

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 3, 2015

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Kate Gordon (2F01)
Karin Berry (2F02)*
Pepin Tuma (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)

ABSENT

Kevin Deeley (2F08)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sgt. David Terestre, PSA 307
Sarah Fashbaugh, ABRA
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' office
Eva Lewis, Executive Office of the Mayor

**Commissioners who arrived late and did not vote on all business items*

Meeting **called to order** by ANC 2F Chair, Commissioner John Fanning, at **7:02 p.m.**

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Tuma thanked attendees of the Square 242 "Get-to-know-your-block" party on Saturday, May 30, including special guests Mayor Bowser and Councilmember Jack Evans.
2. Commissioner Fanning announced Mayor Bowser's OURRFP initiative to enhance the traditional public property disposition process and the redevelopment of publicly owned sites. A public workshop will be held on Saturday, June 13 from 10am-noon at the Howard Theatre (620 T St, NW) for an interactive discussion on community priorities related to the redevelopment of District-owned Parcel 42 located at R Street and 7th Streets, NW.
3. Commissioner Fanning also announced the ribbon cutting ceremony on Jun 4 for the new Whitman-Walker health clinic at 1525 14th St, NW.
4. Commissioner Sylvester shared that HPRB did not remove consideration of renewal of the concept approval for 1209 10th St, NW from the consent calendar; ANC 2F had requested that HPRB deny the renewal given that nearly 10 years has passed since the project was originally approved. HPRB ultimately passed renewal of the application.

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 as compared to the same period in 2014 (51 vs. 61 total incidents). Terestre did not have publicly available information to share about the shooting at 12th & M Streets, NW. Terestre reminded the community that crime tends to spike in the summer, and to be mindful not to leave valuable items in parked cars and be aware of surrounding when using cell phones.

ABRA Presentation on ANC 2F Issues

Sarah Fashbaugh, ABRA

Sarah Fashbaugh, Community Resource Officer at ABRA, provided three ANC 2F-related ABRA updates: 1) ABRA is working with the owner of 9 & P Market to get the establishment's license into "safe keeping" since the business has not been in operation for over a year; 2) the ABRA Board postponed consideration of the new license request for XO Restaurant & Lounge (1426 L St, NW), since the Board deemed the Applicant "unfit" due to issues with an application at another establishment in the District; 3) ABRA will hold a Status Hearing on June 24 at 9am and a Show Cause Hearing on July 22 at 9am related to the altercation and shooting that occurred outside of Josephine (1008 Vermont Ave, NW). Specifically, the Board will examine why Josephine did not adhere to their security plans, which required working surveillance cameras at the establishment.

Fashbaugh also informed the community that she is able to provide Board Orders and transcripts of Board Hearings upon request. Fashbaugh asked community members for their assistance in enforcing ABRA regulations and reporting violators by calling the ABRA Enforcement Hotline at 202-329-6347.

Report from Commissioner Jack Evans' office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel of Councilmember Jack Evans' office provided three updates: 1) Councilmember Evans has vowed to secure additional funds for the modernization of Garrison Elementary, a project that only received \$20M of the requested \$25M for Phase I construction; 2) as a result of a major row house fire at 16th Street and Riggs Street, NW on June 3 during which a recent Georgetown University graduate died, the Council may re-visit housing/rooming regulations for single-family dwellings; 3) red-top parking meters, which provide on-street parking accessibility to residents and visitors with disabilities, have been installed in ANC 2F. The red-top meter program is not currently being enforced; however, when the program rolls out later this year, only individuals with disability placards and tags can park and pay at red-top meters.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor

Eva Lewis

Eva Lewis, the new Ward 2 Liaison from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, provided her phone number (202-671-0726) and email address (Eva.Lewis@dc.gov), and encouraged residents to contact her with the coordination and delivery of any and all District government services.

Community Announcements

1. ServeDC (the Mayor's office for Volunteerism) is offering additional, FREE CPR classes in July. The CPR classes for Ward 2 will be Jul 2 from 1:00-3:00pm and 6:00-8:30pm, and Jul 11 from 10:00am-12:30pm and 1:00-3:30pm. All classes are FREE and will be held at the MLK Library.
2. N Street Village's annual Empowerment Lunch is Thursday, Jun 18 from noon-1:00pm at the Mayflower Hotel, featuring Keynote Speaker Mayor Muriel Bowser and Special Musical Guest Tony Award Winner Jennifer Holliday. Additional information and tickets are available on N Street Village's website.
3. Popular neighborhood blog Borderstan.com recently relaunched! Managing Editor Bryan Doyle was present to make the announcement and spread the word.
4. Community member Janice Ferebee encouraged community members to attend the October 4 United to Face Addiction event on the National Mall. The event aims to ignite and grow an emerging national grassroots movement to solve the national addiction crisis.

BUSINESS MEETING

Fanning noted there was quorum to conduct the business portion of the meeting (six 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 Tuma moved to approve the meeting agenda without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous; Berry absent)

Approval of Minutes for May 6, 2015 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the May 6, 2015 meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous; Berry absent)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner Kate Gordon, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Gordon presented the APC report from the Committee's May meeting. After presenting the report, Gordon moved for adoption of the APC report, including the Committee's recommendations that ANC 2F:

- Amend Cher Cher Ethiopian Restaurant's (1334 9th St, NW) Voluntary Agreement to allow for an increased occupancy load of 49, and support a stipulated license;
- Enter into a Settlement Agreement with All Purpose Pizzeria (1250 9th St, NW) in lieu of protest;
- Protest the license application for Soundcheck nightclub (1420 K St, NW) as a procedural matter in order to maintain ANC 2F's standing in the upcoming ABRA hearings;
- Withdrawal protest of A-1 Wine & Liquors' (1420 K St, NW) license renewal request;
- Withdrawal protest of Modern Liquors' (901 M St, NW) license renewal request; and
- Withdrawal protest of 9 & P St. Liquors' (1428 9th St, NW), once the Applicant places the establishment's license in "safe keeping."

The Commission adopted the APC report by unanimous consent. Gordon then provided updates on other ABRA license applications on which the APC did not take action.

Vote: (7-0; unanimous consent)

Community Development Committee (CDC)

No Committee Report (Deeley not present; there was not a May CDC meeting).

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

Commissioner Bengel commented on the ongoing violence along the 600 block of O St, NW. Bengel shared that there was a homicide on the block since the last ANC 2F meeting. At a community meeting held by ANC 6E on Monday, June 1, Councilmember Silverman and MPD

engaged the community in a conversation about preventative measures. Bengel plans to meet with the nearby Recreation Center director to discuss how the community can help reduce violence in the area.

Bengel also shared that two women pleaded guilty to the Donovan House murder of David Messerschmitt.

Education Committee

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

Commissioner Tuma expressed his frustration with the Department of General Service's repeated failure to attend the ANC 2F monthly meeting and provide a promised monthly update about the modernization of Garrison Elementary, despite Tuma having reached out numerous times for updates without response. Tuma shared that At-Large Councilmember Grosso, under a new rubric to decide which schools receive redevelopment funding, secured a \$20M allocation for Garrison Elementary.

Lastly, Tuma encouraged interested community members to consider joining the ANC 2F Education Committee.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

[none]

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Berry presented the following expenditure for approval:

1. Check #1266 in the amount of \$940.39, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for May 2015 salary.

Total expenses: \$940.39

Commissioner Berry moved for approval of all expenses in the amount of \$940.39; 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 **8:08 p.m.**