

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 9, 2016

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Maurice Dorsey (2F01)
Karin Berry (2F02)
Pepin Tuma (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT

Jim Lamare (2F05)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sgt. David Terestre, PSA 307, MPD
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' office
Kaylin Rivera, Ward 2 Liaison
Flynn Burke, ATU 1764
Elana Kessler, ATU 1764
Gottlieb Simon, Director, OANC

Meeting **called to order** by ANC 2F Chairman, Commissioner John Fanning, at **7:01 p.m.**

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Bengel shared he recently attended a briefing for the Nuclear Security Summit, which will take place March 31-April 1 at the Convention Center. Bengel shared the Mt. Vernon Sq. metro station will be closed and there will be major pedestrian and vehicular traffic—as well as parking—disruptions throughout the area. A press release will be issued on March 14.
2. Commissioner Dorsey thanked his constituents for reaching out with issues and concerns, and shared that one issue—alley lighting on the south side of Corcoran St, NW—had already been successfully resolved.
3. Commissioner Tuma shared that former Ed Committee Chair Evelyn Boyd Simmons was elected to be the LCCA president.
4. Commissioner Tuma shared that Eleanor Holmes Norton will attend the May ANC 2F meeting.

Community Forum

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Sgt. David Terestre, Third District

Sergeant Terestre of PSA 307 shared the monthly crime report, which compared crime statistics between February 8 and March 9, 2016 with the same period in 2015. Total violent crime is up by 2 incidents (robbery excluding gun), and there is a significant increase in property crime, especially theft from auto (an increase from 23 incidents in 2015 to 51 in 2016).

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel from Councilmember Jack Evans' office shared three updates: 1) Councilmember Evans is presently in New York working on keeping the District's bond rating high; 2) Next Wednesday at the Wilson Building there will be an Arts and Politics event; and 3) Evans' office has communicated with the former Hotel Helix property about concerns with their 24-hour construction permit. The hotel promised the permit is only for interior construction, that they will no longer retain

the company that had come early in the morning and disturbing neighbors, and that they are committed to using work trucks only during normal business hours to reduce noise.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor

Kaylin Rivera, Ward 2 Liaison

Kaylin Rivera, fellow Ward 2 Liaison of Eva Lewis from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, shared three updates: 1) The State of the District Address will be at 5:30pm on March 22 at Arena Stage; 2) The new provider for the Patricia Handy Place for Women is N Street Village; and 3) the next Community Spring Cleanup will be Saturday at the Francis Stephens School (10am-1pm) followed by a group brunch.

Flynn Burke, Union Member

Presentation from Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1764

Elana Kessler, Union Rep.

Elana Kessler and Flynn Burke from ATU 1764, the employee union that operates the D.C. Circulator bus routes, spoke to the unfair working conditions for union members, and the questionable maintenance of Circulator business by First Transit, the contractor selected by the District to operate the service. Kessler and Burke asked the Commissioners to speak with Councilmember Evans and the Mayor, and support ATU's petition to DDOT and the Mayor's Office for including additional funding in the budget to support D.C. Circulator bus driver salaries and improved bus maintenance.

Community Announcements

1. Dr. Clive Calendar, Chair of Health Ministry from Asbury Methodist Church, promoted the church's April 30th Health Fair.
2. Janice Ferebee, President of the Cambridge Tenants Association, invited community members to the Tenants Association's meeting tomorrow night to meet Tanner Veladi, interior designer at the new La-Z-Boy store on 14th St, NW.
3. Elias Hoffman, Community Liaison for D.C. Public Schools, shared that DCPS had finalized the first cohort of 400 study abroad students for the eighth and eleventh grades; the online release of parent curriculum guides; and the upcoming July 5-29 summer enrichment program for rising middle schoolers.

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 Berry 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 February 3, 2016 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Tuma moved to approve the February 3, 2016 draft meeting minutes with corrections to the section about the MidCity BID update (which was mistakenly a copy of the Report

from the Office of the Executive Mayor); the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner Kevin Sylvester, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Sylvester shared that the Applicant for 14th Street Café Asian Bistro, which is requesting a new Class “D” Restaurant license, was not in attendance at the meeting. Sylvester noted that since the establishment had not been properly placarded, ABRA shared that the placarding period will re-start. Thus, the Committee took no action.

Community Development Committee (CDC)

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Deeley presented and moved to adopt the CDC recommendations included in the Committee Report from the CDC’s February 23, 2016 meeting, including:

- Recommendation to support the HPRB concept/third floor addition to a two-story row house at 1334 Riggs St, NW;
- The Committee’s decision to take no action on the HPRB concept/exterior alterations and addition at 1336 14th St, NW (since the related HPRB hearing was before the present ANC meeting and the Committee was in support of the application)

Deeley’s motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Community concerns about development on 10th St, NW in ANC 2F

Community member Jim McDonnell spoke to his concerns about the nature of new development on 10th St, NW between Rhode Island Ave, NW and Massachusetts Ave, NW, expressing his view that the development has not been in line with the character of the neighborhood. CDC member Helen Kramer suggested the ANC consider hiring an Architectural Historian to support the community in further defining historic guidelines for ANC 2F.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)

Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

Commissioner Charlie Bengel shared that the CPSC had not yet met this year, but he was hopeful there would be a meeting later this month or next with the Shaw ANC. Bengel shared that robbery excluding guns was up 20% from last year, while the rate of robbery with guns was just shy of double. Bengel also shared report of shots fired at 9th & N Streets, NW last Saturday, March 5, at midnight.

Education Committee

Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

Commissioner Pepin Tuma shared that the next meeting to discuss the modernization process Garrison Elementary is on March 16th. DCPS proposes to alter the construction timetables (but not the deadlines), pushing the bulk of major construction to the summer of 2017. Sherri Kimbel also shared that the Chancellor has committed to install new windows for Garrison.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Letter of support request for 2016 Capital Pride Parade route

Commissioner Tuma spoke on behalf of Rob Corbett, who was presenting the same request at ANC 2B. Tuma shared that Corbett's ask was for ANC 2F to support the parade's permit request for its usual route on Jun 11 starting at 4:30pm, including request for 100% coverage from the MPD community events fund. Tuma moved for support of Corbett's request; 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 expenditure for approval:

1. Check #1284 in the amount of \$1,150.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for February 2016 salary;
2. Check #1285 in the amount of \$99.00, payable to Adam Beebe, for reimbursement for a one-year subscription to Smartsheet.com (an online project management service used to keep track of the Commission's, CDC's, and APC's business items);

Total expenses: \$1,249.00

Berry's 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 **8:21 p.m.**