

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 7, 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 Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT

Kevin Sylvester (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Commander Jeffrey Carroll, MPD
Officers Wilson & Robinson, PSA 307, MPD
Sergeant Lawrence, PSA 208, MPD
Eva Lewis, Executive Office of the Mayor
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' office
Gregg Pemberton, D.C. Police Union

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

Commissioner Announcements

1. The November 4 regular monthly meeting will be at the Marriott Marquis Hotel (901 Massachusetts Ave, NW);
2. There will be a Special Meeting on November 12 at the Washington Plaza Hotel (10 Thomas Circle, NW) at which the developers in the running for the redevelopment of the historic Franklin School will give presentations to the community on their proposals.

Community Forum

Commander Jeffery Carroll
Officers Wilson and Robinson
Sergeant Lawrence, PSA 208

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Commander Jeffery Carroll of the Third District introduced himself to the community and encouraged community members to reach out with questions, concerns, and issues.

Officer Wilson of PSA 307 then presented the monthly crime report, which compared crime statistics in PSA 307 over the past month to the same time period in 2014. In sum, violent crime is down but property crimes are up. Officer Robinson, Domestic Violence Coordinator, was also present to discuss how MPD deals with interfamily and domestic violence situations. Lastly, Sergeant Lawrence from neighboring PSA 208 shared that in his PSA total robberies are up but robberies with a gun are down. The "Club Action Team" in Lawrence's PSA is actively addressing assault with a dangerous weapon crimes, which are closely linked to nightclub activity.

Commissioner Fanning shared ongoing community concerns about panhandling, public drunkenness, and harassment of customers on P St, NW by the Whole Foods and on 14th St, NW at the sidewalk cafes of The Pig and B2 restaurants.

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel from Councilmember Jack Evans' office shared four updates: 1) the Council is back in session; 2) there is a proposal before the Council for a Family Leave Act which would provide for 16 weeks of paid leave for a new child or care of an immediate family member; 3) the annual Little Goblins Parade will take place Saturday, October 24; 4) there is a new pilot parking program in the Penn Quarter and Chinatown areas.

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 three updates: 1) the Mayor's six month progress report; 2) District youth can now ride free on Metro (registration in the program required); and 3) there is a citywide pledge to end homelessness that Lewis encouraged community members to sign.

Community Announcements

- 1. Alex from Serve DC promoted community participation in the citywide Volunteer program to shovel the sidewalks of D.C. residents who are unable to do so when there is snow. The Capital Area Food Bank also needs help registering senior citizens for their programs.
- 2. Patrick Nelson with the Third District Citizens Advisory Council promoted the upcoming Third District Police Awards Banquet at the Navy Yard.
- 3. Abraham Mumin announced the October 25 vigil for Tamara Gliss, a resident of Shaw who was killed and whose murder is still unsolved.

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 Meeting Agenda

There was a motion 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 September 2, 2015 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

There was a motion to approve the September 2, 2015 meeting minutes with the following modification: correction of a instances in which Commissioner Deeley was mentioned incorrectly instead of Commissioner Sylvester. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

Commissioner Bengel shared that while year-to-date citywide crime is down (largely due to a

decrease in property crimes), homicides are up by 45%. Violent crime in ANC 2F is up as well.

Bengel introduced Detective Gregg Pemberton from the D.C. Police Union, who echoed Bengel's comments about the rise in violent crime across the city and promoted www.crimedc.com, a website where residents can receive up-to-date crime statistics. Pemberton answered questions from the Commission and community about the attrition rate of D.C. police officers; the employment of foot patrols versus officers in squad cars; the city's gun laws; and the status of police vice units.

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner Kate Gordon, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Gordon presented each of the business items comprising the September 2015 APC report individually for the Commission's review.

Barrel House Liquors (1341 14th St, NW > 1339 14th St, NW)

Gordon first presented the stipulated license request for Barrel House Liquors' move to an adjacent retail space. Gordon relayed that there was no community concern about the request, and moved that ANC 2F send a letter to ABRA supporting the stipulated license request under the present Settlement Agreement; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

El Sol Restaurant & Tequileria (1227 11th St, NW)

Gordon then moved that ANC 2F enter into a Settlement Agreement (SA) with El Sol Restaurant & Tequileria based on the standard SA template. Gordon noted the establishment was not presently serving liquor, and that the APC reached agreement with the owner that he would delay request for support of a sidewalk café for one year. Gordon's motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Veranda (1100 P St, NW)

After extensive discussion among the Commission about the Applicant's request for support related to a license class change from Class "C" Restaurant to Class "C" Tavern, Commissioner Gordon moved that ANC 2F approve a modified Settlement Agreement for the establishment with several agreed-upon provisions intended to mitigate the possibility that the establishment's tavern license would result in increased noise and disorderly conduct; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-1

LongView Gallery (1234 9th St, NW)

Finally, Gordon presented a new business item that was recently brought to her attention: recent issues and complaints with events held at LongView Gallery. As such, Gordon moved that ANC 2F request a catered site protest ABRA hearing for LongView due to the effect of the establishment on peace and quiet and property values; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Gordon then shared updates on two business items on which the Committee did not take formal action:

- The Applicant behind "Naylor Stables, LLC" at 1322 9th St, NW have still not responded to ANC 2F invitations to present their application and related requests to the APC. ANC 2F has protested the license request and there is no further action required.
- Discussions continue between the community, ANC 2F, and the owners of Hotel Helix (1430 Rhode Island Ave, NW), regarding the Applicant's substantial change request for a Class "C" Hotel license for a summer roof garden. Tomorrow there will be an ABRA mediation hearing.

Committee Report

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, CDC Chair, presented the Committee report into two parts.

Installation of bike lane on 12th Street, NW from Pennsylvania Ave to L St

Deeley first presented DDOT's notice of intent for installation of a bike lane on 12th St, NW between Pennsylvania Ave and L St, NW. Although the Commission was generally supportive of the installation of new bike lanes in ANC 2F, several Commissioners raised concerns related to traffic disruption and bicyclist safety for this particular proposal, echoing the concerns expressed by the CDC. Deeley moved that ANC 2F send a letter to DDOT expressing its lack of support for the bike lane as proposed, noting that the lack of a demonstration of a demand for the proposed lanes especially given the present lanes on 10th and 11th Streets, NW; the impact the reduced lanes will have on rush hour traffic; the proposal not being preferred under a holistic traffic approach balancing the needs of cyclists and motor vehicles; and safety issues the proposed lanes would present. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Deeley then presented the remainder of the Committee report for unanimous consent, including:

- Support for the DDOT public space application for an unenclosed sidewalk café at Studio Theatre (1504 14th St, NW), subject to a reduction of the proposed seating on the 14th Street side of the sidewalk café to one row of tables;
- Support for the HPO concept, design, and massing for a rear addition to an existing rowhome at 1312 S St, NW;
- A letter of protest to the Director of HPO over the lack of an opportunity for community input—through consideration by the ANC—on the application for concept for garage renovation and second story addition at 1317 Naylor St, NW before it was approved by the HPRB on its Consent Calendar, and requesting that HPO refrain from placing future applications on the Consent Calendar without providing ANCs an opportunity for consideration.

Studio Theatre (1504 14th St, NW)

As a result of ensuing discussion about the Studio Theatre, the Commission considered this business item separately. Commissioner Deeley moved for support of the public space application for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe subject to a reduction of the proposed seating on the 14th Street side of the sidewalk café; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

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Deeley then presented the remaining two items of the Committee report for adoption by unanimous consent, which the Commission unanimously endorsed.

7-0 (unanimous consent)

Finally, Deeley mentioned that two more DDOT Notices of Intent for the installation of bicycle lanes (on N St, NW between 15th and Vermont; and on M St, NW between Blagden Alley and 9th St, NW) would be considered at the upcoming CDC meeting.

Education Committee

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

Commissioner Tuma shared that in the near future there would be a meeting about Garrison Elementary and how to stretch the 20 million dollars allocated for renovations to address the 40 million dollars worth of improvements needed for the school.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Support for the Mayor's Plan on Homelessness

Commissioner Fanning

Commissioner Fanning shared that the Mayor had a meeting with ANC Commissioner about the city's persistent challenge to address homelessness. Fanning proposed a resolution in support of the Mayor's action plan for reducing homelessness and moved that the Commission adopt the resolution; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Berry presented the following expenditures for approval:

1. Check #1274 in the amount of \$940.39, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for September 2015 salary;
2. Check #1275 in the amount of \$32.40, payable to D.C. Department of Employment Services, for 2015 Q3 UC-30 Employer's quarterly contribution;
3. Check #1276 in the amount of \$889.23, payable to the U.S. Treasury, for Form 941 quarterly federal tax return for 2015 Q3.

Total expenses: \$1,862.02

Commissioner Berry moved for approval of total expenses in the amount of \$1,862.02; 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 **9:52 p.m.**

A Resolution Expressing ANC 2F Support to work to end homelessness in the District of Columbia and in support of the Homeward DC Plan to make homelessness in the District of Columbia rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

Whereas there are far too many men, women, and children living on our streets and in our shelters;

Whereas homelessness in the District of Columbia is not an intractable problem and can be solved;

Whereas when members of our community experience homelessness, we all suffer, and our entire community must be a part of the solution;

Whereas every neighborhood, and every resident, has a stake in preventing homelessness and supporting people who experience homelessness;

Whereas by committing to action and using proven strategies, the District of Columbia has an opportunity to lead the nation in ending homelessness and;

Whereas as a community, we should close and replace DC General with smaller, more dignified private room emergency housing for families across the District and;

Whereas Mayor Bowser and the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness agreed on a five-year plan called Homeward DC to reduce homelessness and support policies to;

- Make shelter available to families when they need it, not only during hypothermia.
- Commit to reduce the time individuals and families experience homelessness by connecting them to housing and important 'wrap-around' social services to assist them to achieve independence and find a path to the middle class.
- Provide 'interim eligibility' short term placements to assure the public safety of families waiting for permanent shelter placement.
- Clarify emergency housing configuration as apartment-style or a private room.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F, affirming in its oath of office to work in the best interest of the District of Columbia as a whole, pledge to do its part to end homelessness in the District of Columbia, enlist support of our families, friends, and neighbors to join this important effort, and let local leaders know that we support the Homeward DC plan, and that they should too.