

ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES WEDNESDAY
APRIL 30, 2014

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Louis Cipro
Howard Marks

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Brook Katzen, SB-Urban
Devon Perkins, Hickok Cole
Andy Schiefer, Architects Group Practice
Joel DeLeon, Architects Group Practice
Degol Damasu, Valet Crystal Parking
Tim Fretz, N Street Village
David Morris, Trout Design

Committee meeting **called to order** by Commissioner Walt Cain at **7:04 p.m.**

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Cain moved to adopt the draft agenda without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous); Melcher, Cowan, and Rubin not present

Approval of March 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous); Melcher, Cowan, and Rubin not present

Old Business

917 M St, NW & 1212 9th St, NW (Blagden Alley project) Brook Katzen, SB-Urban
Devon Perkins, Hickok Cole

Request for HPRB massing, concept, and design approval

Katzen of SB-Urban and Perkins of Hickok Cole Architects returned to the CDC to present an updated design for the project. The plans, as presented, incorporated the Committee's feedback from the March CDC meeting, as well as extensive community input. The Committee stated its preference for the industrial looking pedestrian bridge, and noted its general dislike for the similarity of the 9th Street and M Street building façades. Commissioner Cain moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC approve the HPRB project concept and massing for the M Street-facing portion of the project, and endorse the iron-framed pedestrian bridge. Cain added that final approval was contingent upon the applicant returning to the CDC with a new design for the 9th St façade. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

New Business

1738 14th St, NW restoration and redevelopment

Andy Schiefer & Joel DeLeon, AGP

Request for HPRB massing and concept approval

Schiefer and DeLeon of Architects Group Practice (AGP), who represented the owner of the property in question, presented initial plans for the redevelopment of an existing historic commercial building. The landowner intends to restore the building for residential with commercial use on the ground level. The team requested CDC support of the massing and concept for HPRB consideration. Commissioner Cain moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC support the concept and massing for HPRB review of the project as consistent with Historic Preservation code and guidelines; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Valet service request for 1406 Corcoran St, NW

Degol Damasu, Valet Crystal Parking

Valet Crystal Parking's DDOT Public Space application for Pearl Dive restaurant valet parking

Damasu, of Valet Crystal Parking, presented the DDOT public space request for a valet staging area servicing Pearl Dive restaurant. Damasu explained that the request for a valet staging area on Corcoran St, NW came about after DDOT rejected an initial request for valet staging on 14th St, NW adjacent to Pearl Dive. Several committee members expressed concern about allowing a valet staging area on the narrow, one-way, residential street. Damasu noted the Committee's concern, and reiterated that DDOT had already determined that Corcoran St was the most viable valet staging area for the applicant. Commissioner Cain moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC support approval of the DDOT Public Space application for Pearl Dive's valet staging area at 1406 Corcoran St, NW; the motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

Vote: 7-2

DHCD-funded renovation of 1333 N St, NW (N Street Village)

Tim Fretz, N Street Village

Fretz, Operations Manager for N Street Village, asked the Committee for a letter of support for an interior facilities renovation funded by the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Fretz explained that the letter of support was a procedural element required by DHCD before the disbursement of taxpayer funds. Commissioner Cain moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC author a letter in support of the DHCD-funded renovation of N Street Village; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous); Melcher not present

1308-1310 Q St, NW

David Morris, Trout Design

Request for HPRB massing and concept approval

Morris presented a preliminary design for the project, which consisted of a new proposed residential structure in the vacant lot at 1308 Q St, NW, adjacent to a planned interior renovation of the existing residential structure at 1310 Q St, NW. The by-right design project would preserve the exterior details of the existing structure at 1310 Q St. Morris solicited the Committee's feedback on two proposed designs for the new structure. The Committee expressed its preference for the design featuring a turret, which the Committee felt better activated the street corner. Commissioner Cain moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC support the HPRB concept and massing for the project. Cain's motion included a provision requiring the applicant to attend the upcoming ANC meeting to provide an update on the dialogue with surrounding neighbors. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous); Melcher not present

Open Forum

[none]

Helen Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Committee. Meeting adjourned at **8:58 p.m.**