

ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 28, 2015

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Louis Cipro
Joyce Cowan*
Commissioner Deeley (2F08)
Dave Feinstein
Joel Heisey
Helen Kramer
Jim Loucks
Commissioner Sylvester (2F07)
Ron Rubin*

ABSENT

Leah Frelinghuysen
Commissioner Lamare (2F05)
John Long
Jim Luecht
Greg Melcher

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Juliana Geller, Zipcar
Christine Roddy, Goulston & Storrs
Kathy Ma, Trout Design Studio

**indicates members not present for all votes*

Committee meeting **called to order** by CDC Chair Commissioner Kevin Deeley at **7:01 p.m.**

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous; Cowan, Rubin not present)

Approval of September 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Deeley moved to adopt the September 24, 2015 meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

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

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Bicycle lane on N St, NW b/t 15th St and Vermont Ave, NW

DDOT notice of intent for installation of contra-flow bicycle lane

Commissioner Deeley reminded the Committee of the informational presentation given by a DDOT representative at the September CDC meeting, and solicited the Committee's thoughts on the matter. Commissioner Sylvester expressed concern that the proposed contra-flow nature of the bicycle lanes would place bicyclists at risk. Helen Kramer voiced a desire to ensure the Committee's motion was conditional on no parking spaces being lost and included a request for bollard installation.

Commissioner Sylvester moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC support the installation of the bicycle lane conditioned on it being reconfigured to place the contra-flow lane adjacent to the curb, with installation of flexible bollard posts between the contra-flow lane and parking lane; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Prior to Sylvester's motion, Deeley withdrew a motion for support, and a motion made to substitute a motion made by Ron Rubin that the ANC support the installation of the bike lane without condition failed.

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

Bicycle lane on M St, NW b/t 9th St and Blagden Alley

DDOT notice of intent for installation of contra-flow bicycle lane

Commissioner Deeley reminded the Committee of the informational presentation given by a DDOT representative at the September CDC meeting, and solicited the Committee's thoughts on the matter. Sylvester expressed similar concerns as with the previous matter (the bicycle lane on N St, NW). A community member mentioned the potential danger of a bicycle lane given the new residential construction slated for the north side of the block.

Commissioner Sylvester moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC support the installation of the bicycle lane conditioned on it being relocated to the northside curb, with installation of flexible bollard posts between the contra-flow lane and parking lane; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Zipcar parking on Corcoran St, NW at 14th St, NW

Juliana Geller, Zipcar

Request for 2-3 Zipcar-only street parking spaces on north side of Corcoran St, NW

Juliana Geller presented Zipcar's request that the Committee support the turning of two to three on-street parking spaces slated to be added to the north side of Corcoran St, NW into Zipcar-only spaces, in order to accommodate the high level of car sharing demand and usership in the immediate neighborhood. Geller explained that the on-street parking spaces in question were previously curb cuts/access points to a parking lot, and that a total of six or seven on-street spaces would become available as a result of removing the curb cuts. Geller shared that Zipcar was asking for two or three of these six or seven spaces to be Zipcar-only spaces.

The Committee asked questions about the availability of other parking lots and spaces in the neighborhood; whether or not the Corcoran building being constructed had a loading area; and how many cars and drivers the average Zipcar removes from the streets. The Committee considered a letter of support submitted by a community member, and heard the comments of a community member attendee in support of Zipcar's request.

Joel Heisey moved that the CDC recommend the full ANC support Zipcar's request for three Zipcar-only parking spaces on the north side of Corcoran Street at 14th Street, NW; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

0012R Logan Circle, NW (2F02)

Christine Roddy, Goulston & Storrs
Kathy Ma, Trout Design Studio

BZA variance relief for lot occupancy, rear yard setback, alley lot setback, and single record lot requirements for issuance of a building permit

Christine Roddy, legal counsel for the Applicant, presented the Applicant's request for four zoning variances: 1) rear yard setback; 2) alley lot setback; 3) lot occupancy; and 4) single record lot requirements for issuance of a building permit. Roddy explained that under the current zoning regulations, the space in question is not being proposed for residential use (the current proposal is for storage space); however, under the proposed zoning regulations that will likely be adopted in the coming months, residential use will be permitted for the storage space. Kathy Ma, Architect for the project, detailed numerous design changes since the proposal was previously presented to the CDC.

The Committee expressed its appreciation for improvements made to the project's design since the last CDC meeting and thanked the Applicant for being forthcoming about their intentions for the space under both current and proposed zoning regulations. The Committee asked questions about parking and the timing of the new zoning regulations.

Joyce Cowan moved that the CDC recommend the full ANC support the aforementioned four variance requests as presented by the Applicant; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0-1

Open Forum

- **Report on meeting with Councilmember Jack Evans regarding HPO:** Commissioner Deeley provided a summary of his meeting with Commissioner Kevin Sylvester, Committee member Jim Loucks, Commissioner John Fanning, and Councilmembers Jack Evans and Phil Mendelson regarding ANC 2F's concerns with recent instances in which ANC 2F was not afforded the opportunity to consider applications that came before the Historic Preservation Office (HPO). Deeley explained that the meeting attendees will be drafting a joint letter to the Director of HPO to communicate the issues in question and urge improved consideration of ANC 2F's role in HPRB matters related to the neighborhood.

Joel Heisey moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Committee. Meeting adjourned at **8:05 p.m.**