

# ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

**MINUTES** WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 9, 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)  
Greg Melcher (2F06)  
Matt Raymond (2F07)  
Matt Connolly (2F08)

### **GUESTS AND PRESENTERS**

Master Patrol Officer Jermaine Wilson, PSA 307  
Jack Jacobson, State Board of Education, Ward 2 Member  
Adam Stemple, At-Large Member, APC  
Gene Weissman, Architects, Inc.

Meeting **called to order** by Commissioner Connolly at **7:05 p.m.** with quorum.

## Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Raymond shared DDOT's plans to install a bicycle lane on M Street, NW between 14th and 28th Streets, NW.
2. Commissioner Connolly announced that that District Office of Planning planned a stakeholder meeting on September 18, 2013 to solicit community feedback for the redevelopment of Franklin Square Park (bounded by Eye, K, 13th & 14th Streets, NW).
3. Commissioner Melcher made mention of the annual Blagden Alley picnic on September 28, 2013, starting at 3:00 p.m., followed by the Nuit Blanche Art All Night DC 2013 event from 7:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. in Shaw.

## Community Reports

### **Metropolitan Police Department, PSA 307**

Master Patrol Officer Jermaine Wilson

Master Patrol Officer Jermaine Wilson, accompanied by recent hire Officer Christopher Brown, presented the monthly crime report. Crime statistics remain low for PSA 307, though there has been a small increase in property crimes and theft from autos.

Commissioners brought a number of issues to Officer Wilson's attention, including MPD efforts to curb prostitution; a group of inebriated individuals who frequently loiter in the alley near the CVS and Whole Foods on 14th Street, NW; and a man often spotted on the streets and sidewalks within the ANC erratically driving a particularly noisy moped.

## Community Announcements

1. Jack Jacobson, Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education, provided an update on some of the Board's current efforts and activities, including the development of a high-level policy for

standards applicable to both charter and public schools; revision of graduation requirements that will allow students to receive credit for certain athletic and vocational activities; the passing of new truancy requirements; and the successful alignment (format) and centralization (storage and access) of all school report cards.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

At 7:32 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 modification proposed by Commissioner Cain: the addition of a “New Business” item related to the public space permit for 1610 14th St, NW (Ghibellina). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Raymond directed that a copy of the amended agenda be filed with the minutes.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

### **Approval of Minutes for August 7, 2013 Regular Monthly Public Meeting**

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

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

## **Committee Reports**

### **ABRA Policy Committee (APC)**

Adam Stemple, At-Large Member

Commissioner Fanning, Chair of the APC, yielded the floor to Adam Stemple, At-Large Member of the Committee. Stemple provided an update of ongoing Committee discussions about the to-be-determined purview and activities of the APC, including efforts to streamline the alcohol licensing process; the cataloging of current settlement agreements (SAs) within ANC 2F; and the responsibility of drafting and enforcing SAs.

### **Community Development Committee (CDC)**

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

Commissioner Cain summarized 1101 K St, NW's (Brasserie Beck) presentation at the August CDC meeting for a valet parking permit endorsement, which the CDC voted unanimously to endorse. Cain recommended that the Commission accept the endorsement; the Commission accepted the endorsement by unanimous consent.

Cain then provided an update on the District Department of Transportation's timetable for rolling out the Visitor Parking Program, and answered related attendee questions.

### **Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)**

Commissioner Chris Linn, Chair

Commissioner Linn noted topics of discussion for the upcoming CPSC meeting on September 18, 2013, including crime statistics in ANC 2F and the planning for the Fall crime and crime prevention outreach event.

### **Education Committee**

Commissioner Matt Connolly, Chair

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Commissioner Connolly announced the upcoming joint education committee meeting with ANCs 2B and 2A on September 21, 2013 and listed the meeting agenda items, including an update on the Logan Circle Heritage Trail curriculum; a presentation by OSSI on report cards, and; a presentation by several middle school principals on their plans for the future of area middle schools.

Connolly also shared Councilmember David Catania's expressed interest in attending either the October or November ANC 2F Regular Monthly Public Meeting.

## Old Business

No old business.

## New Business

### **1107 L Street, NW (Morrison Clark Hotel)**

Gene Weissman, Architects, Inc.

*DDOT Public Space Committee, application for sidewalk and landscape improvements*

The full ANC decided to consider the application as the body of first impression instead of the CDC. Gene Weissman, architect for the project, detailed the aspects of the project currently under construction, listed the permits received to date, and made a presentation for the Commission's support of the public space permit. Weissman detailed the specifics of the plans for use of and alterations to the public space, which primarily included the addition of green spaces; the modification and expansion of the dimensions of the existing steps in order to be compliant with building code; installation of pavers throughout the sidewalk area; replacement and relocation of existing street trees; and the removal of two existing parking spaces on L St NW in order to create a 15 minute drop-off space for the hotel. Weissman stated there would be no hotel use of the public space (i.e. café, events, etc.).

Attendee, neighbor, and Commissioner concerns about the project related primarily on the loss of parking spaces on L St, NW, and the confusing/contradictory parking signage on the south side of L St, NW between 11th and 10th Streets, NW that reflects the former religious use of the building in question.

Commissioner Cain moved that the ANC recommend that the DDOT Public Space Committee approve the plan as presented. Commissioner Melcher amended the motion to include a recommendation that the two existing 15-minute parking spaces on 11th St, NW be returned to general public use since the hotel will have a 15-minute parking space on L St, NW. Cain further amended the motion to include a recommendation that the parking spaces on the south side of L St, NW between 11th and 10th Streets, NW be returned to general public use.

Raymond moved that the ANC recommend approval by the DDOT Public Space Committee of the plan as presented, and that the Commission's letter of support note the aforementioned parking-related recommendations. Raymond noted that the Commission's support of the plan as presented was not contingent upon the parking-related recommendations; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Commission.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

### **1451 L St, NW (Phillips Café)**

Commissioners Cain and Lamare

*DDOT Public Space Committee, application for use of public space (sidewalk café)*

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Commissioner Cain noted he had received no response from the DDOT Public Space Committee for his requests for an extension to consider the application in question. Commissioner Lamare expressed support for the application, given the morning and afternoon operating hours of the café and the abundance of sidewalk space at the location.

Lamare moved that the ANC recommend approval by the DDOT Public Space Committee of Café Phillips application to establish a sidewalk café for 24 people; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

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**1601 14th St, NW (Le Diplomate restaurant)**

Commissioner Raymond

*Request for letter of support for 2014 D.C. Historic Preservation Awards nomination*

Commissioner Raymond shared Le Diplomate's request for a letter of support from the Commission for the restaurant's nomination for the 2014 D.C. Historic Preservation Awards, related to the restaurant's recent build-out. Raymond expressed the Commission's appreciation for Le Diplomate's transformation of the space and contribution to the community.

Raymond moved that the Commission write a letter in support of the nomination; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

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**ANC 2F Sanitation, Education & Enforcement Summit**

Commissioners Linn and Fanning

Commissioner Linn detailed the impetus for the summit, which primarily consisted of a number of constituent complaints about the presence of rats, and trash and sanitation issues on the east and west side of the 1300 block of 14th St, NW. Commissioner Fanning noted the Summit would involve restaurateurs, community members, and a number of District agencies (including DPW, Dept. of Health, ABRA, DCRA, DDOE, D.C. Water, and Sanitation Enforcement) to discuss the issues at hand and come up with remediation solutions.

Commissioner Raymond noted the summit did not have to be approved by the Commission since it is a proceeding of the APC.

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**1610 14th St, NW (Ghibellina restaurant)**

*DDOT Public Space Committee, application for use of public space (sidewalk café)*

The full ANC decided to consider the application as the body of first impression instead of the CDC. The public space application in quest is for Ghibellina to use the area immediately outside the restaurant's front door for patron seating. Commissioner Cain noted Ghibellina's promise to the community that only seated patrons would be served outside, and Ghibellina's willingness to incorporate this stipulation into their existing Voluntary Agreement (VA).

Cain moved that the ANC recommend approval by the DDOT Public Space Committee of the application, contingent upon Ghibellina's incorporation of the abovementioned use limitation into their VA; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

# Treasurer's Report

## **Approval of Expenses**

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Commissioner Connolly, Acting Treasurer, presented the following expenditures:

1. A check in the amount of \$121.64, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for office supplies related to his duties purchased at Staples on September 9, 2013;
2. A check in the amount of \$298.66, payable to the U.S. Treasury, for interest and penalties related to the late filing of 4Q 2012 Form 941;
3. A check in the amount of \$108.26, payable to the U.S. Treasury, for interest and penalties related to the late filing of 1Q 2013 Form 941;
4. A check in the amount of \$101.82, payable to the D.C. Department of Employment Services, for interest and penalties related to the late filing of 4Q 2012 UC-30 payment;
5. A check for an amount not to exceed \$800.00 and to be determined, for Executive Director Beebe's salary of the month of August 2013;
6. A check in the amount of \$75.00, payable to Luther Place church, for meeting space for the Saturday, September 21, 2013 Education Committee meeting.

**Total expenses:** \$1,505.83

Connolly noted the following deposit to the Commission's checking account:

1. A deposit in the amount of \$46.45, of a check from Verizon for the prorated refund of unused services.

**Total income:** \$46.45

Connolly moved for simultaneous approval of all expenses, totaling \$1,505.83; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously\* by the Commission.

**Vote: 6-0 (unanimous\*)**

\*Commissioners Fanning and Melcher had left the meeting at the time of the vote

Commissioner Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **8:53 p.m.**