

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 6, 2014

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Peter Lallas (2F01)
Walt Cain (2F02)
Stephanie Dahle (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT

Greg Melcher (2F06)
Matt Raymond (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sgt. David Terestre, MPD (PSA 307)
Steve Zarpas & Jamie Hess, Crowbar
Mark Bjorge, D.C. Office on Aging
Karin Slenczka, Residences at Thomas Circle
Commissioner Walter Hilton, ANC 6E

Meeting **called to order** by Vice Chairman Walt Cain at **7:03 p.m.** with quorum.

Commissioner Announcements

[none]

Community Forum

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Commissioner Cain shared an update provided by Sherri Kimbel of Councilmember Jack Evans' office about Visitor Parking Passes (VPP). DDOT recently announced that all VPPs would be valid through the end of 2014 (instead of expiring at the end of the fiscal year on September 30).

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Sgt. David Terestre

Sgt. Terestre presented the monthly crime report. Terestre noted a citywide increase in "strong arm" robberies (those without a weapon) and persistent crime against individuals who are walking alone while using cell phones. Thefts—particularly of bicycles—are slightly higher than this time last year. Theft from autos remains a persistent problem. Terestre also provided an update on MPD's ongoing efforts to curb prostitution in the neighborhood, highlighting the July 26 sting operation resulting in six arrests.

Informational presentation on prospective business at 1336 14th St., NW

Steve Zarpas & Jamie Hess

Zarpas and Hess, lifelong District residents and experienced tavern owners, gave an informational presentation about their plans to open a neighborhood tavern (Crowbar) that serves bar food in the former Ghana Café space at 1336 14th St, NW. Zarpas and Hess emphasized their desire to work with surrounding neighbors and residents to open a business that is welcomed by the community.

Community Announcements

1. Mark Bjorge from the D.C. Office on Aging shared information about the District's programs and services for District residents over 60 and those who care for them. Bjorge can be reached at (202) 374-9484 or mark.bjorge@dc.gov for additional information.
2. Karin Slenczka, Director of Administrative Services at the Residences at Thomas Circle (1330 Massachusetts Ave, NW), promoted two upcoming events benefiting senior residents of the District: the "Age-Friendly Block-by-Block Walk" on Saturday, September 6, and the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on Saturday, October 25.

BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Cain noted there was quorum to conduct business.

Approval of Agenda

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

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous; Lallas not present)

Approval of Minutes for July 9, 2014 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Cain moved to adopt the July 9, 2014 meeting minutes with the modifications emailed to the Executive Director earlier in the day by Commissioner Deeley; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous; Lallas not present)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

Commissioner Fanning moved adoption of the APC report from its July 16 meeting, which consisted of recommended support for an amendment to Tortilla Coast's (1454-60 P St, NW) Settlement Agreement allowing the restaurant to operate during the following hours: Sunday through Thursday from 10am-1am (interior) and 10am-11pm (summer garden); and Friday and Saturday from 10am-2am (interior) and 10am-midnight (summer garden). The Committee report was seconded and adopted by unanimous consent.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

Commissioner Cain presented the report from the CDC's July 30 meeting. The report included: 1) the Committee's recommendation for disapproval of the DDOT Public Space application for 1322 14th St, NW (Dolcezza), due to the absence of the Applicant at the CDC meeting and the fact that the Applicant is already using the public space in question; 2) an update about the planned unit development (PUD) for the new Marriott hotel at 9th & L Streets, NW (no action taken), and; 3) an update about the Committee's decision not to take action on 1608 14th St, NW's request to support HPRB approval of a rear addition to the property until the project architect and/or building owner are able to provide clarification about specific project elements and potential sight line impacts. The Committee report was adopted by unanimous consent.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Peter Lallas, Chair

Commissioner Lallas provided a summary of the recent CPSC meeting, at which an officer from MPD’s 3rd District VICE team was present to share information about VICE operations in the neighborhood. The Committee also discussed potential implications of the new District law decriminalizing marijuana possession, and inquired about the status of the open investigation into the April drive-by shooting on the 1400 block of R St, NW.

Lallas then proposed a Storefront Security Surveillance program for ANC 2F, through which local establishments could request partial grant funding from the Commission for installation of security cameras that capture activity on public streets. Lallas shared information about Commissioner Walter Hilton’s efforts to implement a similar program for ANC 6E, and invited Hilton to speak to those efforts.

Education Committee

Commissioner John Fanning and Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chairs

No Committee report.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Authorization of Storefront Security Surveillance program

Commissioner Peter Lallas

Commissioner Lallas led a formal conversation about implementing the previously discussed Storefront Security Surveillance program. The Commission primarily discussed the need to amend ANC 2F’s Bylaws to allow for grant funds to be awarded for this specific use. Lallas agreed to work with the Crime and Public Safety Committee to assess the interest of ANC 2F establishments in the program, and figure out what Bylaw Amendments would be necessary. No official action was taken.

Consideration of DDOT Notice of Intent for Changes to the Intersection at 12th Street, NW and Massachusetts Ave, NW

In response to a Notice of Intent (NOI) issued by DDOT related to proposed lane changes at the intersection of 12th St, NW and Massachusetts Ave, NW, Commissioner Cain moved that the Commission write a letter to DDOT endorsing the NOI. The letter is to include a request for two project components mentioned by James Cheeks of DDOT at the March 2014 ANC 2F meeting related to the NOI: 1) 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, and; 2) widening of the aforementioned crosswalk and relocation of the stop bars for cars.

Commissioner Deeley added a friendly amendment to the motion requesting clarification from DDOT about the net loss of residential parking spaces resulting from the proposed changes. The amended motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of ANC Quarterly Report for Q3 FY14 (Apr, May Jun)

Commissioner Cain moved for adoption of the ANC Quarterly Report for FY14 Q3; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Cain presented the following expenditures:

1. Check #1236 in the amount of \$834.93, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for July 2014 salary;
2. Check #1237 in the amount of \$39.36, payable to Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for printer paper purchased on Amazon.com for ANC 2F.

Total expenses: \$874.29

Cain moved for the approval of all expenses totaling \$874.29; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Cain moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **8:36 p.m.**