

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

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

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:08 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.

Commissioner Announcements

Bernardo announced that the CDC which is usually the fourth Wednesday of the month will be moved up a week to November 16th at 7pm.

Reed announced that the show cause hearing for the Mood Lounge is scheduled December 7th and that he has been speaking with Assistant Attorney General Phillips who is handling the case.

Bernardo reported that a sound test was allowed at the Mood Lounge on October 31st and the sound levels were found excessive. Owner understands adjustments need to be made in order to be in compliance with Voluntary Agreement. A public safety commission meeting occurred regarding sound levels at Mood Lounge. Chair Bryan Goodman reported that the meeting was informal and included Sergeant Terestre who was present for a sound level check. Sergeant Terestre reinforced the need for documentation of violations and encouraged neighbors to make sure each individual complaint gets logged. Police reports do not match e-mails regarding issues at the Mood Lounge. (Check closet for sound level machine?)

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 www.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 (no one present to present)

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

Sheri Kimbel reported that they are working on the Mood Lounge situation. The "Goblin Parade" which happened on Sunday, October 30th was a very successful community event organized by the Logan Circle Moms. She also reported that they are working together with the local schools.

Jack will launch re-election campaign for 2012 on Monday, November 14th at Campaign Headquarters at 1402 14th Street from 5pm to 8pm right by Caribou Coffee. RSVP to jack@evans2012.com. Visit online at evans2012.com.

PSA 307 Report – Officer Daee

Officer **Daee** 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 decrease in personal crime (mostly robbery) same month as last year. Office Daee noted best way to combat is education. Please be mindful of surroundings and who is around you. The force is planning on posting safety tip sheets in local businesses and on autos. Officer Lambert created a safety tip sheet. (website link in pdf) Please be mindful of your surroundings and remember that 911 will take all emergency and nonemergency calls.

Overall crime is down; however, theft from auto continues to be a problem for this ANC.

Officer Morgan is working on community relations in the Mood Lounge area. Officer Daee also reported that in order to cite Mood Lounge for a sound violation they must have a certified officer present to use a decibel meter for official reading. Community member noted that an MO for auto theft. Cyclists change headgear as they execute the crime and therefore eyewitnesses cannot. Officer Daee stated that bicycles on sidewalks are allowed except in business districts. The law requires them to adhere to the same laws as the motorists.

Officer **Daee** can be reached at michael.daee@dc.gov

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Goetkjian** 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: The Pig- Voluntary Agreement and The Donovan House.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

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

Minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2011, were presented for approval.

Upon motion by **Benardo** seconded by **Barron** and after further discussion, the minutes were approved as amended with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC 2F website.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

ABRA

Donovan House

Roof garden is rented out for parties and residents have been complaining about the noise. No proposal is currently pending for action for ANC2F, however, we recognize that Donovan House is willing to take constructive action in addressing the concerns over noise level. License renewal for Donovan House will come up in 2013. General Manager, Dene Nui Director of Sales and Marketing, Sheri, and Sonny Gorushanovich, Director of Food and Beverage from Donovan House were in attendance. GM addressed forum indicating they are willing to mitigate noise and proactively work with community. She reported that they have retained an acoustical engineer to ensure noise levels are appropriate and that capital allocations will be made to accommodate recommended changes. She encourages community to communicate their needs and invited community to a kick-off of the remodeled space. She can be reached at dnuui@thompsonhotels.com. No action.

Batch 13 -1724 14th Street

Proprietors are willing to enter into a VA. No action.

Whole Foods 1440 P Street, NW; B Retail-Grocery; ABRA #060167

This is a renewal with an existing VA. No action.

The Pig 1324 14th Street, NW; Class C; ABRA #088060

Barron reported that residents have concerns about being named in the VA. It was noted that residents can protest motion and enter into VA along with the ANC. Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Raymond**, 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 **Raymond** 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. "Ratify voluntary agreement so that it can be presented to ABRA provided that neighboring residents are authorized to become parties to it."

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Education Committee (Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair)

The Education Committee Chair, Evelyn Boyd Simmons, announced that the (e-mail her for the details) ☺ Goblin parade great community building event. Attended a family engagement panel discussion. National PTA represented put on the Youth Education Program and the Flamboyant. Senator Michael Bennett former school superintendent in CO addressed the group. Fairly well attended. She also received notice this evening that she has been elected to a Head Start Policy Making Advisory Body.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Bryan Goodman, Chair)

The next Crime and Public Safety Committee meeting is Monday, November 21st, 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. Reed acknowledged request that when the agenda includes the PSA in conjunction with report from Crime and Public Safety Committee.

Community Development Committee Report (Mike Benardo, Chair)

1612 14th Street, NW (Pearl Dive Palace) – Application to occupy public space with a sidewalk café.

Application to occupy public space with a sidewalk café. Open on both ends about 13ft wide for a total of just under 60 sq ft. Restaurant opens to sidewalk, extending 6 seats out onto sidewalk 4 ft 9 in and they are seeking public space approval. It was noted that they will need to return to have license modified to allow serving of liquor on patio. Bernardno shared comments from Andrea Doughty, Vice President of MidCity Residents Association. MidCity Residents Association (those neighbors most affected by restaurant) voted in January to approve Pearl Dive’s application as a “great addition to the neighborhood.”

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F recommend to DDOT that application be granted, with the understanding that the recommendation will in no way preclude the ANC2F from requesting that the Pearl Dive enter into a VA or other related actions in the future.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Little Deli Delicatessen (T/A Chuck's Deli) at 1221 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – BZA application for a variance from the use provisions to allow a delicatessen on the first floor (lobby) of an existing apartment house.

CDC reviewed and voted to recommend approval.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise BZA

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

1324 14th Street, NW – Presentation for BZA and Historic review for a renovation of a residential building with ground floor retail.

CDC reviewed and recommended approval.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise BZA for concept and massing and HPRB for approval.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

934 N Street, NW – Presentation regarding the construction of an owner-occupied home with a rental apartment in the basement.

Tabled for next month's agenda. HPRB concept and massing

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

939 & 941 M Street, NW – Presentation regarding subdividing one lot into two to create 939 M Street, NW & 941 M Street, NW and converting them into four duplex condo's (two at each address).

Recommend Approval for concept and massing. Request that they return for design.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F advise BZA of support of concept and massing with the understanding they will return for approval of design.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report Sam Goekjian

Upon motion by **Goetkjian** seconded by **Barron** and after further discussion, it was,
RESOLVED, That the following expenses be and are hereby adopted:

Cynthia Cota (October Salary).....	\$962.45
Cynthia Cota (November Salary).....	\$962.45
Jennifer Dusek.....	
Verizon.....	\$63.65
Cynthia Cota (Web.com).....	\$131.40

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Upon motion by **Goetkjian**, seconded by **Reed**, and after further discussion, it was,
RESOLVED, That ANC2F approve the 4th Quarter Report

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded by **Raymond**, and after further discussion, it was,
RESOLVED, That ANC2F approve amendments to auditor's report in respect to the two signature requirement.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded by **Benardo** and after further discussion, it was,
RESOLVED, That ANC2F adopt the new resolution from SunTrust Bank and direct individual signatures to complete appropriately.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

UnanimousAdjournment

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