

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, July 6, 2011 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

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

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

Chairman Reed shared with the community news about his recent illness. He also thanked the community for all the well wishes and support and believes it all contributed to his speedy recovery. **Reed** also announced the Protest Hearing for Eagle Café that was scheduled for July 15th has been rescheduled by the ABC Board for September 28th 2011. The Voluntary Agreement that was submitted by the protestant and applicant is in good order and complies with District laws. The ABC Board must accept the Voluntary Agreement between the two parties. The Voluntary Agreement will not contain an entertainment stipulation.

Chairman Reed further announced that Pepco has created the Public Service Committee to address Pepco's responsiveness to power outages. Pepco would like an ANC2F commissioner to sit on this commission.

Benardo announced the two SMD vacancies (SMD02, SMD05) and encouraged the community to run for the seats and become involved in the Logan Circle Community.

Report from Office of the Mayor-James Bulger, Outreach & Service Specialist, Ward 2

Mr. James F. Bulger was introduced as the new Outreach & Service Specialist for Ward 2 and is available to answer any questions. Mr. Bulger can be reached at (202) 340-7229 and james.bulger@dc.gov.

Report from Office of Jack Evan, City Council Member, Ward 2

Sheri Kimbel announced that the Subcommittee on Redistricting has been tasked with the responsibility of reviewing US Census data and reconfiguring some Ward and ANC boundaries to ensure equal local government representation among all residents. Now that the Council voted on Ward boundaries, it will focus on ANCs.

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 a slight increase in personal crime (mostly robbery) same month as last year. Overall crime is up 12%, and theft from auto continues to be a problem for this ANC. Total property crime is up 6%. Several programs are in effect during the summer months to help youth stay safe including a curfew for all persons under the age of 17. The District of Columbia also has a variety of programs and centers that serve young people seeking alternatives to being on the streets, including social, educational, recreational, and counseling services. For information, contact the District's Answers Please! Helpline at (202) INFO-211 (463-6211) or online at answersplease.dc.gov.

Sergeant **Terestre** can be reached at David.Terestre@dc.gov

- 10 Minute Recess –

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded by **Raymond** 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: DCHSEMA Best Buddies Walk

Add Under New Business: People's Counsel Pepco Hearing

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of June 1, 2011

Minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2011, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Benardo** 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: (3-0) Unanimous

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Brain Danza presented a request for street closing for the DV LEAP 10k Run for Justice, to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 7:30 AM to 9:15 AM. **Danza** 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. **Danza** can be reached at 202-468-2958 brian@dcroadrunners.org.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the USDA Farmer's Market to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 7:30 AM to 9:15 AM pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency ("DCHSEMA") and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Julie Hanson presented a request for street closing for the Best Buddies Challenge, to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. **Hanson** 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. **Hanson** can be reached at 703-307-2734 or jewel_hanson@msn.com.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the Best Buddies Challenge to be held on Saturday, October 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: (3-0) Unanimous

ABRA

Tortilla Coast 1454-1460 P Street, NW- New License

Jim Sullivan- Owner of Tortilla Coast presented this project that intends to locate a full-service Tex-Mex restaurant, and construct an outdoor summer garden with 48 seats in the area on private property that is currently being used as four parking spaces. Owner is willing to enter into a Voluntary Agreement with this ANC to address the community's concerns. Capacity load of the restaurant is 200. The trash will be located in an interior climate-controlled room in the basement. The application proposes hours of operation serving alcohol will be Sunday-Thursday 10:30 AM-2:00 AM; Friday-Saturday 10:30 AM-3:00 AM.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F protest 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. ANC2F will withdraw protest upon acceptance of ABC Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission be represented by Commissioners Charles Reed, or Michael Benardo, or Samuel V. Goekjian, or Matt Raymond, or any of

such persons (with power of substitution), before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) in connection with such protest.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

DDOT

Studio Theater Pole Banners

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise DDOT to accept the pole banner public space renewal application

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Bryan Goodman, Chair)

When interest gathers for the Crime and Public Safety Committee, a meeting will be held the second Wednesday of the month at 1441 Q Street, NW. To join the Crime and Safety Committee, please contact Bryan Goodman at Bgoodman32@hotmail.com.

Community Development Committee Report (Mike Benardo, Chair)

Application for Variance Relief for 1427 Rhode Island Ave., NW (Sq. 210, Lots 27 & 28) – Presentation by Abdo Development, LLC

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

RESOLVED, ANC2F advise BZA to support the parking variance (count and size) and loading berth.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC2F advise HBPRB to accept the concept and massing phase of this project.

Pepco O Street Substation Traffic Control Plan

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

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

1309 Q Street, NW - Conversion into a two-unit condominium

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise HPRB accept the concept and massing phase of this project on the ground there is no adverse impact on historic values.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

1211 10th Street, NW Condo Conversion

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise BZA in support of the two variances, relief from Section 401.3 minimum lot size permitting conversion to apartment, and relief from Section 405.8 Zoning Regulation nonconforming side yard, to permit a three-unit structure on the property.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

New Business

Department of Housing and Community Development’s proposed funding of 1417 N Street Northwest DC Tenants Association (A.K.A. Norwood Tenants Association)

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise DHCD to grant the acquisition loan.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

People’s Counsel Pepco Hearing

D.C. leaders moved one step closer to finalizing a plan to more closely monitor Pepco and potentially fine the utility for significant outages. No ANC action at this time.

Treasurer’s Report (Given by Mike Benardo in Sam Goekjian’s absence)

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

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

July Expenses:

Cynthia Cota.....	\$962.45
US Treasury.....	53.92
DOES.....	64.80
Verizon.....	65.03

Cynthia Cota.....60.58
IRS.....1,053.45
US Treasury.....Not to Exceed \$75.00

August Expenses:

Cynthia Cota.....\$962.45
Verizon.....Not to exceed \$75.00

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:38 PM.