

ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 27, 2016

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Joyce Cowan
Commissioner Deeley (2F08)
Dave Feinstein
Joel Heisey
Helen Kramer
John Long
Jim Loucks
Ron Rubin

ABSENT

Louis Cipro
Commissioner Lamare (2F05)
Greg Melcher
Commissioner Sylvester (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Richard Kenney, DDOT
Andy Altman, Five Square Dvpt.
Matt Harris, Five Square Dvpt.

**denotes Committee member(s) not present for all votes*

Committee meeting **called to order** by CDC Chair Commissioner Kevin Deeley at **7:05 p.m.**

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Deeley moved to adopt the draft agenda with removal of the Old Business item regarding 1534 14th St, NW, which has been deferred to the May 2016 CDC meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Approval of March 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Helen Kramer moved to adopt the March 22, 2016 meeting minutes, provided that the Executive Director add in the missing names of all presenters; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Community Announcements

1. Commissioner Pepin Tuma, who was in attendance at the meeting, shared that Congresswoman Elenaor Holmes Norton would be in attendance at next Wednesday's full ANC 2F Commission meeting.
2. Commissioner Deeley shared that Leah Frelinghuysen's term on the CDC had ended, and that the Commission would be nominating a replacement at next Wednesday's full ANC 2F Commission meeting. Deeley thanked Frelinghuysen for her service on the Committee.

Old Business

[none; no updates]

New Business

14th St, NW b/t Thomas Circle and Florida Ave, NW

Richard Kenney, DDOT Program Mgr.

Proposed DDOT streetscape project

Richard Kenney, DDOT Program Manager for Wards 1 & 2, presented DDOT's proposed streetscape project for the 14th Street corridor between Thomas Circle, NW and Florida Ave, NW. Kenney shared the objectives of the project were to increase pedestrian and commuter safety through the installation of new streetlights, traffic signals, parking meters, trees, and guide railings. Kenney and colleague Kadidjatou Ayeva then walked through a slide presentation of the various project elements.

The Committee members provided feedback on various aspects of the streetscape plan, including design of the bulb-outs, bicyclist traffic considerations, the directional positioning of lights, bus platforms, use of brick on the sidewalks, bicycle parking racks, and coordination with the FIOS installation project. The Committee reiterated its overall support and appreciation for the project.

moved that the CDC recommend that the full Commission send a letter to DDOT in support of the proposed streetscape improvements with the following recommendations:

- The design of the bulb-outs should be refined;
- There should be dedicated bike lanes adjacent to the curb throughout each block (not just where there are bus stations); and
- There should be shield of other fixtures assisting with light pollution on the streetlights.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

1701 & 1711 14th St, NW (2F01)

Andy Altman & Matt Harris, Five Square Development

HPRB concept, massing, and design for redevelopment of former Whitman-Walker clinic

Andy Altman of Five Square Development presented the full-block redevelopment plan for the Committee's consideration. Altman's team from Five Square Development has entered into a joint agreement with the Whitman-Walker clinic and Selldorf Architects. Altman shared that the project will include space for WWH and the community, as well as retail and residential in the mixed-use development. Altman detailed the design components of the project, and spoke to the "thoughtful and beautiful architecture" that would contribute to the urban fabric, legacy of the Whitman-Walker, and community benefit for years to come.

The Committee inquired about the Applicant's outreach to surrounding neighbors as well as the Applicant's collaboration with HPO to date. The Committee then provided feedback on the massing of the project; the indistinct design delineation between the various massing pieces of the development; and the color of building materials.

John Long moved that the CDC recommend that the full Commission send a letter to HPRB in support of the historic concept, massing, and design of the proposed project, with the following reservations and recommendations:

- The proposal is too monolithic and should be changed to make the new construction less uniform and massive. The project should reflect greater variance in design among the three new masses;
- The materials should be approved, but further attention should be given to the color of the terra cotta tiles to make them more subdued; and

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- The design of the lower windows of 1711/the Belmont garage building should be reconsidered; modeling the windows on the building's earliest design would be preferable.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Committee. Meeting adjourned at **9:42 p.m.**