

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 8, 2014

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

Sherri Kimbel, Office of Jack Evans
Jack Jacobson, State Board of Education
Sergeant David Terrestre, MPD (PSA 307)
James Cheeks, DDOT
Fred Hill, The Hill Group
Meredith Moldenhauer, Griffin, Murphy,
Moldenhauer & Wiggins, LLP

Meeting **called to order** by Commissioner Raymond at **7:10 p.m.** with quorum.

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Connolly announced that tonight was his last meeting as the Commissioner for ANC 2F08; he and his fiancée are moving to Boston. Connolly reflected on the Commission's numerous achievements during his two-year tenure, and thanked his constituents for their support and collaboration;
2. Commissioner Raymond noted that WMATA denied the Commission's request for bus stop removal at 1336 14th Street, NW (see November 6, 2013 meeting minutes).

Community Forum

Report from Office of Jack Evans, Councilmember, Ward 2

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel noted the upcoming Rat Summit for Ward 2 on Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 1-3pm at St. Paul's Church in Foggy Bottom. Kimbel also spoke to an ongoing effort by Evans' office to legislate a property tax discount for senior citizen residents of the District.

Update from D.C. State Board of Education

Jack Jacobson, Ward 2 Representative

Jack Jacobson shared information about the approved Next Generation Science Standards for D.C. Public Schools. Jacobson also spoke to challenges with the enforcement of recently adopted truancy rules by the Office of State Superintendent.

Metropolitan Police Department, PSA 307

Sergeant David Terrestre

Sgt. Terrestre reviewed the crime stats for the past month and noted a small increase in property crime. Terrestre encouraged residents to visit crimemap.dc.gov to view crime patterns around their addresses. PSA 307 hopes to send a vice officer to the February ANC 2F meeting to speak to the community about MPD's undercover efforts to fight crime.

Community Announcements

1. David Pfeiffer of 1325 13th St, NW spoke in opposition to the community petition to change the direction of traffic flow on O Street, NW that was presented by Paul Harrison at the December 2013 ANC 2F regular monthly meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Raymond noted there was quorum to conduct business.

Election of Officers

Before the election of officer commenced, Commissioner Raymond noted that Commissioners are elected for two-year terms but that Officers serve one-year terms. Raymond presided over the election of officers (except for the Chairman position, for which Raymond turned the floor over to Executive Director Adam Beebe).

The following ANC 2F Commissioners were nominated as Officers for 2014:

Matt Raymond, Chairman (seconded and **approved unanimously by the Commission, 7-0**);
Walt Cain, Vice-Chairman (seconded and **approved unanimously by the Commission, 7-0**);
Secretary, Jim Lamare (seconded and **approved unanimously by the Commission, 7-0**);
Treasurer, Greg Melcher (seconded and **approved unanimously by the Commission, 7-0**);

The following ANC 2F Commissioners were nominated as Committee Chairpersons for 2014:
Education Committee, Chris Linn (seconded and **approved unanimously by the Commission, 7-0**);
Crime & Public Safety Committee, Peter Lallas (seconded and **approved unanimously by the Commission, 7-0**);

Raymond noted that Cain would continue on as Chairman of the Community Development Commission; Fanning would continue on as Chairman of the Alcohol Policy Committee; and Evelyn Boyd Simmons would continue on as Co-Chair of the Education Committee.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the draft agenda with the following two additions: 1) a formal resolution thanking Commissioner Connolly for his dedicated service, leadership, and activism, inserted before the Committee Reports and 2) move of the DDOT proposals for traffic flow management at 12th St, NW & Massachusetts Ave, NW intersection business item before the Committee Reports. Commissioner Cain made an amendment to Raymond's motion: removal of the Marriott Hotel item from the CDC Committee Report. Commissioner Fanning made an amendment to Cain's motion: removal of APC Scope and Goals Document discussion from the APC Committee Report. Raymond called the question on the combined motion; the combined 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: 8-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for December 4, 2013 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the meeting minutes with two minor spelling and

grammatical corrections submitted earlier in the day by Commissioner Connolly. Fanning made an amendment to Raymond's motion to correct the spelling of Hasim Dawkins' last name. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Resolution Thanking Commissioner Connolly for His Service

Commissioner Raymond, on behalf of the entire Commission, formally thanked Commissioner Connolly for the dedicated service, leadership, and activism he embodied throughout his tenure as 2F08 Commissioner. Raymond noted how quickly Connolly got up to speed and took on yeoman's work after assuming a vacant spot on the Commission. Raymond acknowledged Connolly's role as a trusted and energetic advisor. Raymond moved to adopt the resolution thanking Connolly; the resolution was approved unanimously by the Commission and echoed by several community members who subsequently eulogized Connolly's efforts.

Vote: 7-0 (approved unanimously)

DDOT proposals for traffic flow management at 12th St, NW & Massachusetts Ave, NW intersection

James Cheeks, DDOT

The Commission considered two DDOT proposals, presented by James Cheeks, to improve the notoriously troublesome traffic flow conditions at the intersection of 12th St, NW and Massachusetts Ave, NW. Cheeks noted that the main challenge of the "failing intersection" in question was a capacity issue that led to frequent blocking of the box.

Cheeks detailed the specifics of the two proposals under consideration. Cheeks explained that the primary difference between the two proposals was the number of on-street parking spaces lost (16 for Proposal #1 vs. 11 for Proposal #2) and the configuration of the bicycle lane on 12th St, NW south of Massachusetts Ave, NW (an independent bike lane in Proposal #1 and a shared bike/car lane in Proposal #2).

The Commission received community comment from eight different individuals in attendance at the meeting. Cheeks recommended Proposal #2 as the better of the two options. Commissioner Raymond moved that the Commission recommend that DDOT proceed with Proposal #2, which consisted of the following conditions:

- On 12th St just south of Massachusetts Ave, provide two through lanes to improve traffic merging (the rightmost lane will also allow for a right turn onto eastbound Mass Ave);
- On 12th St just south of Massachusetts Ave, provide two dedicated left turn lanes (onto westbound Mass Ave) to improve traffic flow along 12th St;
- For the pedestrian crossing signal on the west side of 12th St NW, provide a protected left turn phase (a dedicated time for pedestrians to cross Mass Ave without allowing left-turning traffic onto west-bound Mass Ave) to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts;
- Widening of the aforementioned crosswalk and relocation of stop bar for cars;
- Provide a shared bike lane (cars & bikes) on 12th St north of Massachusetts Ave;
- Remove 11 total parking spaces on 12th St (4 two-hour zone "residents only" parking spots for; 4 non-rush hour meter parking spots, and 3 non-rush hour parking spots);
- Convert 2 parking spaces from "Government vehicles only parking" to two hour zone parking ("residents only" parking).

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

License Renewal for 1124 9th St, NW (Baby Wale) – APC voted (3-0) in support

Commissioner Connolly moved to accept the APC recommendation that the Commission support license renewal for the licensee in question; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote 8-0 (unanimous)

1336 14th St, NW (Ghana Café), Entertainment Endorsement and Settlement Agreement

Commissioner Linn noted that the owner of Ghana Café was currently in the ABRA mediation process and that there was no official action for ANC 2F to take on this business item.

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

HPRB Application for 1313-17 14th St, NW

Commissioner Linn explained that neither he nor N Street Village, an abutting neighbor to the property in question, were aware of the project's impacts to the at-risk windows of N Street Village's building until last night. Linn moved that the Commission table this business item until N Street Village and other adjoining neighbors have had more time to engage in discussions with the developers about the project's impacts; the motion was seconded but not approved by the Committee.

Vote 2-6 (not approved)

Commissioner Cain moved that the Commission adopt the CDC's recommendation of approval for 1313-17 14th St, NW's HPRB application, with the addendum that the business item return to the February CDC meeting so that the developer and the neighboring N Street Village may provide an update on their dialogue about efforts to minimize the development's impacts on the latter party.

Vote 8-0 (unanimous)

Visitor Parking Program recommendation for ANC 2F

Commissioner Cain recapped the Committees efforts and discussions to date on the matter, and solicited input from the Commissioners about what a Visitor Parking Program (VPP) might look like for ANC 2F. Cain then moved that the Commission endorse a VPP for all residents living within the boundaries of ANC 2F and at a Resident Parking Permit (RPP) eligible address. The proposed program would consist of a coupon booklet containing 10 individual coupons for temporary visitor parking. Each coupon would be valid for seven (7) days and may not be reused. Residents would have to opt in to the program. Each program participant would receive one coupon booklet per year (through the end of FY14). The motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote 7-1 (approved)

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Chris Linn, Chair

Commissioner Linn shared that the accused individuals in three recent court cases related to violent crimes on the 1400 block of R St, NW and Johnson Ave, NW (see November 6, 2013 meeting minutes) were handed punitive sentences. Linn noted that ANC 2F had submitted community impact statements to the court related to each case.

Education Committee

Commissioner Matt Connolly and Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chairs

Commissioner Connolly noted that the January Education Committee meeting will be Saturday, January 11th at Ross Elementary School. The meeting will feature Maya Garcia from the Office of

the State Superintendent of Education and focus on a discussion of the Next Generation Science Standards recently adopted by D.C. Public Schools. On February 8th at 10 a.m., the Education Network will host Deputy Mayor of Education Abigail Smith to lead a discussion on School Boundaries and Feeder Patterns (location TBD).

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Request for Legislation Support Related to Bay Window Projection and Building Wrapping for 1017 12th St, NW (The Hill Group)

Fred Hill, The Hill Group
Meredith Moldenhauer, Griffin, Murphy, Moldenhauer & Wiggins, LLP

Fred Hill, of The Hill Group, and his counsel Meredith Moldenhauer, asked the Commission to support legislation for a partial alley closing adjacent to the property at 1017 12th St, NW and a bay window projection onto 12th St, NW. The Hill Group is seeking to relocate its office from Maryland to property in question. Moldehauer explained that in order for the building to be economically viable as an office space, a window projection on the 12th Street, NW side and a projection into the adjacent alley starting at the 2nd floor level would provide the additional space needed to offset space loses for accommodating ADA requirements.

Commissioner Connolly moved that the Commission write a letter to Councilmember Jack Evans supporting the legislation necessary to allow for the requested projections, including the partial closing of the alley; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-1

Scheduling of ANC 2F Meeting Dates for 2014

Commissioner Raymond moved that the Commission schedule its regular monthly public meetings for the first Wednesday of each month, except for July 9, 2014, subject to room availability at the Washington Plaza Hotel; the motion was seconded by the Commission. Commissioner Linn then moved to amend the motion to change the September 2014 meeting date from the 3rd to the 10th; the amended motion was approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-1

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Expenses

Commissioner Melcher, newly appointed Treasurer, presented the following expenditures:

1. Check #1213 in the amount of \$99.91, payable to Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for monies spent on office supplies for the Commission;
2. Check #1214 in the amount of \$717.60, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for December 2013 monthly wages;
3. Check #1215 in the amount of \$500.00, payable to N Street Village, as a donation for meeting space for the Alcohol Policy Committee for its 2014 meetings;
4. Check #1216 in the amount of \$39.90, payable to Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for monies

spent on web hosting services through Web.com for the ANC 2F web site;

5. Check #1217 in the amount of \$43.20, payable to DOES, for 2013 Q4 quarterly unemployment taxes (UC-30 form);
6. Check #1218 in the amount of \$367.20, payable to the Dept. of Treasury, for 2013 Q4 federal employer taxes (Form 941);
7. Check #1219 in the amount of \$286.00, payable the D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue, for 2013 employee income tax withholding (Form 900-A).

Total expenses: \$2,053.81

Melcher moved for simultaneous approval of all expenses, totaling \$2,053.81; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Approval of 2014 Budget

Commissioner Raymond moved that the Commission adopt a budget for 2014 that is identical to the 2013 budget, except that each line item be increased in line with the proportional increase in ANC 2F's allotment for 2014; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **10:06 p.m.**