

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Peter Lallas (2F01), Walt Cain (2F02), Chris Linn (2F03), John Fanning (2F04), Jim Lamare (2F05), Greg Melcher (2F06), Matt Raymond (2F07), Matt Connolly (2F08)

Absent: None

Commissioner 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.

ANC Recognition Resolution

Jack Evans swore in four members of the commission. **Councilmember Evans** presented a ceremonial resolution, passed unanimously by the Council for the commissioners who are retiring. Mike Benardo, Sam Goekjian, Nick Barron, and Charles Reed were recognized for their leadership, commitment, and service to the citizens of the District of Columbia with over 18 years of service.

Charles Reed shared that he was honored for the recognition and shared appreciation for Jack Evan's role as an ANC Commissioner, as a Councilmember, and as a member and chair of multiple committees.

Report from the Office of Jack Evans, City Council Member, Ward 2:

Councilmember Evans recognized Sheri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services for her support. He reported that he was re-elected to the City Council and will maintain his position as Chair of the Finance Committee. He expressed hope that their reputation as a city council will improve over the next few years.

Evans reported that he supports adding 100 police officers because of the high density and crime rates in the ward. Historically, **Evans** shared that there were 5,200 uniformed police officers in 60s and 70s in the District of Columbia. In the 90s, when he began with the City Council, Evans reported there were approximately 4,800. According to Councilmember Evans, there are currently around 3,800. Evans has proposed a bill requiring a minimum of 4,000 officers.

PSA 307 Report – Sergeant David Terestre

Sergeant Terestre reviewed crime statistics for the prior month in Police Service Area (PSA) 307, covering a large portion of the ANC 2F area. **Sgt Terestre** is representing **Lieutenant Carroll** at tonight's meeting as **Lt. Carroll** is attending meetings regarding the upcoming inauguration at the Convention Center. **Sgt Terestre** explained that the new software system which was installed months ago has not satisfactorily provided reliable statistics. Crimemap.dc.gov has not been working since September. MPD is in the process of addressing

the issue. **Sgt Terestre** highlighted two main issues in the PSA which are (1) thefts from autos and (2) robberies. He noted that robberies were focused in the areas between 9th Street and 13th Street, NW, and N Street, NW, and L Street, NW. He also reminded people to leave nothing of value in their vehicles and if they have any issue in addition to offering several tips to help prevent robberies. Those tips included walking in pairs, moving in well-lit areas, ensuring visibility to other people on the street, and staying away from alleyways and isolated areas.

If you need immediate assistance, Call 911. For questions or ideas, send an e-mail to david.terestre@dc.gov.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Election and Installation of Officers 2013

The meeting was called to order by **Matt Raymond**, who turned the meeting over to Executive Director **Jennifer Dusek** to conduct the annual election of officers. She opened nominations for Chair. **Matt Connolly** nominated **Matt Raymond**. **John Fanning** seconded. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. **Matt Raymond** was elected **Chairman**, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (8-0) unanimous.**

Raymond then assumed the chair. He opened nominations for Vice Chair. **Raymond** nominated **Matt Connolly**. **Christopher Linn** seconded. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. **Matt Connolly** was elected **Vice Chairman**, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (8-0) unanimous.**

Nominations for Secretary were opened. **Matt Connolly** nominated **Jim Lamare**. **Walt Cain** seconded. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. **Jim Lamare** was elected Secretary, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (8-0) unanimous.**

Raymond opened nominations for Treasurer. After no nominations were made, **Raymond** nominated **Matt Connolly**, because the Bylaws specify that the Vice Chairman will serve as Treasurer in the event no one is elected. **Peter Lallas** seconded. No other nominations were made, and a vote was called. **Matt Connolly** was elected Treasurer, to serve until his statutory term expires or until his successor is duly qualified to serve. **VOTE: (8-0) unanimous.**

Commissioner Announcements

Chris Linn announced that the ANC 2F website, Facebook, and Twitter were all updated, and he expressed appreciation for **Matt Raymond**'s efforts in achieving all the updates and his organization.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

James Bulger from the Executive Office of the Mayor welcomed all the new commissioners to ANC2F and expressed that he looks forward to working with them as well as expressing appreciation for the retiring commissioners.

Evelyn Boyd Simmons asked James Bulger about the list of school closures and what the Mayor's role was in the closures requesting clarification on his exact role in the decision-making process.

Community Announcements

Don Blanchon, Executive Director of Whitman-Walker Health, a local non-profit community health center, reported that they will be opening a clinic at 1525 14th Street, NW. The facility, secured via a 100-year lease on the building, will expand their current services and host the majority of their patients. Mr. Blanchon indicated he welcomed questions regarding the new facility and its impact on the community. Mr. Blanchon may be reached at dblanchon@whitman-walker.org.

Janice Ferebee, President of the Cambridge Apartments Tenants' Association, shared they are interested in hosting a Candidates' Forum for the upcoming council race and have been in contact with Commissioner Matt Connolly in preparing for the forum

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

MOVE Approval of ANC By-laws to immediately following the Education Committee

ADD under Community Development Meeting (CDC)

1320 9th Street, HPRB Raze Permit

1431 Corcoran Street, NW

ADD under Education Committee

Discussion of joint committee Cardozo HS and Feeder System

MOVE

Discussion of Parking Task Force to CDC

DELETE

DDOT

ADD

Under ABRA potential change to license of Sav-On Liquors and addition of Black Whiskey at 1410 14th Street, NW

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

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of December 5, 2012

Minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2012, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Connolly** and after further discussion, the minutes were approved with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC 2F website.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Approval of 2013 ANC Meeting Dates

Dates for the 2013 ANC meetings were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Lallas** and after further discussion, the dates were approved with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC 2F website.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Amendments to By-Laws, including, but not limited to, Article III

ANC By-laws

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

RESOLVED, That Article III of the ANC 2F bylaws be struck in its entirety and the following inserted in its place:

ARTICLE III. GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

The geographic boundaries of the Commission are the south side of S Street NW between 15th Street NW and 11th Street NW; the west side of 11th Street NW between S Street NW and P Streets NW; the south side of P Street between 11th Street NW and 9th Street NW; the west side of 9th Street NW between P Street NW and N Street NW; the south side of N Street NW between 9th Street NW and 8th Court NW; the west side of 8th Court NW between N Street NW and M Street NW; the south side of M Street NW between 8th Court NW and 7th Street NW; the west side of 7th Street NW between M Street NW and Mount Vernon Place NW; the north side of Mount Vernon Place NW between 7th Street NW and 9th Street NW; the north side of Massachusetts Avenue NW between 9th Street NW and 11th Street NW; the west side of 11th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and I (“Eye”) Street NW; the north side of I (“Eye”) Street NW between 11th Street NW and 15th Street NW; and the east side of 15th Street NW between I (“Eye”) Street NW and S Street NW.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Notice of ANC Meetings

Upon motion by **Raymond**, seconded by **Cain**, and after further discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, That ANC 2F by-laws adopt official methods for notice under Article Six, to specifically name the alternate methods as 1) e-mail distribution list, 2) ANC Facebook Page, and/or 3)ANC Twitter feed.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Appointment of CDC Committee Members

Upon motion by **Raymond**, seconded by **Fanning** and after further discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, That ANC 2F by-laws include allowances for additional membership and input for CDC committee members and that the word “3” be changed to “5” for at-large members under Section VII.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Education Committee

Appointment of Chair(s)

Upon motion by **Raymond**, seconded by **Fanning**, and after further discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, That Matt Connolly and Evelyn Boyd Simons serve as co-chairs for the Education Committee for ANC 2F in 2013.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Appointment of Committee Members

Upon motion by **Raymond**, seconded by **Cain**, and after further discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, That the following individuals serve on the Education Committee for 2013:

2F01 Pete Lallas

2F02 Tom Clark

2F05 Jim Lamare

2F08 Matt Connolly
Evelyn Boyd Simmons
Eva Templin
Ann McCloud , PTA President of Garrison

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Evelyn Boyd Simmons reported that she does not have a specific date as to when the final decision will be made regarding the school closures. Ms. Simmons shared that she believes the decision will be made in the next few weeks. The Chancellor came out with a proposal to close 20 schools including Garrison Elementary, a little over a month ago. **Ms. Simmons** shared that many neighborhood associations, churches, community groups, as well as this ANC commission signed resolutions, offered support, and made concerted efforts in support of keeping Garrison Elementary open.

Connolly shared a resolution, noting that the community and stakeholders have really come together and concentrated their efforts into dealing with the education system and the feeder system as a whole, particularly those schools which feed into Cardozo High School. The goal is to create a joint special committee of all affected ANCs which can identify improvements, adopt concrete proposals, and provide potential solutions to present to the Chancellor to begin to improve the Cardozo Feeder System.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F adopt the resolution and create a Joint Special Committee to Improve the Cardozo Feeder System. (Attached to end of these minutes)

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Christopher Linn, Chair)

Appointment of Chair

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

RESOLVED, That Chris Linn serve as chair for the Crime and Public Safety Committee.

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous (Commissioner Melcher temporarily stepped out of the meeting)

Appointment of Committee Members

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

RESOLVED, That the following individuals serve as members for the Public Safety Committee for ANC2F in 2013:

2F01 Peter Lallas
2F02 Matt McMahon
2F04 Elizabeth White
2F05 Jack Mathison
2F08 Jenny Clarinda Hodges
Gary McLeod
Lance Eubanks
Radley Emes

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Christopher Linn, noted that MPD's crime mapping tool is still down after being upgraded after several months. He will make reports available as soon as the tools are back online. Linn expressed appreciation for having a potentially larger committee for 2013. You may contact Chris Linn at chris.linn@anc.dc.gov

Mayor's Proposal to Add 100 Uniformed Police Officers

Peter Lallas shared that the Mayor proposed that 100 police officers be added to the force. He reported that the ratio of sworn officers to the population of the city has declined over the years. **Raymond** offered his support for the proposal. **Lallas** proposed that ANC 2F write a resolution of support of the Mayor's proposal.

Upon motion by **Lallas** seconded by **Linn** and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F send a letter to the Council advising it of support for the Mayor's Proposal to Add 100 Police Officers and urging MPD to look at the deployment of officers, utilization of the current force, and overall allocation of human resources.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Appointment of Chair

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

RESOLVED, That John Fanning serve as chair for the ABRA Committee for ANC2F in 2013.

Appointment of Committee Members

Upon motion by **Raymond**, seconded by **Cain** and after further discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, That following members be approved to serve on the ABRA Policy Committee (APC).

2F01 Kate Gordon
2F02 Alan Hann
2F03 Chris Dyer
2F04 John Fannin
2F05 Jim Lamare
2F06 Martin Smith
2F07 Matt Raymond
2F08 Matt Connolly
At-large
Adam Stempel
John Guggemos

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

1414 14th Street, Faces Lounge, LLC-Application for New CT License.

This is an application for a new CT license at 1414 14th Street, NW. It requests a tavern license with an entertainment endorsement. Commissioner Raymond noted that ABRA failed to notice the ANC of this application and the ANC's had to file a protest before its next meeting. Therefore, the Commission concluded there was good cause to consider this petition.

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

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the pending application of 1414 14th Street, NW Street License ABRA-090739 on grounds that the licensee's proposed new operations will disturb the peace, order and quiet of the community and affect the real estate valuation of nearby properties and that ANC2F empower any sitting commissioner to negotiate a Voluntary Agreement and to empower any sitting commissioner to act on behalf of the Commission in front of the ABC Board and that ANC2F withdraw our protest of the license on acceptance of the VA by the ABC board.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

1410 14th Street, Black Whiskey, LLC

This is a potential application for a new license at 1410 14th Street, NW. Commissioner Raymond noted that ABRA failed to notice the ANC of this application and the ANC

had to file a protest before its next meeting. Therefore, the Commission concluded there was good cause to consider this petition.

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

RESOLVED, That the Commission protest the pending application of 1410 14th Street, NW on grounds that the licensee's proposed new operations will disturb the peace, order and quiet of the community and affect the real estate valuation of nearby properties and that ANC2F empower any sitting commissioner to negotiate a Voluntary Agreement and to empower any sitting commissioner to act on behalf of the Commission in front of the ABC Board and that ANC2F withdraw our protest of the license on acceptance of the VA by the ABC board.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Community Development Committee

Appointment of Community Development Chair

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

RESOLVED, That Walt Cain serve as chair for the Community Development Committee for ANC2F in 2013.

Appointment of CDC Committee Members

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

RESOLVED, That Walt Cain serve as chair for the Community Development Committee for ANC2F in 2013.

2F01 Chad Shearer
2F02 Joyce Cowan
2F05 Sam Goekjian
2F06 Greg Melcher
2F07 Jim Loucks
2F08 Howard Marks

At-large

Helen Kramer
Joel Heisey
Lou Cipro

Parking Task Force

Raymond shared that there is an existing community task force; however, he believes it is important to investigate whether the ANC would like to formally address the issue either in a collaborative effort or separately in an effort to make a more balanced approach on behalf of residents of ANC 2F. Connolly noted that February is the six month mark of the Enhanced RPP

Parking and he encouraged the Commission to address resident concerns and feedback. (Walt Cain will research this through the CDC and report back)

1322 9th Street, HPRB Application

Greg Melcher shared that he spoke with the owner regarding request for support for a pending HPRB application for a raze permit and requested that he attend tonight's meeting. Owner was not present at the meeting. **Mr. Melcher** recommends that the ANC not support the permit as he believes that the building can be saved.

Upon motion by **Melcher** seconded by **Fanning**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, ANC 2F send a letter to HPRB advising its opposition to the pending raze permit.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

1431 Corcoran Street, NW-HPRB Application for Concept and Massing

Raymond reported that this application came before the CDC and was postponed to allow the applicant an opportunity to discuss various issues raised by neighboring property owners. **Jim Linam**, architect for the property, gave a presentation regarding the proposal. The proposed project converts the property from a single row house into four units. The current concept is for masonry brick construction. The new structure is set above the existing line, with a proposed bay to offset the perceived height. Mr. Linam reported that they have met with the neighbors and reviewed the concerns. He noted that most of the issues the neighboring property owners had were related to the construction process and not the design. They discussed developing an aggressive plan which could include rodent abatement as well as working with timing of the construction process, and notification of neighbors of any potential inconveniences.

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

RESOLVED, ANC 2F send a letter to HPRB advising of its support for concept and massing for 1431 Corcoran Street with the understanding that the applicant will return to present final design to the ANC.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Matt Connolly)

Participation in ANC Security Fund

Upon motion by **Connolly** and seconded by **Raymond** and after further discussion

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F hereby approves the ANC 2F participation in the ANC Security Fund.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

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

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

Jennifer Dusek	not to exceed \$700
Verizon.....	\$70.31
DOES.....	not to exceed \$100
Business Cards.	not to exceed \$350
ANC Security Fund.\$25

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:07 PM.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution Establishing a Joint Committee to Improve the Cardozo Feeder System

Preamble

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2F values high quality traditional community schools and will work to ensuring that all residents of ANC 2F have them;

Whereas, ANCs were created to "advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor and each executive agency . . . with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy," including with respect to education;

Whereas, the government of the District of Columbia is obligated to accord "great weight" to advice from ANCs;

Whereas, the DCPS traditional schools to which most ANC 2F residents have a right to send their children currently fall within the Cardozo High School Feeder System;

Whereas, the Cardozo High School Feeder System straddles 4 wards and numerous ANCs, requiring coordination to achieve the desired educational outcomes in our community schools;

Whereas, school boundary and feeder pattern changes to be made this year will greatly impact our neighborhoods and communities and present an opportunity to highlight and address issues impacting parent satisfaction;

Whereas, a number of critical factors affecting our school district and our neighborhoods, including family support services, truancy, and public safety, are not under the direct or sole purview of DCPS. With increased focus at the neighborhood level, better coordination. and more fully bringing community talent and other resources to bear, educational achievement and community school quality may be greatly improved;

Whereas, ANC 2F, recognizing the importance of quality public education to the health and vitality of all communities, wishes to establish a joint effort among affected ANCs to study and improve the Cardozo High School Feeder System.

Resolution

Therefore, be it resolved, as follows:

ANC 2F hereby enters into a special joint committee of ANCs to identify improvements to the Cardozo High School Feeder System;

Each ANC included in the Cardozo Feeder System shall be invited to participate in the joint committee, and each ANC may designate one voting representative to serve on the joint committee. In the event that an ANC's voting representative is unavailable at a meeting, the representative may designate a proxy in writing;

Any Commissioner of ANC 2F or any member of the ANC 2F Education Committee is authorized to serve as the designated ANC 2F voting representative of the joint committee, to be agreed upon by ANC 2F's membership on the joint committee;

The joint committee shall adhere to the joint meeting requirements specified in Article VII of ANC 2F's Bylaws, and such other rules as the joint committee may adopt;

The chair shall be elected by a majority of the voting representatives present and voting at the first meeting of the joint committee;

The joint committee shall investigate causes of concern within the Cardozo High School Feeder System, solicit community feedback, and prepare a report proposing reforms. The report shall be presented to the Mayor, the Chancellor of the DC Public Schools System, the Education Committee of the DC City Council, and any other interested stakeholders.