

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, October 3, 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-Chairman)

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 the Nationals locked up the National League Eastern Division and Teddy Roosevelt finally won the President's Race.

Sam Goekjian requested clarification on the re-districting for the community as it is somewhat confusing. The individual who is running to succeed Sam is in actually in 2F02. The former SMD 2F03 is becoming 2F05 in the January 2013 redistricting. If you are not familiar with which SMD you will live in, please check the For instance ANC website at www.anc2f.org . Due to growth,

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 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 Mood Lounge will be closed for ten days; Jack Evans has introduced new legislation requiring all schools to have a librarian and a music teacher, as well as having DC Public libraries open on Sundays. There will be an oversight hearing for the Office of Tax and Revenue. If you are interest in testifying you may contact the office and sign up. If you have any questions please e-mail her at skimbel@dccouncil.us .

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** report covers the time period from September 3rd to October 2nd 2012. During this time period, there has been one sexual assault, 9 robberies, seven burglaries, 25 thefts from autos, and 5 stolen autos. The statistics indicate that there has been no increase in violent crime; however, Lt Carroll reports that here continues to be a trend in property crime increase. The sexual assault occurred yesterday, and there is a suspect in custody. There have been 2 assaults with deadly weapons. There have also been a pattern of burglaries along S Street and 9th. Thefts continue to be bikes. Once again, he urges the community to invest in quality bike locks, secure your

bicycle seats and quick release wheels, as well as register the bicycle at the national bicycle registry.

There have had 27 arrests in the PSA including two arrests for unregistered firearms, three arrests for prostitution, and four drug arrests.

Chair Benardo referenced the discussion from last month's ANC meeting regarding a connection between the increase in prostitution and the influx of construction workers for the many projects in the city and inquired as to whether MPD was able to ascertain any relationship. **Lt Carroll** did not have any specific data to report at this time. **Commissioner Reed** also inquired about the prosecution of the arrests. **Lt Carroll** indicated he would research that information and bring it to the next meeting. Arrests for drugs occurred in the 1700 block of 11th, 1000 block of S Street, and the 900 block of L Street. **Lieutenant Carroll** may be reached via e-mail at 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 and sign on to link to yahoo groups and you can receive e-mails everyday about incidents.

Community Announcements

Howard Marks announced that the Nationals baseball team clinched the Eastern Conference Division Championship. The Convention Center will be putting a beam up in two locations with the Washington Nationals Logo that may be viewed after dark.

- 10 Minute Recess –
BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

ADD Approval of Special Meeting Minutes on August 27, 2012

ADD under DCHSEMA 5K Run for Kids

ADD under ABRA-Bar Bari

Upon motion by **Benardo** seconded by **Goekjian**, 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 September 5, 2012 and Special Meeting August 27, 2012

Minutes of the meeting of September 5, 2012 and for the Special Meeting of August 27, 2012 were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Connolly** 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

Education Committee (Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Chair)

Evelyn Boyd Simmons shared that she convened a group of parents representing families from many different wards to discuss educational reform for DCPS. The group included 21 regular attendees, in addition to many individuals who came as they were able. They are working on developing strategic plans for DCPS. Cardozo parent leaders gathered together to come up with targeted areas of concerns and goals. E-mail her for report. Some of their goals include: Integrated enrichment, start of art facilities, safe schools in safe neighborhoods. Etc. They hope to present recommendations to the Chancellor on November 1st. They are looking forward to additional feedback from neighborhood associations. Ms. Simmons along with Bob Martin, former Logan Association head, and her committee were invited to congregate with the Westminster Association for finding a model for connecting neighborhood and improving schools. You do not have to be a parent to have pride in your neighborhood school. Saturday, October 27th will be the second annual Little Goblin Parade. This year, they will have entertainment. Logan Hardware, Whole Foods, and Jack Evans will be sponsoring the event. **Ms. Simmons** encourages returning commissioners and new commissioner to investigate the schools in their SMDs at www.dcps.dc.gov. There was a shooting with 21 bullet casings found the shooters ran behind Westminster Park and ended up in front of Cleveland Elementary School. The community is working to address the public safety issues around the school. A community The Thompson School at 12th and L Street has adopted the International Baccalaureate Program.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Christopher Linn, Chair)

Christopher Linn, Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Committee, invited people to go to the safelogancircle yahoo group for details on crime statistics in the area. Along with the Dupont ANC liaisons, Mr. Linn and the Public Safety Committee hosted a bicycle safety meeting last month. At the meeting, DDOT covered bicycle lane plans for the district and they addressed the issue of bicycles and that most people are concerned with is bicycles on sidewalks. Pedestrians and bikes on the sidewalk together at the same time are a pose a serious concern for many residents. In addition to reporting on the meeting, Mr. Linn also shared a community outreach flyer regarding thefts from autos. He is hoping to get a group of volunteers together to help them pass out to increase neighborhood awareness. If you are interested, please contact him at chris@chrislinn.org

New Business

BP Gas Station 1301 13th Street, NW

Nicholas Di Blasio a resident at 1225 N Street, NW, shared many concerns regarding customers and disturbing trends they have observed related to the station, including individuals urinating and defecating outside the station. In addition to voicing his concerns, Mr. Di Blasio shared photographs documenting unpleasant situations just outside the station which is adjacent to their condominium property. **Mr. Di Blasio** has communicated the issues with the owner of the BP station; however the owner has seemingly been unwilling or unable to address the issues. DDOT will be putting in “No Loitering” and “No Dumping” signs for them. **Mr. Di Blasio** has also reached out to the District Department of the Environment and was told to reach out to the EPA regarding fumes from station tanks. **Commissioner Raymond** and **Sheri Kimbel**, Director of Constituent Services from the Office of Jack Evans, both requested that the information be forwarded to them and they would take care of advocating for Mr. Di Blasio and the condominium property owners.

No formal action taken.

DCHSEMA/Street Closures

Kids 5K Run

Sarah King, a board member for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, presented a request for street closing for the 5K Run for Kids planned for Sunday, November 18, 2012. Proceeds go to the Washington DC Boys and Girls Clubs. The race begins at 8:00am with rolling street closures and with a plan to be finished by 11:30am. **King** 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. **King** can be reached via e-mail at bgcgw.5kforkids@gmail.com .

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

RESOLVED, That after review of the street closing application of the Kids 5K Run to be held on Saturday, November 18, 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

600 14th Street, NW Riscatto Restaurant, LLC-Application for Class “C” Retailers License

The proposed restaurant is located in the business district and therefore does not affect any residents. Given the address of the establishment and the longstanding policy of not taking action on establishments in the business district, **Reed** recommended that we take no action on this matter.

No action taken.

1316 9th Street, NW-Thally Retailers Class “C” Restaurant

Sherman Outhuok, gave a presentation on a proposed bistro which will be approximately 2100 square feet with roughly 80 seats including the bar. He is seeking a Class “C” license and indicated that the bistro would focus on food. **Steve O’Brien**, Mallios O’Brien, who was present as the client’s lawyer, reported that in consideration of what they understand have been issues on the block with ANC and these type of establishments, they have requested indoor hours closing at 1am during the week, and 2am on weekends. The application also includes a 10 seat sidewalk café with the same hours. They understand Petition date is November 5th, 2012. **Chair Benardo** will be the point person for the negotiating the VA, but the language for the motion will remain open ended.

Upon motion by **Benardo** seconded by **Barron** 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, but to appoint a commissioner to move to enter into and adopt 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

Bar Bari

No one present to represent establishment. Item will be tabled for next month.

Commissioner Benardo shared that Mood Lounge will be closed temporarily. He also reported that they were fined \$7000 and were given a 10 day suspension which covers a period during Halloween in response to the stabbing that happened at the end of last year.

Update on Establishing ABRA Committee

At last month's meeting, ANC2F amended its by-laws to create ABRA Policy Committee. The proposal allows the committee to consist of one member from each of the 8 SMDs and 3 at-large members. The amended by-laws will be posted. The goal of the committee will be to help ANC2F to vet the multitude of ABRA issues that come before them.

DDOT

Maddy's Tap Room Sidewalk Café 1100 13th Street, NW-Mallios O'Brien

Paul Zine and **Steve O'Brien** of Mallios O'Brien, representing the client, gave a presentation seeking support for a DDOT application. The proposed café will have 93 seats, with approximately 40 beers on tap, in addition to a full bar. **Mr. Zine** also owns Maddy's in Dupont. Maddy's presented at a 2011 May ANC meeting for this sidewalk café. The original request was for 50 seats, but it has since been reduced to 22 seats. There will be an additional 8 seats in a summer garden. Maddy's Tap Room Sidewalk Café is scheduled to open Monday, October 8th at 8am.

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

RESOLVED, ANC2F send a letter to DDOT advising them that the commission has no objections to the proposed sidewalk café for Maddy's Tap Room

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

RPP Parking and the Visitor Parking Pass Program,

Chair Benardo gave a quick review of the Enhanced Parking Program that has been recently implemented in the ANC. He shared that most of the signs that have gone up around ANC2F are part of a test program/test pilot. **Chair Benardo** expressed understanding regarding some business and church concerns and therefore they are actively seeking ways to deal with these issues. ANC2F has assembled an ad-hoc parking task force in hopes of addressing some of the various needs that have been expressed in response to the program.

Reed reported that he has heard from representatives of the Q Street Association-which is in an area impacted by the parking restrictions. According to **Reed**, they completed a survey and are adamantly opposed to the Visitor Parking Passes stating high levels of concern regarding potential of corruption and misuse.

Goekjian brought up the issue of whether the task force was adequately diverse and representative of residents.

A representative from the ANC Parking Task Force shared that several residents have been added to the committee since its last meeting to better diversify their representation. He shared two items; 1) they are taking no official position on the Visitor Parking Permit issue and 2) JBG Developers have suggested that they are considering a serious proposal into building an above ground parking lot of 2-3 stories. Apparently, they have come up with a plan that will involve the old school bus parking lot on 13th and 14th Street. JBG Developers have done a feasibility study requesting that the city make a lease. The goal is parking at a reasonable rate-*quid pro quo* for city to make this available. They will be presenting the 10 page feasibility study shortly, although it was noted that technically, the lot would be in Jim Graham's ward.

Councilmember Evans has requested that the ANCs offer an opinion regarding Visitor Permits for residents by October 31, 2012.

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

RESOLVED, ANC2F send a letter to Councilmember Jack Evans advising that ANC2F opposes unlimited parking permits to residents.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

AMMENDMENT-Connolly added that the ANC encourages DDOT to explore the possibility of employing technology for ease of use of system and fraud prevention.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Community Development Committee (Matt Raymond, Chair)

1250 9th Street, NW

Raymond shared developments from the two items that were considered at the September CDC meeting. The 1250 8th Street, NW project is a Cas-Riegler endeavor and was unanimously approved by the CDC.

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

RESOLVED, ANC2F send a letter to DDOT Public Space Committee recommending approval for 1250 9th Street.

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

1617 14th Street NW

Raymond shared that the CDC heard presentations on zoning variances for 1617 14th Street, NW. The CDC committee unanimously approved support for the application. After community discussion the motion was withdrawn. This item was tabled to next month’s meeting in order to allow for additional communication between the developer and the community.

Treasurer’s Report (Sam Goekjian)

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

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

DOES (#1165).....	\$40.50
US Treasury (#1166).....	.\$499.60
Jennifer Dusek(#1167).....	.\$683.20
Verizon(#1168)\$70.70
United States Treasury(#1169).....	.\$1, 100.56

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Quarterly Report Quarter 4

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

RESOLVED, that the ANC adopt Quarterly Report

Vote: (6-0) Unanimous

Status Report for Deductions

Goekjian reported that we are still working on deduction issue with the Office of the DC Auditor.

Adjournment

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