

ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 28, 2017

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Commissioner Deeley (2F08)
Lou Cipro
Dave Feinstein
Joel Heisey
Helen Kramer
John Long
Jim Loucks
Sarah Marcus*
Commissioner Rubin* (2F05)

ABSENT

Greg Melcher
Philip Miatkowski
Jenny Rickard
Commissioner Sylvester (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Beck Vissat, Acumen Companies

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

Committee meeting **called to order** by CDC Chair Commissioner Kevin Deeley at **7:02 p.m.**

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous; Marcus and Rubin not present)

Approval of May 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Deeley moved to adopt the draft May 24, 2017 meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous; Marcus and Rubin not present)

Old Business

[none]

New Business

1312 13th Street, NW (2F04)

Beck Vissat, Acumen Companies

HPRB design, concept, and massing for historic 4-story multi-family condominium building

Beck Vissat of the Acumen Companies requested the Committee's support for the historic design, concept, and massing of an existing building into a four-story condo building. Vissat spoke to his development experience and he invited the project's architect to share remarks on the vision for complying with HPRB guidance. The Committee asked questions about outreach to surrounding neighbors; balcony placement; bay window design; trash management; and impact to at-risk windows of the adjoining building (Solo Piazza). Several Solo Piazza residents spoke, explaining their opposition to the project—primarily because of the fact that their individual condos would lose

windows and that the developer had not made a good faith effort to engage the condo board in a conversation about the proposed impact to the Solo Piazza.

John Long moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC support the concept, design, and massing as presented by the Applicant, with the request that the architect re-work the front door in a manner that provides greater visual differentiation from the other building elements; the motion was not seconded or considered further.

Motion not seconded

Commissioner Rubin moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC support the concept, design, and massing as presented by the Applicant; the motion was not seconded or considered further.

Motion not seconded

Helen Kramer moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to HPRB expressing disapproval of the submitted design as not being sufficiently compatible with the building's historic surroundings, and in particular objecting to the floating bay, as well as the narrowness of the front door and the corresponding windows above. Kramer accepted a friendly amendment by Sarah Marcus to request façade design revisions so as to improve the horizontal relationship with adjacent buildings. Kramer's amended motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

Vote: 5-4

Meeting adjourned at **7:42 p.m.**