ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES: Regular Monthly Public Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRLCE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT
Peter Lallas (2F01)
Walt Cain (2F02)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Greg Melcher (2F06)
Matt Raymond (2F07)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT
Stephanie Dahle (2F03)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans’ Office
Officers Mulcahy & Burgos, MPD (PSA 307)
Cary Kadlecek, Goulston & Storrs

Meeting called to order by Chairman Raymond at 7:09 p.m. with quorum.

Commissioner Announcements

[none]

Community Forum

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans’ Office

Sherri Kimbel of Councilmember Jack Evans’ shared that Jack’s community e-newsletter would resume next week. Kimbel also shared that MPD will be closing the 1400 block of P St, NW between 1:00-1:30pm on Saturday, October 25 for the 4th annual Little Goblins Parade.

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Officer Mulcahy with VICE Unit for PSA 307 spoke about MPD’s ongoing efforts to curb prostitution in the neighborhood. Mulcahy recounted that MPD made 18 prostitution-related arrests in the past month as part of an extended sting operation. Mulcahy also spoke to VICE’s gun and drug interdiction efforts, including a recent heroine distribution arrest on the 1200 block of M St, NW.

Officer Burgos spoke to MPD’s “bike bait” program to entrap bicycle thieves in the city, and mentioned the possibility of starting a similar program for scooters.

Community Announcements

[none]
BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the meeting agenda with one modification: granting Commissioner Cain's request to present the CDC report before the other Committee reports. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (Lallas & Deeley not present)

Approval of Minutes for Aug. 6 and Sep. 10, 2014 Regular Monthly Public Meetings
Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the meeting minutes for both meeting dates without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (Lallas & Deeley not present)

Committee Reports

Community Development Committee (CDC) Commissioner Walt Cain, Chair
Commissioner Cain presented the Committee report from the September 24 CDC meeting. Cain divided the report into three parts: 1) Business items for which there was a unanimous Committee vote; 2) Business items for which there were abstentions; and 3) Applicant presentations on which the Committee took no action.

For the first part of the Committee report, Cain moved that the ANC recommend:
1. HPRB approval for the concept/rear addition at 1608 14th St, NW;
2. HPRB approval for the concept, massing, and design of 1209-1213 10th St, NW (The American restaurant); and
3. The following Board of Zoning Adjustment endorsements for 90 & 91 Blagden Alley, NW: i) a side yard variance for 91 Blagden Alley, including an easement to the additional public alley space created by the variance; ii) an open court width variance for 90 Blagden Alley; iii) a lot occupancy variance allowing for the first floor of 90 Blagden Alley; and, iv) & v) a special exception for multiple penthouses and related setback requirements for both buildings.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (Lallas not present)

For the second part of the Committee report, Cain first moved that the ANC recommend HPRB support for the concept/roof structure, deck, and rear alterations at 1327 Q St, NW, which the CDC had voted (8-0-1) to support; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (Lallas not present)

Cain then moved that the ANC endorse the raze application to the Mayor’s Agent for 911 and 913 L St, NW (Square 369; proposed Marriott project), which the CDC had voted (6-0-3) to support; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (Lallas not present)

For the third and final part of the Committee report, Cain summarized the informational presentation given by the Applicant behind 925 M St, NW (initial HPRB design presentation). Cain then summarized the parking variance requests made by the Applicant behind 90 & 91 Blagden Alley, NW. Cary Kadlecek, legal counsel for the project, provided updates on several areas of CDC concern related to the 100% parking variance requests in advance of the Applicant’s return to the October CDC meeting.
Commissioner Fanning recapped the September APC meeting, at which guest speaker ABRA Director Fred Moosally provided department updates and answered Committee questions about ABRA processes. The Committee shared community safety and noise concerns with Moosally about two neighborhood establishments: El Sauce on 11th St, NW and Vita Lounge on 9th St, NW.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)  
Commissioner Peter Lallas, Chair  
No update

Education Committee  
Commissioner John Fanning and Evelyn Boyd Simmons, Co-Chairs

No update

Old Business  
[none]

New Business  
[none]

Treasurer’s Report

Approval of Expenditures  
Commissioner Melcher presented the following expenditures for Commission approval:

1. Check #1241 in the amount of $834.93, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for September 2014 salary;
2. Check #1242 in the amount of $110.41 ($356.25 before employer and tax withholdings), payable to Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for printer ink purchased for ANC 2F;
3. Check #1243 in the amount of $57.71, payable to D.C. Department of Employment Services, for the 2014 Q3 employer’s quarterly contribution;
4. Check #1244 in the amount of $520.56, payable to the U.S. Treasury, for 2014 Q3 employer’s quarterly federal tax return.

Total expenses: $1,523.61

Melcher moved for approval of all expenses totaling $1,523.61; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (Cain not present)

Commissioner Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.