

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 8, 2017

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Jason Forman (2F01)
John Guggenmos (2F02)
Alex Graham (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Ron Rubin (2F05)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT

Kevin Sylvester (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Sgt. David Terestre, PSA 307
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans' office
Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison
Matt Menora, Mallis O'Brien

**denotes Commissioner not present for all votes*

Meeting **called to order** by Commissioner John Fanning at **7:04 p.m.**

Commissioner Announcements

1. Fanning announced ongoing road and sidewalk paving on Rhode Island Ave, NW from Logan Circle to New Jersey Ave, NW from March 13-April 15.
2. Guggenmos promoted his postcard with his contact information, including Facebook page and Twitter handle.

Community Forum

Report from MPD PSA 307

Sgt. David Terestre

Sergeant David Terestre shared the monthly crime report, which compared crime statistics between February 6, 2017 and March 8, 2017 to the same time period one year ago. Total crime, including property crime, is down. Community discussion followed about pervasive package theft in the neighborhood.

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans' office

Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel shared six updates: 1) Evans meets with DPW Director re: parking enforcement next week; 2) Evans plans to exempt Ward 2 from Business Parking legislation, should it pass; 3) the Council's sign legislation is "dead"; 4) Council hearing on McDuffy's proposed AirBnB legislation will be in April; 5) property tax bills have been sent; 6) Council's family leave legislation is still under consideration.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor

Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison

Jerry Chapin provided three updates: 1) summer.dc.gov lists summer employment opportunities for youth; 2) March 30 is the Mayor's State of the District Address at UDC; 3) rodent abatement poison is not used in alleys and other pet-accessible areas (only in rodent burrows and dens).

Community Announcements

[none]

BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner 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 Fanning 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 1, 2017 regular monthly public meeting

Commissioner Fanning moved to approve the February 1, 2017 draft meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0-1

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

John Fanning

Commodore at 1100 P St, NW (2F04)

Graham first moved for adoption of the Settlement Agreement negotiated between Commodore (at 1100 P St, NW) and the "Group of Five" neighbors; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Le Pain Quotidien at 1401 K St, NW

Graham next yielded the floor to Matt Menora of Mallis O'Brien, legal counsel for Le Pain Quotidien at 1401 K St, NW, who requested the Commission's support for a new Class "C" Restaurant license and summarized the application. Graham moved that the Commission send a letter to ABRA supporting the application; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Ongoing SA discussions

Lastly, Graham provided updates on Settlement Agreement discussions for Chicken and Whiskey at 1738 14th St, NW, Piassa Ethiopian Cuisine & Café at 1339 9th St, NW #2, and Tiger Fork at 922 N St, NW Rear.

Community Development Committee

Kevin Deeley, Chair

February 22 committee meeting report

Graham first moved for adoption of all business items approved unanimously by the Committee at its February 22 meeting, including:

- Support for BZA special exceptions/penthouse requirements at 1411 K St, NW (2F05);
- Support for BZA variances for new construction at 1341 14th St, NW (2F03);

- Support for HPRB concept/two-story rear addition at 1454 ½ Q St, NW (2F02);
- Support for DDOT public space application for sidewalk cafe at 1010 Vermont Ave, NW/Chipotle (2F05);
- Support for BZA special exception/penthouse requirement at 930 P St, NW (2F06);
- Opposition to HPRB concept/new roof deck at 1336 9th St, NW (2F06).

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Deeley then individually presented business items from the February 22 CDC meeting that did not receive unanimous approval.

1309 & 1311 R St, NW

Deeley moved that the Commissioner send a letter to HPRB recommending approval of the concept and façade design as presented on the “right hand side of the first page of the presentation packet”—setting aside potential concerns about zoning issues, which may have to come back before the ANC; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-1

1519 12th St, NW

Deeley moved that the Commissioner send a letter to BZA in support of the requested special exception for lot coverage; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

1239 9th St, NW (Smoked & Stacked)

Deeley recommended the Commission take no action on the pending DDOT public space application for a sidewalk café.

No action taken

Education Committee

Jason Forman and Pepin Tuma, Co-Chairs

Forman spoke to parent concerns about the renovation of Garrison Elementary, which were the impetus of the resolution he will propose during New Business. The next SIP meeting is March 23.

Old Business

[None]

New Business

Resolution to request funding for express bus service on 14th St, NW

Graham

Graham introduced and moved to adopt a resolution to allocate \$1.2 million in funding for Bus 59, a new overlay metro bus line needed to supplement the Bus 50 service and reduce over-capacity congestion on the busy 14th Street, NW corridor (see full resolution as appendix); the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Resolution to oppose the Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017

Fanning

Fanning introduced and moved to adopt a resolution to oppose the proposed Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017 currently before the Council’s consideration, noting that the issued RPP

parking stickers for businesses with fewer than ten employees would add undue strain to the already difficult parking situation in ANC 2F (see full resolution as appendix); the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Resolution to request increased funding for Garrison Elementary re-modernization Forman

Forman introduced and moved to adopt a resolution to request additional funding for the Garrison Elementary re-modernization project that would allow for installation of windows in the school's frequently-used multipurpose room (see full resolution as appendix); the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Expenses

Commissioner Graham moved for approval of the following expenditures:

1. Check #1316 in the amount of \$770.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for February 2017 salary;
2. Check #1317 in the amount of \$99.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for the annual Smartsheet.com subscription (business services);
3. Check #1318 in the amount of \$27.67, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for Commissioner Fanning's business cards (business services);

Total expenses: \$896.67

Graham's motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Fanning moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at **8:19p.m.**

**A RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL EXPRESS BUS SERVICE ON 14TH
STREET, NW**

WHEREAS, The 14th Street, NW corridor has seen a significant amount of construction over the past ten years bringing new large apartment complexes, large and small condominium and cooperative buildings, government facilities and businesses, and

WHEREAS, It is the expressed goal of the Government of the District of Columbia to encourage and provide alternative means of transportation for the city's residents, visitors and suburban neighbors to include bicycle lanes, shared bicycle services and public transport, and

WHEREAS, The city's main public transportation system, Washington Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (WMATA) has met the growing population density and ridership demands on major north-south routes by adding express bus service along Georgia Avenue, NW & 16th Street, NW in 2007 and 2009, respectively, and

WHEREAS, WMATA and The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) conducted a comprehensive study in 2012 to examine the feasibility of implementing express bus service along 14th Street, NW Line, and

WHEREAS, The 14th Street, NW line was selected for study because about 15,000 passengers use the line on an average weekday, which is one of the highest levels of ridership in the Metrobus system, and

WHEREAS, The 14th Street Line has been identified as having reliability issues and related overcrowding problems over the conducted course of the study and subsequent years, and,

WHEREAS, WMATA will need funding from the District of Columbia government to implement express bus service along the 14th Street, NW Line, and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the District of Columbia contributed substantial financial assistance to WMATA for the initial operating cost for each of the aforementioned north-south express bus services along Georgia Avenue, NW and 16th Street, NW in the amount of \$1.2 million annually,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F requests that the Government of the District of Columbia fund the initial operating cost of an express bus service for the 14th Street, NW Limited Stop Bus Line at an equal contribution (in current year's dollars), as it funded the Georgia Avenue, NW & 16th Street, NW Lines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WMATA implement such express bus service on the 14th Street, NW corridor at the earliest possible date after said funding has been approved by the Government of the District of Columbia.

This resolution was unanimously (7-0) adopted on March 8, 2017 by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F at a duly called and properly noticed public meeting with a quorum (at least five Commissioners) present and acting throughout.

**A RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
OPPOSING THE SMALL BUSINESS PARKING PERMIT ACT OF 2017 (B22-0125)**

WHEREAS, Councilmembers R. White, Todd, and Nadeau introduced B22-0125 - the “Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017” on February 21, 2017;

WHEREAS, Bill 22-0125 proposes to extend participation in the District’s Residential Parking Permit program to small businesses with 10 employees or less that about a street currently designated for residential permit parking;

WHEREAS, ANC 2F residents that reside on the 1300 and 1400 blocks from M Street to S Streets, NW would be directly impacted.

WHEREAS, Every employee of a qualifying business would be eligible to participate in the program and receive a parking pass;

WHEREAS, Small Business Parking Passes would be issued at the same fee as residential parking passes, a fee that is currently set at \$35;

WHEREAS, The Bill as introduced incentivizes Small Business Parking Program participants to drive to work rather than use public transportation due to the low cost of the permits, which is contrary to the District’s goals to reduce reliance on automobiles;

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F recognizes the need to find balanced ways to support both small businesses and District residents, especially with long-term use and access to a declining resource such as parking on public streets; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation fails to address:

- 1) the already high demand for parking on public residential streets that currently exists in Ward 2;
- 2) how small business parking permits would be managed within the context of Ward 2’s enhanced RPP program; and,
- 3) if small businesses would be permitted to participate in the RPP program if they are located in new buildings where residents have been denied participating in the RPP program through restrictive covenants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F opposes B22-0125, the Small Business Parking Permit Act of 2017. The Commission appreciates the effort to support small and local business in the District of Columbia but finds the bill as introduced to be poorly thought out, lacking an equitable balance for both businesses and residents, and one that promotes a greater overall reliance on automobiles.

This resolution was unanimously (7-0) adopted on March 8, 2017 by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F at a duly called and properly noticed public meeting with a quorum (at least five Commissioners) present and acting throughout.

A RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
[INSERT GARRISON RESOLUTION HERE]