

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F**  
**Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 6, 2012 – 7:00 PM  
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL  
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

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

**Absent:** Nick Barron (2F02-Secretary)

**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** announced that the ANC made several communications to DDOT over the years concerning the dangerous operating practices of the buses which travel between New York and DC. He noted it has taken deaths for the operations to finally be shut down.

**Chair Benardo** shared that DC Council Chair Kwame Brown was formally charged with bank fraud today. The Council is currently meeting to address the issues which arise from the arise.

**Commissioner Raymond** proposed a dedicated committee from the ANC to address ABRA matters given recent events.

#### **Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor**

**James Bulger** from the Executive Office of the Mayor reported that he has just returned from being out of town and has only a brief report, having not been in the office. Several trees were taken down near 14<sup>th</sup> and R Street because they were obstructing crime camera sight lines. The neighborhood supported the cameras, but was concerned that the trees had to be sacrificed and expressed concern over the process and communication from MPD regarding their removal from the area. Mr. Bulger also noted that the Gay Pride Parade is this weekend and asked residents to please be aware of street closures and plan accordingly. If you have any questions, James Bulger, from the Office of the Mayor, can be reached at [jamesbulger@dc.gov](mailto: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, was not present due to the emergency City Council Meeting regarding Chair Kwame Brown's charge of bank fraud.

## **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 from May 7<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, there were 5 robberies, no ADW (Assault With a Dangerous Weapon) 5 burglaries, 31 thefts from autos, and 4 stolen autos in PSA 307.

**Lieutenant Carroll** shared that he had received questions via e-mail which he addressed during the ANC meeting regarding the details of burglaries, and specific crimes that have occurred in the PSA. He once again noted that theft from autos continues to be an issue and on the rise urging people to take steps to prevent this crime and to keep valuables out of sight in their vehicles. He also reported that bikes have been stolen, especially those with cable locks. **Lt. Carroll** recommends using a steel-bar lock and registering your bike at [www.nationbikeregistry.com](http://www.nationbikeregistry.com) to aid MPD in their recovery. There have been dozens of arrests. **Lieutenant Carroll** may be reached via cell at 202-437-8198 or via email at [jeffreyw.carroll@dc.gov](mailto:jeffreyw.carroll@dc.gov). If it is an emergency, please call 911 for immediate response.

**Christopher Linn**, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, shared concern over recent robberies involving guns and those occurring during the daylight hours.

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

## **Community Announcements**

None made.

- 10 Minute Recess –  
**BUSINESS MEETING**

## **Approval of Agenda**

Add under ABRA 1724 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW-Request for exception to Single Sales, prepared to enter into VA.

Upon motion by **Benardo** seconded by **Goejkian** 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 May 2, 2012**

Minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2012 were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Goejkian** 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**

**Removal of Ban on ANC Litigation**

No report at this time

**DCHSEMA/Street Closures**

*SOME's Trot for Hunger-Kid's Fun Run and 5K, Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012*

**Ellen Hatherill** presented a request for street closing for SOME's Trot for Hunger Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012. **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. **Ms. Hatherill** can be reached at 202-797-8806 or at [ehatherill@some.org](mailto:ehatherill@some.org).

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

**RESOLVED**, That after review of the street closing application of the SOME's Trot for Hunger and Kid's Fun Run to be held on Thursday, November 22, 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**

**ABRA**

*ABRA (Jim Graham) Committee Proposals and Hearing-Update and discussion on next hearing on June 12, 2012*

**Commissioner Reed** noted that the committee is essentially waiting for the bill to come out. Matt Raymond was allowed to testify at the hearing.

*Mood Lounge Status*

Mood Lounge will have another show cause hearing on June 13<sup>th</sup>. A nearby resident filed a complaint last year and is finally being heard next week. **Benardo** expressed hope that the resolution would be in favor of the resident.

*B Too Café-1324 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW-Application for Class “C” Retailer’s License, Belga Group*

**Stephen O’Brien**, ABC Counsel, for B Too Café gave a presentation on behalf of his client. The applicant is a second location for a Belgian Restaurant. They are seeking a Class “C” Retailer’s license. They have been in extensive discussions with **Commissioner Matt Raymond** and are prepared to enter into a Voluntary Agreement which includes limiting exterior hours 11pm and 12 midnight and interior hours to 1am and 2 am, respectively. Highlights include a provision for noise violation cure, which is not thirty days, but immediate. The only addition they request to the existing draft agreement is extending the hours on July 21<sup>st</sup>, which is the national Belgian holiday.

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F adopt VA as indicated and that it send letter to ABC requesting they accept the Voluntary Agreement as presented along with a cover letter which states that if the board fails to accept the VA prior to the protest date that the letter serves as a protest.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

**DDOT**

*Primary Care Clinic Proposal, 1400 Eye Street, NW-Johns Hopkins Primary Care Physician’s-Application for a Certificate of Need*

No one was present to provide additional information. **Benardo** shared that they had requested an opportunity to present at this month’s ANC meeting and are seeking ANC support. He noted that there was still a significant amount of time prior to their application deadline and expressed hope that they would be here next month to present.

*Parking Task Force-Susan Butler, former Chair of the Board of the Studio Theater*

**Susan Butler** gave a short presentation on the status of a new task force which has been organized to address the proposed Residential Parking Program (RPP) for Logan Circle area given all the new restaurants, residents, businesses, etc. This ANC was asked to pilot a program for restricted parking. The task force’s goal is to seek alternatives that may alleviate the current parking shortfall. Studio Theater attended the May ANC meeting where they expressed concern over the proposed RPP program. At the meeting, they were asked to put together a task force which they have begun gathering members. Current task force members include Albert Laber, Board Member, Lori Epstein, Studio Theater staff, a representative from Logan Tavern, a local real estate developer, Sheri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services in the office of Jack Evans, Tim Christenson, Chair of LLC, a representative from Saint Luke’s Church, Nick Barron, ANC2F Commissioner, and a DC Government Official who is TBD. Membership on the task

force is still open. **Ms. Butler** reported that the next order of business for the task force will be to have a meeting. She expressed appreciation for the ANC suggestion of a task force and the opportunity to create one, in addition to sharing optimism at finding mutually agreeable solutions.

**Education Committee (Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair)**

**Evelyn Boyd Simmons** was not present to give a report.

**Crime and Public Safety Committee (Christopher Linn, Chair)**

**Christopher Linn**, Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Committee shared that he provided flyers which have the crime statistics for the entire ANC, which extends beyond just PSA 307, and which include last year's information in addition to this year's information on crime in the area. He met with the LCC and Dupont area. Together, they have organized a meeting to discuss crime and public safety issues. Dupont will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 20th issues are similar and discussed possibility of coordinating more in the future on their efforts.

**Lisa Sutter**, Program Manager for MPD, shared that since the introduction of the speed and red light cameras, fatalities have been drastically reduced in the District. They are now seeking support for photo enforcement. In looking at reducing fatalities further and addressing pedestrian safety issues, they have researched additional options with the red light cameras which will all be portable. There are several different types of enforcement and MPD has identified specific red light areas and additional places which these cameras may be placed to be most effective in achieving MPD goals. The proposed enforcement includes gridlock violations (blocking the box), speeding at intersections, stop sign enforcement, pedestrian safety enforcement, and oversize/overweight vehicle enforcement. When the initial bids for the proposed cameras were returned, they were higher than originally allocated in the budget and therefore they are asking the ANC to pass a resolution in support of these cameras and the additional funding. If you have suggestions as to camera placement, you may contact Ms. Sutter via e-mail [Lisa.sutter@dc.gov](mailto:Lisa.sutter@dc.gov) or on her cell phone at 202-492-1150.

**Christopher Linn** expressed the ongoing need for police officers to continue to actively participate in traffic enforcement, and that the program focus on safety and not on generating revenues, and that the primary goal be behavior modification.

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F adopt a general resolution with some changes in support of Procurement and Effective Management of Enhanced Photo Enforcement Equipment for Traffic Control and send a letter to the District City Council.

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded by **Benardo**,

**AMENDMENT** to the motion, that ANC2F Advise the City Council that in principle our ANC supports RFP with respect to gridlock, pedestrian safety, speeding, stop sign, and motor carrier violations with specific language to be provided for consideration at the July meeting.

**Vote: (4-1) Motion Passed**

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**Community Development Committee (Matt Raymond, Chair)**

**Raymond** shared developments from the four items that were considered at the May CDC meeting.

*1451 P Street, NW-Request for Public Space Permit for Sidewalk Café*

**Raymond** reported that the CDC committee heard from **Chris Novashinski**, Chief Operating Officer of Pitango Gelato, who gave a presentation on proposed bench fixtures in front of the store at 1451 P Street, NW. The CDC recommended to the full ANC that it send a letter of support to DDOT to approve installation of benches in front of P Street NW with the understanding they will consult neighboring building regarding placement of benches.

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F send letters of support for Pitango Gelato to DDOT for a Sidewalk Café permit contingent on resolution of placement in regards to the adjacent building.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

AMENDMENT to proposed resolution, ANC2F recommend to DDOT that they grant application and the permit require that the applicant clean up the public space each evening.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

*Arts Overlay Status Update*

**Ms. Doughty** gave a presentation to the CDC on highlights of the Arts Overlay Committee's recent work during her tenure and outlined three future goals going forward. Ms. Doughty will be stepping down to dedicate more time to career pursuits. She expressed hope that the committee will:

- 1) Continue monitoring the 50% limit on eating and drinking establishments by linear foot in the Arts Overlay District. The ANC had previously had a 25% limit on the frontage that could be occupied by the eating establishments. The rule was onerous and difficult to enforce. The new rule, proposed by the Arts Overlay Committee and adopted by DCRA, uses a zoning square by zoning square (essentially a block) measurement.
- 2) Closely watch neighboring ANCs and petition for standing in the event that BZA variances become overly easy to obtain less they become routine.
- 3) Engage in re-write of DC's Zoning Regulations and participate in hearings.

*1617 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW-Request for HPRB Support of Proposed Mixed Project by Hickok Cole Architects*

**Raymond** reported that the CDC recommended to the full ANC that it write a letter advising HPRB of its support for concept and massing for 1617 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. The CDC only considered HPRB, not BZA variances.

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F send letters of support for 1617 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW to HPRB for concept and massing.

**Vote: (4-1) Motion Passed**

*1508 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW-Information on renovation and addition by Richard Foster, architect*

**Raymond** reported that the CDC heard a presentation from **Richard Foster** regarding renovations for 1508 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW on behalf of his client, Paul Hirsch. According to Mr. Foster, the developer is essentially bringing it up to code for lease by putting in fire stairs, addressing structural issues, completing some exterior renovations, and adding sprinkler systems. The CDC took no action.

Architect **Richard Foster**, who was present at the ANC meeting, repeated his CDC presentation of the project for community members.

**Treasurer's Report (Sam Goekjian)**

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

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

Jennifer Dusek (#1155) .....	\$669.62
Verizon (#1154).....	\$73.83

**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F authorize expenditures and actions as proposed by

Treasurer Goekjian regarding check expenses and the DC Audit Board.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

**Treasurer Goekjian** reported on the on-going issue of the withholding from our quarterly allotment of last year of the amounts of 8 checks on the grounds that they only contained one signature instead of the two required by the regulations. This matter was taken up by **Goekjian** in person with the DC Auditor last year; when he had pointed out that 6 of those checks did in fact contain two signatures, although the second signature had been placed in a different place on the check, **Goekjian** was given to understand that if a letter authorized by ANC2F to this effect was submitted, the funds withheld would be released. This letter was in due course submitted, but instead of releasing the withheld amount, neither that amount, the amount of that allotment authorized, nor the allotments for the subsequent two quarters were in fact released. As a result, there was not enough funds in the ANC2F bank account to pay the checks issued to our Executive Director for her monthly salary for the last four months. **Goekjian** requested the Commission that it authorize him to take all necessary action with the DC Auditor's Office to resolve this issue and obtain immediate release of the several quarterly allotments that should have been released months ago. **Goekjian** also requested the Commission to authorized him all of the funds in the ANC2F's Savings Account (approximately \$10,000) to its checking account so that the Checks already issued to our Executive Director could be cashed immediately

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

**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F authorize expenditures and actions as proposed by Treasure Goekjian regarding the DC Audit Board, allotments, and transfer of funds.

**Vote: (5-0) Unanimous**

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded **Connolly** that ANC2F enter into a Voluntary Agreement with Batchlertine and pending acceptance of

### **Adjournment**

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