ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

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WEDNESDAY
MAY 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.
MARRIOTT MARQUIS
901 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT
Maurice Dorsey (2F01)
Pepin Tuma (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Jim Lamare (2F05)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)

ABSENT
Karin Berry (2F02)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans’ office
Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison

*denotes Commissioner not present for all votes

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

Commissioner Announcements

[none]

Community Forum

Remarks from Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
Eleanor Holmes Norton
Commissioner Fanning introduced D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, who joined the ANC 2F meeting as part of her ongoing “Norton in Your Neighborhood” outreach. Norton updated ANC 2F residents on her efforts in Congress and “what Congress has been doing to us.” Norton addressed several topics of specific interest to ANC 2F community members, including USDA grants for school cafeteria equipment; pets in Logan Circle park (federal parkland); maintenance of Logan Circle park; and cameras in Logan Circle park. Norton also addressed a number of important federal issues affecting the District, including WMATA operations; the campaign for statehood; local job creation related to the DHS campus; local budgetary authority; and the importance of Norton having “senatorial courtesy.”

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans’ office
Sherri Kimbel
Sherri Kimbel from Councilmember Jack Evans’ office shared three updates: 1) the D.C. Council will soon be voting on the budget; 2) Evans remains closely involved with WMATA issues and operations; and 3) Evans’ office has received increasing reports of prostitutes on 12th St, NW near M and N Streets, NW.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor
Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison
Eva Lewis, Ward 2 Liaison for the Mayor’s Office, provided five updates: 1) a one-page summary of the Mayor’s budget before the Council; 2) May is “InnoMaytion” month to showcase innovation in the District; 3) the MidCity BID in ANC 2F was one of the recently announced winners of the Great Streets grants; 4) “PotholePalooza” efforts to repair District streets are ongoing; and 5) “AlleyPalooza” kicked off last month, with at least three related events planned for ANC 2F.
Community Announcements

1. Commissioner Fanning shared that LCCA will hold a Memorial Day event in Logan Circle;
2. Meghan Canady, Transportation Planner with DDOT, shared information about the Union Station-to-Georgetown streetcar project and the related upcoming Public Meeting on May 17th.

BUSINESS MEETING

Fanning noted there was quorum to conduct the business portion of the meeting (six 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: 6-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes for April 6, 2016 Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Commissioner Tuma moved to approve April 6, 2016 draft meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee (APC)  
Commissioner Kevin Sylvester, Chair

Committee Report
Commissioner Sylvester first shared that the APC decided to take no action on forty-two “uncontested” license renewals in ANC 2F, for which there was no community comment or opposition.

Sylvester then individually presented the APC recommendations included in the Committee Report from the APC’s April 2016 meeting. Sylvester first moved that the ANC protest the license renewals for Drafting Table, Pearl Dive/Blackjack, and Mason & Rook/Radiator until such time that ANC 2F negotiates (or renegotiates, as in the case with Drafting Table) a Settlement Agreement with each Applicant; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0

Sylvester next moved that the ANC maintain its existing protests for Table, Village Whiskey, and 14th Street Café Asian Bistro until such time that ANC 2F negotiates a Settlement Agreement with each Applicant. Commissioner Fanning made a friendly amendment to Sylvester’s motion striking the protest for Table in anticipation of the imminent signing of the already finalized Settlement Agreement. The amended motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0-1

Appointment of Andrew Okuyiga to APC

Lastly, Sylvester moved that the ANC appoint community member Andrew Okuyiga to the APC as an At-Large member; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.
Community Development Committee (CDC)  Commissioner Kevin Deeley, Chair

Committee Report
Commissioner John Fanning, in CDC Chair Commissioner Deeley’s absence, presented the individual CDC recommendations included in the Committee Report provided by Deeley from the CDC’s April 2016 meeting. Fanning first moved that the ANC send a letter to DDOT in support of the proposed 14th St, NW streetscape between Thomas Circle and Florida Ave, NW, with three specific design comments/recommendations detailed by the Committee; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0

Fanning then moved that the ANC send a letter to HPRB in support of the concept, massing, and design for the redevelopment of the former Whitman-Walker clinic at 1701 & 1711 14th St, NW, including two of the three specific design comments/recommendations made by the CDC (omitting the design comment related to the project’s “monolithic appearance”); the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 4-2

Appointment of Lenda Washington to CDC
Lastly, Fanning moved that the ANC appoint community member Lenda Washington to the CDC as the Committee’s 2F-04 member; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0

Crime and Public Safety Committee (CPSC)  Commissioner Charlie Bengel, Chair

Commissioner Bengel announced there would be a joint crime meeting in May with the Shaw ANC, location and date TBD. Bengel noted that representatives from MPD PSAs 307 and 308 were expected to attend.

Education Committee  Commissioner Pepin Tuma, Chair

Commissioner Pepin Tuma reiterated news he shared last month that Garrison Elementary was not a recipient of the additional funding in the Mayor’s recently proposed Capital Improvement Plan. Tuma shared that he had been working closely with Councilmembers Evans and Grosso to ensure Garrison is not overlooked for available school improvement funding. Tuma thanked the community for their ongoing support of Garrison Elementary’s modernization project.

Old Business
[none]

New Business

DDOT Public Space Application for 1302 Rhode Island Ave, NW
Commissioner Tuma shared that he had received mail notification of a DDOT public space application for paving and landscaping at 1302 Rhode Island Ave, NW. In order to maintain ANC 2F’s standing in the matter, Tuma moved that the ANC protest the application and refer it to the CDC for consideration; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0
Treasurer’s Report

Approval of Quarterly Report (FY16 Q2)
Commissioner Fanning, in Treasurer Commissioner Karin Barry’s absence, presented and moved for adoption of the FY16 Q2 quarterly report, as presented by Executive Director Beebe, to be submitted to the D.C. Auditor’s Office; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0

Approval of Expenditures
Commissioner Fanning presented the following expenditure for approval:

1. Check #1290 in the amount of $1,150.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for April 2016 salary.

Total expenses: $1,150.00

It was noted that the expenditure approved last month for Check #1290-- $82.99 payable to Adam Beebe as reimbursement for the ANC 2F website two-year server upgrade with WordPress—was actually check #1293 (an out-of-sequence check number mistakenly used).

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

Vote: 6-0

Commissioner Fanning moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.