

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

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

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 Community Forum portion of the meeting in order to install Nick Barron new commissioner for 2F02.

Vote: (3-0) Unanimous

Installation of Nick Barron as Commissioner for SMD 2F-02

Charles Reed reported that he had been informed that **Nick Barron** has been qualified by the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics to be seated as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for SMD 2F-02, and that Mr. Barron had been duly sworn in by Council Member Jack Evans prior to the meeting. **Reed** welcomed Mr. Barron, and declared that he was hereby seated as a full member of ANC 2F.

COMMUNITY FORUM

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

The new Office of Neighborhood Engagement can be found on the DC Mayor's home page at mayor.dc.gov. Mr. James Bulger will still serve as Logan Circle's Outreach & Service Specialist. James Bulger can be reached at 202-340-7229 or james.bulger@dc.gov

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

Sherri Kimbel reported that Council is back in session this week after the summer break. Evans is asking for an investigation for on-line gambling. Working in redistricting issues within

the City (SMD and ANCs are being redrawn). ANC2F will increase from 6 to 8 SMDs. January 1, 2012 is when the new boundaries will be in place. Kimbel commented on the new restaurants that are opening including Pearl Diver opening this week.

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 decrease in overall crime. Crime involving handheld devices, cell phones, iPods is the number one crime in ANC2F. The good news is homicide is down 100 % from the same time as last year, robbery with gun is down 67% and theft from auto is down. Overall property crime is also down. However, **Sgt. Terestre** asked the community to please keep your valuable goods out of your car. **Sgt. Terestre** stated that crime happens in all areas of the PSA and is evenly distributed within this PSA.

The Police Department's crime mapping application provides a comprehensive resource for information on crimes throughout the District of Columbia. For more information on the crime mapping application, visit www.crimemap.dc.gov. The application supplies detailed information and maps that are specific to type of crime, frequency, location and date of occurrence.

With the 10th anniversary of September 11th upon us, we ask the public to please be vigilant. The Metropolitan Police Department has been in the District for 150 years.... Happy Birthday!

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

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Benardo** 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: Continental Wine & Liquor -Single Sales

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2011

Minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2011, 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

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Ellen Hatherill presented a request for street closing for *SOME's Trot for Hunger*, to be held on Thursday, 24, 2011, 8:20 AM to 10:00 AM. **Hatherill** 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. **Hatherill** can be reached at 202-797-8806, ext. 1070 or tmonson@some.org.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of *SOME's Trot for Hunger*, to be held on Thursday, November 24, 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

Julie Hanson presented a request for street closing for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 14th Annual Light the Night Walk, to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011, 5:00 PM to 2:00 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 703-960-1100 and www.lightthenight.org/nca

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 14th Annual Light the Night Walk, to be held on Saturday, October 14, 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

Kevin Reynolds presented a request for street closing for AIDS Walk, to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Reynolds 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. Reynolds can be reached at 202-797-3510 and www.aidswalkwashington.org

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of, AIDS Walk, to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency (“DCHSEMA”) and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise HSEMA to grant such application.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if this event takes place in the future ANC2F will review complaints to determine if the event set-up time need to be changed.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

ABRA

Mood Lounge

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

RESOLVED, That an Ad Hoc committee be formed and exist for twelve months to enforce the Voluntary Agreement including to seek to revoke their liquor license on grounds of disturbing peace, order and quiet and of violations of the terms of the VA . Commissioner Benardo will act as chair and along with affected residents.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise HPRB that it opposes approval to pave the parking lot application located at 13329 9th Street on grounds that it is inconsistent with the neighborhood.

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. Application for a summer garden has been denied and applicant has applied for reconsideration.

Tortilla Coast

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F ratifies the Voluntary Agreement between this ANC and the individual Protestants, as presented to this ANC. The Protest will be withdrawn only after no complaints have been received by this ANC for twelve months.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Commissioners Reed, and Goekjian are hereby authorized and directed to work with nearby residents and owners to seek resolution of complaints as to current operations and breaches of the Voluntary Agreement.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

The Pig

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F authorize entering into a Voluntary Agreement upon same terms and conditions as Logan Tavern and Commissary. Commissioners **Reed** and **Barron** are authorized to represent this ANC. 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 the VA by the ABC Board.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Continental Wine & Liquor -Single Sales Renewal Application

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F recommend to ABRA that it renew the exception to the single sale moratorium and the existing side agreement that it has with ANC2F.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Education Committee (Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair)

The Education Committee Chair, Boyd Simmons, announced the ANC2F Education Committee has resumed after the summer break. Community building efforts continue to be a primary focus, including meetings with Councilmember Jack Evans' office, First Baptist Church. In addition, outreach to other neighborhoods and ANCs is being conducted to explore opportunities for collaboration, including meetings with ANC6C Youth and Education Committee Chair and a group of moms in the Mount Vernon Square area who are working to get a playground in the downtown area. A meeting is also planned between Garrison PTA leadership, Ward 1 parents and Councilmember Jim Graham.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Bryan Goodman, Chair)

The next Crime and Public Safety Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 14th, 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. All meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Goodman will work on the Mood Lounge issues and reach out to the police and the residents affected by the noise violations.

Community Development Committee Report (Mike Benardo, Chair)

National Park Service (NPS) requests a Metro station name change from the Smithsonian station to National Mall-Smithsonian station.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise DDOT and WMATA to support changing the station name from Smithsonian to National Mall-Smithsonian; primary designation as National Mall and secondary designation as Smithsonian. However, the funding expense be provided by any other entity other than Washington, DC.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

1328 14th Street, NW "The Irwin"

Applicant will return to the September 24th CDC meeting with new drawings that reflect several of the Committee's concerns like the limited size of the alley and the all glass facade.

The Stables at Naylor Court (1321-1325 Naylor Court, NW)

Project will go before BZA and Historic Review for renovation from a former stable to convert the property to a three unit residential building with three garages.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise HPRB and BZA to grant the supporting conceptual design which is consistent with the character of the neighborhood.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

1275 Pennsylvania Ave, NW – Presentation of an interior building renovation requiring Commission on Fine Arts Shipstead-Luce Concept Review

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise HPRB, National Capital Planning Commission, and Commission on Fine Arts to grant the supporting the conceptual design application

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

901 New York Avenue, NW- Sidewalk Café application for a Starbucks

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise DDOT Public Space Committee to approve the public space permit.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

700 14th Street, NW -Sidewalk Café application for a Starbucks at this location.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise DDOT Public Space Committee to approve the public space permit

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

New Business

Redistricting

Commissioner Benardo presented the redistricting issues facing ANC2F including poll locations within the new ANC.

Donovan House- Noise Violations

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F delegate to Sam to work on that matter

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton- Community Roundtable Invitation

The Commissioners of this ANC will discuss the invitation keeping the community needs and issues in mind.

Treasurer’s Report Matt Raymond on behalf of Sam Goekjian

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	\$962.45
Verizon.....	\$63.65
Miller, Beam & Paganelli, Inc.....	\$750.00

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F approve the 3rd Quarter Report

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:31 PM.