

# ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

## MINUTES

THURSDAY  
MAY 14, 2014

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL  
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

## Attendance

### PRESENT

Walt Cain (2F02)  
Stephanie Dahle (2F03)  
John Fanning (2F04)  
Jim Lamare (2F05)  
Greg Melcher (2F06)  
Matt Raymond (2F07)  
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

### ABSENT

Peter Lallas (2F01)

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sgt. David Terrestre, MPD (PSA 307)  
Lt. Linda Wingate (PSA 307)  
Degol Demasu, Crystal Valet  
Commissioner Stephanie Waltz, ANC 2B

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

## Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Raymond welcomed the two new ANC 2F Commissioners—Stephanie Dahle (2F-03) and Kevin Deeley (2F-08)—to their first regular monthly public meeting.
2. Commissioner Cain followed up on a recent post to ANC 2F's blog, announcing that ANC 2F residents who live at RPP-eligible addresses can now apply for a Visitor Parking Pass (VPP) through DDOT. A new, red button on the ANC 2F homepage directs site visitors to more information about the application process.
3. Commissioner Fanning announced the Annual Logan Circle Alley party, which will take place on Saturday, June 1st, from 4pm to midnight, in the alley just south of the 1300 block of Rhode Island Avenue NW. Fanning, who is part of the organizing committee, noted that all are welcome to attend.

## Community Forum

### Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update      Sgt. David Terrestre and Lt. Linda Wingate

Sgt. Terrestre presented the monthly crime report. As has been the case in past months, overall crime is down over the same period last year. However, property crimes (especially automobile break-ins) remain high. Up-to-date crime stats and data can be found on [MPD's website](#).

Lt. Linda Wingate, who was also present, shared that earlier in the day the Detective's Office closed a case concerning a robbery at the corner market on 11th & M Streets, NW. In response to a question from Commissioner Dahle, Wingate explained that the Department had collected a significant amount of information about a shooting at Johnson & R Streets, NW on April 27. The investigation is actively being worked and no suspects are currently in custody.

## Community Announcements

1. Evelyn Israel from DDOT announced an upcoming meeting, the final in a series of three, to explore the possibility of a North-South corridor streetcar along Georgia Avenue from Takoma Park/Silver Spring to the Southwest Waterfront. More information about the process, including upcoming dates for the Series Three meetings, is available on [www.dcstreetcar.com](http://www.dcstreetcar.com)
2. Ibrahim Mumin with City Center DC announced an upcoming Job Fair on June 19 from 10am-2pm (location TBD) for employment opportunities at the retail stores and restaurants coming to the downtown development.
3. Commissioner Melcher invited attendees to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Block Party at the Immaculate Conception Church at 8th & N Streets, NW, on Saturday, May 17, from 1-4pm.

## BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Raymond noted there was quorum to conduct business.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the meeting agenda with the following modification proposed by Commissioner Cain: addition of a New Business item to address the interest of Ward 6 residents in obtaining Ward 2 parking passes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

### **Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2014 Regular Monthly Public Meeting**

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Commissioner Raymond moved to adopt the April 10, 2014 meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

## Committee Reports

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

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

#### *Settlement Agreement for Lost and Found (1240 9th St, NW)*

Commissioner Fanning yielded the floor to Commissioner Melcher, in whose Single Member District Lost and Found is located. Melcher relayed that he and the applicant were able to quickly arrive to agreement over a Settlement Agreement (SA) at a recent ABC Board meeting. Melcher detailed the salient aspects of the SA and then moved that the Commission enter into a Settlement Agreement (SA) with Lost and Found; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

### **Community Development Committee (CDC)**

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

#### *Committee Report*

Commissioner Cain moved for adoption of the CDC report for its April 30 meeting, which included: the Committee's recommendation for HPRB massing, concept, and design approval for 917 M St, NW & 1212 9th St, NW (SB-Urban's Bladgen Alley Project); HPRB massing and concept approval for 1738 14th St, NW; the DHCD-funded renovation of 1333 N St, NW (N Street Village); and HPRB massing and concept approval for 1308-1310 Q St, NW. The CDC report was adopted by unanimous consent.

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

*DDOT public space application for 1406 Corcoran St, NW (valet service for Pearl Dive)*

After a presentation for the application by Degol Demasu of Crystal Valet, extensive discussion among the Commission, and the consideration of attendee comments, Commissioner Cain moved to oppose Crystal Valet's DDOT public space application for a valet staging area at 1406 Corcoran St, NW. Cain noted the Commission's concern over the application's inaccurate request for a staging area at 1406 Corcoran St, which is not the actual address of the staging area being requested (and is instead the address of a private residence). The Commission echoed community concerns about having a valet staging area on the narrow one-way residential street, noting a strong preference instead for a valet staging area on 14th St in front of the restaurant(s) seeking the service. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

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

[No report given]

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

*Resolution on the right to quality neighborhood schools across all eight city wards*

ANC 2B Commissioner Stephanie Waltz presented a resolution she authored that urged DCPS to provide access to a system of quality matter-of-right public schools from Kindergarten through Grade 12 for all students. Waltz explained that she was seeking citywide ANC support for the resolution. Commissioner Fanning moved that ANC 2F support the resolution; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission. ANC 2F joined five other ANCs that have already passed the resolution.

**Vote: 6-0-1**

*Committee Report*

Committee Co-chair Evelyn Boyd Simmons shared that the DCPS Head Start Parent Policy Council, an advisory committee to the Deputy Mayor for Education on which she sits as the Ward 2 representative, will release its report on the state of the city's education system in June. Simmons also announced the upcoming Ward 2 Education Network meeting on Saturday, May 17, at which parents will have the opportunity to meet principals and representatives from at least seven District schools.

**Old Business**

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**Settlement Agreement for 1209-1213 10th St, NW (The American)**

Commissioner Melcher reported on protest proceedings with The American. ANC 2F had previously approved entering into a Settlement Agreement (SA) with the applicant. However, before the agreement was signed on behalf of the ANC, the applicant's petition period was reopened because of placarding irregularities. After a subsequent ANC vote to protest, Commissioner Melcher attempted to address additional concerns of residents by way of modifications to the SA with the applicant. Melcher stated, however, that the application was likely to proceed all the way to a formal protest hearing at which time the ANC risked losing the license terms it had already attained. Without commissioner objections, Commissioner Raymond signed the previously approved SA, for which no vote was required.

## New Business

### **Discussion of a grant award process for ANC 2F**

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Commissioner Raymond proposed tabling this business item until the June 2014 regular monthly public meeting, so that the Commission would have more time to discuss a formal grant award process. Raymond's request was adopted by unanimous consent.

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

### **Discussion of Ward 6 resident interest in Ward 2 parking passes**

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The Commission discussed an issue brought to its attention by Councilmember Jack Evans' office, whereby Councilmember Wells was sponsoring legislation that would allow portions of Ward 6 that had formerly been a part of Ward 2 to receive Ward 2 Parking Permits. Commissioner Cain moved that the Commission author a letter to the City Council making it aware of ANC 2F's opposition to all proposed or pending legislation that would grant Ward 6 residents the ability to park in Ward 2; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

## Treasurer's Report

### **Approval of ANC Quarterly Report for FY14 Q2 (Jan, Feb, Mar)**

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Commissioner Melcher moved for adoption of the ANC Quarterly Report for FY14 Q2; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

### **Approval of Expenditures**

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Commissioner Melcher presented the following expenditures:

1. Check #1230 in the amount of \$843.93, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for April 2014 salary;
2. Check #1231 in the amount of \$72.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for reimbursement for iPage.com security and protection services purchased on May 6, 2014 for the ANC 2F website—a service provided over a period of 2 years.

**Total expenses: \$906.93**

Melcher moved for the approval of all expenses totaling \$906.93; 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 unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **8:31 p.m.**

## **Resolution to Ensure Quality Neighborhood School**

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were created to “advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency...with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy,” including to education;

Whereas, the government of the District of Columbia by law is required to give “great weight” to comments from ANCs;

Whereas, the purpose of the District of Columbia Public Schools’ (DCPS) is “to ensure that every student attends a great school, and that every school meets high standards in all areas that affect student achievement;”

Whereas, the Deputy Mayor of Education (DME) is currently leading “a comprehensive review of its (the District’s) student assignment policies, including school attendance boundaries and feeder patterns” and is considering student assignment policies that may harm DCPS schools in each community;

Whereas, ANC 2F recognizes the importance of a quality public education to the health and vitality of to Logan Circle, and to all communities in the District of Columbia;

Whereas, ANC 2F values quality matter-of-right public schools from pre-school through high school and will work to ensure that all residents have access to this option throughout the city;

Whereas, ANC 2F recognizes that many parents desire clear and predictable pathways through the public school system and would prefer a school within the community;

Whereas, ANC 2F recognizes that many community schools serve not only students residing within the community but also from other wards.

Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 2F, along with its ANC colleagues in ANC 1B, ANC 2B, ANC 3B, ANC 3F, ANC 6E, and all other ANCs planning to pass similar resolutions during meetings held in May or June of 2014, require that DCPS provide access to a system of quality matter-of-right public schools from Kindergarten through Grade 12 for all students.

Be it further resolved that the Chair or his designee be authorized to represent ANC 2F on this matter.