

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 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), Mike Benardo (2F06) (Vice Chairman). [SMD 2F05 is vacant]

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

PSA 307 Report – Officer Selby

Officer **Selby** reviewed crime statistics for the prior month in Police Service Area (PSA) 307, covering a large portion of the ANC 2F area. She stated that the Disorderly Conduct Amendment Act of 2010 went into effect as of 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. This new law criminalizes:

“engaging in loud, threatening, or abusive language or disruptive conduct, with the intent and effect of impeding or disrupting the orderly conduct of a lawful gathering of people on public property that is open to the public, making unreasonably loud noise between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb other persons in . . . residences.”

Officer Shelby noted that violations of the Act are misdemeanors. This means that there are fines (and possible jail time) available for enforcement, but it also means that, as misdemeanors, the prohibited conduct must be personally observed by a police officer before arrests or fines may be imposed.

The MPD is in the process of developing enforcement training regarding the new law.

Mary Brown, 1110 P Street, NW asked who to call if she gets the license plate number of a “John.” Officer Selby told her to call the police, but noted that the police will not be able to do anything unless the John is still at the location when the police arrive.

Robberies, thief from auto and burglaries continue to be a problem in PSA 307.

Installation of Matt Raymond as Commissioner for SMD 2F-04

Charles Reed, being informed that **Matt Raymond** has been qualified by the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics to be seated as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for SMD 2F-04, and that Mr. Raymond had been duly sworn in by Council Member Jack Evans prior to the meeting, welcomed Mr. Raymond, and stated he was hereby seated as a full member of ANC 2F.

Commissioner Announcements

Matt Raymond made the following announcements for **Sheri Kimbel**, representative from the office of Jack Evans, City Council Member Ward 2: The winter snow removal went well this year and City Council Member Jack Evans will be at the March ANC community meeting.

- 10 Minute Recess –

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Goekjian** 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:

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of January 5, 2011

Minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2011, 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 after the date change from 2010 to 2011 was noted.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Rick Bauman presented a request for street closing for the Bike DC, to be held Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM. **Bauman** 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. **Bauman** can be reached at 202-558-7401 and washingtonbike@aol.com.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of Bike DC Washington, to be held Sunday, May 22, 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: (5-0) Unanimous

Diane Thomas presented a request for street closing for the National Marathon, to will be held Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 5:00 AM to 11:00AM. **Thomas** 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. **Thomas** can be reached at 202-407-8560 and dthomas@gwsportsalliance.com .

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the National Marathon, to be held Saturday, March 26, 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: (5-0) Unanimous

Brandon Hammond presented a request for street closing for the Scope it Out Walk/Race, to be held Sunday, March 20, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 10:45AM. **Hammond** 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. **Hammond** can be reached at 571-257-7679 and brando.hommond@crctoday.com .

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the Scope it Out, to be held on Sunday, March 20, 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: (5-0) Unanimous

ABRA

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

Reed stated that the parties were unable to reach settlement concerning the licensee’s pending request to add a 51-seat rear summer garden and bar behind the establishment. As a result the matter will go forward to a protest hearing on February 16 [subsequently to the meeting postponed by the Board until April 20].

Education Committee (Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair)

Evelyn Boyd Simmons, ANC Education Committee Chair, reported that Saturday, January 8, the Education Committee, together with LCCA, convened the first Parent Outreach Meeting with the DCPS Transformation Management/Recruitment Office. The meeting drew a

strong turnout of 25 parents of mostly infants and toddlers -- approximately 90% of whom were in-boundary for Garrison Elementary. The group included a few parents with children currently enrolled at ANC2F schools Garrison, Thompson and Ross. **Simmons** facilitated a candid discussion with DCPS, during which questions and concerns were raised and discussed. A summary of these was shared with the principal of Garrison. Action that addressed a number of the items raised was subsequently taken.

On Wednesday, January 12, LCCA focused its monthly membership meeting on public education. Dr. Peggy O'Brien, Chief of Family and Public Engagement, was the guest speaker. **Simmons** briefly summarized activities to date for the membership and facilitated the discussion. The meeting was attended by Ross Elementary Principal and PTA President who described how dramatic improvements in test scores and other areas were accomplished in only 3 or so years. Peggy O'Brien appealed for development of a plan and ventured that the process of continued community discussion and activity would yield one.

On Saturday, January 29, **Simmons** worked with the newly formed Garrison PTA to invite neighborhood parents to a meeting with the Principal of Garrison – the first of its kind. The meeting was held at Garrison and for most parents it was their first time inside the school. There was a strong turnout of approximately 20 parents, all in-boundary for Garrison and most of them with 2 year olds who would be eligible to start preschool next school year. Parents are actively shopping for school options during the Jan 28-February 28 school lottery period and this was a good opportunity early in the lottery season for them to learn more about their neighborhood school.

The Ross PTA president exhorted parents to, “forget about the lottery and invest in Garrison.” She pointed out that the only difference between Garrison and Ross is that Ross parents invested and started their work 3 years ago. The Principal showed a videotaped welcome from Garrison students, described his ideal student and committed to holding monthly community outreach meetings – a first and a direct result of the new community focus on education. DCPS representatives described the lottery process; “Tools of the Mind”, a teaching framework to be rolled out at Garrison next school year; the Garrison science teacher described activities for students and Great Schools, a national NGO, described its free training to help parents assess a school beyond test scores and its free one-on-one parent coaching in school selection.

On February 2, 2011, **Simmons** attended the first Garrison PTA meeting. The PTA President let approximately 12 attendees, including a couple of teachers and Principal Seaward, in a discussion of administrative matters such as adopting bylaws, possible projects and fundraising activities.

Ongoing Education Committee activities include development of opportunities for the community to support education in the ANC2F and LCCA areas, outreach to community parents, participation with DCPS in developing a recruitment strategy for Garrison, and support of the Garrison PTA. There is also exploration of collaboration with our northern neighbor ANC1B, home to a large portion of Garrison's boundaries.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Byran Goodman)

Goodman reported that during the holiday season the Logan Circle area had a package thief who was stealing UPS/Federal Express packages left when the owners were not at home. Please be aware of your surrounding and report suspect behavior to the police. If you want to join the Crime and Public Safety Committee, please contact Bryan at Bgoodman32@hotmail.com.

Community Development Committee

1432 Q Street, NW – Application for Variance, rear house addition, Owner David Stivaletta BZA to support the

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

RESOLVED, That ANC advise the Board of Zoning Adjustments to grant the pending application for the rear house addition variance at 1432 Q Street, NW.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

1513-1521 14th Street, NW Application for Variance and Special Exception Relief for (Square 241, Lot 129), Kyrus L. Freeman, Holland & Knight

Applicant is seeking variance from the open court width requirements; a variance from the roof structure height limitation; a variance from the off-street parking requirements; a special exception from the roof structure requirements; and a special exception from the rear yard requirements. The CDC recommended that the BZA be advised to grant the pending applications. In a general discussion, in which a number of Kingman Place residents were present and participated, it became obvious that a resolution of the sharply divided opinions could not be resolved within the time available at the meeting.

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

RESOLVED, That this matter be placed on the February CDC agenda, as well as, the next ANC meeting in March. The developer and residents will continue to meet to try and resolve the issues.

Vote: (4-1, Raymond dissenting)

Arts Overlay Committee (Andrea Doughty)

The next Arts Overlay Committee meeting will be held Monday, February 7th, Hotel Helix at 6:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

New Business

P Street Greenway Project

The District of Columbia's Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) began work to create tree boxes on P Street between North Capitol St NE and 12th Street NW. This project is being advanced through three coordinated strategies by the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

1. Impervious surface removal
2. Green median renovation
3. Tree canopy renovation

Resident Mary Brown thanked Mr. Clark for being responsive to emails and calls regarding this project. She had some concerns, however, about the maintenance of the grass that is being planted. For more information about the P Street Greenway Project, contact Timothy Clark at 202-359-0582 or timothyp.clark@dc.gov

Amendment of Bylaws and Appointment of CDC member

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

RESOLVED, That the Article IV, Section 5(a) of the bylaws of this ANC be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

If a vacancy occurs on the Commission, by reason of death, incapacity, move out of the SMD or resignation of a commissioner and either (i) the vacancy occurs within six months of a general election during which the District of Columbia statute (D.C. Code 1-309.06) provides for the election of an interim commissioner to complete the term of such vacancy, or (ii) the vacancy occurs before such six months but no interim commissioner candidate is qualified to be elected in accordance with D.C. Code 1-309.06 or no candidate is elected thereunder; then, the Commission may, but is not required to, provide for a non-voting representative ("Delegate" from the SMD in which the vacancy has occurred, so as to better assure that the interests of residents in that SMD are represented. For the purposes of this Section, the Commission may declare a temporary vacancy when it reasonably appears to the Commission that a commissioner is incapacitated or will be absent and temporarily unable to perform his or her duties. where a vacancy exists on the Commission, the Commission may appointment by majority vote two members of CDC who shall be residents of the SMD as to which the vacancy exists; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ANC2F appoint David Nation to the CDC to represent 2F05

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Trash pick-up in alley between CVS, ACE Hardware and Whole Foods

No action at this time.

Treasurer's Report (Sam Goekjian)

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F hereby approve the 1st Quarter 2011 Report

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

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

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

Cynthia Cota	\$962.45
Verizon.....	\$65.97
DOES.....	\$64.80
Luther Place Memorial Church.....	\$200.00
DC Treasurer.....	\$108.00
DC Auditor Security Fund.....	\$25.00

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:50 PM.