

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 4, 2015

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Kate Gordon (2F01)
Pepin Tuma (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT

Karin Berry (2F02)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' Office
Sgt. David Terestre, MPD
Officer Burgos, MPD
Brad Reichard, Friends of Gompers Park
Ibrahim Mumin

Meeting **called to order** by ANC 2F Chair, Commissioner John Fanning, at **7:03 p.m.**

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Bengel announced an upcoming community meeting for 2F-06 on February 18 at 7pm at the Whitman Condo on M St, NW. Bengel described the meeting as a "one-stop listening tour" for community concerns in and around Blagden Alley.
2. Bengel also announced a meeting with the Gang of Three behind 1219 9th St, NW on February 11 at 5:30pm at La Colombe coffee house. The meeting is to discuss the project and related BZA case. Douglass Development will be giving a short presentation.
3. Commissioner Tuma inquired among the Commissioners about the process for re-installing "No Pets Allowed" signs for the center of Logan Circle. Discussion among the Commissioners was inconclusive about next steps and which body has the authority to install such signs.
4. Tuma requested that discussion of the PEPCO/Exelon merger be placed on next month's agenda.

Community Forum

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel of Councilmember Jack Evans' office notified the Commission that ANC 6E had made a formal request through Councilmember Charles Allen to make the Zone 2 parking area along the 6E border in which Zone 6 residents are presently permitted to park permanently available to them for on-street parking. Kimbel, through Evans' office, and the Commission plan to oppose ANC 6E's efforts so that the Zone 2 area in question is rightfully reserved for Zone 2 resident parking.

Report from Executive office of the Mayor

Commissioner John Fanning

Commissioner Fanning shared updates from the Executive Office of the Mayor. Mayor Bowser will be hosting three community engagement forums to solicit community feedback on next year's

budget. The forums will be held Thursday, Feb 19 from 7-8:30pm at Woodrow Wilson High School; Saturday, Feb 21 from 1-230pm at Anacostia High School; and Monday, Feb 23 from 7-830pm at the new Dunbar High School.

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update **Sgt. David Terestre & Officer Burgos**

Sgt. Terestre provided the monthly crime report (Jan 5 – Feb 4), and compared crime statistics to those of the same period from the prior year. Violent crimes are down over the same period last year, while non-violent crimes (particularly thefts and thefts from autos) totaled 21 this period vs. 14 in the same period last year. Terestre shared that during this period MPD 307 made 4 theft arrests, 3 heroine possession arrests, and 25 lock-ups resulting from a Craigslist prostitution sting coordinated in cooperation with the management of the Cambria Hotel on 9th Street, NW. Officer Burgos was also present and spoke to MPD’s bicycle-based efforts to deter property crimes.

Funding concerns for re-modernization of Garrison Elementary **Commissioner Tuma**

Commissioner Tuma spoke to community concerns about the status of funds for the re-modernization of Garrison Elementary. Tuma shared that the Mayor’s office had initiated a reprogramming request for \$14 million of the \$16 million that had been allocated to Garrison.

Numerous community members shared their resolve to fight the Mayor’s reprogramming request and spoke to their efforts to collaborate with Councilmember Evans’ office to ensure all previously allocated funds are preserved for Garrison. The Commission resolved to take formal action at later time once specific information about the reprogramming request is available.

Gompers Park update on plans for Square 369 funds **Brad Reichard**

Brad Righthard, member of the Friends of Gompers Park Board of Directors, shared an update about the Board’s plans for improving Gompers Park using Community Benefit funds from the 9th & L Marriott Planed Unit Development. Righthard shared a handout and detailed the Board’s discussions with the National Park Service to—among other improvements—restore the base of the memorial, thin out the American hollies, and potentially improve lighting in the park.

Community Announcements

1. Ibrahim Mumin distributed flyers for an upcoming community event entitled “What to do when you are stopped by the police.” The February 12 event, which will be held from 6:30-8:30pm at First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, has been organized to help prevent encounters with the police from escalating because of distrust and suspicion.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2015 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Tuma moved to approve the January 7, 2015 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 Kate Gordon, Chair

No committee report. Commissioner Gordon announced the date of the next APC meeting: February 11, 2015, 7pm at the National City Christian Church (Community Room).

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

HPRB concept and design for rear addition/alterations at 1330 Vermont Ave, NW

Commissioner Deeley shared the Committee report from the January 2015 CDC meeting, which included the Committee's recommendation that the full ANC support the HPRB concept and design for rear alterations and a small addition to 1330 Vermont Ave, NW as being consistent with the Historic Preservation Guidelines. Deeley moved for adoption of the Committee report by unanimous consent.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

No Committee report. Commissioner Bengel announced the date of the next CPSC meeting: February 16, 2015, 7pm, located TBD.

Education Committee

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

No Committee report. Commissioner Tuma shared that the next Ed Committee meeting date would be formalized soon.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Franklin School surplus declaration and disposition approval

Commissioner Deeley shared that Mayor Bowser's office recently removed legislation from the City Council's calendar regarding the surplus designation and disposition of the Franklin School, a property for which ANC 2F had previously voted to support ICE-DC's proposal for rehabilitation as an arts museum and cultural center. Deeley, along with several other Commissioners and numerous community members, expressed their frustration and dismay with Bowser's decision to delay the process by starting anew.

Deeley moved that ANC 2F send a letter to the Mayor's Office urging Mayor Bowser to reconsider postponement of Franklin School Surplus Declaration and Disposition Approval Resolutions and support immediate enactment of resolutions consistent with those she requested be withdrawn on January 26, 2015 (PR 21-9 and PR 21-10, filed in the Office of the Secretary to the Council of the

District of Columbia on October 3, 2014); the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

APC member nominations

Commissioner Gordon, Chair of the ABRA Policy Committee (APC), moved for appointment of the following At-Large members to the APC: Alan Hahn and John Guggenmos. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

CDC member nominations

Commissioner Deeley, Chair of the Community Development Committee (CDC), moved for appointment of the following At-Large members to the CDC Joel Heisey; Jim Loucks; Helen Kramer; Ron Rubin; and John Long. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

CPSC member nominations

Commissioner Bengel, Chair of the Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC), moved for appointment of the following At-Large member to the CPSC: Matt Wood. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Education Committee member nominations

Commissioner Tuma, Chair of the Education Committee moved for appointment of the following At-Large member to the Ed Committee: Warren H. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Tuma, acting in Commissioner Berry's absence, presented the following expenditures for approval:

1. Check #1254 in the amount of \$940.39, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for January 2015 salary;
2. Check #1255 in the amount of \$68.25, payable to Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for postage stamps ordered for ANC 2F.

Total expenses: \$1,008.64

Commissioner Tuma moved for approval of all expenses totaling \$1,008.64; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **8:28 p.m.**