

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
MAY 6, 2015

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Kate Gordon (2F01)
Karin Berry (2F02)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT

Pepin Tuma (2F03)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sgt. David Terestre, PSA 307

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

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Bengel shared that D.C. Fire Lieutenant Kevin McRae lost his life in the line of duty during a 2-alarm high-rise apartment blaze at 7th & N Streets, NW.
2. Commissioner Gordon encouraged community members to participate in Garrison Elementary's online auction to benefit the school PTA. The auction ends May 8. Gordon also invited community members to attend the May 7 Ward 2 Education Network Meeting, as well as the preceding meeting with Deputy Mayor for Education, Jennifer Niles, to learn about Garrison's planned modernization.

Community Forum

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Sgt. David Terestre

Sgt. David Terestre provided the monthly crime report. Terestre noted that crime in the past month was down compared to the same period in 2014, while reminding community members that crime tends to uptick with the arrival of warmer weather. Terestre noted the ongoing challenge with auto break-ins, and a few robberies centered on 12th St, NW. In response to Commissioner questions, Terestre provided publicly available knowledge about the recent shots fired on Riggs St, NW and the shooting at 12th & M St, NW (no arrest made).

Community Announcements

[none]

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 April 1, 2015 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the April 1, 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

New Class "C" license request for XO Restaurant and Lounge (1426 L St, NW – 2F05)

Commissioner Gordon presented the APC's recommendations from the Committee's April meeting. Gordon first recommended that the Commission not oppose to the new class "C" license request for XO Restaurant and Lounge, since the establishment is not within 300 feet of any residence and there was no community opposition. Mr. Christopher Nwazae, owner, was present to address the ANC. The Commission unanimously agreed not to oppose the license request.

No action taken

Class "A" license renewal for Barrel House Liquors (1341 14th St – 2F03);

Class "A" license renewal for 9 & P St. Liquor (1428 9th St – 2F06);

Class "A" license renewal for Modern Liquors (901 M St – 2F06);

Class "A" license renewal for A-1 Wine & Liquors (1420 K St – 2F05)

Gordon then moved that the ANC support the APC's recommendations to send letters to ABRA protesting the Class "A" license renewals for the following establishments: 1) Barrel House Liquors, 9 & P St. Liquor, Modern Liquors, and A-1 Wine & Liquors. Gordon noted that the recommendation to oppose the four license renewals was a procedural matter meant to preserve the ANC's standing with ABRA in order to give the APC and full ANC an opportunity to review the licenses. Gordon's motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Neighborhood concerns over Vita Lounge (1318 9th St – 2F06) SA violations

Lastly, Gordon moved that ANC 2F send a letter to ABRA requesting that the agency enforce the noise standards in Vita – Mood Lounge's Settlement Agreement, and rescind the license if not in compliance, due to both ongoing and recent neighbor complaints against the establishment; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

Commissioner Deeley moved for adoption of the April CDC meeting report by unanimous consent.

The report included the CDC's recommendations to: 1) oppose the proposed concept design and massing for new construction at 1001 O St, NW; and 2) support Slipstream's (1333 14th St, NW) request for a letter of support for its potential participation in DDOT's pilot "parklet" program. The Commission further resolved that it be represented by any standing ANC 2F Commissioner or ANC 2F Community Development Committee (CDC) At-Large Members Helen Kramer or Joel Heisey before the Historic Preservation Review Board in connection with the protest of 1001 O St, NW. The Commission adopted the report by unanimous consent.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous consent)

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

Commissioner Bengel noted that the CPSC did not meet last month and that the Committee would try to meet later in June. Bengel noted the constant issue outside of ANC 2F on the 600 block of O St, NW by Kennedy Recreation Center, where there have recently been two shootings and increased MPD presences. Bengel also shared that Jennifer Greene, Director of the Office of Unified Communications (the District's 911 Call Center), resigned on May 5. D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Director Chris Geldart will serve as the interim director of the agency.

Education Committee

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

No report.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Request for letter of support for 2015 Capital Pride Parade

Commissioner Fanning moved that ANC 2F send a letter of support to the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency related to the 2014 Capital Pride Parade route, including support for Capital Pride's request for 100% coverage from the Community Events Fund for MPD fees; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Alley closure for Square 369 Marriott PUD

Commissioner Bengel moved that ANC 2F send a letter of support for Alley Closing Application #S.O. 13-07989, which would allow for construction of the new mixed-use development project at Square 369 (new Marriott at 9th & L St, NW). Bengel noted that ANC 2F has supported the Planned Unit Development (PUD) project throughout the entitlement process, including letters of support to HPRB, the Mayor's Agent, and the Zoning Commission. Bengel's motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

1209 10th St, NW

Commissioner Sylvester informed the Commission an agenda item on the Historic Preservation Review Board's upcoming calendar to renew HPRB approval of the project concept at 1209 10th St, NW. The project concept had been approved nearly ten years ago in 2005 by ANC 2F. Sylvester moved that ANC 2F send a letter to HPO protesting Board renewal of approval of the

project concept at 1209 10th St, NW, given the amount of time that had passed since the original concept approval; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Quarterly Report for FY2015 Q2 (Jan, Feb, Mar)

Commissioner Berry moved for adoption of the ANC Quarterly Report for FY15 Q2 as prepared and presented by Executive Director Beebe. The FY15 Q2 contained a Balance Forward of \$26,261.84; Total Receipts of \$4,342.52; Total Funds Available of \$30,604.36; Total Disbursements of \$4,082.82; and an Ending Balance of \$26,521.54. Berry's motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Berry presented the following expenditures for approval:

1. Check #1263 in the amount of \$940.39, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for April 2015 salary;
2. Check #1264 in the amount of \$57.96, payable to Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for printer ink;
3. Check #1265 in an amount of \$64.80, payable to D.C. DOES, for a corrected 2014 Q4 UC-30 Employers quarterly contribution payment amount;

Total expenses: \$1,098.30

Commissioner Berry moved for approval of all expenses in the amount of \$1,098.30; 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 **8:12 p.m.**