

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 4, 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 Connolly (2F08)

ABSENT

Matt Raymond (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Lieutenant Jeff Carroll, PSA 307
Hasim Dawkins, DCSEU
Paul Harrison, Community member
Reyna Alorro, OMPED

Meeting **called to order** by Commissioner Connolly, who chaired the meeting in Commissioner Raymond's absence, at **7:07 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.

Presentation of DCSEU Programs and Services

Hasim Dawkins

Hasim Duncan, Community Relations Manager for the District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU), spoke about DCSEU's programs for homes and businesses and encouraged residents to learn more at www.dcseu.com.

Discussion of O St., NW Traffic Configuration

Paul Harrison

Paul Harrison, community member and resident of the 900 block of O Street, NW, spoke about a community petition to change the direction of traffic flow on O Street in order to discourage motorists from using the neighborhood as a short cut thoroughfare through the city. The petition asks DDOT to make traffic go one way away from 10th St, NW in both directions (westbound west of 10th St, NW and eastbound east on 10th St, NW). Some community members also expressed opposition to the petition.

Commissioner Announcements

[none]

Community Announcements

1. The Friends of McMillan Park spoke to their ongoing effort to save the historic park of the same name;
2. Reverend Adam Briddell of Asbury Church invited community members to the church for a screening of a documentary called "3AM Girls" on December 10 at 6:30 pm, and a conversation following the film about how to respond to sex trafficking and prostitution in D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Raymond noted there was quorum to conduct business.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for November 6, 2013 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Connolly moved to approve the meeting minutes with the following modification: removal of the names of Commissioners who voted against motions made throughout the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

Presentation of Committee's Scope and Goals document

Commissioner Fanning spoke to the Committee's effort to clarify its purview and determine its processes. Fanning requested the Commission's support for the Committee to evaluate the current alcohol policy that was written in 2003 and to update it as necessary. Fanning asked the Commissioners and community members to attend the December 18, 2013 APC meeting to provide input to the discussion.

1336 14th St, NW (Ghana Café), Entertainment Endorsement update

Commissioner Linn explained that a group of five individuals as well as the ANC protested the endorsement at the recent ABRA hearing.

1333 14th St, NW (Glass House), Settlement Agreement

After explaining that the owner of Glass House recently signed a settlement agreement (SA) with ANC 2F, Commissioner Linn moved that the ANC adopt the SA for Glass House; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote 7-0 (unanimous)

Support of license renewal for: 1314 9th St, NW (A n D) and 1410 14th St, NW (Black Whiskey)

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

Vote 7-0 (unanimous)

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

Commissioner Cain noted that there was not a November 2013 CDC meeting and that the next CDC meeting would be December 11, 2013.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Chris Linn, Chair

Commissioner Linn noted that there was not a November 2013 CPSC meeting and that he was working on drafting community impact statements related to the three court cases filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia discussed at the November 2013 ANC 2F regular monthly meeting.

Education Committee

Commissioner Matt Connolly and Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chairs

Commissioner Connolly summarized the November 2013 Education Committee meeting, which focused on changes to the city's school lottery system in 2014. Connolly shared that the January Education Committee meeting (date TBD) would focus on science and technology curriculum for D.C. public schools. Connolly explained that the primary goal of the Committee is to assemble a report of issues that are important to parents and the community that will be submitted to the Council, mayoral candidates, and DCPS.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Amendment to Settlement Agreement with 1454-1460 P St, NW (Tortilla Coast)

In response to a request from the Clover Restaurant Group, the Commission revisited Tortilla Coast's settlement agreement (SA) to consider an extension of operating hours. The original SA language provided for an opportunity to consider an amendment after six months of operation if there were no significant problems related to the serving of alcohol on the premises.

Commissioner Cain moved to amend the existing SA with Tortilla Coast to extend operating hours until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 2 a.m. on Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays before holiday Mondays for the inside, and 11 p.m. and midnight, respectively, for the outside area. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Recommendation to DMPED for redevelopment of historic Franklin School

Reyna Alorro of DMPED briefly explained DMPED's two-step process for requesting qualifications and proposals for redevelopment of the historic Franklin Schools, and noted that four teams were presently under consideration: 1) Abdo Development (office space for the CoStar Group), 2) Douglas Development (a boutique hotel), 3) ICE-DC (art gallery, restaurant, and bookstore), and 4) Lowe Enterprises (a tech incubator).

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of the four proposals and commended DMPED's transparent process in redeveloping the historic Franklin School. After consideration of the merits of each proposal, Commissioner Cain moved that the ANC write a letter to DMPED commending all four proposals but noting the Commission's preference for the ICE-DC and Douglas Development

proposals. Cain added that the letter should encourage DMPED to focus on the criteria of public access to this very important building. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Recommendation to Mayor's Agent on demolition application for 1211 10th St, NW

Commissioner Melcher explained that the building in question was a historic 1830 structure hidden behind an 1860s façade that the owner wanted to demolish but for the façade. HPO recommended against demolition of the structure and the owner of the property appealed based on economic hardship arising from inability to demolish the structure.

Melcher moved that the ANC send a letter to the Mayor's Office asking that the building be preserved and that the owner's appeal based on economic hardship be denied; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Consideration of support for trash compactor bill proposed by Councilmember Evans

Councilmember Evans has proposed a bill that would provide a tax credit to companies that install a trash compactor for 50% the cost of the trash compactor. Evans' office requested endorsement of the bill. Commissioner Linn moved that the ANC endorse Council Bill 20-81 ("Trash Compactor Tax Incentive Act"); the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Expenses

Commissioner Connolly, Acting Treasurer, presented the following expenditures:

1. Check #1211 in the amount of \$293.04, payable to D.C. Treasurer, for 2012 income tax withholding for the Executive Director's salary (FR-900A);
2. Check #1212 in the amount of \$717.60, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for September 2013 monthly wages.

Total expenses: \$1,010.64

Connolly moved for simultaneous approval of all expenses, totaling \$1,010.64; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Connolly moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **9:24 p.m.**