

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F**  
**Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 5, 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), Matt Connolly (2F05), Mike Benardo (2F06-Chariman)

**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**

**Matt Raymond** shared that there are several ANC candidates present at the meeting and offered them the opportunity to introduce themselves and share a few words at tonight's meeting.

**Benardo** announced that there is a candidate's forum next Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm at the Washington Plaza Hotel.

**Adam Stempel** is running for 2F02 which will be divided come January 2013. He expressed that he was looking forward to meeting people and hopefully serving his neighborhood as an ANC Commissioner.

**Joel Heisey** 2F04 introduced himself. ANC for 20 years, serving the CDC committee and will be at the candidates forum on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**John Fanning**, running for ANC2F04, is a former ANC commissioner. He is looking forward to the forum next week and encouraged people to attend.

**Howard Marks** is running in one of the two new districts that were created by the new re-districting of ANC2F. He will be running for 2F08. He has been a resident of ANC2F for seven years at 1150 K Street NW. His wife is president of their condominium's board, and he has been very fortunate to represent Center City DC Project. Also will be on forum Wednesday.

**Christopher Linn** will be running for 2F02. Resident in ANC for 5 years, DC resident for Linnforlogan.com and will be attending the Candidate Forum.

**Sam Goekjian** announced that he will not be running again for Commissioner. Jim Lamarre has filed. 2F05.

**Matt Connolly** will be running for 2F08. He is the current commissioner for ANC 2F-05, been in DC for 7 years and has volunteered in the community for housing issues and the Washington Humane Society.

**Matt Raymond**, currently 2F04 Commissioner, will be running for 2F07, which he believes is the smallest SMD in the new re-districting of ANCs. He is looking forward to meeting new people and expressed excitement about running for his 4<sup>th</sup> term as an ANC2F Commissioner.

**Charles Reed** expressed his pride and appreciation for those who are willing to serve and a regret that he is unable to run again for health reasons. Mr. Reed enjoyed his tenure and looks forward to passing it on to worthy candidates. He thanked the ANC for the support he has been given.

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

No one was present. 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, announced that the DCHSEMA is planning a public form, date and time, to be determined. Please consider attending this event at GW University. The DC Council is back in session. If you have any questions please e-mail her at [skimbel@dccouncil.us](mailto:skimbel@dccouncil.us). Jack Evan's office will have Nationals Tickets available first come first serve over the next few weeks. Please e-mail your interest.

### **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. **Lieutenant Carroll's** report covers the time period from August 6<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>. There have been two sexual assaults reported. The first assault occurred within the last year, however, the exact location and time is unclear. There have been seven robberies. Last year there were eleven. Although it is lower, MPD is still concerned and believe that it was high. Violent crime is down in the area. In PSA 307 there have been three burglaries, 10 thefts, 3 thefts from autos. Area increases continue to be theft from autos, which has historically been an issue in this PSA. **Lt Carroll** reminded residents to be vigilant and to also communicate with visitors safe practices regarding parked vehicles.

**Lt Carroll** also shared the arrest report. Over the same time period, there have been 37 arrests, including 11 prostitution arrests. He noted that this has been an issue for the neighboring areas, including a discussion at the last ANC meeting. It is difficult to substantiate the offense of prostitution. It requires undercover officers in a targeted operation.

**Lieutenant Carroll** may be reached via e-mail at [jeffreycarroll@dc.gov](mailto:jeffreycarroll@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](http://www.mpddc.gov) and sign on to link to yahoo groups and you can receive e-mails everyday about incidents.

**Commissioner Raymond** complimented **Lieutenant Carroll** on MPD's timely and effective response to a recent request and corresponding information regarding activity in the 12<sup>th</sup> and M Streets area and suspected prostitution. There were 5 arrests made within 24 hours.

It was noted in subsequent community comments that prostitution may be connected to the transient population of construction workers which is currently higher due to the number of projects in the area. It was also noted that there were historical measures such as parking restrictions and no right turns on to K Street which are still in place to help deter prostitution.

### **Community Announcements**

**Tim Christenson** announced a Candidates Forum for ANC2F by the Logan Circle Community Association. All the candidates from all 8 SMDs have been invited to make comments and enjoy refreshments here at the Washington Plaza Hotel next Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm.

**Commissioner Reed** encouraged constituents to communicate with their representatives regarding the Omnibus ABC Bill and its potential to curb the ability for ANCs and residents to have a voice concerning alcohol issues.

- 10 Minute Recess –  
**BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Approval of Agenda**

ADD Approval of Special Meeting Minutes on August 27, 2012

ADD under DCHSEMA Kids 5K

Upon motion by **Reed** seconded by **Connolly** and after further discussion, the draft agenda was approved with additions and deletions, with a direction that a copy of the amended agenda be filed with the minutes and posted on the ANC 2F website:

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

### **Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of July 11, 2012 and Special Meeting August 27, 2012**

Minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2012 were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Benardo** seconded by **Raymond** 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: (6-0) Unanimous**

At the request of Commissioner Goekjian, approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2012 special meeting was tabled until the October ANC meeting.

## **DCHSEMA/Street Closures**

*Rock N Roll USA Marathon on March 16, 2013*

**Diane Romo Thomas** presented a request for street closing for Rock N Roll USA Marathon planned for Sunday, March 16, 2013. They have a change in the course start which used to be at RFK stadium. It is now in the 1400 block of Constitution Avenue. The race begins at 7:30 a.m. **Thomas** stated that the requests comply with ANC 2F published street closing policy and that she has made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Thomas** can be reached at 202-407-8560 or via e-mail at [dthomas@gwsportsalliance.com](mailto:dthomas@gwsportsalliance.com)

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

**RESOLVED**, That after review of the street closing application of the Rock N Roll USA Marathon, to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013, and currently 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**

*AIDS Walk Washington on Saturday, October 27, 2012*

**Kevin Reynolds** presented on behalf of David Mallory a request for street closing for AIDS Walk Washington planned for Saturday October 27, 2012. **Reynolds** stated that the requests comply with ANC 2F published street closing policy and that he has made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **David Mallory** can be reached at [dmallory@whitman-walker.org](mailto:dmallory@whitman-walker.org) or at 202-797-3510.

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

**RESOLVED**, That after review of the street closing application of the AIDS Walk Washington, to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012, and currently pending before the DCHSEMA and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise DCHSEMA to grant such application.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

*1<sup>st</sup> Annual Living Social Glow Run 5K*

On behalf of Living Social, **Michelle Mobley** presented a request for street closing for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Living Social Glow Run 5K scheduled for Saturday November 3, 2012. Ms. Mobley stated that the requests comply with ANC 2F published street closing policy and that she has made substantial progress in dealing with others entitled to notice and opportunity to comment. **Michelle Mobley** can be reached at [michelle@vrsevents.com](mailto:michelle@vrsevents.com) or you may check it out on the website at [www.vrsevents.com](http://www.vrsevents.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 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Living Social Glow Run 5K, to be held on Saturday, November 3, 2012, which is currently pending before the DCHSEMA and presented to the ANC, ANC 2F advise DCHSEMA to grant such application.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

### **ABRA**

*1334 9th Street, NW Chercher Ethiopian Restaurant & Mart -Application for Class "C" License ABRA-090311 –Petition Date 10/15/12*

No one was here to represent the status. In order to preserve ANC's rights and enter into a VA, ANC2F must protest.

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F send a letter to ABC Board protesting the application on the grounds that the operation violates the peace, order, and quiet and diminishes the value of neighboring properties, subject to entering into a VA accepted by the ABC, and empower any one of the Commissioners to represent the ANC in negotiating a VA.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

*1616 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Kazanchi's Deli-Application for Class "B" License ABRA-090022*

**No one from the deli was present. This is an application for a Class B License.**

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F protest the application on the grounds that it will disturb the peace, quiet, and order of surrounding neighborhood, ant to appoint a commissioner to negotiate a VA as indicated and that it send a

letter to ABC requesting they accept the Voluntary Agreement at once as they enter into agreement protest will be withdrawn.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

*Establishing ANC2F Committee for ABRA*

**Commissioner Raymond** completed a draft policy along with proposed revisions to the ANC by-laws. Mr. Raymond shared highlights from his proposal. He noted that ANC2F has the second highest number of liquor licenses in the District. ABRA matters require a significant investment of time in the ANC. The proposal suggests that a special ABRA committee be created, titled (APC) which will vet certain issues prior and make recommendations to the full ANC. The proposed APC committee will include a single member from each SMD, or a designee, in addition to three at-large members from anywhere within the ANC. The members are appointed by each SMD Commissioner.

**ANC 2F bylaws proposed revision  
Establishment of a standing ABRA Policy Committee  
Drafted Aug. 28, 2012 for consideration on Sept. 5, 2012**

*(New section 10, successive sections to be renumbered accordingly.)*

Section 10. ABRA Policy Committee (APC). The APC shall be a standing committee and consist of one regular member from each Single Member District (SMD) within the Commission area, plus three at-large members who are individual residents of any SMD within the Commission area. Each commissioner shall appoint one regular member to the APC from among the residents of his/her SMD, who may or may not be him/herself. The at-large members shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission, with the approval of a majority of the commissioners. Where a vacancy exists on the Commission, the Commission may appoint by majority vote one member of the APC who shall be a resident of the SMD as to which the vacancy exists.

The APC shall be responsible for informing the Commission and the public about issues related to alcoholic beverage control and making the work of the Commission related to alcoholic beverage control both more transparent and more efficient.

To carry out these purposes, the Committee shall undertake the following activities:

Proposing standard guidelines related to liquor-licensed establishments; proposing changes or amendments to existing guidelines and policies for the Commission and the District; creating and maintaining up-to-date model Voluntary Agreements for the Commission's use in negotiating with neighborhood restaurants, bars, clubs, and liquor stores; keeping track of and reporting on matters related to liquor-licensed establishments, including legislation, regulations, court rulings, and other new developments; liaising with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Agency (ABRA) and the relevant D.C. Council committees and staff, where appropriate; maintaining a committee

web page that includes, but is not limited to, committee members' names and contact information, policy and procedure documents, and Voluntary Agreements with licensees within Commission boundaries; and carrying out other such tasks the Commission may delegate from time to time.

The APC may, upon referral by the Commission or its Chairperson, exercise concurrent jurisdiction over matters within its purview that may also be under review by other committees (such as a public space permit application by a liquor licensee or license applicant that is also under consideration by the CDC).

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F adopt the proposal and amend the ANC2F by-laws.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

### **DDOT**

*Cooperative Agreement Support for Tenth Street Park Friends Group 'Park Partner' Agreement.*

**Jim Loucks**, Treasurer of the Friends of Tenth Street Community Park (“FTSP”) gave a presentation requesting support for the park improvement committee and the park improvement plan for the Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) Park located at 1117 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. The committee’s desire is to maintain the park at a better standard than DPR.

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F send a letter to DPR supporting the FTSP park improvement plan.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

*ANC 2F Parking Task Force-Tim Christenson*

**Tim Christenson**, representing the task force chair, Albert Lauber, shared a report on the initial meeting on the community-led Parking Task Force on August 8, 2012. The task force consists of eleven individuals representing neighborhood theaters, restaurants, retailers, churches, and residents. LCCA and Commissioner Barron are included among the task force members. (See Tim’s Report). Recognizing the complicated nature of parking in the 14<sup>th</sup> Street District for residents and businesses, the task force began a discussion of short and long term parking options. The discussion included additional parking meters on residential streets with exemptions for Ward 2 RPP holders, use of Reeves Center Garage and the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Circulator Bus, and potential construction of a parking garage on a vacant or under-utilized parcel of land in

the neighborhood. The task force had expressed hope that the implementation of the Enhanced RPP program might be delayed until additional options could be explored; however, understanding that the program would proceed as scheduled, they look forward to participating in the evaluation of the pilot program and continued involvement in ongoing assessment and improvement of the program.

#### *RPP Visitor Parking Passes*

There is discussion regarding the Visitor Parking Passes in Ward 2. The discussion includes the possibility of each RPP household receiving a Visitor Pass. Jack Evans, Councilmember for Ward 2, has requested input from the ANCs regarding these passes. Councilmember Evans has requested input by October 31, 2012. This item will be on the agenda next month.

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

**Evelyn Boyd Simmons** was not present for a report.

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

**Christopher Linn**, Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Committee, shared that there are copies of crime stats for this month and the same month last year. He noted violent crime is down this past summer compared to the summer of 2011; however, thefts, especially thefts from autos are up over 40%. There is a listserv focused on crime and public issues that has been re-instituted. Information on the listserv is in the back of the stats list which is in the back of the State Suite. They are trying to organize a bikes meeting on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. They are still waiting on final details.

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

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

*917 M Street, NW-Charles Kehler, Altus Realty and 1212 9<sup>th</sup> Street*

**Raymond** shared that the CDC heard presentations on two properties as part of a single development seeking support from HPRB for concept and massing. The committee expressed concern that the buildings be somewhat distinct in following the rhythm of the streets and requested that the developer consider refinements and materials

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

**RESOLVED**, ANC2F send a letter to HPRB supporting concept and massing for the project at 917 M Street and 1212 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW with the proviso expressing concerns regarding the buildings use of identical materials and requesting that

appropriate revisions be made so there are more distinctions between the two buildings.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

*1300 block of 10th St. NW, New Bethany Baptist Church parking lot*

**Raymond** shared that the CDC engaged in a discussion regarding the New Bethany Church Parking lot and recommended that it be brought to the full ANC. According to allegations from neighbors, the parking lot is zoned R4, not as a commercial lot. In addition, neighbors claimed that the church is requesting \$50 “donations” to use the lot. Renting spaces to commuters has resulted in noise and traffic concerns.

The Pastor and Business Manager were present and stated the groups that rented space in church buildings were entitled to use the lot. The Business Manager denied rental of spaces for \$50 a month and stated that “friends of the church” are allowed to park in the parking lot.

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

**RESOLVED**, That ANC2F write a letter advising DCRA and any other relevant DC agency advising them of concerns expressed by ANC2F constituents regarding the use of the parking lot at New Bethany Church.

**AMENDMENT**, that any one of the Commissioners may represent the ANC in communications with DCRA.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

*CDC Committee*

Upon motion by **Raymond** and seconded by **Reed**,

**RESOLVED**, hat ANC2F amend its by-laws to restructure the membership rules to allow each Commissioner to appoint one member to the Community Development Committee with three additional members at-large.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

**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:

Verizon (#1163) ..... \$81.18

Jennifer Dusek (#1164).....\$683.20

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

**Goekjian** shared that ANC2F finally received approval and allotments for the last two quarters without any deductions. With respect to the prior deductions and issues with the DC Auditor totaling almost \$3,400, the resolution is still in process. Because of these deductions, ANC2F needed to transfer money from the savings account into the checking account. **Goekjian** received authorization from the commission and completed the transfers. The deductions were a result of an error by the Auditor over the placement of the two signatures required on ANC checks. The Auditor failed to notice that the checks had two signatures, because the second signature “wasn’t in the normal place.” In a meeting with the DC Audit Board, **Goekjian** received assurances that the money would be refunded, however, the balance was never paid. Treasurer **Goekjian** requested a resolution authorizing him to enter a formal protest for the deduction. The DC Auditor’s Office recognized their error; however, the recognition did not result in a refunding of the amounts previously deducted. Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of DC’s Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions suggested that the Commission may have to request that the Council make a special exception and that he will continue to work in support of ANC2F on this matter.

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

**RESOLVED**, that ANC2F enter a formal protest with the DC Audit Board over the deductions and failure to refund the amounts.

**Vote: (6-0) Unanimous**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, and upon motion by **Connolly**, seconded by **Raymond**, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:07 PM.