ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES: Regular Monthly Public Meeting - February 3, 2016

Attendance

PRESENT
Kate Gordon (2F01)
Karin Berry (2F02)
Pepin Tuma (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT
[None]

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS
Sgt. David Terestre, PSA 307, MPD
3rd District MPD Commander Stuart Emerman
Detective Scott Guthrie, MPD
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans’ office
Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison
Aaron DaNu, MidCity BID

Meeting called to order by ANC 2F Chairman, Commissioner John Fanning, at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Tuma thanked community members who joined the D.C. Resident “Snow Team” to help neighbors clear their sidewalks and stoops after the blizzard. Tuma encouraged community members to sign up for the Snow Team at snow.dc.gov.

2. Commissioner Gordon introduced her replacement for the 2F-01 Commission seat, Mr. Maurice Dorsey. This is Commissioner Gordon’s last meeting.

3. Commissioner Fanning shared public thanks for Commissioner Kate Gordon’s service on the Commission, her positive impact on the community, and her tireless efforts and leadership on the ABRA Policy Committee.

Community Forum

Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Update

Sgt. David Terestre, Third District Commander Emerman, Detective Guthrie

Sergeant Terestre of PSA 307 shared the monthly crime report. Total crime in PSA 307 is up slightly (by four crimes) in January 2016 as compared to January 2015. Two of the four crimes were property crimes, and the other two were robberies. Terestre noted that property crime is trending right now. Lastly, Terestre shared updated contact info for PSA 307.

Terestre also introduced two special guests from MPD: the new Third District Commander, Stuart Emerman, who spoke to his vast experience in the Third District and his commitment to community engagement; and Detective Scott Guthrie, who provided a detailed overview of the Third District Detective office’s operations.

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans’ office

Sherri Kimbel from Councilmember Jack Evans’ office shared three updates: 1) there is a lot of new legislation coming before the D.C. Council; (feel free to contact Evans’ office for more information);
2) Jack Evans is now the Chairman of the Metro Board; 3) Evans’ office is soliciting community feedback on how the city handled snow removal during the recent blizzard.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor

Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison from the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services, shared three updates: 1) this week is the Mayor’s Education Week, tomorrow there will be a press conference called “From Birth to Books”; 2) the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was recently released; 3) please join the Snow Team to help out neighbors with snow removal.

MidCity BID Update

Aaron DaNu with the MidCity Business Improvement District (BID) provided a progress update for the BID. The BID is currently working toward its 501(c)(6) designation. DaNu shared that the BID’s Board is comprised of the owners of numerous local businesses, including Ben’s Chili Bowl, Junction Vintage, 1905 Bistro, the 930 Club, Miss Pixie’s, and the founder of City First Bank. The main BID goals include: 1) increased foot traffic; 2) increased events that attract customers; and 3) marketing the BID as a place to live, work, and play. Find more info at www.midcitybid.org

Community Announcements

[None]

BUSINESS MEETING

Fanning noted there was quorum to conduct the business portion of the meeting (eight Commissioners present out of the required five), and instructed that a copy of the meeting minutes be filed with the meeting notice.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Tuma moved to approve the meeting agenda without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2016 Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the January 7, 2016 draft meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)

Commissioner Kate Gordon, Chair

Committee Report

Commissioner Gordon moved to adopt the following APC recommendations in the Committee Report from the APC’s January 20, 2016 meeting:

- Recommendation to enter into a new Settlement Agreement (SA) with Harvest Eats DC, LLC, dba Jinya Ramen Bar (1336 14th St, NW), based on the standard SA template, and reflecting the Applicant’s commitment to prohibiting employees from using the alley for non-work reasons, trash enclosure and rodent abatement guarantees, and summer garden closure no later than
• Recommendation to enter into a new Settlement Agreement with Arlington Cinema, Inc. dba Drafthouse Comedy (1100 13th St, NW) in lieu of previous protest, and based on the standard SA template, and reflecting the Applicant’s commitment to no exterior trash, and prohibiting employees from being in the alley for non-work related reasons;

• Recommendation to enter into a new Settlement Agreement with Shaw Dining, LLC dba The Bird (1337 11th St, NW) based on the standard SA template, and reflecting the Applicant’s commitment to enclosed trash; conforming hours for summer garden and sidewalk café; and prohibiting employees in the alley for non-work reasons; and

• Recommendation to modify the existing Settlement Agreement with TG Cigar in order to extend their operating hours until 2am Sunday through Thursday and 3am on Fridays and Saturdays.

Gordon’s motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Lastly, Gordon formally resigned as Chair from the APC, and with enthusiasm moved to appoint Commissioner Kevin Sylvester as new Chair of the APC; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously (8-0) by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

**Community Development Committee (CDC)**

Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

**Committee Report**

Commissioner Deeley presented and moved to adopt the CDC recommendations included in the Committee Report from the CDC’s January 28, 2016 meeting. Commission Gordon offered an amendment to strike Deeley’s motion and instead consider the CDC recommendations individually; Gordon’s motion was accepted/seconded by Deeley, and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

**Extension of RPP hours in ANC 2F**

Deeley moved that the ANC adopt the CDC’s recommendation to request that DDOT extend the end of Residential Parking Permit hours in ANC 2F until 10:30pm. Commissioner Gordon made a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Deeley, to extend the end time to 11:00pm. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

**Final historic design review of 1001 O St, NW**

Deeley moved that the ANC adopt the CDC’s recommendation to HPO of ten specific comments on aspects of the project’s design, with a related request to HPO to have an opportunity to review sample materials, 3D drawings, and final placement and design of windows; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

**Planned Unit Development at 1126 9th St, NW**

Deeley moved that the ANC adopt the CDC’s recommendation to pursue continued negotiations with the developers behind the PUD—and specifically to advance discussion about the community benefits aspect of the PUD—with a related request to seek enhancement to the proposed parking arrangement; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0-2

**DDOT public space application for sidewalk café at 1337 11th St, NW (The Bird)**
Deeley moved that the ANC adopt the CDC’s recommendation to support the DDOT public space application for a sidewalk café, with support contingent on a fifty-seat café limit; agreement by the Applicant to maintain green space on the east side of the sidewalk instead of brick; and agreement by the Applicant to install bollards or other similar structures to prevent cars from parking in the public space. The motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0-1

Historic review of third-story addition to 1334 Riggs St, NW
Deeley moved that the ANC adopt the CDC’s recommendation that HPO postpone historic review of the concept, mass, and design of a third floor addition to an existing residence at 1334 Riggs St, NW until after conclusion of the Zoning review that will likely need to occur as a result of the proposed addition; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 5-1-2

Lastly, Commissioner Deeley provided a summary of his, Commissioner Fanning and Commissioner Sylvester’s meeting with HPO staff Maloney, Callcott, and Meyer. Deeley characterized the meeting as productive, and relayed that HPO was very receptive to ANC 2F’s recent concerns about the Commission’s opportunity (and lack thereof) for input on HPO-reviewed projects. Going forward, HPO staff promised to be more meticulous about according all ANCs the opportunity to review projects and provide relevant input.

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)  Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair
Commissioner Charlie Bengel reported there would be a joint meeting with two other ANCs in the next month or two in an effort to “resurrect” interest and community participation in crime and public safety issues affecting ANC 2F and neighboring ANCs.

Education Committee  Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair
Commissioner Pepin Tuma summarized the recent and informative meeting with Brian Pick, the Chief of Teaching and Learning for DCPS. Tuma also shared his positive feelings about an upcoming meeting on the status of construction at Garrison elementary.

Old Business
[none]

New Business
[none]

Treasurer’s Report

Approval of Quarterly Report for FY16 Q1 (Oct-Dec 2015)
Commissioner Berry moved that the Commission adopt the FY16 Q1 report as prepared by Executive Director Beebe and submit it to the D.C. Auditor’s office; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Expenditures
Commissioner Berry presented the following expenditure for approval:
1. Check #1283 in the amount of $984.61, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for January 2016 salary;

**Total expenses:** $984.61

In addition to adoption of the abovementioned expenditure in the amount of $984.61, Berry moved for a $200 increase in Executive Director Beebe’s current monthly salary of $1,260 (for a total of $1,460) through June 2016, as compensation for the additional duties anticipated in coming months related to increased CDC and APC activity, specifically:

- **CDC:** Initial preparation of all official letters pertaining to CDC business items, including pre-filling the following information: letter date; application case number; project address; specific HPRB/DDOT/BZA/etc. request(s); ANC meeting date; motion language and Commission vote (X-X); URL for any application materials provided by the Applicant; list of carbon copy letter recipients.

- **APC:** Establish and maintain a master schedule for review of the 84+ estimated ABRA licenses in ANC 2F slated for renewal this year. Contact Applicants to ensure timely Committee consideration of all license requests and renewals. Inform APC Chair of submission deadlines to ensure ANC standing in related ABRA hearings.

- **APC:** Contact ABRA, as needed, for the investigative history and existing SAs of upcoming license renewals. Organize and distribute this information to APC members in advance of Committee meetings.

Berry’s motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote:** 8-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.