

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2015

7:00 P.M.

MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL
901 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, 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

Officer Burgos, PSA 307, MPD
Mark Battle and Chris Taylor, PEPCO
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' office
Eva Lewis, Executive Office of the Mayor

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

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Deeley reminded the community of the November 12th Special Meeting (7pm at the Washington Plaza Hotel), at which the Commission will consider four redevelopment proposals for the Historic Franklin School and make a recommendation to the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.

Community Forum

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Officer Burgos

Officer Burgos of PSA 307 shared the monthly crime report. Over the past month there has been a slight increase in robberies (as compared to the same time period in 2014) largely due to cell phone thefts. Overall thefts as well as property crime is down significantly. In response to Commissioner Fanning's question about the recent stabbing at Vermont and N Street, NW, Burgos shared that the incident was domestic in nature. In response to a community member question about an incident on the 1200 block of O St, NW, Burgos shared there had been a vehicle break-in and a suspect questioned in relation to the crime.

Briefing on PEPCO/Exelon settlement terms

Mark Battle and Chris Taylor

Mark Battle, Pepco Vice President for the D.C. region, and his colleague, Chris Taylor, provided an update on the proposed Pepco/Exelon merger, including details about the recently reached settlement plan with the D.C. Public Service Commission. In August, the Commission ruled against the proposed merger, determining that the parties had not established a tangible benefit to District customers. In response, Pepco and Exelon presented a settlement plan to address three of the Commission's major concerns: rates; reliability; and renewables.

Accordingly, Battle shared the following settlement plan details: 1) customer bills will be lower in both the short and long terms (no merger costs will be passed on to customers electricity rates); 2) there will be a five-year rate freeze; 3) Exelon agreed to exceed the Commission's standards for service reliability (fewer and shorter outages than the Commission permits); 4) Exelon will establish

use and production standards concerning renewable energy that will match DC's sustainability goals (including build-out of 10mW of new solar energy; creation of four micro-grids to help with distributed generation; purchase of additional 100mW of wind power; and contribution of \$17 million into D.C. renewable energy programs). The D.C. Public Service Commission and other District stakeholder agencies have all agreed to the settlement plan and are now supportive of the merger.

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel from Councilmember Jack Evans' office shared four updates: 1) neighbor complaints, ANC 2F action, and the resulting city intervention resulted in discontinuation of illegal parking at a lot near 14th St and Corcoran St, NW; 2) a non-permitted fence at 10th & O Streets, NW has been removed; 3) a draft version of the 14th Street Streetscape Plan was recently released; and 4) the 5th Annual Little Goblins Parade on October 24 was a resounding success.

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, shared four updates: 1) mention of the Mayor's Six Month Progress report; 2) a one-page informational sheet on the Mayor's Safer Stronger Plan to tackle the citywide increase in violence; 3) a one-page informational sheet on the Mayor's Homeward D.C. Plan to eliminate chronic homelessness by 2020; and 4) mention of a "few small victories" in recent months including parking restriction enforcement and rodent abatement.

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 Meeting 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 October 7, 2015 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the October 7, 2015 draft meeting minutes with the modifications to the CDC report proposed by Deeley in an email earlier today; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner Kate Gordon, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Gordon presented each of the business items comprising the October ABRA Policy

Committee Report individually for the Commission's review:

Substantial change request from Class "D" Restaurant to Class "C" for Table (903 N St, NW)

Gordon moved that ANC 2F enter into a new Settlement Agreement (SA) with Table restaurant, based on the standard SA template, and reflecting the Applicant's requested change from a Class "D" to a Class "C" Restaurant license; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Gordon shared that ANC 2F was not party to the current Settlement Agreement.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Settlement Agreement for new Class "C" Tavern at Columbia Room (1224 9th St, NW)

Support of a stipulated license

Gordon presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement compromise reached with the Applicants, which included the following six provisions: 1) Hours of operation until 1:30am Sun-Thu and 2:30am on Fri and Sat; 2) summer garden hours until 11pm Sun-Thu and 1am on Fri and Sat; 3) allow for a staging area for departing guests; 4) no valet parking on the alley; 5) waiving of the dance floor allowable for tavern licenses; 6) no music in the summer garden. Gordon moved that ANC 2F enter into a new Settlement Agreement with Columbia Room (1224 9th St, NW) according to the aforementioned terms in lieu of protest, and to support a stipulated liquor license.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Substantial change request to Hotel Helix's (1430 Rhode Island Ave, NW) Class "C" Hotel license for a summer roof garden

Gordon moved that ANC 2F enter into a modified Settlement Agreement with Hotel Helix, which will allow for operations under a Class "C" hotel including a new summer rooftop garden, according to the following restrictions: 1) hours of summer roof garden operation 8am-10pm Sun-Wed and 8am-midnight Thu-Sat; 2) no patron may be on the roof past closing hour; 3) pool use is limited to hotel guests; 4) no smoking; 5) only non-disposable bar and tableware; 6) no live music; 7) recorded music will not be audible from abutting properties, including abutting properties' outdoor space. Gordon's motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Gordon then shared three other Committee updates:

1. No action will be taken on Barrel House Liquors' (1341 14th St, NW) request for a license transfer application to 1339 14th St, NW since the Applicant agreed to a ninety-day lease extension, obviating the need for a license transfer at this time.
2. The Applicants behind "Naylor Stables, LLC's" new license request at 1322 9th St, NW are at long last in touch with the ANC 2F Commissioners and amenable to discussions about their application.
3. Commissioner Gordon will resign from her position as Chair of the APC as well as from her 2F-01 seat on the Commission as of January 7, 2016, given her upcoming move out of ANC 2F boundaries.

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Deeley moved for and received unanimous adoption (7-0) of the following two business items from the CDC's October meeting Report:

1. A letter in support of DDOT's Notice of Intent for installation of contra-flow bicycle lanes on N St, NW between 15th Street and Vermont Ave, NW, provided that the bicycle lanes are placed adjacent to the curb and flexible bollard posts are installed between the bicycle and parking lanes;
2. A letter in support of the BZA variance requests for 0012R Logan Circle, NW, including relief for

lot occupancy; rear yard setback; alley lot setback; and single record lot requirements for issuance of a building permit.

Deeley then individually presented two Committee business items for the Committee's consideration.

DDOT notice of intent for installation of contra-flow bicycle lanes on M St, NW between 9th St & Blagden Alley, NW

Deeley moved that ANC 2F adopt the CDC's recommendation of support for the installation of contra-flow bicycle lanes, provided that the bicycle lanes are placed adjacent to the curb and flexible bollard posts are installed between the bicycle and parking lanes; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 4-2-1 (motion passed)

Request for 2-3 Zipcar-only street parking spaces on north side of Corcoran St, NW

Deeley moved that ANC 2F adopt the CDC's recommendation of support for the designation of three (3) Zipcar-only parking spaces on the north side of Corcoran St, NW; the motion was seconded but failed to be adopted by the Commission.

Vote: 1-3-3 (motion failed)

After extensive discussion among the Commissioners and community input, Deeley moved that ANC 2F support the designation of two (2) Zipcar-only parking spaces on the north side of Corcoran St, NW; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 3-2-2 (motion passed)

1001 O St, NW construction update

Following an update provided by Commissioner Kevin Sylvester on the permitting and construction status of the residential project at 1001 O St, NW, Commissioner John Fanning moved that ANC 2F adopt a resolution requesting that DCRA not issue any construction permits for the project until after ANC 2F has had the opportunity to consider the final project design, as instructed by the Historic Preservation Review Board; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Education Committee

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

No update; Commissioner Tuma not in attendance.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

Commissioner Bengel noted that the CPSC had not met recently. Bengel shared that homicides in the District are up 100% in the past 30 days as compared to the same period in 2014, and that the much anticipated and hoped for dip in October crime levels did not come to fruition..

Old Business

[none]

New Business

[none]

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Quarterly Report for FY2015 Q4 (Jul-Sep)

Commissioner Berry moved for adoption of the ANC Quarterly Report for FY15 Q4 as prepared and presented by Executive Director Beebe. The FY15 Q4 contained a Balance Forward of \$28,474.57; Total Receipts of \$4,314.32; Total Funds Available of \$32,788.89; Total Disbursements of \$4,847.70 and an Ending Balance of \$27,941.19. Berry's motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Berry presented the following expenditure for approval:

1. Check #1277 in the amount of \$940.39, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for October 2015 salary.

Total expenses: \$940.39

Commissioner Berry moved for approval of total 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 **9:03 p.m.**