

# ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY  
JULY 1, 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)  
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

### ABSENT

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Councilmember Jack Evans  
Sgt. David Terestre, PSA 307  
Eva Lewis, Executive Office of the Mayor  
Gloria Hightower, Friends of Carter Barron

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

Meeting **called to order** by ANC 2F Chair, Commissioner John Fanning, at **7:04 p.m.**

## Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioners Fanning and Bengel congratulated and thanked Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, for going above and beyond the duties of role in the short time she's held the position. The Commissioners thanked Lewis for her service.
2. Commissioner Bengel reminded community members of the upcoming Logan Circle Crime Prevention meeting on Thursday, July 9, co-hosted by Councilmember Jack Evans at the Marriott Marquis hotel. Meeting topics include crime prevention and cameras.
3. Commissioner Tuma announced the upcoming Ward 2 Town Hall meeting on July 8 from 6:30-8:30PM at the Charles Sumner School to discuss education issues.

## Community Forum

### Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' office

Councilmember Jack Evans

Councilmember Jack Evans was present to provide several updates to the community related to the recently approved city budget, including: 1) the Council voted on and approved the final, \$12.9 billion budget, a third of which is dedicated to human services, the second largest portion of which affirms D.C.'s commitment to invest more dollars per child than any other city or county in the nation, and the third largest portion of which funds our police force and other public safety measures; 2) affordable housing funding this year will increase to \$277 million from \$170 million; 3) the city had another record surplus this past year, and reserve funds now top \$1.87 billion.

Commissioner and community questions to Evans covered a number of topics, including Garrison elementary school funding, police officer cameras, the Redskins' name and stadium, affordable

housing, street signage and traffic signals, Fanning's request for Evans' support of a 14th St. BID formation, and emergency parking signs. Evans also noted his plans to run for re-election, and shared that the upcoming primaries will be in June 2016.

**Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update**

Sgt. David Terestre

Sgt. David Terestre provided the monthly crime report, which revealed a slight increase in robberies over the same one-month period in 2015 (four versus three robberies), a decrease in total violent crime, and a decrease in property crime and theft (30 vs. 26). Terestre also answered Commissioner and community questions about ongoing MPD efforts to curb prostitution in ANC 2F.

**D.C. Water Update: Flooding on 900 block of P St, NW**

A D.C. Water representative attended to address the residential flooding that occurred last week in four homes on the 900 block of P Street, NW. D.C. Water detailed the post-flooding inspection it conducted of the sewer system in the area, and its conclusion that the reported flooding was a series of isolated and difficult to prevent incidents resulting from heavy rains.

**Report from Executive Office of the Mayor**

Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison

Eva Lewis, the new Ward 2 Liaison from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, provided four updates: 1) the mayor opened an office at Shannon Place; 2) the minimum wage in D.C. is now \$10.50 per hour; 3) the Mayor has a new initiative called FitDC.com; 4) join the Mayor and her staff for the multiple July 4 parades.

**Community Announcements**

[none]

**BUSINESS MEETING**

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

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

**Approval of Minutes for June 3, 2015 Regular Monthly Public Meeting**

Commissioner Tuma moved to approve the June 3, 2015 meeting minutes with the following modification: correction of the Commissioner update about the recent fire to reflect that only one of the two individuals in the fire was a Georgetown student. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

## Committee Reports

### **ABRA Policy Committee (APC)**

Commissioner Kate Gordon, Chair

#### *Committee Report*

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

- Withdraw the Commission's previous, procedural protest of Soundcheck nightclub's (1420 K St, NW) license application, based on conversations with the owner and his multiple assurances of efforts to soundproof the establishment;
- Protest the Class "C" restaurant license application for El Sol Restaurant & Taqueria (1227 11th St, NW) as a procedural matter in order to maintain ANC 2F's standing in the upcoming ABRA hearings;
- Protest the substantial change request (for a summer roof garden) to Hotel Helix's (1430 Rhode Island Ave, NW) Class "C" hotel license as a procedural matter in order to maintain ANC 2F's standing in the upcoming ABRA hearings;
- Enter into a negotiated Settlement Agreement with In Stereo, LLC (1410 14th St, NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor above current Black Whiskey bar) in lieu of protest.

The Commission adopted the APC report by unanimous consent.

**Vote: (8-0; unanimous consent)**

### **Community Development Committee (CDC)**

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

#### *Committee Report*

Commissioner Deeley presented the CDC report from the Committee's June meeting. After presentation of the report and Commission and community discussion on each of the individual business items, Deeley moved for adoption of the CDC report, including the Committee's recommendations that ANC 2F:

- Support of the DDOT public space application for a sidewalk café at Table restaurant (903 N St, NW); and
- Support of the DDOT public space application for a sidewalk café at Mezcaleria (1250 9th St, NW).

The Commission adopted the CDC report by unanimous consent.

**Vote: (8-0; unanimous consent)**

Per Commissioner Bengel's request, the Commission considered the HPRB concept and massing for 1126 9th St, NW—the third item from the June CDC report—as a separate business item. After extensive Commission and community discussion, Commissioner Fanning moved that ANC 2F give preliminary support to the HPRB concept and massing for 1126 9th St, NW, subject to further consideration of the zoning issues involved in the project with a request that the matter return to the CDC and then the full Commission following resolution of any zoning issues for final concept, massing, and design review; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission, with Commissioner Bengel noting his abstention from the vote on the matter.

**Vote: (7-0-1)**

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

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

Commissioner Bengel summarized the June CPSC meeting, and highlighted discussion about the trouble area near 14th St, and Riggs St, NW, where over the past twelve months there have been 105 property crimes.

Bengel recently went on a safety walk with Commissioner Gordon, MPD Sergeant Terestre, and Frontiers Homeowner Associations VP David Levey around the area in question.

As a result of the walk and Bengel’s observations, Bengel moved that ANC 2F write a letter to request that MPD install a permanent crime camera in the area, as well as a temporary camera until the permanent camera can be installed; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

**Education Committee**

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

Commissioner Tuma thanked the community for its ongoing involvement in the modernization of Garrison Elementary school, and shared that the community was seeking opportunities to improve the school’s soccer field.

**Old Business**

[none]

**New Business**

**Friends of Carter Barron Foundation Grant Request**

Gloria Hightower

Ms. Gloria Hightower, President of the Friends of Carter Barron Foundation of Performing Arts, presented the organization’s grant request for \$1,000 to support the upcoming summer concert series at the amphitheater [of the same name]. Hightower requested the grant funds to cover liability insurance for the youth-focused activities associated with the summer concert series.

Although the Commission expressed its general support for the organization and the specific activity at hand, the Commission ultimately determined that Ms. Hightower’s request did not meet ANC 2F Bylaws requirements for grants. Specifically, the Commission explained that grant funds could not be used to cover general operating expenses. Commissioners also noted that the proposed summer concert series did not take place within ANC 2F nor did it explicitly provide sufficient benefit to ANC 2F residents.

**No action taken**

**Public Space Application for 1400 L Street NW (Bunna Ethiopian Café)**

Commissioner Lamare noted that after the most recent Community Development Committee meeting, he had received in the mail a public space application for a new sidewalk café (unenclosed) at 1400 L Street NW (Bunna Ethiopian Café). Because there may not be sufficient time for the CDC and full ANC to review the application at their next scheduled meetings, a motion to send a letter to the District Department of Transportation objecting to the proposed application, with the intention to seek to have the application be considered at a future Commission meeting after the ANC’s rules had been followed by the applicant, was made, seconded, and approved

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unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

## Treasurer's Report

### **Approval of Expenditures**

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Commissioner Berry presented the following expenditure for approval:

1. Check #1267 in the amount of \$940.39, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for June 2015 salary;
2. Check #1268 in the amount of \$64.80, payable to D.C. Department of Employment Services, for 2015 Q2 UC-30 Employer's quarterly contribution;
3. Check #1269 in the amount of \$889.23, payable to the U.S. Treasury, for Form 941 quarterly federal tax return for 2015 Q2.

**Total expenses: \$1,894.42**

Commissioner Berry moved for approval of all expenses in the amount of \$1,894.42; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

Commissioner Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **9:36 p.m.**