

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, April 4, 2012 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Charles Reed (2F01), Nick Barron (2F02-Secretary), Samuel V. Goekjian (2F03-Treasurer), Matt Raymond (2F04-Vice-Chairman), Mike Benardo (2F06-Chariman) Matt Connolly (2F05)

Absent:

Chairman Benardo 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

Charles Reed received a call from Pastor at the Church at 15th and R who expressed a desire to help the community and offered parking possibilities as well as meeting room space. **Reed** invited the Pastor to participate in ANC.

Mr. Reed also announced that ANC2F, under the new ANC redistricting, will have eight commissioners beginning this Fall. He encouraged the community to be involved and to spread the word that we have qualified, energetic individuals willing to serve the ANC.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

If you have any questions, James Bulger, from the Office of the Mayor, can be reached at jamesbulger@dc.gov or via cell at 202-340-7229

PSA 307 Report – Sergeant Terestre

Sergeant Terestre from PSA 307 reviewed crime statistics for the prior month in Police Service Area (PSA) 307, covering a large portion of the ANC 2F area. **Sergeant Terestre** stated that all major crimes are down significantly (average of 45%). Property crime is down 16%, an excellent statistic considering the amount of warm days in the District as crime often correlates with humidity and the heat index. The only robberies that stand out are the robberies without a weapon. Cell phones as well as thefts from autos continue to be an issue. Feel free to contact them if you have any issues. **Sergeant Terestre** can be reached via email at davidterestre@dc.gov. If it is an emergency, please call 911 for immediate response.

Commissioner Raymond inquired about some of the specialty programs within MPD and noted he attended an event where Chief Lanier spoke.

To see updated information on things happening in the individual PSAs individuals may go to www.mpddc.gov and sign on to link to yahoo groups and you can receive e-mails everyday about incidents.

DDOT

Damon Harvey from DDOT offered a response to the proposal from Jack Evans office regarding enhanced RPP parking. **Mr. Harvey** reported that RPP provides residents who live within certain zones preferred parking. The standard hours for RPP are 7am-8:30pm M-F, which may be extended. The days may also be extended. Mr. Harvey reported that his team does extensive analysis on parking in the District. According to their research, peak parking on weekdays is between 7pm and 11pm. There are many options such as extended hours, extended days and resident only parking which creates greater priority for residents who live there.

Mr. Harvey also reports that they are doing “rule-making” in order to promote their new parking plan in 1B. DDOT is reaching out to ANC at this point in the process at the recommendation of Sheri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services. Mr. Two requests from ANC2F. First, identify the residential parking permit blocks that would need special treatment so those may be addressed in the rule making. Second, extended an invitation to participate in the process that 1B is going through.

Mr. Harvey then opened it up to questions from the commission and from the community. For a petition to succeed, it must 51% (one per household) participation in favor of proposed special parking treatment. Mr. Harvey can be reached via e-mail at damon.harvey@dc.gov or by phone at 202-671-1350. Mr. Harvey indicated that the petition process is the traditional approach, but they are currently coordinating with Jack Evans office in expediting the process.

Mr. Harvey also reported that they are looking at getting Visitor Passes DCMR (District of Columbia Metro Regulations) available online. He promised to send e-mail on meeting next month.

Community Announcements

Chris Shaheen from DC Office of Planning reported that they working on updating and renovating Burk Park. Mr. Shaheen manages the Office of Planning for the National Park Service and Downtown Business District. His office chose Reservation 68 at Massachusetts Ave and 11th Street as a pilot project. They have done historic research on the original project and are doing a Casey Tree planting program. On April 24 at 10am, they will plant nine trees as a Phase I of implementation of the plan. They are currently in the fundraising process and while they cannot openly solicit donations, but they may accept them. **Mr. Shaheen** can be reached at Chris.shaheen@dc.gov or 202-442-7616.

David Ridley asked that the ANC post the requirements for Commissioners on the ANC website. Commissioners recommended “Googling” the DC Code for running for ANC. Raymond indicated he would include in blog post.

Elsayed Mansour, Logan Community Association, announced that the next meeting of the association will be Wednesday, April 11th at 7pm at Fathom Creative on 14th Street. There is a Happy Hour prior to the meeting at 6pm. Two major agenda items to be discussed are Jack

Evan's RPP proposal and the Mayor's Budget Proposal extension of hours for licensed liquor establishments.

Jesse Sacedo, on behalf of Council Chairmen Kwame Brown, announced that he wanted the community to be aware of what they offer in terms of Constituent Services. Mr. Sacedo may be reached via e-mail at jsacedo@dccouncil.us 202-724-9700.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Add under DCHSEMA Capitol Pride

Add under DCHSEMA Army 10 Miler

Remove under ABRA 1414 14th Street Sav-on Liquor

Add under ABRA report from Commissioner Reed on ad-hoc committee

Upon motion by **Benardo**, seconded by **Raymond**, 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 March 7, 2012

Minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2012 were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Reed**, seconded by **Connolly**, and after further discussion, the minutes were approved with some minor editorials and non substantive changes with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC 2F website after the changes have been made.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Walk MS DC-Request for support by Nancy Wlodarski, The National MS Society-No show

The Nation's Triathlon-Request for Support by Danny Serpico

Danny Serpico presented a request on behalf of **Rick Baumann** for street closing for The Nation's Triathlon. **Serpico** 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. Danny Serpico, Director of Operations for Washington Sports & Event Management, LLC can be reached at danny@wseminc.com or 301-213-9670.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the Bike DC, to be held on Sunday, May 13, 2012 pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency (“DCHSEMA”) and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise DCHSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous (UPDATE ALL)

Light the Night Walk-October 13, 2012-Julie Hanson, Leukemia Lymphoma Society

Julie Hanson presented a request for street closing for the 15th Annual Light the Night Walk, October 28, 2012 from 5AM to 1PM. Same course as they have had every year. The expect 30, 000 runners for marathon and about 30, 000 for the 10K. **Thompson** stated that the request complies with ANC 2F published street closing policy and that they have made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Thompson** can be reached at 703-432-1840 or Isabelle.thompson@usmc.mil .

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the 37th Marine Corps Marathon, to be held on Sunday, October 28, 2012 pending before the DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency (“DCHSEMA”) and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise DCHSEMA to grant such application.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

ABRA

Mayors FY2013 Budget Expansion of hours of the sale of on and off-premises alcohol and hour extension during the Presidential Inauguration.

Reed shared details on the ad hoc committee established by Jim Graham. **Reed** indicated that many of the issues would be controversial in the communities offering the “Group of 5” protest as an example. To qualify to be in the group of 5, the proposal suggests that the individual must be within 200 feet of the establishment applying for a license. There are also proposed changes to the Voluntary Agreement process. The law currently provides that any mutual agreement that exists within the confines of the law must be adopted by ABRA. Reed will provide the Executive Director with a list of items that have been proposed and what their status is so that they may be posted on the ANC website and available to the public. He anticipates that the process will be completed in May/June and he is happy to answer any questions that anyone might have. The proposal by the mayor to increase hours of liquor sales was rejected.

There was extensive discussion on various tenets of the proposed changes and legislation by the commission and by the community.

Benardo expressed appreciation for Charles Reed's dedication and efforts on this committee.

DDOT

1400 I Street NW, Public Space Permit Application for Valet Staging Zone-Request for support of public space permit application for a valet staging zone.

No one present at meeting to address request. Location is in the business district. No action taken.

USDA Farmer's Market-Request for support for Public Space Permit and Street Closure

Leslie Burks gave a presentation for support for renewal of permit for street closure for USDA Farmer's Market. The market is in the USDA parking lot and closes 12th Street SW between Jefferson Drive and Independence Avenue.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the public space permit application presented to the ANC by, ANC 2F advise DDOT of its support to grant such application.

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

Residential Parking Permit Program-Discussion on proposal by Jack Evans

Gerald Rossberg, Chair of the Board of the Studio Theater noted shared frustrations with parking on the part of the community and the Studio Theater. He reports that their belief as a board is that the proposal, if adopted, would have a catastrophic consequence. The single greatest threat to long term existence in the neighborhood is parking. **Mr. Rossberg** expressed eagerness to work together and to come up with solutions that are consistent with the goals of the neighborhood and residents. They are concerned that the current proposal would only complicate matters.

There was much discussion on different options which may be mutually beneficial to businesses and residents and the community as a whole on the part of the commission and the community. **Benardo** suggested collaborating with the MidCity Business Association and Logan Circle Community Association. **Mr. Rossberg** agreed and the general consensus was that collaboration with all involved parties from residents to businesses to MPD to the city will be essential and that a task force is ultimately a goal and should be readdressed in the near future.

Pedestrian Advisory Council-Request for Support

George Devies, Pedestrian Advisory Council, gave a few comments requesting support for a new initiative in favor of speed cameras. 6pm Monday the 9th there will be a PAC meeting where? At 441 4th Street NW Room 1101 by the Judiciary Square Metro. Neha Bhatt, Chair DC Pedestrian Advisory Council.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Christopher Linn, Chair)

Christopher Linn, cited the report that Sergeant Terestre and offered and the statistic that crime is down 14% this month. Mr. Linn states that one of his personal goals is to have an actual Crime and Public Safety Committee meeting this month to invite them to discuss crime issues, speed cameras, and extension of ABRA hours.

Community Development Committee (Matt Raymond, Chair)

Peregrine Espresso 1718 14th Street, NW-Presentation for Public Space Permit-Ryan Jensen

Matt Raymond shared that the CDC heard a presentation from the owner of Peregrine Espresso. The applicant was requesting support for a sidewalk café with two tables and four chairs. The CDC unanimously voted to recommend to the full ANC that it write a letter recommending DDOT of its support for the sidewalk café with two tables and four chairs.

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

RESOLVED, that ANC that it write a letter recommending DDOT of its support the application for a public space permit for a sidewalk café with two tables and four chairs.

Vote 5-0 (Unanimous)

1250 9th Street NW: HPRB concept proposal--Adam Stephal CAS Riegler

The applicant is seeking support for HPRB design and concept. They have received support for BZA variances. They will be presenting to HPRB on April 26th with minor alterations to the original proposal including an adaptation of the original condo design and more of a step-down on 9th street which provides a better transition. The CDC unanimously voted to recommend to the full ANC it support of project and that they send a letter to HPRB recommending approval of design pending final review of materials.

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

RESOLVED, that ANC that it write a letter recommending HPRB of its support the application for design pending final review of materials.

Vote 5-0 (Unanimous)

Treasurer’s Report (Mike Benardo for Sam Goekjian)

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

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

Jennifer Dusek	\$669.62
Verizon.....	\$not to exceed \$75
DOES.....	\$not to exceed \$110

Vote: (5-0) Unanimous

New Business

Perjury Charges for Mimi of Mood Lounge in respect to Show Cause Hearing on January 13, 2012

Reed proposed that we recommend to the ABC that it recommend to the Attorney General that they prosecute Mimi (last name) Mood Lounge on grounds of perjury in her statements at the Show Cause hearing that she has attended all meetings of ANC2F. **Reed** suggested that the ANC could provide affidavits on behalf of commissioners and sign in sheets as proof of non-attendance at ANC meetings. Strong set of evidence in perjury case.

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

RESOLVED, that ANC that it write a letter to the Attorney General that the ANC believes Mimi perjured herself (how exactly would you like this worded in the public minutes?)

Vote 3-2 Motion passed

Connolly (seconded by **Barron**) moved that we recommend to ABRA that the board’s process did not allow ANC to appropriately respond. Advise that we write a letter to ABC board recommending that they take heed of our notation.

Vote (2-3) Motion failed

Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion by **Barron**, seconded by **Raymond**, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:59 PM.