other members as are approved by a majority of the Commissioners;

and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Evelyn Boyd Simmons be and is hereby elected to chair such committee, to serve until her replacement is elected and qualified to serve.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F take a full page ad in the LCCA House Tour book and that the payment of the cost of such ad be and is hereby authorized from the funds of the Commission.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Matt Raymond)

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

RESOLVED, That the 4th Quarter report to the DC Auditor by and is hereby approved.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

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

Cynthia Cota	\$938.45
DC Treasurer.....	\$54.00
Verizon.....	\$66.99
Cynthia Cota (office supply).....	\$22.95

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:25 PM.