

ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
MAY 3, 2017

7:00 P.M.

NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5 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

Karina Holmes, DC Office of United Coms.
Richard Livingston, Ward 2 Liaison

**denotes Commissioner not present for all votes*

Meeting **called to order** by Commissioner John Fanning at **7:25 p.m.**

Commissioner Announcements

1. Bengel: red top parking meter enforcement began today
2. Guggenmos: appreciation for Fanning's assistance connecting Guggenmos and his constituents with contacts at various city agency office to resolve SMD issues
3. Graham: given significant neighborhood interest in the upcoming ABRA application for Dacha beer garden and issues in general with open air establishments that serve alcohol, ANC 2F is considering a resolution to request that ABRA create a new license class for beer gardens

Community Forum

Remarks from Karina Holmes, Director of DC Office of United Communications

Karina Holmes spoke to her career experience and the efforts she's made to improve 311 and 911 services since her tenure began in January 2016. Holmes detailed several of these efforts, including social media outreach, creation of an online portal, creation of an Office of Professional Standards and Training for staff development, and the start of the Nurse Triage program. Holmes answered community member and Commissioner questions about 311 and 911 services.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor

Richard Livingston, Ward 2 Liaison

Livingston was present but had no announcements to share.

Community Announcements

1. Cameron Windham of the DC Office of the Attorney General distributed materials for the community about the office's services, including a midterm report, a consumer protection guidebook, a human trafficking pamphlet, and a resource guide.

- Joyce Cowan, resident of ANC 2F-01, spoke to her and her neighbor's concern about the Dacha beer garden proposal at 14th & S Streets, NW and proactively requested the ANC's support and leadership in its consideration of the application.

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 April 5, 2017 regular monthly public meeting

Fanning moved to approve the April 5, 2017 draft meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0-1

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

Commissioner Graham, Chair

Ongoing Settlement Agreement discussions

Commissioner Graham provided an update on conversations with the owner of Maxwell Park (formerly Piassa Ethiopian) at 1336 9th Street, NW #2 about the establishment's SA.

April 19 committee meeting report:

Hando-Medo at 1315 14th St, NW (2F03)

Commissioner Graham moved that the ANC support the new Class "D" restaurant license for Hando-Medo with the usual stipulations and pending successful negotiation of a Settlement Agreement, and noting that the applicant will come back before the APC at a later time to request support for alcohol service in public space (sidewalk café); the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

CherCher Ethiopian at 1334 9th St, NW (2F06)

Graham moved that the ANC amend CherCher Ethiopian's existing Settlement Agreement to allow for a summer garden in the rear of the property; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Clarification about ABRA license regulations in the Convention Center

Graham moved that the ANC send a letter to ABRA requesting clarification about licensing for establishments in the Convention Center. Commissioner Deeley offered a friendly amendment that the letter include a specific request for clarification about sidewalk café alcohol service. The amended motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

April 26 committee meeting report

Commissioner Deeley first moved for adoption of all CDC recommendations that received the unanimous support of the Committee members, including:

- *Planet Word at the Franklin School (2F08)*
That the ANC send a letter to DMPED requesting renderings and additional information about the long term financial and operational costs of the Planet Word museum at the Franklin School before the CDC could fully consider the applicant's request for the surplus and disposition of the Franklin School for this purpose.
- *1207 10th Street, NW (2F06)*
That the ANC send a letter of support to HPRB approving the consolidation and the concept with specific design recommendations: 1) brick façade; 2) consideration of mansard materials; 3) lintel side increase; and 4) a Victorian design approach to the front windows and doors.
- *1409 14th St, NW / Da Hong Pao (2F02)*
That the ANC send a letter of support to the DDOT Public Space Committee for the requested unenclosed sidewalk café with the stipulation that the applicant use a removable fence around the perimeter of the space.
- *1527 12th St, NW (2F04)*
That the ANC send a letter to HPRB, the DDOT Public Space Committee, and the Office of Zoning
- *1001 O St, NW (2F04)*
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Deeley's motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

1250 9th St, NW / Espita Mezcaleria (2F06)

Deeley summarized the Committee's divided opinion on the applicant's request to add additional furniture to their outdoor café and partially enclose the area. Deeley then moved that the ANC send a letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee supporting the applicant's request; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

1329-1335 11th St, NW (2F04)

Deeley summarized the Committee's divided opinion on the applicant's request to add additional furniture to their outdoor café and partially enclose the area. Deeley then moved that the ANC send a letter to HPRB with conditional support for the concept, subject to the following conditions: 1) that the walls at the sidewalk level (in front of the stairs to the entrances) be as low and unobtrusive as possible, and certainly no higher than the sills of the windows of the buildings' basement level; 2) that the new/fourth bay window along the front of the building replicate the existing three bay windows in appearance; 3) that the visible portions of the back of the building be constructed of brick; and 4) that the existing wrought iron stairwell be retained. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Education Committee

Commissioner Forman and Pepin Tuma, Co-Chairs

Forman summarized the Education Forum with LCCA and announced the next Garrison Elementary School meeting will be May 18 at 7pm.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Resolution to remove bench in front of Shake Shack at 1400 14th St, NW (2F02) Guggenmos

Commissioner Guggenmos summarized the complaints and feedback he had received from community members about the bench installed on public space in front of Shake Shack at 1400 14th Street, NW, including use of the bench by individuals who panhandle, harass pedestrians, and sleep on the bench. Guggenmos moved that the ANC adopt a resolution to request removal of the bench by DDOT; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Appointment of Scott Frost to SMD 2F03 seat on ABRA Policy Committee Graham

Graham moved that the ANC appoint community member Scott Frost to the SMD 2F03 seat on the ABRA Policy Committee given the vacancy created by Adeeti Amin's departure from the Committee; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of FY17 Q2 Report Commissioner Graham

Commissioner Graham moved for approval of the FY17 Q2 report as presented; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Expenses Commissioner Graham

Commissioner Graham moved for approval of the following expenditures:

1. Check #1323 in the amount of \$770.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for April 2017 salary;
2. Check #1324 in the amount of \$99.00 payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for the ANC's annual Dropbox subscription.

Total expenses: \$869.00

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 **8:42p.m.**

**A RESOLUTION
OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
To Request Removal of Bench in Front of 1400 14th Street, NW
May 3, 2017**

WHEREAS Shake Shack recently opened at 1400 14th Street, NW;

WHEREAS Shake Shack's operations include an unenclosed sidewalk café on public space;

WHEREAS ANC 2F's Community Development Committee (CDC) reviewed Shake Shack's DDOT public space application for an unenclosed sidewalk café on November 30, 2016;

WHEREAS at the time of its review of the aforementioned application, the CDC voted to recommend that the full Commission oppose the public space application on the grounds that the proposed sidewalk cafe did not leave sufficient room on the 14th Street, NW sidewalk for pedestrian access; that the architectural drawings submitted by the Applicant appeared to be dimensionally inaccurate; and that the Applicant failed to present drawings showing the visual representation/renderings of the proposed enclosed structure with glazing and roof;

WHEREAS ANC 2F ultimately took no action on Shake Shack's DDOT public space application for an unenclosed sidewalk café due to a lack of clarity about whether or not the application had already been approved by DDOT at the time of ANC 2F's consideration of the application at the December 7, 2016 regular monthly meeting, and due to the fact that at the December 7 meeting a representative of the Applicant presented updated annotated drawings that sufficiently addressed the concerns expressed by the Community Development Committee;

WHEREAS during ANC 2F's consideration of Shake Shack's DDOT public space application at the December 7 meeting, the installation of a bench on the public space in question was not a clear part of the annotated drawings presented by the representative of the Applicant;

WHEREAS since commencement of Shake Shack's operations, a park bench has been installed on public space on the 14th Street, NW side of the business facing the building entry;

WHEREAS the aforementioned park bench has become a place frequented by panhandlers who regularly solicit money from, and at times, harass pedestrians and patrons;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F request removal of the park bench from the public space on 14th Street, NW that faces Shake Shack.

This resolution was unanimously (7-0) adopted on May 3, 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.