

# ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

**MINUTES** WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 5, 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)

### **GUESTS AND PRESENTERS**

Sherri Kimbel, Office of Jack Evans  
Lt. John Kutniewski, MPD (PSA 307)  
Evelyn Israel, DDOT  
Rita Bamberger, Holladay Corp.  
Michal Fonseca, legal counsel for Marriott  
John Guggenmos, owner, Number 9  
Robbie Stewart, Engine Company 16

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

## Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Cain announced that the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) chose the ICE-DC proposal for renovation and revitalization of the historic Franklin School. The site will become a contemporary art, performance, and education destination with a café and arts bookstore.
2. Cain noted an upcoming community forum on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn (815 14th St, NW) from 6-8pm, which will showcase the four options DMPED is currently considering for the revitalization of Franklin Square Park.

## Community Forum

### **Report from Office of Jack Evans, Councilmember, Ward 2**

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel of Councilmember Jack Evans' office shared that the Department of Public Works is behind schedule on picking up Christmas trees and trash due to the recent winter storms. Kimbel encouraged residents to contact Councilmember Evans' office if their trash or trees have still not been collected. Kimbel also shared that obtaining a full budget for the modernization of Garrison Elementary is a top priority on Councilmember Evans' agenda. A meeting about the modernization of the school and project timeline, featuring representatives from DCPS, will take place on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, from 6-8pm at Garrison Elementary.

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

Lieutenant John Kutniewski

Lt. John Kutniewski ([John.Kutniewski@dc.gov](mailto:John.Kutniewski@dc.gov) or 202-359-0914), the new team leader for Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307, presented the monthly crime report. There has been a decrease in overall crime—including property crime and violent crime—compared to the same period last year.

## **DDOT North-South Corridor Study**

Evelyn Israel

Evelyn Israel of DDOT announced the Series 2 meeting schedule for the North-South Corridor Planning Study. The study is part of a DDOT effort to identify and evaluate premium transit alternatives that improve public transport services and capacity along the corridor from Takoma to Buzzard Point. The full schedule is available on [www.dcstreetcar.com](http://www.dcstreetcar.com).

## **1309-1313 13th Street, NW development plans presentation** Rita Bamberger, Holladay Corp.

Rita Bamberger from the Holladay Corp., architect Eric Colbert, and Construction Team Manager Steve Weatherbee presented preliminary design plans for a 67-unit luxury condo project at 1309-1313 13th St., NW (current location of the Mr. Wash and Chinese carryout)—a by-right project. Colbert, Bamberger, Weatherbee and team presented design details, outlined the construction schedule, discussed options to minimize construction impacts to neighbors, addressed community concerns, and answered attendee questions.

## **Community Announcements**

1. Reverend Adam Briddell of Asbury United Methodist Church invited the community to a briefing on prostitution and human trafficking issues affecting the community. The briefing is scheduled for February 20th at the church. Visit [www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org) for more information.
2. Vanessa Bertelli with the Logan Circle Community Association announced an upcoming meeting about the modernization of Garrison Elementary featuring representatives from DCPS. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2014, from 6-8pm at the school.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

Commissioner Raymond noted there was quorum to conduct business.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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Commissioner Cain moved to approve the draft agenda without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

**Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)**

### **Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2014, Regular Monthly Public Meeting**

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Commissioner Cain moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Melcher amended the motion to include addition of the actual expenditure amounts for January 2014 in the meeting minutes. Checks had previously been approved in "amounts not to exceed." The amended motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)**

## **Committee Reports**

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

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

Commissioner Fanning shared that the APC is in the last stages of finalizing modifications to the

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Committee's scope and responsibilities document, which will help refine the Committee's purview and processes in the future.

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**Community Development Committee (CDC)**

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

Commissioner Cain recapped two items discussed at the January 22, 2014, CDC meeting: the establishment of a greater 14th & U Business Improvement District (BID) and the possibility of enhanced parking for local businesses and visitors at 1325 S St., NW.

Cain noted that the formation of the BID is in its initial stages, though funds have been set aside to hire an Executive Director in the near future. No official BID boundaries have been established.

Regarding community parking options for 1325 S St., NW, Cain stressed that the site is property of the Department of Parks and Recreation and that no party has made formal plans or taken specific action regarding the possibility of future community parking at the site. The possibility is in the idea and brainstorming phase. The full Commission adopted the CDC report, which included a recommendation from ANC 2F to the City Council that it explore public parking options for the site.

**Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)**

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

Commissioner Peter Lallas, Chair

Commissioner Lallas announced that the first CPSC meeting of the year would be Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 7pm at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Tentative agenda items include a discussion on prostitution in the neighborhood, violent crime, narcotics operations being undertaken by MPD, and community efforts to help stop crime before it happens.

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**Education Committee**

Commissioner Chris Linn and Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chairs

Commissioner Linn shared that the next Education Committee meeting would be on February 8, 10am at Cardozo High School in Room 3203-4. The meeting will focus on school boundaries and feeder patterns. The Committee is hoping to secure the District Chancellor as a guest speaker for the March meeting.

## Old Business

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**Appeal of ABRA letter of dismissal re: 1318 9th St, NW (Mood Lounge/Vita)**

Commissioner Raymond explained that ANC 2F had been dismissed from its standing in the matter of 1318 9th St, NW's (Vita Restaurant & Lounge/Penthouse Nine [formerly Mood Lounge], ABRA #86037) liquor license renewal by the ABC Board. With a desire to reinstate the ANC's standing, Raymond moved that the Commission write a letter to the ABC Board appealing the Board's decision to dismiss ANC 2F from standing in the matter of 1318 9th St, NW's liquor license renewal; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)**

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**ABRA protest for 1209-1213 10th St, NW (American [restaurant])**

Commissioner Melcher shared that 1209-1213 10th St., NW (The American, ABRA #092766) has been required to re-placard notices of their liquor license application due to irregularities with their first round of posting. Melcher moved to protest the application so that the Commission would have an opportunity to negotiate a Settlement Agreement with the restaurant that addresses a number of community concerns. Commissioner Raymond added a friendly amendment to the motion, noting

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that the ANC would withdraw its protest in the future should an SA be successfully negotiated, and that any commissioner be empowered to represent the ANC before the ABC Board. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)**

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**920 14th St, NW (The Park at 14<sup>th</sup>) request to terminate Settlement Agreement**

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Commissioner Raymond explained that the owners of The Park at 14<sup>th</sup> have formally petitioned to terminate their existing Settlement Agreement (SA). The Commission heard from The Park's owners, who explained their desire to terminate the SA on the grounds that they have routinely exceeded the SA's conditions in recent years and that they are being held to a different standard than other establishments in the area. The Commission also heard from the legal counsel of an adjoining property, who argued in favor of maintaining the SA.

Commissioner Melcher moved that the Commission support the request of 920 14th St., NW (The Park at 14th, ABRA #075548) to terminate its existing Settlement Agreement (SA). Among other reasons, the Commission noted that termination of the SA would bring The Park in line with other establishments in the Central Business District. The motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

**Vote: 6-1**

## New Business

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**901 Massachusetts Ave., NW (Marriott Marquis) ABRA new license request**

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Michael Fonseca,  
Legal counsel for Marriott

Michael Fonseca, legal counsel for Marriott, requested support for a full hotel liquor license application and consideration of full hours for serving (as noted in the party's pending application). The application would permit the hotel to serve alcohol at its sidewalk cafes, in the hotel lobby bar, and at the rooftop bar. Fonseca noted that future restaurants in the Marriott operated by third parties would have to seek their own liquor licenses.

Commissioner Fanning moved that the ANC support the liquor license application with operating hours as stated in the application; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

**Vote: 6-1**

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**1435 P St, NW (Number 9) SA amendment for live music**

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John Guggenmos

John Guggenmos, owner of Number 9, requested the Commission's support in modifying Number 9's current Settlement Agreement (SA) to allow for live music (a piano player) on Friday nights from 9pm to midnight. Guggenmos noted that the piano would be plugged into the establishment's existing sound system so that the volume could be controlled with precision. Per a subsequent exchange with the Commissioners, Guggenmos also requested that the SA condition prohibiting fundraisers from being held at Number 9 be lifted.

Commissioner Raymond moved that the ANC agree to an amendment to Number 9's current SA that allows for a piano player under the hours and conditions as previously described, and further than any reference in the SA to the prohibition of fundraisers be removed. Raymond noted that the ANC would support a stipulated license until the ABC Board can decide the matter. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 6-0 (Melcher not present)**

## **Engine Company 16 Complete Renovation**

Robbie Stewart, Project Manager

### *Request for support for renovation of Fire House at 1018 13th St, NW*

Robbie Stewart, Project Manager for the Engine Company 16 renovation, explained that the project in question had come before the ANC several years ago and been approved, but was delayed due to funding issues. Now that funding has been secured, Stewart requested that the Commission write a letter of support for the modernization of the Fire House. The modernization work is planned to begin in late June/early July and will take approximately 13 months, during which time the fire station will relocate to Shaw Junior High. The Commission agreed to write a letter supporting the modernization of Fire Engine Company 16 (1018 13th St, NW).

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Approval of ANC Quarterly Report for FY14 Q1 (Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2013)**

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Commissioner Melcher presented the FY14 Q1 report, which detailed a starting balance of \$16,613.18, total quarterly receipts of \$5,375.72, total funds available as \$21,988.90, total quarterly disbursements of \$2,934.16, and an ending balance of \$19,054.74. Melcher moved to adopt the quarterly report; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)**

### **Approval of Expenses**

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Commissioner Melcher presented the following expenditure:

1. Check #1220 in the amount of \$717.60, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for January 2014 monthly wages.

**Total expenses: \$717.60**

Melcher moved for the approval of the expense totaling \$717.60; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously 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 **9:35 p.m.**