

# ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 5, 2014

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL  
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

## Attendance

### PRESENT

Peter Lallas (2F01)  
Stephanie Dahle (2F03)  
John Fanning (2F04)  
Jim Lamare (2F05)  
Greg Melcher (2F06)  
Matt Raymond (2F07)  
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

### ABSENT

Walt Cain (2F02)

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' Office  
Joel Heisey & Helen Kramer

Meeting **called to order** by Commissioner Fanning, acting Chair in the absence of Commissioners Raymond, Cain, and Melcher, at **7:09 p.m.**

## Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Fanning congratulated the newly elected and reelected ANC 2F Commissioners:
  - o 2F-01: Katherine Gordon
  - o 2F-02: Karin Barry
  - o 2F-03: Pepin Tuma (write-in results announced after meeting)
  - o 2F-04: John Fanning (incumbent)
  - o 2F-05: Jim Lamare (incumbent)
  - o 2F-06: Charlie Bengel
  - o 2F-07: Kevin Sylvester (write-in results announced after meeting)
  - o 2F-08: Kevin Deeley (incumbent)

## Community Forum

### Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel of Councilmember Jack Evans' office provided updates about:

- 1) The January 2, 2015 mass swearing in ceremony for newly elected officials (including ANC Commissioners) at the Convention Center;
- 2) The Electronics Recycling Event at Ross Elementary on November 8;
- 3) The Logan Circle Community Association Holiday Potluck on November 20 and annual House Tour on December 7;
- 4) A proposed D.C. Council bill currently in Committee to address bicycle riding on sidewalks;
- 5) The November 11 Veterans' Day "Concert for Valor" on the National Mall;
- 6) The success of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Goblins Parade on October 25.

### Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

None

*Re: unpermitted construction at 1420 & 1422 12th St, NW*

Community members Joel Heisey and Helen Kramer, who both sit on the ANC 2F Community Development Committee, addressed the Commission about alleged illegal construction activity at 1420 and 1422 12th St, NW. According to Heisey and Kramer, the adjoining row houses underwent complete gut renovations without proper permitting. The pair asked that the Commission pen a letter to DCRA (see "New Business") expressing community concerns with the agency's lack of enforcement, and the resulting unfairness to developers and builders who abide by the rules.

## Community Announcements

[none]

## BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Raymond noted there was quorum to conduct the business portion of the meeting (6 Commissioners present out of the required 5), and instructed that a copy of the meeting minutes be filed with the meeting notice.

### Approval of Agenda

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

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

### Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2014 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the meeting minutes with an amendment made by Commissioner Deeley to note in the meeting minutes that he was indeed present; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

## Committee Reports

### ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner John Fanning, Chair

Commissioner Fanning presented the Committee report for adoption by the Commission, which included unanimous Committee support of the following:

1. License renewal for 1440 P St, NW (Whole Foods);
2. License renewal for 1524 14th St, NW (Cork & Fork); and
3. License class change (from D-X to C-X) for 1501 14th St, NW (Studio Theatre).

Adoption of the Committee report was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

As a separate matter, the Commission discussed conditions of support for the license renewal at 1231 11th St, NW (Capitol Supermarket). Thereafter, Commissioner Fanning moved that the Commission support the license renewal upon condition of an amendment to the Applicant's Settlement Agreement explicitly prohibiting deliveries from taking place in the alley behind the property, unless the dedicated loading zone in front of the establishment is unavailable due to

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extenuating circumstances. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

**Community Development Committee (CDC)**

Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair

Executive Director, Adam Beebe, presented the Committee report, on behalf of an absent Commissioner Cain, from the October 29 CDC meeting. Per Cain's written request, Beebe divided the report into three parts: 1) Business items for which there was a unanimous Committee vote; 2) Business items for which there were a split vote; and 3) items on which the Committee took no action.

After Beebe read the first part of the report containing business items unanimously supported by the Committee, Commissioner Raymond moved that the ANC recommend:

1. BZA zoning relief and design plan support for 1017 12th St, NW;
2. HPRB concept and massing support for 925 M St, NW;
3. HPRB concept, massing, and design support for 1222 11th St, NW; and
4. Opposition to 1320 14th St, NW's (The Pig) DDOT public space application for a sidewalk café, as neither the Applicant nor their representative was present at the CDC meeting to present the project or answer related questions.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

For the second part of the Committee report, Beebe noted the Committee's split vote on recommend support for the requested BZA parking special exception for 90 Blagden Alley, NW and parking variance for 91 Blagden Alley, NW. Several Commissioners and community members expressed their opposition to 100% parking variance for the fully furnished 123-unit residential project, simultaneously noting the negative precedent that would be set.

In a prepared statement read aloud by Beebe, Commissioner Walt Cain wrote that "the very nature of [this particular] development makes it unique among projects requesting this extent of parking relief. I believe the Applicant has show the project will have only a minimal impact on the community's parking stock, and that they are putting in place significant remedial efforts to address the concerns identified by the community and CDC. Relatedly, the Applicant has approached this process cooperatively and in good faith, serving as a partner with the community and ANC in resolving concerns."

After extensive discussion, Raymond moved that the ANC recommend support of the Applicant's requested BZA parking variances; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

**Vote: 4-3**

For the third and final part of the Committee report, Beebe read a summary of the presentation given by the Applicant behind 1428 9th St, NW (initial HPRB design presentation), and reiterated a request made by Commissioners Cain and Melcher to the community at large to communicate to ANC 2F a list of desired improvements for inclusion in the Community Benefits Agreement that will be part of the planned unit development (PUD) for the proposed Marriott hotel at 9th & L St, NW.

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

Commissioner Peter Lallas, Chair

No update

No update

**Old Business**

[none]

**New Business**

**Request for Commission support of a community letter about lack of DCRA enforcement**

Helen Kramer

*Re: unpermitted construction at 1420 & 1422 12th St, NW*

Following on her presentation during the Community Forum section of the meeting, Kramer presented the Commission with a draft letter to DCRA addressing community concerns about unpermitted construction at 1420 & 1422 12th St, NW. Commissioner Fanning moved that the Commission write a substantially similar letter in support of thorough investigation into the issue, incorporating edits suggested by Commissioner Deeley; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

**Treasurer's Report**

**Approval of Expenditures**

Commissioner Melcher presented the following expenditures for Commission approval:

1. Check #1245 in the amount of \$834.93, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for October 2014 salary;
2. Check #1246 in the amount of \$29.98, payable to Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for postage stamps purchased on Amazon.com for ANC 2F.

**Total expenses: \$864.91**

Melcher moved for approval of all expenses totaling \$864.91; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

**Approval of ANC Quarterly Report for Q4 FY14 (Jul, Aug, Sep)**

Commissioner Melcher moved for adoption of the ANC Quarterly Report for FY14 Q4 as prepared and presented by Executive Director Beebe; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

Commissioner Lallas moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **8:18 p.m.**