

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2010 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Mike Benardo (2F06) (Vice Chairman), Matt Raymond (2F04) (Treasurer) Dustin Cole (2F05) Samuel V. Goekjian (2F03 Non-voting 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. (Commission Warth tendered his resignation due to the fact that he has moved out of his SMD and, by law, can no longer serve as a commissioner.)

JOINT ANC2F AND LCCA COMMUNITY FORUM

By prior notice, the community forum portion of the ANC meeting was held as a joint meeting with the Logan Circle Community Association (“LCCA”), and devoted to issues of primary education in the public schools in the area. The ANC Education Committee was created at the November ANC meeting “assuring quality in public education by seeking improvement of the facilities, personnel, policies, and progress of education”. The meeting was called to order by the chairman and president, respectively, of the two organizations, **Charles Reed** (ANC 2F) and **Robert Maffin** (LCCA). **Evelyn Boyd Simmons**, ANC Education Committee Chair, was introduced.

Following initial remarks by **Simmons** during which she introduced fellow ANC2F Education Committee members **Avni Gupta-Kagan** and **Kate McMahon, Gupta-Kagan** presented information on public schools to which ANC2F residents are assigned and the nearby charter schools within Wards 1 and 2. The following elementary schools are in the Logan Circle/ANC2F area: Garrison Elementary (PS-5th), Thompson Elementary (PS-5th), Seaton Elementary (PS-5th) and Ross Elementary School (PreK-5). Francis-Stevens, Jefferson and Shaw are the middle schools for the area. High Schools are Cardozo, Dunbar and Wilson.

Dr. Peggy O’Brien, Chief of Family and Public Engagement District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and **Jared Solomon**, DCPS Critical Response Team were introduced. **O’Brien** and **Solomon** conducted the community meeting regarding DC public schools.

O’Brien outlined the pre-school program (for 3-year-olds), pre-kindergarten program (for 4-year-olds) and Kindergarten programs that provide stimulating activities and learning experiences that will prepare children for success in kindergarten and beyond. **O’Brien** explained the child must meet legal requirements for age and residency eligibility in order to enroll at DCPS. **Pre-school:** Children must turn three (3) years of age on or before September 30th to be eligible for pre-school. **Pre-kindergarten:** Children must turn four (4) years of age on or before September 30th to be eligible for pre-kindergarten. All 85 elementary schools in DCPS offer pre-kindergarten and most elementary schools also offer pre-school. For kindergarten, the child must turn five (5) years of age on or before September 30th to be eligible and meet the

residency requirement. To apply for pre-school and pre-kindergarten 5, 000 seat citywide lottery, a parent must submit an application to DC Public School at www.dcps.dc.gov between January 28th and February 28th.

DCPS measures success by how well the students are achieving in grades third through tenth. DCPS believes that all children can achieve at the highest levels, and that it is their job to enable this. One way that they measure student achievement is by student performance on the periodic and annual assessments. The periodic assessment, the DC Benchmark Assessment System (DC BAS), helps DCPS track student progress and achievement throughout the year for students in grades 3-10. Student performance on the DC BAS gives an indication of how well students will then perform on the DC Comprehensive Assessment System (DC CAS). The DC CAS is administered once a year and shows how well students are meeting grade-level standards. DCPS' goal is to ensure that students are performing at or above grade-level and ultimately graduating on time, prepared for college and employment.

Several parents from Logan/ANC2F schools attended the community meeting, as well as Garrison Elementary School Principal **Rembert Seaward** and Thompson Elementary School Principal **Albert DuPont**. Principal Seaward encouraged parents to contact him directly with any questions they may have about their child attending Garrison Elementary or any concerns current parent may have. Seaward can be contacted at rembert.seaward@dc.gov. Principal DuPont expressed the same invitation.

O'Brien and **Solomon** answered several community questions regarding glitches in processing of applications for volunteering in a DC public schools, how DCSP communicates with the parents of children in DC public schools, if teacher job performance ratings are transparent to the public, and the need for capital improvement of Garrison Elementary, which is scheduled for 2012. Both **O'Brien** and **Jared Solomon** stressed that if a community member and/or parent has a question to contact them directly. **Dr. O'Brien** can be reached at 202-442-5885 or peggy.obrien@dc.gov and **Solomon** can be reached at 202-478-5738 or Jared.solomon@dc.gov.

The community discussed with **O'Brien** what the next steps are and how to make progress with the effort to improve schools. **Reed** indicated that there is a compelling need to make the public primary schools places where all the parents view them to be viable educational opportunities for their children and not be faced with the choices of incurring private schooling expenses or moving out of the neighborhood to areas with better functioning schools in DC or Maryland and Virginia. **O'Brien** stressed the desire of DCPS to partner with the Logan/ANC2F community. She described a successful process of community consultation in Ward 6 and stated her support for the effort to bring all schools in ANC2F together to work toward the overall goal of strong education and to include the community in those efforts. **O'Brien** also suggested reaching out to parent-teacher organization leaders, as well as principals and all parents to create a mission, assumptions, lobbying efforts.

ANC2F Chairman **Reed** thanked the community including parents, school leaders and DCPS for all supporting and participating in a very productive first meeting. He also reminded all that DC and federal government officials are bound to accord the advice of ANCs "great weight" in matters of concern to the community and that ANC2F will use its full power and effort to ensure that the aim of improving our schools is advanced.

The joint community meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

- 10 Minute Recess –

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

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

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

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

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

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

ABRA

License Renewals:

<i>Mova</i>	<i>1435 P St. NW</i>	<i>Class CT02</i>
<i>ACKC</i>	<i>1529 14th NW</i>	<i>DT01</i>
<i>FunXion</i>	<i>1309 F St. NW</i>	<i>CT02</i>
<i>Recess Bar</i>	<i>727 15th St. NW</i>	<i>CN02</i>
<i>K Street</i>	<i>1301 K St. NW</i>	<i>CN02</i>
<i>Shelley's Back Room</i>	<i>1331 F St. NW</i>	<i>CT01</i>
<i>Homewood Suites</i>	<i>1475 Mass. Ave NW</i>	<i>DT01</i>
<i>La Lima</i>	<i>1401 K St. NW</i>	<i>CT02</i>
<i>Lotus</i>	<i>1420 K St. NW</i>	<i>CN02</i>
<i>The Occidental</i>	<i>1475 Pennsylvania Ave NW</i>	<i>CT03</i>
<i>Tattoo</i>	<i>1413 K St. NW</i>	<i>CN03</i>
<i>Green Lantern</i>	<i>1335 Green Court</i>	<i>CN02</i>
<i>Vegas Lounge</i>	<i>1415 P Street, NW</i>	
<i>Café Eagle</i>	<i>1414 9th Street, NW</i>	

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

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application of *Café Eagle* 1414 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC, License ABRA-085990 on grounds that the licensee's proposed 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 protest the application of *Vegas Lounge* 1415 P Street, NW License ABRA 001273 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;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application of Wami, LLC T/A *The EFN Lounge and Motely Bar* 1318 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC, License ABRA-074696 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;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That as all other licenses set forth above relate to premises within the business district of the ANC's area near which there are no residential tenancies and as to which no complaints of operations have been made to the ANC2F, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, be advised that ANC 2F takes no action with respect to the renewals of such licenses.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

New Business

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F adopt 2011 ANC and CDC meeting dates as follows:

ANC (1st Wednesday of the month; no meeting in August)

January 5	July 6
February 2	August – no meeting
March 2	September 7
April 6	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7

CDC (4th Wednesday of the month; no meeting July/December)

January 26	June 22
February 23	July –no meeting
March 23	August 24
April 27	September 28
May 25	October 26
	November 16 (moved up one week)

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

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

RESOLVED, 2011 ANC2F Budget be and is hereby adopted as presented

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Matt Raymond)

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

RESOLVED, that the expenses be and are hereby adopted

Cynthia Cota	\$938.45
DC Treasurer.....	\$54.00
Verizon.....	Not to exceed \$75.00
Cynthia Cota (Web Site fee).....	\$56.04
Charles Reed (Flyers for Education Committee).....	\$106.00
Charles Reed (Poster for Education Committee).....	\$185.50

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F expresses on behalf of the community and on behalf of the Commission, gratitude to retiring Commissioners Andrew Warth and Dustin Cole, for their dedicated voluntary service, which has been marked by significant achievement that has benefitted the residents of this community and made it a better place.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:45 PM.