

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

THURSDAY
APRIL 10, 2014

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Walt Cain (2F02)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Greg Melcher (2F06)
Matt Raymond (2F07)

ABSENT

Peter Lallas (2F01)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Officer Burgon, MPD (PSA 307)
Muriel Bowser, Ward 4 Councilmember
Sarah Brown, General Manager, Commissary
Rob Corbett, Director of Capital Pride Parade
Steve O'Brien, Legal Counsel for Le Diplomate

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

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Raymond announced that the D.C. Board of Elections special process to fill two vacant ANC 2F Commissioner seats had concluded. Stephanie Dahle, Publications Coordinator at the Brookings Institution, will be the new Commissioner for ANC 2F-03, and Kevin Deeley, an attorney for the federal government, will be the new Commissioner for ANC 2F-08. Both individuals will be sworn in before officially assuming their positions.

Community Forum

Metropolitan Police Department, PSA 307

Officer Burgos, MPD (PSA 307)

Officer Burgos presented the monthly crime report, noting that overall crime is down year-to-date. However, property crimes have increased slightly, especially automobile and property break-ins. Burgos urged drivers to stow away valuables and other items that elicit opportunistic break-ins.

Remarks from Muriel Bowser

Muriel Bowser, Ward 4 Councilmember

Commissioner Raymond invited Democratic Mayoral nominee Muriel Bowser, who was present at the meeting, to address meeting attendees. Bowser thanked voters for their support and pledged to address the needs of every ANC in the District. Bowser will be meeting with Councilmember Jack Evans next week to gain a full grasp of Ward 2 issues. Bowser expounded upon the work of the City Council's Economic Development Committee, which she chairs, and mentioned that over the next 50 days the City Council will be focused on Mayor Gray's proposed budget.

Community Announcements

1. Ms. Rita Jones of SMD 2F-03, a recruiter for the U.S. Census Bureau, announced openings for temporary Census Bureau jobs related to a special project for the upcoming 2020 national census.

BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Raymond noted there was quorum to conduct business.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the meeting agenda with the following modifications: 1) removal of the CPSC report (in Commissioner Lallas' absence), and 2) addition of "Approval of Contribution to ANC Security Fund" under the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for March 5, 2014 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Raymond moved to adopt the March 5, 2014 meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

Settlement Agreement modification for 1443 P St, NW (Commissary)

Commissioner Fanning moved that the Commission approve Commissary's request to modify their Settlement Agreement to allow for earlier hours of service—beginning at 8:00am Mon-Fri, and at 9:00am Sat-Sun. Commissary General Manager Sarah Brown was present to answer questions. Fanning's motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

Adoption and approval of modifications to ANC 2F's ABRA Policy and Template SA

Fanning explained that the APC policy was in need of updating. After extensive work sessions, the Committee put forward suggested revisions to the APC Policy and the Committee's template for Settlement Agreements (SAs). Fanning moved that the Commission adopt the changes to APC Policy and the SA template.

Commissioners Raymond and Melcher each made friendly amendments to the motion related to specific wording and language within the SA template. Their amendments were adopted unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

Fanning's original motion, with the friendly amendments added by Raymond and Melcher, was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

Reconsideration of Visitor Parking Program for ANC 2F

After extensive discussion among the Committee and solicitation of attendee comments, Commissioner Cain moved that the Commission inform DDOT of ANC 2F's desire to enter into the city's existing Visitor Parking Program (VPP); the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. Cain noted that ANC 2F residents will have to proactively opt in to the program either online or via phone, and that the Commission will have to vote again on ANC 2F's continued participation in the program at the end of Fiscal Year 2014.

Vote: 4-1

Committee Report

Commissioner Cain moved for, and received, adoption of the CDC report for its March 26 meeting by unanimous consent. The report included the Committee's recommendation for HPRB concept and massing approval for the Marriott Hotel project at 9th & L Streets, NW; HPRB concept and massing approval for the residential project at 1427-1429 Rhode Island Ave, NW; content update to the CDC's webpage; and an informational presentation about SB-Urban's Bladgen Alley project.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous consent)

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

[no report given]

Education Committee Commissioner John Fanning and Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chairs

Commissioner Fanning, Acting Ed Committee Co-chair, shared that the Ward 2 Education Network met three weeks ago to discuss school boundaries and modernization funding for Garrison Elementary.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Capital Pride Parade, Saturday, June 7

Rob Corbett, Director

Rob Corbett, Director of the Capital Pride Parade, requested the Commission's support for the 2014 parade route, part of which goes through ANC 2F. Commissioner Raymond moved that ANC 2F send a letter to DHS & EMA recommending that both agencies grant the application for the Capital Pride Parade route as per the applicant's requested hours; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

ABRA one day substantial change to SA for 1601 14th St, NW Steve O'Brien, Legal Counsel

Steve O'Brien, legal counsel for the Stephen Starr group (including Le Diplomate), requested a one-day substantial change to the restaurant's Settlement Agreement so that the restaurant could host an after-party for the White House Correspondents' Dinner on Saturday, May 3rd. The request was for operating hours until 5:00am and alcoholic beverage service until the legally permitted limit of 3:00am. Commissioner Fanning moved that the Commission support the one-day substantial change; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

MCRA grant request to support Bike/Walk Safety Sign project

Commissioner Cain, on behalf of the MidCity Residents Association, presented the group's request for grant funding in the amount of \$1,158.84 from ANC 2F to produce and install 100 signs encouraging bicyclists to ride on the streets instead of sidewalks. Cain moved that the Commission approve the grant application. Commissioner Raymond added a friendly amendment that the funds be contingent upon assurance of permissibility of sign installation by DDOT and other relevant city agencies. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Contribution to ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Melcher moved that the Commission approve the annual \$25 contribution (for the year 2014) to the ANC Security Fund; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Melcher presented the following expenditures:

1. Check #1224 in the amount of \$843.93, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for March 2014 salary;
2. Check #1225 in the amount of \$142.42, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for office supplies reimbursement;
3. Check #1226 in the amount of \$384.50, payable to U.S. Treasury, for 2014 Q1 quarterly federal taxes;
4. Check #1227 in the amount of \$45.00, payable to D.C. Dept. of Employment Services, for 2014 Q1 UC-30 Employer's quarterly contribution;
5. Check #1228 in the amount of \$25.00, payable to ANC Security Fund, for annual ANC security fund payment;
6. Check #1229 in the amount of \$1,158.84, payable to MidCity Residents Association, for grant funds to support Bike/Walk Safety Sign project;

Total expenses: \$2,590.69

Melcher moved for the approval of all expenses totaling \$2,590.69; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **9:04 p.m.**