

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 5, 2015

7:00 P.M.

NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5 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

Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' office
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. Commissioner Tuma announced the School Supply Drive for Garrison Elementary to provide students with the supplies needed to succeed in the new school year. Donated school supplies can be dropped off on Saturday, August 22 from 9am – 12pm at Garrison Elementary School (1200 S St., NW).

Community Forum

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Sgt. David Terestre

Sgt. Terestre provided the monthly crime report, which compared crime statistics in PSA 307 from July 7, 2015 – August 4, 2015 to the same period in 2014. Accordingly, robberies are up from 6 to 8; property crime is down from 65 to 50; total violent crime is up by 1; and total crime (including all aforementioned stats) is down from 75 to 61. Terestre explained that despite community concern that crime is on the rise, the statistics reveal that crime in PSA 307 is actually on the decline (in contrast to other areas of the District where crime rates are indeed spiking). Terestre also shared a "For Your Safety" informational flyer about protecting your vehicle from theft and tampering.

The Commissioners thanked Terestre and the MPD's Human Trafficking Unit for recent sting operations resulting in the arrest of over 100 "Johns" soliciting prostitution in the neighborhood.

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel from Councilmember Jack Evans' office shared five updates: 1) Evans has been working closely with WMATA to address service and disruption issues; 2) Ward 2 Day at the National Building Museum's "The Beach" display was a big success, and the next Ward 2 Day will be September 3 at Nationals Park; 3) Evans will be meeting with the Department of General

Services in the next week about the delayed modernization progress for Garrison Elementary; 4) a brief summary of the June 30 Ward 2 Community Meeting about homeless encampments, and; 5) mention of the especially productive working relationship Evans has cultivated with DDOT as of late.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor

Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison

Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison from the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services, provided 3 updates: 1) the Mayor’s six month progress report; 2) open enrollment for D.C. public school students to receive \$100 in monthly Metro benefits starts April 17; 3) an upcoming Young Professionals event on Thursday, August 13 from 6-8pm at Penn Social, at which senior leadership from the Mayor’s Office will be in attendance.

Community Announcements

1. Community member Janice Ferebee encouraged community members to attend the October 4th 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 (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

Commissioner Gordon moved 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 July 1, 2015 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the July 1, 2015 meeting minutes without modification; 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 July 2015 meeting and moved for adoption of the APC report, including the Committee’s recommendations that ANC 2F:

- Protest of the substantial change request (from Class “C” restaurant to Class “C” tavern license) for **Veranda** (1100 P St, NW) as a procedural matter in order to maintain ANC 2F’s standing in the upcoming ABRA hearing;
- Support for entering into a Settlement Agreement with **“In Stereo, LLC”** (Name TBD – location is the first floor of Black Whiskey) at 1410 14th St, NW

The Commission adopted the APC report by unanimous consent.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous consent)

Gordon also informed the community that the proprietor for El Sol Restaurant & Tequileria (1227 11th St, NW) would present a request for a new Class "C" restaurant license at the August 19 APC meeting (current status: protested by ANC 2F), and that discussion between the community, ANC 2F, and Hotel Helix (1430 Rhode Island Avenue, NW) about the establishment's substantial change request for a Class "C" hotel license for a summer roof garden was ongoing.

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Deeley presented the CDC report from the Committee's July 2015 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:

- Write a letter advising HPO that ANC 2F's consideration of the final HPRB concept review for 1001 O St, NW would be delayed due to the Applicant's failure to adhere to Committee presentation procedures at the July meeting;
- Protest of the DDOT public space application for an unenclosed sidewalk café at Bunna Ethiopian Cafe (1400 L St, NW), as a procedural matter due to the Applicant's failure to attend and present at the CDC meeting.

The Commission adopted the CDC report by unanimous consent.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous consent)

As a separate business item, Deeley summarized the Committee's discussion of the DDOT public space application (bollard exception) for 1530 14th St, NW, which would allow the owner to install bollards on the corner of the building and a guardrail along the alley-facing side of the building in order to mitigate the damage routinely caused by delivery vehicles using the alley. After discussion among the Commissioners, Deeley moved that ANC 2F send a letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee in support of the bollard exception and guardrail installation; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-1-1

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

Commissioner Bengel provided an overview of the July 9 Logan Circle Crime Prevention Meeting, at which Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, MPD Chief Cathy Lanier, MPD Asst Chief Diane Grooms, and MPD Third District Commander Jake Kishter, among other MPD staff, were present.

Bengel also briefly discussed the recent homicides at 13th & Riggs and 7th & N, and the prostitution-related arrests made by MPD over the past month.

Lastly, Bengel provided a print out of the crime statistics for ANC 2F (which differ from the monthly PSA 307 crime stats presented by Sgt. Terestre), and reiterated Sgt. Terestre's earlier point about grounding community concerns about crime levels in the reality of crime statistics.

Education Committee

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

Commissioner Tuma repeated mention of the August 22nd School Supply Drive for Garrison Elementary. Tuma also provided a brief overview of the July 8 Town Hall meeting discussion, which primarily centered on Garrison Elementary and the need for neighborhood schools in the District. Tuma mentioned that he had not yet received an update from the Dept. of General Services about the timeline for the modernization of Garrison Elementary.

Old Business

Friends of Carter Barron Foundation Grant Request

Gloria Hightower, President

Ms. Gloria Hightower, President of the Friends of Carter Barron Foundation of Performing Arts (FOCBF), presented the organization's modified grant request in the amount of \$500 to comply with ANC 2F's Bylaw requirements for grants. Hightower explained that the modified grant application requested funds to cover advertising expenses related to promoting community awareness of the bus service FOCBF intends to arrange for residents of ANC 2F to get to and from the Summer Concert Series event at the amphitheater.

The Commission asked numerous clarifying questions about the use of the requested grant funds. The Commission also discussed procedural issues for considering the grant request, given that not all Commissioners had seen the most up to date version of the modified grant request. Commissioner Fanning moved that ANC 2F support the grant request in the amount of \$500, provided that the Applicant submit a revised application within 24 hours, and that the funds were explicitly spent on advertising expenses related to community awareness building about the bus transport; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-1

New Business

Grant Request from 5th Annual Little Goblins Parade Organizers

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel, in her capacity as a community resident, presented the grant application submitted by Joelle Myers on behalf of "Moms in Logan Circle" for the 5th Annual Little Goblins Parade. Kimbel asked to increase the requested grant amount from \$350 to \$500 to help defray general expenses associated with the parade, and agreed to submit an updated grant application with the increased grant request amount within 24 hours.

Commissioner Berry moved that the Commission approve the grant request with the check written to the Logan Circle Community Association—a legal entity, unlike Moms in Logan Circle—who would then transfer the funds to the community group Moms in Logan Circle; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0-2

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Quarterly Report for FY2015 Q3 (Apr-Jun)

Commissioner Berry moved for adoption of the ANC Quarterly Report for FY15 Q3 as prepared and presented by Executive Director Beebe. The FY15 Q3 contained a Balance Forward of \$26,521.54; Total Receipts of \$5,978.60; Total Funds Available of \$32,500.14; Total Disbursements of \$4,025.57 and an Ending Balance of \$28,474.57. Berry's motion was seconded and approved

unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous; Bengel not present)

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Berry presented the following expenditure for approval:

1. Check #1270 in the amount of \$940.39, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for July 2015 salary;
2. Check #1271 in the amount of \$500.00, payable to the Logan Circle Community Association on behalf of Moms in Logan Circle, as grant funds related to the organization's request for support of the 5th Annual Little Goblins Parade;
3. Check #1272 in the amount of \$500.00, payable to the Friends of Carter Barron Foundation of the Performing Arts, as grant funds related to the organization's request for support of its Summer Concert Series event at the ampitheatre.

Total expenses: \$1,940.39

Commissioner Berry moved for approval of all expenses in the amount of \$1,940.39; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous; Bengel not present)

Commissioner Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **8:52 p.m.**