

# ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

**MINUTES** WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 22, 2014

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL  
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

## Attendance

### PRESENT

Commissioner Walt Cain (2F02)  
Louis Cipro  
Joyce Cowan  
Dave Feinstein  
Leah Freling Huysen  
Joel Heisey  
Helen Kramer  
Jim Loucks  
Commissioner Greg Melcher (2F06)  
Ron Rubin

### ABSENT

Howard Marks

### GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Tim Christensen, LCCA  
Ted Featherstone, JBG

Committee meeting **called to order** by Commissioner Cain at **7:08 p.m.**

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Cain moved to adopt the draft agenda with one modification proposed by Joyce Cowan: the addition of discussion about the ANC 2F review process of 1017 12th St, NW, to the New Business section. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

**Vote: 10-0 (unanimous)**

### Approval of December 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Helen Kramer moved to approve the meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

**Vote: 10-0 (unanimous)**

## Old Business

### Visitor Parking Program discussion

Commissioner Cain provided background on the CDC's prior discussions of a Visitor Parking Program (VPP) for ANC 2F and summarized the aspects of the VPP endorsed by the full ANC at its January 8, 2014 regular monthly meeting (see meeting minutes). Cain explained that Councilmember Jack Evans' office was in receipt of a letter from the Commission expressing its desire for a VPP for ANC 2F, and that it would take action shortly.

## New Business

### Establishment of a Mid City/Logan Circle BID

*Informal presentation*

Tim Christensen, LCCA  
Ted Featherstone, JBG

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Tim Christensen, President of the Logan Circle Community Association (LCCA), and Ted Featherstone of JBG gave back to back presentations about a current initiative to establish a business improvement district (BID) for the commercial areas within a yet-to-be-determined area. Presently, the area roughly includes the 14th St, NW corridor from Thomas Circle to W St, NW, the U St, NW corridor from 17th to 9th Streets, NW, and portions of Shaw both north and south of Florida Ave, NW on the 7th and 9th Street, NW corridors. Christensen shared that there had been numerous community meetings in the past discussing the possibility and that there was ample support and enthusiasm for the BID. Featherstone detailed the benefits of a BID, including enhanced public services, trash pickup, street cleaning, special events, and more. Featherstone explained that JBG had provided \$150,000 toward the start up of the BID, a significant portion of which would go toward the salary of a yet to be hired BID Director.

An exploratory committee is currently being assembled to advance the BID formation. The main point of contact for inquiries related to the BID is MidCityBID@gmail.com

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### **Community parking options for 1325 S St, NW**

Tim Christensen, LCCA

#### *Brainstorming discussion*

Tim Christensen kicked off discussion about converting the District-owned lot at 1325 S St, NW into community parking. Christensen explained that the site is property of the Department of Parks and Recreation and that no party has made formal plans or taken specific action regarding the possibility of future community parking at the site.

The Committee, led by Commissioner Cain, discussed the need to ameliorate parking challenges in the area, especially given the influx of patrons to area businesses and restaurants. The Committee then entertained preliminary ideas proposed by the Mid City Community Parking Task Force, which consisted of pro bono drawings of a parking garage. Cain reiterated that the idea for any parking options at the site in question was purely in the brainstorming phase, and that no plans or suggestions had been presented to the District government.

Cain moved that the Committee recommend that the full ANC urge the City Council to explore public parking options for the lot at 1325 S St, NW; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

**Vote: 10-0 (unanimous)**

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### **Discussion of the ANC 2F review process for 1017 12th St, NW**

Several Committee members expressed their frustration with the fact that consideration of the request for legislation support related to the project at 1017 12th St, NW did not come before the CDC ahead of consideration by the full Commission at the January 8, 2014 regular monthly meeting. The Committee as a whole expressed its disapproval of the precedent set by the breach of ANC procedure. Commissioner Cain addressed the Committee members' disquietudes and promised to take action to more clearly communicate the proper process for development project consideration by the ANC to the Commissioners.

The Committee ended the discussion with a conversation about the parameters under which it should reasonably lobby for the preservation of historic structures.

Commissioner Cain moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Committee. Meeting adjourned at **8:33 p.m.**