

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 7, 2013

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Peter Lallas (2F01)
Walt Cain (2F02)
Chris Linn (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Matt Raymond (2F07)
Matt Connolly (2F08)

ABSENT

Greg Melcher (2F06)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sherri Kimbel, Office of Jack Evans
Sgt. David Terestre, Acting Lieutenant, PSA 307

Meeting **called to order** by Commissioner Raymond at **7:02 p.m.**

Quorum achieved at **7:06 p.m.** (before the commencement of the Business Meeting).

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Raymond explained the rationale for holding an August meeting this year and noted the Commission's intention of holding twelve meetings per year from here on out.
2. Commissioner Connolly made mention of Workout Wednesdays, organized by the Downtown BID at 5:30 pm in Franklin Square.
3. Commissioner Connolly made mention of City Beautification Day on August 24.

Community Reports

Metropolitan Police Department, Police Service Area 307

Sgt. David Terestre

Acting Lieutenant Terestre presented July 2013 crime statistics for PSA 307 and compared them to statistics from July 2012. Commissioner Lallas solicited an update from Terestre on criminal activity in the 1400 block of R St, NW, and noted the lack of representation at regular monthly public meetings from the other two PSAs within ANC 2F. Terestre recommended that the Commission contact the Lieutenant of those PSAs and the Third District Commander.

Terestre entertained questions from attendees related to traffic patterns during the upcoming 50th anniversary commemorative Martin Luther King, Jr. march, and valet parking enforcement in Blagden Alley.

Office of Jack Evans, City Councilmember, Ward 2

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel announced Ward 2 night at the Shakespeare Theater. Kimbel entertained questions about Jack Evans' office's intention to convene a meeting regarding the K Street trolley; the widening of K Street, NW; the traffic situation at 12th St., NW and Massachusetts Ave., NW; and an area of ANC 2F that has changed from Zone 2 to Zone 6 parking.

Community Announcements

1. Reverend Adam Briddell introduced himself as the new pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church at 11th & K Sts, NW.
2. Dr. Joy Kinard announced the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House's partnership with the Sewall-Belmont House to support an August 24, 2013 event at the National Archives honoring the participation of women in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.
3. ANC 2F resident Howard Marks expressed concern over the potential widening of K St, NW as part of the streetcar project and the impact widening would have on businesses, organizations, and properties abutting K St, NW.
4. A community representative from the PAC Advisory Council raised pedestrian safety issues on 14th St, NW.

Business Meeting

At **7:44 p.m.**, Commissioner Raymond noted there was quorum to conduct business.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the draft agenda with the following modifications: 1) adding consideration of an honorary street naming for the 1300 block of N St, NW to the Business Meeting; 2) moving discussion of Brasserie Beck's valet parking permit application to New Business; 3) amending the 1322 and 1320 9th St, NW presentation to only "1320 9th St, NW" and removing the item from the agenda due to pending HPRB and Zoning items.

Raymond moved to adopt the agenda with the aforementioned modifications; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. Raymond directed that a copy of the amended agenda be filed with the minutes.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for June 5, 2013 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Connolly moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Confirmation of New Executive Director

Commissioner Raymond presented Adam Beebe as candidate for the ANC 2F Executive Director after having conducted numerous interviews for the position. Beebe introduced himself to the Commissioners and meeting attendees.

Commissioner Connolly moved to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with Beebe; the motion was seconded. Raymond stated that the MOA with Beebe was nearly identical to the MOA with the previous Executive Director. Raymond read out the position duties and highlighted the new duty of attending ABRA Committee meetings. Raymond stated the position salary would be \$800 per month.

Raymond moved to nominate Beebe as Executive Director under the terms of the MOA; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Honorary Street Naming of 1300 block of N St, NW

Schroeder Stribling

Schroeder Stribling, Executive Director of N Street Village, requested support from the Commission for the honorary naming of the 1300 block of N Street between 14th St, NW and Vermont Ave, NW, as “N Street Village Way,” in honor of the nonprofit organization’s 40th anniversary in 2012 and its ongoing commitment to provide housing and support services for homeless and low income women.

Commissioner Raymond expressed the community’s support for the organization and its mission. Sherri Kimbel from Councilmember Jack Evan’s office followed suit. Nate Brown from the Logan Circle Community Association distributed a letter of support and spoke in favor of the honorary street naming.

Commissioner Linn moved for full support of the proposal; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee Report

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

1610 14th St, NW (Ghibellina), ABRA #088785, *request for support for substantial change in operation (12 seat sidewalk café, hours of operation, and entertainment endorsement). Petition date: Aug. 26.*

As a procedural element, the Commission decided to protest the application until it is amended to reflect operating hours that are in line with similar establishments in the area.

Commissioner Fanning requested that issues related to seating in public space, including hours of service to patrons and cleanliness of the area, be addressed in the Settlement Agreement (“SA”). Fanning recommended the Commission protest the application until the aforementioned language is incorporated into the SA.

The Commission struck the entertainment endorsement aspect of this business item from the agenda, since the application is for a change in operating hours. The Commission agreed to look into the matter since the original application did include an entertainment endorsement. Commissioner Connolly proposed that the Commission, including any Commissioner acting on behalf of the Commission in relation to this matter, not enter into an SA that’s less advantageous to the community than the current agreement.

Raymond moved to protest the application until all of the above conditions were met; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Education Committee

Commissioner Matt Connolly, Chair

Commissioner Connolly made the following announcements:

1. The Education Committee meeting has expanded to include other ANCs and community groups. Over the next three months, the Committee will meet on the third Saturday of each month (instead of the second Saturday of each month) due to upcoming holidays;
2. The Committee is in the process of putting together a report on behalf of the community regarding the direction and future of community schools;
3. The Committee will be scheduling facilities tours of local schools in the next month or two;
4. Thomson Elementary has shown a marked improvement in test scores over last year.

Crime and Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Chris Linn, Chair

Commissioner Linn made the following announcements:

1. Crime indicators for the month of July 2013 are down over the previous year;
2. The next Committee meeting will take place at the end of September;
3. The Committee is planning another crime and public safety outreach event in late October, in alignment with the Q Street group's biannual cleanup.

Community Development Committee

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

Commissioner Cain made the following announcements:

1. The Committee recommended that the full ANC support the HBRP and BZA applications for 1322 and 1320 9th St., NW, which allow the Historic Preservation Review Board to alter the building structure;
2. The Committee recommended that the full ANC support the valet parking permit application for 1324 14th St, NW (B Too).

The Committee report was adopted by unanimous consent.

Old Business

1336 14th St, NW (Ghana Café), ABRA #082751

Tony Opare

Request for support for entertainment endorsement

The Commission recommended that Tony Opare, owner of Ghana Café, formally apply for an entertainment endorsement so that the Commission may consider it. The Commission recommended that in the meantime, Mr. Opare ensure he has all necessary licenses to legally operate the business.

Parking Committee Recommendations

Commissioner Walt Cain

At its May meeting, the Community Development Committee ("CDC") made the following four parking recommendations for the full ANC to put forth for DDOT's consideration:

1. Employ uniform enforcement of parking rules across the Department of Public Works and the Metropolitan Police Department on all days of the week;
2. Conduct outreach to let community groups know that DDOT will work with them on traffic control plans for events, gatherings, services, etc.;
3. Conduct outreach to let residents know they have the option of opting out of the enhanced residential parking program;
4. Provide advance notice of DDOT's public consideration and/or vote on the citywide visitor parking program.

Commissioner Raymond moved to adopt the CDC's parking recommendation; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

New Business

Proposed closing of public alley in Square 368 (ANC 2F-06)

Commissioner Raymond moved that the Committee send a letter to the Public Space Committee in support of closing the alley in Square 268; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

1101 K St, NW (Brasserie Beck)

Valet parking permit application

Commissioner Cain moved that the Commission oppose the application of 1101 K St, NW for the public space permit associated with valet parking until the applicant attends the upcoming Community Development Committee; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Updates

Commissioner Connolly, Acting Treasurer, provided the following updates:

1. The ongoing issue related to the withholding of a quarterly allotment from the District government to ANC 2F as a result of an issue related to check signatures that was flagged by the D.C. Auditor's Office has been resolved;
2. ANC 2F is exploring options to recover a disbursement held by the D.C. government due to the lack of two signatures on a number of checks.

No expenses were presented or approved.

Adoption of Quarterly Report (FY 2013-Q3, Apr. – Jun. 2013)

Commissioner Connolly moved that the Committee approve the quarterly report, totaling \$4,101.65 in disbursements; the motion was seconded and carried by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **9:31 p.m.**