

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Minutes of Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2013 – 7:00 PM
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Present: Peter Lallas (2F01), Walt Cain (2F02), John Fanning (2F04), Jim Lamare (2F05), Greg Melcher (2F06), Matt Raymond (2F07), Matt Connolly (2F08)

Absent: Chris Linn (2F03)

Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He noted that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been duly noticed, and he directed that a copy of the notice of the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Commissioner Announcements

Chair Raymond announced that the City in Conjunction with the Capital Planning Committee will be hosting meetings on Monday, May 13th at 6:30pm at the Petworth Library and -on Saturday, May 18th at MLK Library at 9th and G Street to discuss the building height restrictions in the District.

Commissioner Connolly announced that the ANC2F Education Committee will meet on Saturday, May 11th at 9:30am at Luther Place. Deputy Mayor Abigail Smith will be there to share her vision and goals for education in the District. The meeting will include members of the LCCA, Dupont Circle Community Association, as well as ANC2B.

Report from the Office of Jack Evans, City Council Member, Ward 2:

Sheri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services, gave an update on pending legislation before the DCCity Council. According to Ms. Kimbel, “Matter of Right,” a Large Track review process to allow ANC’s to weigh-in on buildings of 150, 000 square feet or more has been proposed by Councilmember Cheh. Councilmember Evans does not support the legislation in its current form.

PSA 307 Report – Sergeant David Terestre

Sergeant David Terestre reviewed crime statistics for the prior month in Police Service Area (PSA) 307, covering a large portion of the ANC 2F area. Sgt. Terestre explained that they often see an increase in crime during the warmer months and noted that MPD had plans in place to deal with the anticipated rise in crime with the rise in temperature. He noted that total violent crime and property crimes are up slightly, however, MPD has also made a significant number of arrests.

Commissioner Lallas inquired as to the response time for officers to respond and expressed concern over incidents that happened recently involving property crime. Captain Henry of the Third District (responsible for PSA307 and PSA308) joined **Sgt Terestre** and responded to Commissioner **Lallas**. **Cpt Henry** promised to get back with Commissioner **Lallas** regarding

his experience with MPD and theft and noted that MPD is working hard on addressing theft from autos which has been a significant concern in the area.

Lallas then asked **Cpt Henry** and **Sgt Terestre** about parking enforcement on Sundays as he has had a significant number of complaints from constituents. **Sheri Kimbel**, Director of Constituent Services for the Office of Jack Evans, noted that their office had experienced similar discontent from residents and also noted it was an issue in areas across the ANC. **Cain** and **Lallas** identified P to S Street and 9th to 14th Street, NW as a possible area to focus in on when prompted by Cpt Henry for specifics for MPD to potentially address as a test area.

If you need immediate assistance, call 911, for questions or ideas send an e-mail to davidm.terestre@dc.gov.

Presentation on Plans for Franklin School

Nimita Shaw, Deputy Office of Mayor, Franklin School Building at 13th and K Street, gave a presentation on the plans for Franklin School. She reported that they are working on project to redevelop with the goal is to rehabilitate and reuse or occupy the building in the long-term. Ms. Nimita described the process. The response to the first phase of the RFQ (Request for Qualification) has been very favorable. She reported that their goal is to identify teams with three main criteria.

- 1) Experience with Historic Preservation Rehabilitation
- 2) Funds for Rehabilitation
- 3) Partner with Long-Term or Viable User

According to Ms. Shah, the second phase will be to get RFP (Request for Proposals) to garner additional information on the plan and possible tenant. She indicated that the best guess for timeframe appears to be early Fall 2013. Ms. Shah also reported that they will be back with monthly updates to the ANC.

Evelyn Boyd Simmons reported that the Logan Circle Community Association will be Wednesday May 8th at Garrison School this month to get update on modernization, programming efforts.

Nate Brown from LCCA, announced their monthly “First Tuesday” Happy Hour will be at Commissary this coming Tuesday, May 7th. Ms Brown also shared that on Monday May 27th they will honor (Check website-there is nothing on their website-Ugh!-sent Tim Christenson e-mail)

COMMUNITY FORUM

- 10 Minute Recess -

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

ADD under DCHSEMA add road closure 7am to 4pm for

ADD under Treasurer's Report Approval of the Quarterly Report Q2 FY2013

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Cain** and after further discussion, the draft agenda was approved with additions, deletions, and moves with a direction that a copy of the amended agenda be filed with the minutes and posted on the ANC 2F website:

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous

Approval of ANC 2F Minutes of Meeting of March 6, 2013 & April 3, 2013

Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2013 & April 3, 2013, were presented for approval. Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Fanning** and after further discussion, the minutes were approved with direction to the Executive Director to post the same on the ANC 2F website.

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous

ABRA (APC-John Fanning, Chair)

Commissioner Fanning noted that there are 47 renewals in ANC2F. The APC met on April 17th and voted to support House Liquors is requesting support for extension of hours to include Sundays.

1415 14th Street NW-Lalibela-Amendment to Settlement Agreement

Upon motion by **Fanning** seconded by **Raymond**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That ANC2F to amend the Settlement Agreement to allow for 24 hour service and hours in line with other establishments in the neighborhood and to send ABRA a letter advising of its support for Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant at 14151 14th Street, NW

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous

1435 P Street, NW, Number 9

Number Nine would like to have a patio. They will amend the settlement agreement to allow no more than 8 tables and 8 seats, extended holiday hours (to bring in line with other recent licensees) and to drop the antiquated provisions in the SA.

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Cain**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That ANC2F amend the Settlement Agreement with Number 9 to allow for a sidewalk patio, extended hours for holidays in line with new ABRA regulations, and removal of outdated stipulations that no longer apply.

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous

1227 11th Street, NW-El Sauce Restaurant

Commissioner Raymond shared a multitude of facts and issues related to El Sauce Restaurant which include a murder in March of 2011, the fact that the Chief of Police ordered 96 hour closing, and recommended revocation of the establishment's license. Raymond noted that there have been a significant number of concerning issues and violations since October 2006 including robbery, assault on police officer, ADWs, failure to submit quarterly statements, failure to post license, and multiple specific license violations

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Fanning**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That ANC2F protest the renewal of the license for 1227 11th Street, NW, El Sauce Restaurant on the grounds that it will disturb peace and order and reduce neighboring property values. If ABRA chooses to still renew the license, empower any Commissioner to enter into a SA with the business.

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous

Community Development Committee (Walt Cain, Chair)

1601 14th Street, NW, Crystal Car & Park Ride-DDOT Presentation for Support of Valet Parking

Chair Walt Cain, shared that the Community Development Committee heard a presentation regarding Valet Parking at 1601 14th Street, NW. The committee had concerns regarding the proposed route and the Valet Parking Service changed the route to accommodate neighborhood preferences and it was unanimously approved by the CDC Committee.

1435 P Street, NW-DDOT Sidewalk Cafe

Commissioner Cain shared that the Community Development Committee supported the application of Number 9 for a sidewalk cafe. It was unanimously approved by the CDC committee.

Upon motion by **Cain** seconded by **Raymond**, and after further discussion it was

RESOLVED, that the CDC recommended to full ANC to write a letter to DDOT advising of its support for the proposed plan for Valet Parking for 1601 14th Street, NW,

and the Sidewalk Café plan for 1435 P Street, NW, Number 9, as presented with the understanding that it must conform to DDT regulations.

(7-0) Unanimous

1324 14th Street, NW-B Too Café

Michael Fonseca from Mallios O'Brien reported that the hours for the proposed sidewalk café are consistent with ABRA policy and neighboring establishments, the Settlement Agreement with ANC2F has been fully supported, and the SA has more seats than the actual number they have in the proposed plans for DDOT.

Upon motion by **Fanning** seconded by **Raymond**, and after further discussion it was

RESOLVED, that ANC write a letter to DDOT advising of its support for the pending application for a sidewalk café for 1324 14th Street, NW, B Too Café for up to 5 seats.

(6-0-1) Motion Passed

Special note: **Connolly** expressed concern that it was not fully noticed or reviewed by the CDC committee as is the formally accepted process for ANC2F and that in the future, his preference would be that it be better noticed so the community has an opportunity to weigh-in on the proposals. (Feel free to adjust this wording Matt)

Finally, **Cain** shared that the CDC meeting included the final installment in 3-part Parking Series Forum the committee has been hosting over the last few months. The final topic covered was Visitor Parking. Cain shared that Damon Harvey from DDOT was once again present to a brief presentation and to answer questions on Visitor Parking. Cain reports that Harvey indicated that DDOT is preparing for a city-wide visitor parking system which will go into effect at the beginning of the new fiscal year in October 2013. There will be an opportunity for ANC to weigh-in on whether they want to participate in a Visitor Parking Program. He also reported that the CDC passed a unanimous resolution advising the full ANC to investigate the possibility of participating in a Visitor Parking Program. The CDC will be preparing a report based on the Parking Series Forum for each of the individual topics to present to the full ANC at a future meeting.

Education Committee (Matt Connolly & Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chairs)

Garrison Elementary Modernization

Commissioner Connolly, Co-Chair of the Education Committee shared that there was a resolution pending before the committee to fully support renovations of the Garrison Elementary Building. (Copy of attached to minutes)

The resolution offers support for immediate funding begin in FY2014 for modernization of Garrison Elementary building on the momentum achieved in successfully fighting proposed

closure. It also asks for help from community and school to renovate and update the existing physical plant.

Last year's budget, according to Ms. Kimbel, includes \$3.5M in 2015 for planning and design for Garrison Elementary. She encouraged passing the resolution to show ANC support for Garrison Elementary School, but cautioned that the Council has no impact on the budget for 2014.

Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chair, inquired as to the funding and who the recommendation should be directed to in order for it to be as effective as possible. Ms. Kimbel confirmed that it should still be directed to the Council. Ms. Boyd Simmons expressed hope that the ANC would pass the resolution as proposed.

Upon motion by **Connolly** seconded by **Lallas**, and after further discussion it was

RESOLVED, that the ANC pass the resolution as presented requesting the appropriation of \$16M in 2014, fully funding the modernization of Garrison Elementary and to provide copies to all relevant DC Agencies to include the Mayor, City Council, DCPS, etc.

(7-0) Unanimous

Evelyn Boyd Simmons then reported on the most recent Education Committee Meeting. According to Ms. Simmons there was a "wonderful, lively" discussion on the feeder system and consolidation proposals in addition to the need for renovations. The Principal of Cardozo Middle School discussed proposed management plans for the consolidations and plans to maintain the integrity of the feeder school system. She also shared that two representatives from the 20th Century School Fund attended the meeting, offered insight, and will be part of the process going forward.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (Chris Linn, Chair)

Update

Raymond, on behalf of Crime and Public Safety Committee Chair, Chris Linn, shared a brief written report. According to Linn, property crime has been decreasing and violent crime has been increasing. Residents can access statistics at MPD's website at crimemap.dc.gov. Overall property crime is down 30% over the last month and down 5% over the last year. However, he reports that violent crime increased from April of last year to April of this year. The committee held a public awareness event on Sunday, April 14th which included Officers from the 1st District, Commissioners and other neighborhood leaders, and literature and crime prevention tips. The next CPSC meeting is May 22nd at 7:00pm at the Washington Plaza Hotel

New Business

DCHSEMA

Ibrahim Mumin on behalf with Hensel Phelps Construction gave a brief presentation on a proposed “Topping Out Ceremony” to be held on June 14th, 2013. The proposal requests 7am to 4pm street closure of L Street, NW between 9th and 10th Street, NW with the program taking place from 11am to 2pm. He reported that there will also be civic leaders and elected officials on site along with refreshments and a site tours.

Upon motion by **Raymond** seconded by **Connolly** and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, That ANC2Fsend a letter advising DCHSEMA of its support for a street closure on June 14th, 2013 for L Street, NW between 9th and 10th Street.

Vote: (8-0) Unanimous

Treasurer’s Report (Matt Connolly)

Approval of Expenses

Upon motion by **Connolly**, seconded by **Cain**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the following expenses be and are hereby adopted:

Verizon (#1181).....	\$no more than \$80
Jennifer Dusek (#1182)	\$662.62 (April 2013 Monthly Salary)
Petty Cash Fund.	\$200

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous

Creation of \$200 Petty Cash Fund

Upon motion by **Connolly**, seconded by **Cain**, and after further discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that ANC have a \$200 petty cash fund, commissioner will have to seek written approval from both the Chairman (Vice-Chair in Chair’s absence) and the Treasurer and to amend the by-laws.

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous

Approval of Quarterly Report

The Quarterly Report was presented for approval.

Upon motion by **Connolly** and seconded by **Raymond** and after further discussion

RESOLVED, That ANC2F hereby approves the Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter 2013 (January 2013, February 2013, and March 2013)

Vote: (7-0) Unanimous

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:20 PM.

A Resolution by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F
Regarding a Proposed Liquor License Moratorium With a Radius of 1,800 Feet
Centered on 1211 U Street, Northwest

WHEREAS, The Shaw Dupont Citizens Alliance and the Residential Action Coalition on December 10, 2012, petitioned the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the District of Columbia (“ABC Board”) seeking to establish a moratorium on the issuance of new retailer-class liquor licensees; and

WHEREAS, The proposed moratorium would encompass a zone with a radius of 1,800 feet centered on 1211 U St., N.W.; and

WHEREAS, The proposed moratorium zone would extend as far south as a point on 13th Street, N.W., between R Street, N.W., and Corcoran Street, N.W., which is within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F (“ANC 2F”); and

WHEREAS, The written advice of ANC 2F, as an affected ANC, must be accorded Great Weight by the ABC Board, pursuant to section 13(d)(3) of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975; and

WHEREAS, The proposed moratorium zone affects three ANCs in addition to ANC 2F; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the community that the affected ANCs coordinate their respective efforts to facilitate public input and provide written advice to the ABC Board so that such advice may be accorded Great Weight; and

WHEREAS, Article VII of ANC 2F bylaws provides for “joint meetings with other ANCs to deal more effectively with or respond to concerns and issues that transcend and affect the areas of the Commissions”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That one or more joint meetings of ANC 2F be authorized in conjunction with and among ANCs 2B, 1B and/or 6E for purposes of gathering public input and providing official advice to the ABC Board regarding said petition; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any joint meetings of appropriate ANC 2F committees in conjunction with any appropriate committees of ANCs 2B, 1B and/or 6E be similarly authorized for the purposes of carrying out this resolution, except that any votes taken in such committees shall not be binding upon the full Commission.

