

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

Present: Nick Barron (2F02-Secretary), Samuel V. Goekjian (2F03-Treasurer), Matt Raymond (2F04-Vice-Chairman), Matt Connolly (2F05)

Absent: Charles Reed (2F01), Mike Benardo (2F06-Chariman)

Vice Chairman Raymond 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

Nick Barron announced that he will be resigning his position as 2F02 Commissioner and therefore there will be an opening. He is announcing now, as the filing period is from July 9th to August 9th.

Sam Goekjian announced that Charles Reed is out ill but there is a good prognosis for him and he will hopefully return for next month's ANC meeting.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

James Bulger from the Executive Office of the Mayor announced that there were flyers available in the back promoting an upcoming meeting regarding Mood Lounge. On Monday, May 7th at Kennedy Recreation Center at 1402 7th Street, the Mayor's Office will be having a meeting regarding Mood Lounge in an effort to proactively solve a known problem in our ANC. They are looking for community input. Several agencies will be represented at the meeting including ABRA, MPD, and the Office of Attorney General. Currently, each agency has put together an update on their progress in regards to Mood Lounge; MPD has signed Reimbursable Detail, ABRA is going out with a sound detail to evaluate levels at Mood Lounge, etc. In addition to sharing their current status with respect to Mood Lounge, each agency will offer future plans of action. 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

Sheri Kimbel, Office of Jack Evans, City Councilmember, Ward 2

Sheri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services, reported that Jack Evans instituted the "Three Strikes" legislation as it relates to Voluntary Agreements. The legislation proposes that if a business violates a Voluntary Agreement three times, it is an automatic 24 hour closure, four times 48 hour closure, 5 times 72 hour closure, and it continues to escalate. The legislation is specifically tied to Voluntary Agreements.

Ms. Kimbel shared that Councilmember Graham's Committee voted today on the extended hours proposal for ABRA. The proposal failed and appears to be a dead issue.

She also reported that the enhanced RPP program, which is being piloted in 2F, is currently in progress with sign production in process right now. They anticipate that the signs will be installed by mid June.

DCHSEMA is having open door meetings about the hazards and risks that concern citizens the most. For Wards 1 and 2 the meeting is next Wednesday, May 9th from 10am to 12pm at the UCC Conference Room at DCHSEMA 2720 Martin Luther King Jr Ave, SE.

PSA 307 Report – Lieutenant Carroll

Lieutenant Carroll 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. **Lt. Carroll** reported that robberies are down in the PSA, however the robberies that have occurred follow the same pattern he has highlighted in previous meetings. In PSA 307 last month, there was one ADW (Assault with Dangerous Weapon), three burglaries, 9 thefts, 29 thefts from autos and four stolen autos. Items stolen from cars include GPS, money, passports, purses, iPods, etc. **Lt. Carroll** reminded the community that theft from autos is a completely preventable crime. During this same time period, **Lt Carroll** reported that there were also 27 arrests, including 5 prostitution arrests, public urination, stolen auto, warrants, drug offenses. Feel free to contact them if you have any issues. **Lieutenant Carroll** may be reached via cell at 202-437-8198 or via email at jeffreyw.carroll@dc.gov. If it is an emergency, please call 911 for immediate response.

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.

Community Announcements

No announcements made.

- 10 Minute Recess –
BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Add under DDOT Valet Staging Zone Application for U Street Parking 1400 I Street

Add under ABRA Discussion and Resolution Extended Hours for Sav-On Liquors

Add under CDC 1400-1402 14th Street, NW

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Barron**, 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: (4-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of April 4, 2012

Minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2012 were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond** 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: (4-0) Unanimous

DDOT

1400 I Street, Request from U Street Parking for Opera Lounge Valet Staging Zone, Yared Tesfaye

Opera Lounge is looking for support for a permit application for a Valet Staging Zone. The proposed valet will be in operation from Tuesday 10pm-2am and Thurs, Friday, Saturday from 10pm -3am. The business is located in the central business district.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of Valet Staging Zone application pending before the DDOT and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise DDOT to grant such application.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Komen Global Race for the Cure-National Mall on June 2, 2012

Lauren Pike presented a request for street closing for The Komen Global Race for the Cure on June 2, 2012. **Pike** 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. They will do a rolling street closure beginning at 8:30am and ending by 10am. **Ms. Pike** can be reached at 703-416-RACE ex 807 or at lpike@event360.com .

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the Komen Global Race for the Cure to be held on Sunday, June 2, 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: (4-0) Unanimous

2012 National Race to End Women's Cancer - Sunday, November 4, 2012

Kim Speed presented a request on behalf of Debbie LeHardy for street closing for the 2012 National Race to End Women's Cancer on Sunday, November 4, 2012 from 3AM to 1PM. **Ms. Speed** 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. **Ms. Speed** can be reached at 703-989-8436 or debbie.lehardy@gmail.com.

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the National Race to End Women's Cancer to be held on Sunday, November 4, 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: (4-0) Unanimous

ABRA

ABC Task Force Update

Commissioner Matt Connolly reported that he attended the last meeting of the task force in Charles Reed's place and he shared that the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing Voluntary Agreements and changes that have been proposed. **Mr. Connolly** also reported that there was a proposal to prohibit VAs from limiting operating hours which failed in a vote 10 to 8. According to **Connolly**, the task force passed many resolutions that place serious restrictions on Voluntary Agreements including what is allowed in the agreements and who may qualify to protest licenses. There is a hearing on May 8th with Councilmember Graham to discuss.

Upon motion by **Connolly**, seconded by **Raymond**,

RESOLVED, that the ANC write a letter to Councilmember Graham opposing the recommendations of the task force limiting VA and the rights of individuals to petition and to authorize testimony.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Del Frisco's Grille, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Retailer Class "C" Restaurant and Stipulated License with a Summer Garden endorsement-Patton Boggs LLP.

Catherine Boul, appeared before the ANC representing her colleagues from Patton Boggs on behalf of the applicant, Del Frisco's Grille. Del Frisco's Grille (a national chain whose website is <http://delfriscosgrille.com/>) plans to open a new location at 1201 Pennsylvania Ave, NW,

(corner of 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW) in the business district. The location will have 200 indoor tables and 100 outside. They operate 31 restaurants across 18 states. The hours will be 11am to 12 midnight. They expect the business will open this summer in June or July. They are asking for a Retailer Class "C" Restaurant License with a Summer Garden endorsement. They are also asking potentially asking for a stipulated license so they can open sooner rather than later, however a final decision on this has not been made.

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Barron**, and after further discussion, it was decided that the ANC would take no action since the applicant is in the business district.

Café-Bar at 14th, LLC, t/a M Café, 1634 14th Street, NW, Retailer Class "C" License (the Aston building under construction at the corner of R)

Applicant is seeking support for a new Class "C" Retailers license. The restaurant will be an Italian Bistro café with 96 seats inside and a sidewalk café with 54 seats on the 14th street side of the building. The application is limited to 11pm on weekdays and 12pm on the weekend. The petition deadline is May 14, 2012. The owner, **Iraklis Karabassis**, has several other successful restaurants in the area.

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Connolly**, 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 VA ABC Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission may be represented by any one of the sitting Commissioners in connection with signing a Voluntary Agreement with the applicant.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Gordon Restaurant Group, LLC, 1529 14th Street, NW-Retailer Class "C" License (former site of ACKC)

Stephen O'Brien gave a presentation an application for new Class "C" Restaurant License. They are looking for support. Application does not reflect a trade name. The trade name will be Woody Creek and the restaurant will be going into the space formerly occupied by ACDC. The application limits the hours to closing 11pm weekdays and midnight on weekends. The concept is a small neighborhood restaurant focusing on American dishes with atmosphere and tapas. There will be 80 seats inside 16 outside. The petition date for ABRA is May 14, 2012.

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Barron**, 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 VA ABC Board.

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Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Sav-on Liquors-Acceptance of modifications requested by ABRA in the Voluntary Agreement

In response to a Voluntary Agreement submitted to the ABC Board which was returned to the ANC with request for modifications, the ANC notes we have supported extending hours from what is in the current VA up to the maximum allowed by law in previous ANC meetings.

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

RESOLVED, ANC2F send letter to ABC explicitly supporting extension of Sav-on Liquors’ hours to the maximum allowed by law.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Education Committee (Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair)

Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair of the Education Committee shared her primary focus in recent months. Ms. Simmons reports that she convened a “Cardozo Feeder School Parent’s” meeting. Cardozo is the High School that the neighborhood system feeds into for secondary education. She reports that the performance for that particular school has been “all over the map” and due to those inconsistencies in performance, they have engaged with DCPS and coordinated with Chancellor Henderson who has pledged to accept the recommendations developed by parents. They have held three meetings. They will also be meeting later this month.

LCCA has further developed its agenda with respect to education. They have a parent, Jim Sullivan, who is on the Board and have started to have Saturday meetings in order to help facilitate parent participation and networking, especially with working parents. With respect to Garrison Elementary School, where most of the parent energy is currently focused, they have convened a stakeholder meeting with parents, teachers, and other invested individuals to look at the land use as the property has been noticeably neglected and underutilized. Some of their suggestions include using the grounds as an extension of the learning. They have held a professionally led stakeholder meeting and engaged an architectural firm to design pro bono. **Ms. Simmons** anticipates having a plan to use for fundraising efforts in place in August.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Christopher Linn, Chair)

Christopher Linn, highlighted that there will be a meeting about Mood Lounge meeting at the Kennedy Recreation center. **Mr. Linn** also shared that he has been in touch with the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) and they are asking for ANC support for recommending cameras red light stop sign laws and yielding for pedestrians. Flyers from the MPD which include information on the District's current plans and the initiatives that they are proposing in terms of traffic safety, congestions, and pedestrian safety are available for pick up in the back of the room. The Crime and Public Safety Committee meeting this month will discuss crime issues, speed cameras, and extension of ABRA hours. Mr. Linn invites individuals to participate. Community members can also register online to be a part of the PAC if they are interested.

Community Development Committee (Matt Raymond, Chair)

Raymond shared that there was a discussion on the height limitations at the April CDC meeting. Raymond reported that nothing was 926 N Street much improved design and reported that they brought samples of the construction materials.

1400-1402 14th Street, NW by Abdo Development-Seeking support for HPRB concept and massing.

Raymond reported that the CDC committee had some suggestions regarding the setback and façade as well as a change in material choices. However, the CDC recommends the full ANC support of the Abdo Development project and that they send a letter to HPRB recommending approval of concept and massing.

1622 14th Street, NW-Presentation on Proposed Restaurant called Barcelona Restaurant
CDC recommended that ANC write a letter to HPRB recommending approval of concept and massing for proposed restaurant at 1622 14th Street, NW. The lot is a single lot which incorporates the existing building and empty lot. The goal for the vacant lot is to have a one story building in steel and glass with courtyard. It will open up the dining into the outdoor space so there is a "9 month space" and a flow between outside and inside. They anticipate a total of just under 200 seats, 40 on the outdoor patio, 48 in main dining and then 40 in private dining and bar area is approximately 50 seats. Materials will include clear-coated natural steel materials.

903 M Street, NW- Request for support of design for HPRB, Frederik De Pue

Raymond reported that **Frederik De Pue** gave a presentation highlighting design changes they have made to 903 M Street, NW. The applicant is seeking support for HPRB change of façade. They are putting an additional door in and adapting a window on the second level to accommodate restaurant plan. The restaurant proposal will include approximately 32 seats on the first level, 16 upstairs, and 30 on the outside deck. **Raymond** shared that the CDC recommends to the full ANC that it write a letter advising to HPRB of its support for the proposed design of 903 M Street, NW.

Discussion on Bethany Baptist Church at 10th and N Street use of parking lot concern over the Baptist Church at 10th and N Street, NW has been renting out Concern for commuter parking and evening valet parking. They will be following up with DCRA

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

RESOLVED, ANC2F send letters of support for 926 N Street Letter to HPRB for design, for 1400-1402 to HPRB for concept and massing, 903 M Street design for façade changes, and to HPRB for 1622 14th Street NW for concept and massing.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Public Hearing on Removal of Ban on ANC Litigation on Saturday, May 12, 2012

Connolly highlighted the uniqueness of the situation where, with the current law, an ANC can enter into VA, but cannot enforce it. Individuals may litigate, however, ANCs are not allowed to participate in litigation. There will be a public hearing on Saturday, May 12.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F send a letter and authorize a member of this ANC commission attend the public hearing on behalf of the ANC in support of the removal of the ban as proposed by Councilmember Barry.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Treasurer’s Report (Sam Goekjian)

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

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

Jennifer Dusek (#1153)	\$669.62
Verizon (#1152).....	\$63.86

Treasurer Sam Goekjian reported that in addition to expenses there is a second issue which is a problem for us as ANC2F. The DC Auditor’s Board has now taken certain changes in the regulations which say you have not submitted the required reports until you get the receipt from the Board. The DC Audit Board is saying we are in default and they will hold our payment until this matter is resolved. **Goekjian** would like authorization of commission to approach audit board to determine what these means in terms of submission of monthly and quarterly reports. Last October meeting we received a notification from the DC

Audit Board that they are withholding \$2700+ for six checks with only one signature. After considerable effort, **Goekjian** thought he had convinced the auditor that the second signature was placed on the memo line.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F authorize expenditures and actions as proposed by Treasure Goekjian regarding check expenses and the DC Audit Board.

Vote: (4-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion by **Raymond**, seconded by **Barron**, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:49 PM.