

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2011 – 7:00 PM
LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH
1226 VERMONT AVE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), Emily Barton (2F02), Samuel V. Goekjian (2F03), Matt Raymond (2F04 Non-voting Delegate), Mike Benardo (2F06) (Vice Chairman). [SMD 2F05 is vacant]

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

Election and Installation of Officers 2011

The meeting was called to order by **Charles Reed**, who turned the meeting over to Executive Director **Cyndie Cota** to conduct the annual election of officers. She opened nominations for Chair. **Emily Barton** nominated **Charles Reed**. **Mike Benardo** seconded. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. Charles Reed was elected **Chairman**, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (4-0) unanimous.** (one commissioner was too late for the vote)

Reed then assumed the chair. He opened nominations for Vice Chair. **Reed** nominated **Mike Benardo**. **Sam Goekjian** seconded. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. Mike Bernardo was elected **Vice Chairman**, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (4-0) unanimous.**

Nominations for Secretary were opened. **Reed** nominated **Emily Barton**. **Goekjian** seconded. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. **Emily Barton** was elected Secretary, to serve until her statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (4-0) unanimous.**

Reed opened nominations for Treasurer. **Reed** nominated **Sam Goekjian**. **Barton** seconded. No other nominations were made. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. **Sam Goekjian** was elected Treasurer, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (4-0) unanimous.**

Reed opened nominations for Non-Voting Delegate SMD-04. **Reed** nominated **Matt Raymond**. **Barton** seconded. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. **Matt Raymond** was elected the Non-Voting Delegate SMD-04. The Non-Voting Delegate shall have full rights to the floor, including making and seconding motions, at all Commission meetings, but he may not vote on motions, nor shall his presence be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. **VOTE: (4-0) unanimous.**

PSA 307 Report – Officer Dae

Officer Dae reviewed crime statistics for the prior month in Police Service Area (PSA) 307, covering a large portion of the ANC 2F area. PSA had a 23% drop in total crimes in the same month from the previous year, with overall violent crime down 46%. However, property crimes increased. There were 54 burglaries from December 2010 to January 2011. Five assaults with dangerous weapons (excluding guns) took place in December. The biggest decrease in crime occurred in three areas: stolen autos, sexual assaults and robbery with gun. Officer Dae pointed out to the community that there is some spillover into the PSA 307 crime statistics from the late night scene at Franklin Square. Prostitution has increased in the last three months and Shiloh Baptist Church was the location of a carjacking crime. Officer Dae pointed out that Massachusetts Ave at 9th Street, NW was also the location of a domestic violence crime with a weapon.

Commissioner Announcements

Chairman Reed announced the National Capital Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on January 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM to present the Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the National Museum of African American History & Culture. The meeting will be held at the National Capital Planning Commission offices located at 401 9th Street, NW Suite 500, Washington, DC. Further information can be found at www.nmaahceis.com.

Reed further announced that an information hearing on the application by Falck EMS Corporation to acquire LifeStar Response Corporation's operations in Washington, DC will be held on January 12, 2011 at 11:00 AM at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 9th Floor. Testimony from affected persons will be received at the hearing. The General Services Administration (GSA) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment to analyze the potential impacts from the proposed redevelopment of the Old Post Office located at 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, NW. For more information please visit www.gsa.gov. The DC Auditor, the legislative auditor of the District of Columbia, will be hosting a class on February 5, 2011 for newly elected, and current, treasurers.

Reed further requested that persons attending the meeting leave their email addresses for listing on the ANC2F List Serve to receive current information about meetings, agendas, and other notices from the ANC.

Report from the Office of Jack Evans, City Council Member, Ward 2:

Sheri Kimball reported that Council Member Evans will remain as the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, which is responsible for matters relating to taxation and revenue, bond acts, and the Convention Center and Sports Authority. Evans will also serve as a member of the Economic Development Committee, Public Safety, Judiciary and Sub-Committee on Redistricting based on the 2010 Census.

The DC State Democratic Committee will vote on January 6, 2011 to fill the At-Large City Council open position.

Community Announcements

January 12, 2011 marks the date of the next Washington Convention Center Headquarters Hotel Ad- Hoc Subcommittee meeting. The WCCAC Ad-Hoc Subcommittee will meet at the Washington Convention Center's meeting room A-B from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

The subcommittee is a part of the Washington Convention Center Advisory Committee (WCCAC), which serves as the liaison to the community on matters pertaining to the Convention Center Headquarters Hotel development. WCCAC Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is made up of WCCAC members, ANC and community leaders, the hotel development team, and government agency representatives. Commissioner Mike Benardo represents ANC2F on the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

The hotel, located at Massachusetts Avenue and 9th Street, NW will be 15 stories high and feature 1,175 rooms, 6 food & beverage outlets, meeting and board rooms, a grand ballroom, and two junior ballrooms. The total development is 1,262,000 square feet and also includes 400 parking spaces. There will be a direct underground connection to the Convention Center, a health facility, business center, and retail shops. Construction is slated for completion by 2014.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Barton** seconded by **Reed** and after further discussion, the draft 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:

Add Under ABRA: Hamilton Square, 600 14th Street, NW

Add Under Zoning: 9th Street/Naylor 1314 9th Street, NW

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of December 1, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2010, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Barton** 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: (4-0) Unanimous

BZA Zoning Variance- 1314 9th, NW

Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs recommended that Street Naylor Court Sandwich Shop present the ANC with a variance request, and that the ANC ask for the variance as the most effective course of action. A sandwich shop is considered a fast food establishment because the food is prepared to leave the restaurant. Blagdon Alley residents are in full support; however, with restrictions that the business license be non-transferable to keep the owner local not a part of a national chain. The sandwich shop will be open 6 days a week from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F support the BZA to grant the variance with a specific clause that it is a non-transferable license.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Danielle Rosenzweig presented a request for street closing for the Race for Hope, which will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. **Rosenzweig** 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. **Rosenzweig** can be reached at 202-419-3145.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of Race for Hope Washington, which will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency (“DCHSEMA”) and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Lesley Green presented a request for street closing for the St. Patrick’s Day 8K Race, which will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 5:00 AM to 11:00AM. **Green** 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. **Green** can be reached at 703-989-9234.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of St. Patrick’s Day 8 K, which will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2011 pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency (“DCHSEMA”) and

presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

ABRA

Whole Foods 1440 P Street, NW (application)

No formal action

1318 9th Street (application)

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

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the application of 1318 9th Street, NW Street 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.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Ghana Café 1336 14th Street-Substantial Change (Summer Garden)

This ANC is at an impasse as to the 51 seat rear summer garden and bar to service customers; no formal action required.

Vegas Lounge, 1415 P Street, NW (Status of Protest)

The Vegas Lounge voluntary agreement commits ANC2F to give them 45 days to correct any noise problems before filing a protest in 2010. Chair Reed will nevertheless engage the applicant in an effort to get them to stop the noise disturbances.

Black's 14th (Status of Protest)

Reed announced that there was a successful mediation between the restaurant and neighbors with respect to the operation. The major concern with the residents is the summer garden. The applicant agreed to roll back the operating hours like Burch and Barley (reduce hours by 1 hour) and remove the rear summer garden petition. Protestants wanted a three year restriction; owner did not agree with the three year restriction.

Chairman Reed is seeking authority from the Commission to enter into the Voluntary Agreement.

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

RESOLVED, That the Commission be represented by Commissioner Charles Reed (with power of substitution), before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Hamilton Square 600 14th Street #086010 CX-Multi-purpose

No action

Education Committee (Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair)

Evelyn Boyd Simmons, ANC Education Committee Chair, reported that work toward a partnership to pursue the goal of “assuring quality in public education by seeking improvement of the facilities, personnel, policies, and progress of education” is well underway and in the “Scoping and Building” phase. The anchor partners are ANC2F, LCCA and DCPS. The hope is that other community entities will join at the appropriate time as well.

During this “Scoping and Building” phase, the primary focus is on the following:

- Understanding the nature of the challenge
- Gathering and sharing information
- Identifying and consulting with stakeholders
- Exploring partnering and other approaches to addressing the needs identified
- Identifying potential partners and supporters and securing their involvement
- Helping to build understanding of values and drivers of various partners and other parties
- Helping to build or strengthen capacity for collaborating
- Helping to create a vision of/for the partnership

Since November 3, 2011 when the committee was formed, the chair’s activities have included meeting with parents and other community stakeholders leading up to the December 1 joint ANC2F/LCCA meeting. The chair participated in a December 9, 2011 Wards 1, 2, and 3 stakeholder outreach meeting with then Mayor-elect Gray’s Education Transition Team Co-Chair Katherine Bradley and her staff. The fledgling ANC2F/LCCA/DCPS collaboration was described and an appeal was made for continued DCPS support of the effort under the Gray administration. Other points made were the importance of keeping capital improvement plans for Garrison and other ANC2F schools on track and of targeting parents of infants and toddlers in DCPS recruitment efforts for our neighborhood schools. The chair also expressed support for the appointment of Kaya Henderson as permanent Chancellor.

Planned activities include a January 8 LCCA sponsored meeting with ANC2F/LCCA parents with Margery Yeager of the Chancellor’s Transformation Management Team. The topic of discussion will be general information that parents need in order to consider local neighborhood public schools viable options. In addition, the chair will facilitate the education-related portion of the LCCA January 12 meeting and attend a January 13 Garrison Principal’s Coffee to discuss uses for DCPS recruitment grant monies.

New Business

In May 2009, the Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School (“Yu Ying”) sought and received the support of ANC 2F for use of the Franklin School Building on Franklin Park, at 13th and K Streets, NW for use to house the school. A public meeting had been called by the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) on the future of the historic Franklin School. The meeting was held on November 18, 2010 at Thompson Elementary School. The purpose of the meeting was to take community comments on a proposal to declare the school “surplus” property, for which there is no public use. The DMPED formulated a proposal to the D.C. Council to declare the property surplus. Even though some District residents do not want it declared surplus property it will remain in the control of the District. The outgoing Deputy of Economic Development deferred any action and this project will be looked at on a later date.

Treasurer’s Report (Sam Goekjian)

Upon motion by **Goekjian** and seconded by **Reed** and after further discussion

RESOLVED, That ANC2F hereby approves the ANC2F participation in the ANC Security Fund; as presented to the meeting.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

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

RESOLVED, that the following expenses be and are hereby adopted :

Cynthia Cota	\$938.45
Verizon.....	\$66.85
IRS.....	\$1,173.45
DOES.....	\$64.80
Matt Raymond-ANC2F ad in LCCA publication.....	\$300.00
Luther Place Memorial Church.....	\$200.00
ANC Security Fund.....	\$25.00

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:16 PM.