

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 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

Lieutenant Jeff Carroll, PSA 307
Lee Wilson, DDOT
Thor Nelson, D.C. Office of Planning
Clifford Tatum, D.C. Board of Elections
Roger Kemp, U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C.

Meeting **called to order** by Commissioner Raymond at **7:01 p.m.** with quorum.

Community Forum

Metropolitan Police Department, PSA 307

Lieutenant Jeff Carroll

Lieutenant Carroll presented the monthly crime report. Crime statistics remain low for PSA 307 and are in line with the statistics from this time last year.

DDOT Presentation on ADA Improvements for K St, NW Sidewalk Ramps

Lee Wilson

A contractor for DDOT will soon begin ADA improvements to pedestrian ramps on sidewalks along K St, NW. Improvements will commence at K & 21st St, NW and end at K & 12th St, NW in about one year. DDOT and its contractors will be working on one corner per intersection at a time. Disruptions may occur to WMATA bus routes. For questions and concerns, call (202) 678-6600.

Office of Planning Presentation on Franklin Park

Thor Nelson

The District is collaborating with the National Park Service to create a new vision and transformation plan for Franklin Square. The multi-year project aims to improve uses of the park, add new amenities, and enhance the landscape. The Office of Planning is seeking community input. Call (202) 741-5241, visit www.franklinparkdc.org or email Thor Nelson (thor.nelson@dc.gov) with questions and comments.

D.C. Board of Elections Presentation on Precinct Boundary Efficiency Plan

Clifford Tatum

Clifford Tatum, Executive Director of The D.C. Board of Elections, presented a Precinct Boundary Efficiency Plan, which proposes to realign all voting precinct boundaries in the District to correspond with existing ANC single-member district (SMD) boundary lines and revise the precinct numbering system to associate each precinct to its designated ward.

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Connolly announced that the four development teams currently under consideration for redevelopment of the historic Franklin School recently presented their plans to the community. The ANC 2F Community Development Committee is planning to consider the four plans at its November meeting and make a recommendation for the full ANC's consideration in December.

Community Announcements

1. Meredith Moldenhauer from the Fred Hill Group (a healthcare IT consulting company) introduced herself and announced the company's plans to relocate its corporate headquarters from Maryland to 1017 12th St, NW. The company plans to renovate and rebuild the existing building and as such will likely come before the ANC/CDC in January 2014 for relief.

BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Raymond noted there was quorum to conduct business.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Connolly moved to approve the draft agenda with the following proposed modification: addition of "approval of the ANC Quarterly Report for 2013 Q4" to the Treasurer's Report. 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 July 10, 2013 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Linn moved to modify language in the minutes related to Ghana Café to read as follows: "Commissioner Linn moved to table consideration of Ghana Café's request for changes to its Settlement Agreement, which included adding approval of an entertainment endorsement." Commissioner Connolly moved to approve the minutes with Linn's modification, noting that the minutes would subsequently be reformatted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for October 3, 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)

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

1209-1213 10th St, NW / Blagden Alley (The American), Settlement Agreement

Commissioner Fanning yielded the floor to Commissioner Melcher, who has been working with the American to negotiate a Settlement Agreement (SA). Melcher announced that the SA had been finalized, and only needed a signature. At its October 23, 2013 meeting, the APC voted to

recommend that the full Commission approve the SA. After some additional discussion, including community feedback, Commissioner Fanning moved to endorse the SA for the American; the motion was seconded and unanimously carried by the Commission.

Vote 8-0 (unanimous)

920 14th St, NW (The Park at 14th), Petition to terminate current Settlement Agreement

Commissioner Fanning moved to accept the APC recommendation that the full Commission oppose the Park at 14th's petition to terminate its current Settlement Agreement; the motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1.

Vote 7-1

Amendment to ANC 2F Alcohol License Policy

In a discussion related to the Park at 14th agenda item, the Commission debated its practice for consideration of Licensees in the Central Business District. Previously, it had been the ANC's informal practice not to seek settlement agreements or review applications regarding licenses in the Central Business District. Commissioner Connolly moved that the Commission amend its alcohol license policy to require all licensees in the ANC to come before the Alcohol Policy Committee (and/or the full Commission, as in matters of first impression) for new licenses, license renewal requests and substantial changes in operation. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1.

Vote 7-1

Support of license renewal for: 1435 P St, NW (Number Nine); 1610 14th St, NW (Ghibellina); 1415 P St, NW (Vegas Lounge); 1301 K St, NW (Capitale)

Commissioner Fanning moved that the Commission adopt the APC recommendation to support license renewals for all of the aforementioned Licensees; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote 8-0 (unanimous)

Protest of license renewal for 1318 9th St, NW (Vita, formerly Mood Lounge)

Commissioner Fanning moved that the Commission adopt the APC recommendation to protest the cover charge, dancing, and entertainment renewals for Vita; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote 8-0 (unanimous)

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

1101 Rhode Island Ave, NW, BZA request for variances

Commissioner Raymond moved to adopt the CDC recommendation to advise the BZA to accept the following six variances and one special exception requested by CAS/Riegler, the developer of 1101 Rhode Island Ave, NW:

1. parking variance, in order to allow developer to build fourteen instead of the required twenty parking spaces;
2. parking size variance, in order to allow developer to designate eight of the fourteen spaces as compact;
3. parking setback variance to allow developer to locate parking spaces within 20 feet of lot lines that abut public streets;
4. lot occupancy variance of 90% instead of the allowed 75%, in order to allow developer to construct a green roof over the parking area;
5. FAR variance, of 3.15 instead of the allowed 3.0, in order to allow the developer to construct a green roof over the parking shaft;
6. variance from Section 776 for a court with substandard dimensions;

and

1. special exception for a roof structure with walls of uneven heights.

Raymond noted that the Commission's endorsement was contingent upon the completion of a Memorandum of Understanding between CAS/Riegler and neighbors surrounding the property that established additional conditions on the developer. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote 8-0 (unanimous)

Removal of WMATA bus stop on west side of 14th St, NW south of Rhode Island Ave, NW
Commissioner Linn, whose single member district included the bus stop, explained that the owner of Ghana Cafe requested that the Commission consider contacting WMATA to petition for removal of the bus stop. The owner cited adverse affects to his business as well as frequent illicit use of the bus stop by non-passengers. Linn pointed out that the bus stop in question is one of three bus stops between 14th & P and 14th & Thomas Circle, which is a higher frequency of stops than the average along the 14th Street Corridor. Commissioner Cain moved that the Commission endorse the CDC recommendation (voted on at its October 23, 2013 meeting) to petition WMATA for removal of the bus stop; the motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 6-2.

Vote 6-2

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Chris Linn, Chair

Commissioner Linn recapped the success of the October 19th Fall Crime Awareness outreach event, and noted that the most frequent constituent concern was bicyclists riding on sidewalks. Linn thanked the MPD for their cooperation and participation in planning the event.

Education Committee

Commissioner Matt Connolly and Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chairs

Representatives from the Office of the State Superintendent of Education attended the Committee's October 26th meeting, during which community members provided feedback about proposed changes to the District's school rating system.

The next Education Committee meeting will take place on Saturday, November 16 at the School Without Walls (2130 G St, NW) at 1pm. The meeting will focus on the new enrollment lottery system for next year, which includes a single lottery for public and charter schools.

Garrison Elementary's abandoned pool has finally been razed, after countless years of neglect. The school has also raised nearly \$15 million for its modernization efforts.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Consideration of Community Impact Statements

Roger Kemp, US Attorney's Office for D.C.

2012 CF2 007826: District of Columbia Vs. BAILEY, CARLITO

2012 CF2 007828: District of Columbia Vs. WATKINS, RICKY C

2013 CF2 011010: District of Columbia Vs. COLE, GREGORY A

Roger Kemp from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia brought the Commission's and the community's attention to three upcoming court cases involving violent and serious crimes

on the 1400 block of R Street, NW and Johnson Ave, NW. Commissioner Linn moved to accept Mr. Kemp's request that the ANC write Community Impact Statements to the judges of the cases in question, in order to emphasize the impact ongoing crime in this area has on the safety, security, and well-being of the surrounding community and the District as a whole. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Expenses

Commissioner Connolly, Acting Treasurer, presented the following expenditures:

1. Check #1208 in the amount of \$131.31, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for reimbursement related to web site hosting costs with iPage.com for the ANC's blog;
2. Check #1209 in the amount of \$717.60, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for September 2013 monthly wages;
3. Check #1210 in the amount of \$48.91, payable to Joseph, Mann & Creed (a collection agency), for an outstanding balance on a previous RCN account.

Total expenses: \$897.82

Connolly noted that check #1207 was voided and sent to Network Solutions for the purposes of authorizing the addition of Executive Director Adam Beebe as the account administrator. Connolly moved for simultaneous approval of all expenses, totaling \$897.82; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Approval of ANC Quarterly Report for 2013 Q4

Commissioner Connolly moved that the Commission adopt the draft quarterly report for 2013 Q4; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Connolly moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **10:01 p.m.**