

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, February 6, 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

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.

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Raymond announced that he received an e-mail about Public Awareness Campaign to support DC charter schools. The website with information is www.applydccharters.org.

Commissioner Linn shared that there will be ABRA training for ANC Commissioners on the following dates; Thursday February 7, 2013, Monday, February 11, 2013, and Saturday, February 16, 2013. The training will be held at 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400 South to cover topics on Board Hearings, Protest Matters, Settlement Agreements, Recent Changes in the Law, ANC Comments & Great Weight, and Filing Complaints.

Commissioner Linn also shared information on “WeMoveDC” which is a collaborative effort led by DDOT to develop bold and multi-modal vision for our city’s transportation future.

Commissioner Cain welcomed Damon Harvey from DDOT who will be presenting later in the meeting, and thanked him for his attendance.

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

Sheri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services, reminded everyone that Monday, February 18th is a holiday, and that trash pick-up will be delayed. Ms. Kimbel also reported that Councilmember Jack Evans will become the longest serving member on the DC City Council next week. They will be hosting a small celebration at the office. If you have any questions, please contact her. . .

Janice Ferebee, President of New Cambridge Tenant’s Association, noted that she recently read a report indicating that DC is contributing far less this year towards lung cancer. Ms. Kimbel suggested she write Councilmember Evans a letter expressing her concern.

PSA 307 Report – Officer David Terestre

Lieutenant Jeffrey Carroll reviewed crime statistics for the prior month in Police Service Area (PSA) 307, covering a large portion of the ANC 2F area. **Lt. Carroll** once again explained that the new software system/database which was installed months ago has not satisfactorily provided reliable statistics and therefore those figures continue to be unavailable.

Crimemap.dc.gov has not been working since September. They are in the process of addressing the ongoing issue. **Lt. Carroll** highlighted two main issues in the PSA which are (1) theft from auto, and (2) robberies. Two robberies occurred in the area of Q 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. He noted that cell phones, smart phones, and tablets are widely popular for theft. With new legislation, an individual can report a cell phone stolen and the carrier and completely deactivate the phone rendering it useless.

There is also concern around the area of 1234 Massachusetts Avenue NW where there have been multiple issues with vehicles blocking the driveway. Gloria Hightower inquired as to what the status was in the process of approving the situation. **Lt Carroll** noted that the situation is difficult in part because of the Convention Center construction and that DDOT has reinstalled new signs, and officers have been out directing traffic to help ease the situation.

He recommended that individuals know the serial number of their bicycle as it aids in recovery and identification of property ownership.

There were 27 arrests throughout the PSA. The French Street Park was vandalized, the officers apprehended the individual responsible.

If you need immediate assistance, call 911, for questions or ideas send an e-mail to jeffreyw.carroll@dc.gov.

Samantha Nolan, at-large member of the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) gave a short informational presentation on Neighborhood Watches and Safety. The CAC is an advisory panel in each police district that provides the district commander with information and recommendations from the community on public safety problems and police service needs. She reported that her role is to put together Neighborhood Watches all around DC. According to Ms. Nolan, 80% of crimes are preventable and that one of CAC's main jobs is to focus on reduction of crimes through education. Ms. Nolan also reported that robberies and assaults are the biggest problems across the city and shared that she brought pamphlets to distribute to community members which include 1) Safety Tips for Runners and Walkers as well as 2) Guarding Against Robbery and Assault. She can be reach via e-mail at nolantutor@yahoo.com.

Samantha Patel, 1529 14th Street NW (the Matrix), reported that she, along with neighbors, has had repeated issues with the Drafting Table. She expressed concern about the volume level of patrons and music. Ms. Patel shared that she has submitted a written formal complaint through ABRA, and has been in communication with an ABRA investigator. She spoke at the meeting to formalize her complaint. Commissioner Raymond noted that the Drafting Table is required to complete a complaint log per their Voluntary Agreement and asked that Ms. Patel provide any pertinent information at her earliest convenience so the ANC could investigate further.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Alison Sheren from 1501 14th Street reported that she has started a new website called Neighborisations in an effort to connect neighbors with common interests to enable more meaningful offline interactions. The website Ms. Sheren gave was www.neighborsations.com however, the link has not been working consistently.

Elsayed Mansour, representing the Logan Circle Community Association (LCCA), shared that LCCA would be having its neighborhood meeting next Wednesday, February 13, 2013. He also shared that the LCCA has Happy Hour every first Tuesday of the month to build community and in support one of the neighborhood establishments. He noted that usually the designated establishment offers free appetizers and drink specials. Finally, he noted that at next month's meeting, on March 13th, the LCCA will have a special meeting along with the New Cambridge Tenants' Association (and ANC2F-pending vote and resolution at this evening's meeting) hosting a City Council Candidates' Forum.

Janice Ferebee, President of Cambridge Tenants' Association, shared that she is a member of DC Human Trafficking Task Force and reported that she will be trained in April 2013, and noted that they are looking for community organizations who are interested in learning more about trafficking and its impact. **Ms. Ferebee** can be reached at 202-783-1099.

Phae Howard, Executive Director for the National Center for the Prevention of Home Improvement Fraud, which provides free service for homeowners, made a brief presentation about the Center's services. Ms. Howard reported that the Center's sole mission is to educate homeowners in order to prevent fraud. For additional information, please visit the Center's website at www.preventcontractorfraud.org, call 1-855-266-3728, or e-mail her at phae@ncphif.org

Gloria Hightower thanked John Fanning and Matt Connolly for their support in recognizing Doris Brooks for over 30 years of service to the neighborhood. Ms. Brooks is from the Shaw community and is a former Shaw Commissioner. They will be saluting her tomorrow. Ms. Hightower also thanked all commissioners for their dedication to public service.

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

MOVE DDOT Discussion to just before ABRA

ADD under ABRA update regarding Faces Lounges

ADD Consideration of Stipulated License for Tortino Restaurant

DELETE Discussion of Neighborhood Watch

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Fanning** 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 January 9, 2012

Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2012, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Cain** 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

DDOT

Consideration of Sunday Parking Restrictions (including Installation of Sunday Parking for NW churches in “No Parking” areas between S Street NW to the North, Rhode Island Street to the South, 9th Street NW to the East, and 13th Street NW to the West. Notice 12-67-TOA.)

Damon Harvey from DDOT, Deputy City-Wide program manager, gave a presentation on the status of the Enhanced RPP Program. Mr. Harvey noted that DDOT believes churches are a valuable part of community and at the same time, they also want to support residents. DDOT decided to help churches in identifying areas where they can allow parking from 7am to 2pm on Sunday to allow church parishioners to park. Mr. Harvey noted that it allowed them to make parking available without taking any parking away from residents as DDOT would use existing “No Parking” areas that they could determine “safe” to park on Sundays due to lower traffic volume to access more parking. According to Mr. Harvey, there are two phases in the process. The first phase will be S Street to North, 7th Street to the South Q Street NW East, and [?] to the West. He noted that there are 6 locations and 7 churches that are part of the two-phase process. Mr. Harvey reported DDOT has identified 50 parking places which they can make available without reducing any resident parking. He may be reached at damon.harvey@dc.gov. He shared that in order for any church to participate in DDOT’s program to create additional spaces, a church representative must meet with a member of the DDOT team and complete a traffic control plan. Following submission of the plan, the DDOT safety team will assess the possibilities, and ultimately install signs based on the results of the plan and safety assessment.

Several community members inquired about any available data regarding the Enhanced RPP program and its impact on local business as well as resident feedback. **Chair Raymond** noted that there is a newly established ANC Parking Task Force which falls under the CDC Committee and that these issues will be addressed.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F send a letter to DDOT advising of its support for the proposal as it exists, and further, to recommend that DDOT engage in further dialogue and creative solutions, address transportation alternatives, and to express concerns about enforcement, responsiveness to all neighborhood stakeholders, and including transit alternatives. (Walt Cain to draft letter with input from Chris Linn)

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

ABRA (APC-John Fanning, Chair)

Committee Member Nominations and Confirmations

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

RESOLVED, That David Weiner be approved to serve on the ABRA Policy Committee (APC).

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Discussion and Resolution regarding proposed Liquor License Moratorium for 14th and U Streets

Chair Raymond reported that he circulated a draft resolution several weeks ago to the commissioners detailing the proposal. Raymond shared that the Shaw Dupont Citizens Association and Residents Action Coalition proposed a moratorium on all retail class liquor licenses within a maximum radius allowed by law, which is 1800 feet, and that extends into 2F. Raymond encouraged brief comments at the meeting as well as any recommendations in writing. The goal for the resolution is to tentatively lay out the parameters of the petition and authorize one or more joint meetings between ANC2F and the other interested parties.

Several commissioners offered insight into the moratorium, and several community members spoke in opposition to the moratorium. Debbie Huang expressed concern over the effect of licensees on residents.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F be authorized to meet with other interested parties regarding this moratorium (resolution attached).

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

1209 9th Street, NW, Modern Liquors, Request of Support for Sunday hours

Modern Liquors is requesting support for extension of hours to include Sundays.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F send ABRA a letter advising of its support for Sunday hours for 1209 9th Street, NW, Modern Liquors, and to empower any Commissioner to represent ANC2F in amending the existing Voluntary Agreement to reflect the updated changes in the hours.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

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

This is a pending application for a new CT license in the basement space below Sav-On Liquors at 1414 14th Street, NW. The application requests a tavern license with an entertainment endorsement. This license was voted on by ANC2F at the January 6, 2013 meeting and a protest was filed with ABRA. Raymond noted that ABRA accepted ANC2F's protest, but that it did not properly receive notice of the Roll Call Hearing. Raymond shared that the ANC has 10 days to send a request for reinstatement. Yemane Meresie, the owner of Sav-On liquors and Faces Lounge, expressed his appreciation for the ANC and his willingness to work with the ANC. He stated he would make every effort to work with the neighborhood.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F send ABRA a letter requesting reinstatement of standing due extenuating circumstances, including improper notice from ABRA regarding the scheduled Roll Call Hearing for the pending application of 1414 14th Street, NW Street License ABRA-090739 (Matt Raymond will follow through on VA).

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Tortino Restaurant 1228 11th Street, NW

Raymond shared that Tortino's request for a sidewalk café is considered a substantial change in operations, the business is then placarded again and therefore they cannot serve alcohol. Per ANC policy, if there is a VA in place and no controversy, the ANC can support stipulated licenses.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F send ABRA a letter advising it of support for a stipulated license for 1228 11th Street, NW, Tortino Restaurant (Matt Raymond will follow through on VA)

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Mood Lounge/Penthouse Nine

Greg Melcher shared that he accompanied the business owners of the former Mood Lounge on a tour of the property. On his tour of the space, Melcher noted several windows that were simply covered with plywood in addition to a hollow core metal door, which creates huge sound isolation problems. **Melcher** suggested that the ANC recommend that all new applicants and those doing renovations have a sound engineer inspect the premises prior to applying for licenses.

Community Development Committee (Walt Cain, Chair)

1232 9th Street, NW, Wagtime, LLC, Leila Batties, Holland & Knight, BZA Presentation

Cain shared a brief history on the applicant's process, presentations, and communications with the ANC. Wagtime, LLC, is seeking support for a BZA variance request to permit dogs on the outdoor roof deck. Cain shared that according to DCRA's records, the outdoor deck at Wagtime was constructed without a permit and was never inspected by DCRA. DCRA has confirmed that the ANC can still work with the applicant and advise of its support for a variance. In seeking support for a variance request to permit dogs on the outdoor roof deck, the applicant has agreed on the following six conditions for ANC support of the variance:

- 1) The approval of the use of the roof deck shall be for a period of 5 years. At the end of the 5 year period, the applicants shall come back to the ANC and BZA to seek renewed approval for use of the space.
- 2) No animals shall be permitted on the roof deck between the hours 6:00 pm and 9:00 am.
- 3) No more than 5 animals shall be permitted on the roof deck at any one time.
- 4) A Wagtime employee will be present on the deck at all times when there are animals.
- 5) A Liaison Committee shall be established to address any neighborhood concerns regarding the operation of the site. The names of the committee members shall be provided to the ANC 2F within 60 days of the approval of the Application by the BZA. The committee shall include a representative selected by the Commissioner in whose district the property is located.
- 6) Starting 6 months after the BZA's approval of the application, the liaison committee shall review Wagtime's operation at the property and report its findings to ANC 2F at anytime during the 5 year period. If the ANC finds that the conditions of the variance agreement to the BZA, up to and including the revocation of outdoor use. (Walt Cain responsible for letter)

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F send BZA advising it of support for the proposed variance for 1232 9th Street, NW Wagtime with the 6 stipulations outlined above.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Parking Update

Commissioner Cain shared that the Community Development Committee will add Parking to its list of responsibilities. Cain noted that there is an existing Parking Task Force that was created in the community earlier and that they would be collaborating on parking issues. Cain invited people to attend the CDC meeting on the 27th of February at the Washington Plaza Hotel at 7pm. He also noted that Damon Harvey from DDOT will be present at that meeting, and residents will have an opportunity ask questions and to engage in more dialogue regarding parking in the ANC. **Connolly** shared that he had heard many concerns from individuals regarding the Sunday parking restrictions

Lane Davenport, Reverend at Ascension and Saint Agnes, shared that many people did not know about the proposed Sunday program and he was concerned about parishioners, both young and old, having access to necessary parking and the potential for parking restrictions to create exclusivity that was detrimental to the community.

Commissioner **Connolly**, seconded by **Fanning**, moved that ANC2F send a letter to DDOT advising of its support for a removal of the enhanced residential parking restrictions on Sundays.

After discussion by the Commission and the community, upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Lamarre**, the ANC tabled the motion.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Education Committee (Matt Connolly & Evelyn Boyd Simmons)

Committee Member Nominations and Confirmations

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

RESOLVED, That Geraldine Jackson and Jim Sullivan be approved to serve on the Education Committee

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Updates

Connolly shared updates on the Cardozo Feeder System Committee. He also reported that they are in joint talks with the LCCA on Saturday mornings largely geared towards parents who cannot make ANC meetings. The first meeting will likely be March 16. Linn reported that he went to the Open Houses at Ross and Garrison Elementaries and met the principals, several faculty members, and parents ateach.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Chris Linn, Chair)

Committee Member Nominations and Confirmations

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

RESOLVED, That Cynthia Hawkins be approved to serve on the Crime & Public Safety Committee

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Request to Address Trash and Lighting Concerns at Shaw Skate Park/Cardozo Playground

Fanning noted that DCPR owns the park, but DGS maintains the property. Fanning has been in contact with Alex Padro, and Sheri Kimbel is handling a coordination of a meeting with the interested parties.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC 2F send a letter to DGS, DCPR, DCPS, and ANC 6E to encourage them to coordinate specific and ongoing actions among stakeholders to resolve trash, lighting, crime, and maintenance concerns..

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Finally, **Linn** noted that the Crime & Public Safety Committee posted its meetings on the ANC2F website.

New Business

Co-Sponsorship of a City Council Candidates Forum

Connolly shared that ANC2F would like to co-host a City Council Candidates Forum along with the New Cambridge Tenants' Association and the LCCA. The non-partisan forum is open to anyone who qualified for the ballot. The Forum is scheduled to be held on March 13, 2013, from 7-9 pm.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F co-sponsor a City Council Candidates Forum on March 13 from 7-9 pm along with the LCCA and the New Cambridge Tenants' Association.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Matt Connolly)

Approval of Quarterly Report

The Quarterly Report was presented for approval.

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

RESOLVED, That ANC2F hereby approves the Quarterly Report for 1st Quarter 2013 (October 2012, November 2012, and December 2012)

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Approval of Expenses

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

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

Verizon (#1176).....	\$72.09
Jennifer Dusek (#1177)	\$662.62 (January 2013 Monthly Salary)
Jennifer Dusek (#1178)	\$752.57 (Reimburse for Computer Expense approved December 2012)

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:47 PM.

A Resolution by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F
Regarding a Proposed Liquor License Moratorium With a Radius of 1,800 Feet
Centered on 1211 U Street, Northwest

WHEREAS, The Shaw Dupont Citizens Alliance and the Residential Action Coalition on December 10, 2012, petitioned the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the District of Columbia (“ABC Board”) seeking to establish a moratorium on the issuance of new retailer-class liquor licensees; and

WHEREAS, The proposed moratorium would encompass a zone with a radius of 1,800 feet centered on 1211 U St., N.W.; and

WHEREAS, The proposed moratorium zone would extend as far south as a point on 13th Street, N.W., between R Street, N.W., and Corcoran Street, N.W., which is within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F (“ANC 2F”); and

WHEREAS, The written advice of ANC 2F, as an affected ANC, must be accorded Great Weight by the ABC Board, pursuant to section 13(d)(3) of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975; and

WHEREAS, The proposed moratorium zone affects three ANCs in addition to ANC 2F; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the community that the affected ANCs coordinate their respective efforts to facilitate public input and provide written advice to the ABC Board so that such advice may be accorded Great Weight; and

WHEREAS, Article VII of ANC 2F bylaws provides for “joint meetings with other ANCs to deal more effectively with or respond to concerns and issues that transcend and affect the areas of the Commissions”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That one or more joint meetings of ANC 2F be authorized in conjunction with and among ANCs 2B, 1B and/or 6E for purposes of gathering public input and providing official advice to the ABC Board regarding said petition; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any joint meetings of appropriate ANC 2F committees in conjunction with any appropriate committees of ANCs 2B, 1B and/or 6E be similarly authorized for the purposes of carrying out this resolution, except that any votes taken in such committees shall not be binding upon the full Commission.