

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 2, 2015

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Kate Gordon (2F01)
Pepin Tuma (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT

Karin Berry (2F02)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sgt. David Terestre, PSA 307, MPD
Lt. John Kutniewski, PSA 307, MPD
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' office
Eva Lewis, Executive Office of the Mayor

Meeting **called to order** by ANC 2F Chairman, Commissioner John Fanning, at **7:05 p.m.**

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Gordon announced her plans to resign from the 2F01 seat in February due to her change of residence;
2. Commissioner Fanning shared a summary of the November 21st legal seminar held by the Attorney General's Office;
3. Fanning announced Councilmember Bonds' December 16th public round table on the definition of "great weight" in the regulatory process;
4. Fanning announced the LCCA Logan Circle House tour on December 6th;
5. Fanning announced the D.C. Chamber of Commerce's Help Link seminar for simplifying tax record keeping;
6. Commissioner Deeley shared that the Franklin Park proposal has been finalized. The plans were considered by the National Capital Planning Commissioner earlier today, and the Office of Planning released the final plans, which in Deeley's opinion looked great. Construction is slated to begin late Summer 2016.

Community Forum

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Sgt. David Terestre; Lt. John Kutniewski

Officers Terestre and Kutniewski of PSA 307 shared the monthly crime report. Over the past month total crime is down (as compared to the same time period in 2014), although there has been a slight increase in property crime due to a series of burglaries in the area bounded by 9th Streets and N to S Streets, NW. Terestre encouraged residents to use the "I Watch" button on MPD's website to report suspicious activity.

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel from Councilmember Jack Evans' office shared six updates: 1) Evans has written

letters on ANC 2F's behalf regarding the issue of "great weight" in the city's regulatory processes; 2) the 12th St, NW bicycle lane is being installed as proposed by DDOT despite ANC 2F's recommendation. Evans emailed the DDOT Director about the matter; 3) Evans had a productive meeting with the new Director of the DGS; 4) an inquiry about the Commission's interest in discussing an extension of RPP hours to 10:30 or 11:00pm; 5) a request for residents and the Commission to let Evans know their views on the Paid Family Leave Act; 6) Evans has a meeting with Washington Airports Authority to address the increased airplane noise in the city due to changed routes (especially in and near Georgetown).

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 seven updates: 1) a one page informational sheet on the Pepco/Exelon merger; 2) a leaf collection pamphlet with the schedule for Ward 2 collection; 3) a pamphlet with the D.C. Homeless Shelter Hotline; 4) a one-page informational sheet on the Mayor's Homeward D.C. Plan to eliminate chronic homelessness by 2020; 5) a request for residents to join the D.C. Snow Team and help shovel winter snow for neighbors who cannot do it themselves; 6) mention of the Mayor's Six Month Progress report; 7) announcement of the 5pm Holiday Reception next Tuesday at the Wilson building.

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 with the following modifications: addition of a New Business item to discuss RPP parking hours in the neighborhood, and Deeley's request to discuss the scheduling of the January monthly meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for November 4, 2015 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the November 4, 2015 draft meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0-1

Approval of Minutes for November 12, 2015 Special Meeting re: Franklin School

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the November 12, 2015 draft meeting minutes for the Special Meeting without modification; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0-1

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner Kate Gordon, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Gordon provided a status update on the new Class “C” Tavern license request for “Naylor Stables, LLC” at 1322 9th St, NW. ANC 2F has opposed the license as a procedural action to maintain standing in the related ABRA hearings. ABRA mediation with the Applicant, ANC 2F, and community members was not especially productive. At its November meeting, the APC determined it did not have enough information about the potential impact on the neighborhood to take action. Since then, the Applicant has proposed a Settlement Agreement with ANC 2F, but ANC 2F has requested a copy of the sound engineer’s report before considering the SA. The Protest Hearing is scheduled for next week.

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Deeley moved for and received unanimous adoption (7-0) of the Committee Report, consisting of the following three business items from the CDC’s November meeting:

1. A letter to HPRB in support of the concept and design of the rooftop terrace addition for 920 (Rear) N St, NW;
2. A letter to BZA in support of an area variance request to allow for a second story addition on an existing historic non-conforming structure at 1317 Naylor Ct, NW;
3. Approval of the CDC’s decision to take no action on an uncontroversial DDOT public space application for a bollard exception at 1430 Rhode Island Ave, NW.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous adoption)

BZA special exception request for 1221 Massachusetts Ave, NW

Deeley then separately presented the Committee’s consideration of the BZA special exception request from nonconforming use requirements to allow for a food market at 1221 Massachusetts Ave, NW. Deeley detailed Cambridge resident concerns about the proposed use of the space; the owner/Applicant’s promises to address the issues; and his review of the lease terms agreed to by the owner. Deeley moved that ANC 2F adopt the CDC’s recommendation of support for the special exception subject to representations on the issues of contention that were made by the Applicant at the CDC meeting and represented in the lease terms; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Education Committee

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

Commissioner Pepin Tuma shared the following Committee updates:

1. There will be a meeting one week from tomorrow with DCPS and DGS related to the ongoing Garrison Elementary School revitalization process. ANC 2F and involved community members aim to secure commitments to construction timelines and specifics, especially those pertaining to the “connector” space between the two wings of the school given recent announcement that the revitalization would not address said space;
2. On Saturday January 30th at 10:30am at the National City Christian Church there will be a community neighborhood and Education Committee meeting with Brian Pick, the Chief of Office of the Teaching & Learning Division of DCPS.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

No report this month.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

RPP Parking Hours

Commissioner Gordon

Commissioner Gordon requested that the CDC consider residents' request to extend RPP parking hours in ANC 2F. Commissioner Deeley, Chair of the CDC, agreed to add the agenda item to the December CDC meeting.

Scheduling of January 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting

Commissioner Gordon moved that ANC 2F hold its first meeting of 2016 on January 6, 2016 at the Washington Plaza Hotel, subject to meeting room availability; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

The Commission discussed other meeting dates in 2016 and asked the Executive Director to schedule 2016 meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Gordon, in Commissioner Berry's absence, presented the following expenditure for approval:

1. Check #1278 in the amount of \$940.39, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for November 2015 salary.

Total expenses: \$940.39

Commissioner Gordon 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 **8:18 p.m.**