

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Government of the District of Columbia



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
– 2003-2004 –

Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F:

Recalling the responsibility of ANC 2F to advise the District government on matters of public policy including decisions regarding planning, streets, recreation, social service programs, health, safety and sanitation in its neighborhood Commission area;

Mindful that the faithful discharge of ANC responsibilities requires that the ANC be accessible and accountable to the residents within the Commission area;

Recalling that the issues and concerns raised by ANC 2F in these public policy matters must be accorded “great weight” during the deliberations of District agencies, whereby ANC 2F can be one of the most effective means for ensuring that District policies and decisions take full account of the views of residents on matters affecting them;

Affirming, as a fundamental guiding principle for ANC actions, the need to improve the quality of everyday life for residents within the Commission area;

Declaring its intention to play a proactive role in support of this principle and to initiate its own proposals for District government action in this regard, including neighborhood development and enhancement programs;

Convinced that through strong ANC leadership and community action, in partnership with local businesses, community organizations and neighborhood associations, adjacent ANCs, and working closely with the District government, we can lay the foundation for a revitalized, prosperous and safe ANC:

Have adopted the goals and objectives herein for 2003-2004.

ENHANCE EXISTING COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Develop an ANC website that includes information on the role and responsibility of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the goals and objectives of ANC 2F, Commissioner contact information, Single Member District maps and boundaries, meeting schedule, and minutes. Ensure that the website is updated on a regular basis;
- Post additional meeting announcements and agendas in visible public places around the neighborhood;
- Increase the number of residents who receive e-mail announcements and summaries;
- Frequently liaison with community groups, tenant and condominium associations, and block associations;
- Keep residents up-to-date on community news and on-going DC government actions impacting our community;
- Work to ensure that DC government agencies and DC Council are responsive to concerns of ANC residents, as expressed at ANC meetings and to individual Commissioners, through:
 - periodic meetings with Department heads;
 - frequent DC agency participation at ANC meetings; and
 - ANC and individual Commissioner correspondence.

SEEK PARKING SOLUTIONS FOR RESIDENTS

- Continue efforts to increase available parking in Logan Circle through removal of outdated, obsolete, or unclear signage through follow-ups with the District Department of Transportation and coordination with Councilmember Jack Evan's office;
- Investigate alternative residential parking permit systems, particularly for those living in the immediate area surrounding the new convention center, and communicate with the Office of Planning regarding the same;
- Encourage establishments with heavy out-of-town traffic, including churches and ABC licensees, to develop transportation and parking arrangements that alleviate the parking burden imposed on residents;
- Support public and private efforts to provide additional parking; and
- Seek MPD enforcement of the existing prohibition of double parking at all times, including Sundays, through communication with the Third District Commander.

RESPOND TO CITIZEN CONCERNS

- Monitor and follow-up on complaints and service requests lodged by ANC 2F residents; and
- Work to ensure that city agencies enforce existing laws and regulations and provide mandated services, including in the areas of zoning and public space enforcement, alley cleaning, abandoned auto removal, and zero tolerance for early morning trash pick-up.

IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Obtain from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) a schedule of infrastructure repairs and improvements within the ANC's boundaries. Work with community and non-profit organizations to identify locations for tree replacement;
- Advocate for the truck traffic ban on R Street as well as continued enforcement of the current Q Street truck traffic ban;
- Continue efforts to obtain enforcement against property owners whose poorly maintained buildings, derelict properties, and empty lots degrade the quality of life in our neighborhood;
- Support the redevelopment of District-owned derelict properties to provide affordable housing;
- Open communication with local churches regarding their problem properties and parking practices;
- Monitor progress of the National Park Service restoration of Logan Circle Park. Work with the Third District MPD and DDOT to increase pedestrian and traffic safety in Logan Circle;
- Work with the DC Office of Planning on plans for the restoration and enhancement of Thomas Circle Park and advocate for increased pedestrian access and safety in the Fourteenth Street-Thomas Circle intersection.
- Monitor plans for the revitalization of Gompers Park and advocate for restoration of the park west of Twelfth Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NW, with the National Park Service;
- Preserve and protect the historic character of our neighborhood by providing guidelines for ANC 2F review to developers through the D.C. Historic Preservation Office, reviewing proposed renovation and new construction projects for compatibility with the D.C. Historic Preservation Guidelines, and by communicating the ANC's views to the Historic Preservation Review Board;
- Work with the DC Council, Department of Public Works, and the Public Service Commission to ensure that funds are available for removal of all payphones without proper public space permits and payphones that are known to contribute to public safety problems; and
- Work with the DC Council on the Comprehensive Plan with an emphasis on ANC 2F and city living for renters and homeowners.

PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

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- Support our local Police Service Area (PSAs) patrols and advocate for more extensive use of foot and bike patrols, which are one of the most effective means for combating nuisance crimes, including drug dealing, theft from auto, public drinking, and littering;
- Continue our strong support of the Metropolitan Police Department anti-prostitution enforcement efforts; and
- Support local legislative efforts to enhance the health and financial safety of residents of Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) within the District of Columbia.

CONTINUE TO PROMOTE FOURTEENTH STREET DEVELOPMENT

- Promote continued revitalization of Fourteenth Street corridor that:
 - Maintains presence of businesses that serve residents' needs;
 - Attracts neighborhood-oriented businesses;
 - Includes mixed retail-residential projects, bringing new residents to Fourteenth Street;
 - Encourages businesses that promotes pedestrian traffic, helping create vibrant street life;
 - Is compatible with our neighborhood's historic character;
 - Takes into account increased vehicular traffic and parking needs; and
 - Excludes introduction of sexually explicit businesses.
- Work closely and cooperatively with the Fourteenth & U Main Street program; and
- Explore revisions to the Uptown Arts-Mixed Use Overlay (Arts) District with the D.C. Office of Planning to make its provisions more effective and consistent with historic preservation standards.

MAINTAIN INVOLVEMENT IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING MATTERS

- Gather broad neighborhood feedback in regard to Alcoholic Beverage licensing;
- Adopt Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Guidelines for ANC 2F – a document that:
 - provides applicants, current licensees, Commissioners, and the public with an overview of the process of obtaining and regulating ABC licenses;
 - discusses the ANC policy on various ABC issues;
 - explains Voluntary Agreements and their provisions; and
 - reflects public comments and concerns.
- Support legislative efforts for the ban of the sale of single alcoholic beverages and require such provisions in Voluntary Agreements with individual establishments;
- Seek DC Council approval of proposed changes to ABC laws and regulations that would place community interests and concerns above those of applicants seeking liquor licenses or renewals; and
- Work with the Office of the Mayor to ensure that future appointees to the ABC Board are more receptive than in the past to neighborhood concerns and advocate for appointment of a Ward 2 representative to the ABC Board.

ENSURE OVERSIGHT OF CONVENTION CENTER DEVELOPMENT

- Work to ensure that commitments made by the Convention Center Authority concerning retail development, historic preservation, streetscape improvements, parking, and transportation planning are honored ;
- Continue to work to ensure that other potential problems (e.g., prostitution, staging, idling buses) that our neighborhood is likely to confront during operation of the new convention center are resolved in ways that benefit the community; and
- Monitor DDOT implementation of the mandated study of the impact of the convention center's opening on traffic and parking availability.

WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

- Work closely with local business owners to address and resolve resident concerns or complaints to enhance safety, and to promote a clean neighborhood.
- Seek enforcement against local businesses that do not abide by District laws or regulations only after efforts to work cooperatively with the business have failed;
- Expand communication between the ANC and local businesses by including them on the ANC e-mail list, encouraging them to attend ANC meetings, and increasing contact between businesses and the Commission in whose single member district they reside; and
- Solicit feedback from local businesses on ANC policies and actions where appropriate.