

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F**  
**Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 1, 2011 – 7:00 PM  
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL  
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

**Present:** Charles Reed (2F01) (Chairman), [SMD 2F02 is vacant], 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.

Upon motion by **Benardo** and seconded by **Raymond**, and after further discussion by the Commissioners and community present at the meeting, it was moved to suspend the meeting order

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

***Washington Convention Center***

Upon motion by the Chairman Reed and second by Vice Chairman Mike Benardo, and after further discussion by the Commissioners and community members present at the meeting, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, That the Commission having noted that the Washington Convention Center is a major development with significant and direct impact in terms of the economic, business, aesthetic, transportation, and other quality-of-life aspects upon the entire Logan Circle community, and that the Commission has both followed and contributed to the development of the Center and has members on its citizens advisory board and, therefore, has an institutional knowledge of the Center and a good working relationship with its principal staff, hereby determines that it is a matter of vital concern and interest to this community that under the current redistricting of the District of Columbia as a result of the 2010 census the Center remain in Ward 2, and it is,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Commission so recommend such retention of the Center in Ward 2 to the appropriate agencies of the District of Columbia with responsibilities for redistricting, it being the Commission's intention that the foregoing recommendation be deemed formal and made in accordance with D.C. Code Section 1-309.10; and that the recommendation be accorded "great weight" in the redistricting efforts now being undertaken; and the appropriate officers of this Commission be and are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be required to implement this resolution.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

## COMMUNITY FORUM

### Commissioner Announcements

**Reed** announced the Convention Center is a major development with significant and direct impact in terms of the economic, business, and stated the importance of the Convention Center staying within Ward 2.

### Report from Office of the Mayor-Raeisha Williams, Outreach & Service Specialist, Ward 2

Ra can be reached at 202-297-6566 or [raeisha.williams@dc.gov](mailto:raeisha.williams@dc.gov)

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

Sherry Kimbel reported that the redistricting hearing was taking place at the Wilson Building.

### PSA 307 Report – Sergeant Terestre

Sergeant **Terestre** reviewed crime statistics for the prior month in Police Service Area (PSA) 307, covering a large portion of the ANC 2F area. PSA 307 had an increase in property theft and theft from autos. Crimes against individuals were down 14%. **Sgt. Terestre** clarified crimes against individuals included armed robbery, mugging, etc. Prostitution is up, so please call the police when you see activity. **Sgt. Terestre** re-examined *the “broken window” theory*- if a property looks run down and unkempt, it appears to be a gateway to other crimes. June 13<sup>th</sup> is the Citywide Neighborhood Crime Watch Training Program. MPD will be hosting a Citywide Neighborhood Watch Training Session in the Sixth District in partnership with the Citizens Advisory Council. For more information visit [www.mpdc.dc.gov/NeighborhoodWatch](http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/NeighborhoodWatch).

Sergeant **Terestre** can be reached at [David.Terestre@dc.gov](mailto:David.Terestre@dc.gov)

- 10 Minute Recess –

## BUSINESS MEETING

### Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Goekjian** and after further discussion, the draft agenda was approved with additions and 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: Number 9 - One-day Substantial Change (June 11 and 12)

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

### Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of May 4, 2011

Minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2011, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Goekjian** 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**

### DCHSEMA/Street Closures

**Meg Lelli** presented a request for street closing for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk, to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011, 8:00 AM to 10:30 PM. **Lelli** stated that the request complies with ANC 2F published street closing policy and that she had made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Lelli** can be reached at 661-212-4854 or [mlelli@events360.com](mailto:mlelli@events360.com).

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

**RESOLVED**, That after review of the street closing application of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk, to be held on Saturday, June 4, 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**

*Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Light the Night Walk, to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011, will be placed on the July 2011 agenda*

### ABRA

*Eagle Café 1414 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW*

An agreement rose out of the refusal by the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (the “Board”) to accept a mutually agreed voluntary agreement (the “VA”) submitted by them to resolve the protest of the ANC. In the view of the ANC, such refusal by the Board was unlawful, and the ANC was prepared to cause the issue to be appealed to the

District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Eagle Cafe, however, represented to the ANC that further delay in the issuance of its liquor license would result in the failure of the company and requested that ANC withdraw its protest, thereby foregoing an appeal in the matter. The ANC has agreed to this request subject to the terms and conditions. The Status Hearing was held this morning and the Protest Hearing will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

*Number 9 Extended Hours for Gay Pride Parade-Extended Hours for Gay Pride Parade*

The applicant is requesting a One-Day Substantial Change for Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The establishment owner is asking to open at noon instead of 5:00 PM.

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

**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F advise ABRA to grant the One-Day Substantial Change.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this ANC will waive the right to take action on the breach of the Voluntary Agreement.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

*Ghana Café Hearing*

**Reed** stated that the parties were still unable to reach settlement concerning the licensee's pending request to add a 51-seat rear summer garden and bar behind the establishment.

**Education Committee (Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair)**

The Education Committee Chair, Boyd Simmons, provided input on behalf of parents and community into the interviewing process for various teaching and staff positions at Garrison Elementary School. New hires will begin next school year.

- The Café Saint-Ex Memorial Day Chili Cook Off fundraiser to benefit Garrison was a huge success. Various local restaurants competed for the title of best chili, and Cork won first prize. Several neighborhood businesses and organizations sponsored and gave in-kind support. The list includes TD Bank, local dentist Dr. Coffey, Logan Hardware, Vida Fitness, Borderstan, Balance Gym, Central Union Mission, Unity of Washington, Miss Pixie's and the U Street Neighborhood Association. Almost 70 percent of the volunteers who managed the event were generated by current and future Garrison parents, their friends and families. There is no word yet on how much money was raised.
- Acting Chancellor Kaya Henderson and Councilmember Jack Evans will co-host a Ward 2 State of the Schools meeting June 7. The hope is that it will lead to formation of a

working group to improve Ward 2 schools. The chairwoman participated in the planning meeting for this event.

- Garrison was one of 12 schools to receive a \$4,000 grant from Wal-Mart. The grant will be used to support a garden project.
- The Ward 2 State of the Schools meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 7, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at **Garrison Elementary School**, located at 1200 S Street, NW. Refreshments will be served during this event and free childcare service will be provided. Additionally, Spanish interpreters will be on hand.

### **Crime and Public Safety Committee (Bryan Goodman, Chair)**

The next Crime and Public Safety Committee meeting is Wednesday, June 8, at 7:00 PM at 1441 Q Street, NW. To join the Crime and Safety Committee, or if you have any questions for the committee, please contact Bryan Goodman [Bgoodman32@hotmail.com](mailto:Bgoodman32@hotmail.com). New Logan Circle resident Cathy Votaw of 1313 N Street NW will join the committee. All meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

### **Community Development Committee Report (Mike Benardo, Chair)**

#### *Pizzolio's 1418 12<sup>th</sup> Street- Sidewalk Cafe*

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F advise DDOT Pubic Space Committee to approve the application of the outdoor seating, contingent upon the hours of the outdoor seating closing at 11:00 PM every night.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

#### *1109 M Street, NW Condos*

This is an 11-unit project. Based upon zoning regulations, any building with over nine units is required to provide an MIZ (mandatory inclusionary zone) unit/s within the project.

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

**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F advise BZA to support the application regarding lot occupancy, rear yard and open court variances.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

***14<sup>th</sup> and R Streets, NW- Traffic Control Plan***

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

**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F advise DDOT that this ANC has no objections to the traffic control plan.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

**New Business**

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

**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F hereby appoint Matt Raymond Secretary of this ANC.

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

**Treasurer's Report (Sam Goekjian)**

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

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

Cynthia Cota .....	\$962.45
Verizon.....	\$Not to exceed
\$70.00	

**Vote: (4-0) Unanimous**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:55 PM.