ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 11, 2017
7:00 P.M.
WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT
Jason Forman (2F01)
John Guggenmos (2F02)
Alex Graham (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Ron Rubin (2F05)
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)*

ABSENT
Charlie Bengel (2F06)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS
Sgt. David Terestre, PSA 307
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans’ office
Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison
Jill Ross, Women’s March on Washington

*denotes Commissioner not present for all votes

Meeting called to order by Commissioner John Fanning at 7:01 p.m.

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Fanning spoke to major street closures planned during the Presidential Inauguration weekend.

Community Forum

Report from MPD PSA 307
Sgt. David Terestre
Sergeant David Terestre of PSA 307 shared the monthly crime report, which compared crime statistics between December 11, 2016 and January 11, 2017 to the same time period one year ago. Terestre noted that overall crime was down, but “theft from auto” is a persistent problem. Terestre shared a map of PSA 307 with community members and spoke to new MPD initiatives meant to create “new ways for the department to more effectively address crime in the District.”

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans’ office
Sherri Kimbel
Sherri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Jack Evans, provided four updates: 1) Residential Parking Permits will be enforced during Inauguration weekend; 2) trash collection will be limited due to Inauguration events and the MLK holiday; 3) Councilmember Evans will attend the February ANC 2F meeting; 4) there is a ribbon cutting on January 12 at the Compass Coffee in the Convention Center.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor
Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison
Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison for the Mayor’s Office, provided six updates: 1) the city will pick up Christmas trees through January 27; 2) 5,000 national guardsmen and 3,000 additional MPD officers will be deployed in D.C. during Inauguration weekend; 3) four permits have been issued for marches during Inauguration weekend; 4) use 311 to report issues to D.C. agencies; 5) the new Homeless Shelter Hotline is 202-399-7093; 6) congratulations to the Commissioners on their election.
Judah Gluckman of the D.C. office of Public-Private Partnerships (AKA OP3), an office created by Mayor Bowser, spoke to OP3’s mission and purview. The office works on major infrastructure projects (ex: schools, libraries, rec. centers, lighting, roads) by leveraging private sector finance and maintenance of public assets. Gluckman spoke to one specific project, the streetlight modernization project, and encouraged community members to visit www.op3.dc.gov for more info.

Community Announcements

[none]

BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Fanning noted there was quorum to conduct the business portion of the meeting (six Commissioners present out of the required four, noting that Commissioner Kevin Deeley had not yet been sworn in), and instructed that a copy of the meeting minutes be filed with the meeting notice.

Election of officers

Executive Director Adam Beebe opened up the floor for the election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) for 2017, and then handed the meeting over to the elected Chair, Commissioner Fanning.

Commissioner Guggenmos nominated Commissioner John Fanning for Chair; the nomination was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.  

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Fanning nominated Commissioner John Guggenmos for Vice-Chair; the nomination was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Fanning nominated Commissioner Alex Graham for Treasurer; the nomination was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Fanning nominated Commissioner Charlie Bengel for Secretary; the nomination was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Election of Committee Chairs

Fanning opened the floor for election of Committee Chairs.

Commissioner Fanning nominated Commissioner Alex Graham for Chair of the ABRA Policy Committee; the nomination was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Fanning nominated Commissioner Kevin Deeley for Chair of the Community Development Committee; the nomination was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Fanning nominated Commissioner Jason Forman and community member Pepin Tuma for Co-Chairs of the Education Committee; the nomination was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)
Appointment of Committee members

Fanning asked community members who were interested in serving on ANC 2F Committees, including those present who previously submitted statements of interest, to introduce themselves.

Fanning first moved for appointment of the following ABRA Policy Committee members:

- David Joy SMD 01
- Shane Seger SMD 02
- Adeeti Amin SMD 03
- Andrew Weller SMD 04
- Dominic Martin SMD 05
- David Ansell SMD 06
- Morgan Finkelstein SMD 07
- Soo Kim SMD 08
- Andrew Okuyiga At-Large
- Garrett Berntsen At-Large
- Kevin Wenzel At-Large
- Ian Simon At-Large
- Jordan Grossman At-Large

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

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Fanning then moved for appointment of the following Community Development Committee members for the SMD seats:

- Jenny Rickard SMD 01
- Lou Cipro SMD 02
- Philip Miatkowski SMD 03
- Sarah Marcus SMD 04
- Commissioner Rubin SMD 05
- Greg Melcher SMD 06
- Commissioner Sylvester SMD 07
- Janice Ferebee SMD 08

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

Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)

Fanning next made individual motions for appointment of the following CDC members to the At-large seats:

- Joel Heisey, motion seconded, Vote: 5-1
- John Long, motion seconded, Vote: 5-1
- Daniel Galloway, motion seconded, Vote: 1-4-1
- Helen Kramer, motion seconded, Vote: 5-0-1
- Jim Loucks, motion seconded, Vote: 5-1
- Dave Feinstein, motion seconded, Vote: 5-1

Finally, Fanning moved for appointed of the following Education Committee members:

- Commissioner Rubin SMD 05
- Brian Rozental SMD 06
- John Veras SMD 08
- Clay Vickers At-large
Fanning’s motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 6-0 (unanimous)**

### Approval of meeting agenda

Commissioner Rubin 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 December 7, 2016 regular monthly public meeting

Commissioner Deeley moved to approve the December 7, 2016 draft meeting minutes with two modifications to the CDC Committee report: 1) insertion of an explanation about the Metropolitan Baptist Church’s bankruptcy note, and; 2) deletion of a specific sentence in the Shake Shack business item. Deeley’s motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

**Vote: 5-0-1**

### Committee Reports

#### ABRA Policy Committee

**December Committee Report**

Commissioner Fanning presented the Committee report from the December APC meeting. Fanning first provided updates on ongoing Settlement Agreement discussions with Drafting Table (1529 14th St, NW), Noodle Dog (922 N St, NW Rear), and Chicken and Whiskey (1738 14th St, NW).

Fanning then moved for adoption of all three APC recommendations, including:
- Protest of the new Class “D” Restaurant license for Shake Shack at 1400 P St, NW (2F02);
- Protest of the Class “C” Tavern license renewal for Piassa Ethiopian Cuisine & Cafe at 1336 9th St, NW (2F06);
- Support of the stipulated Class “B” Retailer’s (full service) license request for Union Kitchen at 1251 9th St, NW (2F06).

Fanning noted the protest recommendations were based on the effect of the establishment on peace, order, and quiet, including the noise and litter provisions; the effect of the establishment on real property values; and, the effect of the establishment upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. Fanning’s motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

**Vote: 4-0-2 (unanimous)**

#### Community Development Committee

**December Committee Report**

Commissioner Deeley presented each of the Committee’s recommendations individually.

*HPRB concept/rear and roof addition at 1534 14th St, NW (2F02)* Commissioner Deeley

After sharing the Committee’s discussion and recommendation, Commissioner Fanning moved that ANC 2F write a letter to HPO in support of the concept/rear and roof addition as presented by the Applicant to the CDC; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Vote: 5-0 (unanimous; Sylvester not present)**
After sharing the Committee’s discussion and recommendation, Commissioner Fanning moved that ANC 2F write a letter to HPO in support of the concept, massing & design for the sidewalk enclosure as presented by the Applicant to the CDC, subject to four specific changes requested by the CDC: 1) pulling the sides of the enclosure in to align with the outside edges of the two storefront openings rather than intersecting with and partially obscuring the building’s masonry piers; 2) pulling the outside face of the enclosure in an additional few feet; 3) revising the signage on the enclosure since the signs as presented are not consistent with public space regulations; and 4) that the 14th Street side café be no wider than a two-top table. Fanning’s motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous; Sylvester not present)

Education Committee
No report.

Old Business
[None]

New Business

Resolution in support of Women’s March on Washington  

Jill Ross, community member and organizer for the Women’s March on Washington, requested the Commission’s support, in the form of a resolution, for the upcoming Women’s March on Washington. Ross shared language from a similar resolution adopted by another ANC. Fanning read the resolution language and entertained edits from the Commission and community before moving for the resolution’s adoption (see full resolution text at end of this document); the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Sylvester not present)

DCRA inspection of construction & illegal groundwater disposal at 1525 15th St, NW (2F02)

Commissioner Guggenmos detailed the history of the construction at the property in question, including past stop work orders issued by DCRA; neighbor complaints; evidence of improper disposal of groundwater into the city sewer system; and concerns about the environmental cleanup of the site (which was formerly a petrol station). Guggenmos moved that the Commission adopt a resolution requesting that DCRA inspect the property to ensure compliance with all required permits including the nonconforming PVC pipe; that DDOT inspect the property to ensure the discharge into public space is not a nuisance; and that DOEE inspect the property in question to ensure proper mitigation and cleanup of the site given its use history, and in order to protect the health and wellbeing of all ANC 2F residents (see full resolution text at end of this document). Guggenmos’ motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous; Sylvester not present)

Treasurer’s Report

Approval of 2017 ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Graham moved that ANC 2F participate in the 2017 ANC Security Fund, pay a participation fee of $25, and file with OCDA the information required by the Advisory Neighborhood
Commissions Act of 1975, as amended; Graham’s motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous; Sylvester not present)

Approval of Expenses

Commissioner Graham moved for approval of the following expenditures:

1. Check #1310 in the amount of $1,150.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for December 2016 salary;

2. Check #1311 in the amount of $1,052.07, payable to the U.S. Treasury, for 2016 Q4 quarterly federal employer and employee tax withholding;

3. Check #1312 in the amount of $824.00, payable to D.C. OTR, for annual employee income tax withholding for 2016;

4. Check #1313 in the amount of $25.00, payable to ANC Security Fund, for participation in the 2017 ANC security fund.

Total expenses: $3,051.07

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

Vote: 5-0 (unanimous; Sylvester not present)

Commissioner Fanning moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.
A RESOLUTION
OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
The January 21, 2017 Women’s March on Washington

WHEREAS, the rhetoric of the past election cycle has insulted, disparaged, and threatened many of us, WHEREAS, the Women’s March on Washington (Women’s March) stands for spirit of democracy and honoring the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice,

WHEREAS, ANC 2F (“the ANC”) recognizes that the Women’s March is a grassroots effort composed of dozens of independent coordinators,

WHEREAS, the ANC understands that the Women’s March is a program featuring nationally recognized artists, entertainers, advocates, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders,

WHEREAS, to date, 145,000 Facebook users have indicated on the site that they would attend the march, and organizers indicated that they are planning to accommodate 200,000 people, and

WHEREAS, “people from across the nation will gather at the intersection of Independence Avenue and Third Street SW, near the U.S. Capitol, at 10:00am” on January 21st.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2F supports the Women’s March on Washington and encourages participation by any of those who wish to participate in the demonstration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2F supports the mission and principals of the Women’s March as women’s rights are human rights, regardless of a woman’s race, ethnicity, religion, immigration status, sexual identity, gender expression, economic status, age, or disability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2F condemns all hate speech and acts that seek to divide our community.

This resolution was adopted (4-0-1) on January 11, 2017 by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F at a duly called and properly noticed public meeting with a quorum (at least four Commissioners) present and acting throughout.
A RESOLUTION
OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Inspection of construction at 1525 15th St, NW (2F-02)

WHEREAS, over fifteen neighbors in 2F-02 have reached out to notify ANC 2F of potential construction violations at 1525 15th St, NW,

WHEREAS, the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) issued separate “stop work” orders for illegal construction without a permit on August 17, 2016 and August 19, 2016,

WHEREAS, the property in question was formerly used for commercial purposes as a gasoline filling station and the resulting environmental impacts on both the property and neighborhood are potentially significant,

WHEREAS, to date the construction permit holder still has not applied for a District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) permit for the disposal of construction and runoff water into the city’s sewer system, and runoff water is presently being discharged on to a public space,

WHEREAS, the ANC 2F-02 Commissioner has made several unsuccessful attempts to obtain the owner’s contact information and communicate with the owner,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2F requests that DCRA inspect the property in question to ensure compliance with all required permits including the nonconforming PVC pipe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (DDOT) inspect the property in question to ensure the discharge into to public space is not a nuisance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2F requests that the District Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) inspect the property in question to ensure proper mitigation and cleanup of the site given its use history, and in order to protect the health and wellbeing of all ANC 2F residents.

This resolution was adopted unanimously (5-0) on January 11, 2017 by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F at a duly called and properly noticed public meeting with a quorum (at least four Commissioners) present and acting throughout.
A RESOLUTION
OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F
Approval of 2017 ANC Security Fund
January 11, 2017

WHEREAS ANC law requires that ANCs elect new officers each year during the month of January, and provide bonding (or ANC Security Fund) participation documents,

WHEREAS ANC law requires that each calendar year the ANC’s Chairperson and Treasurer obtain a cash or surety bond OR the ANC participates in the ANC Security Fund,

WHEREAS on January 11, 2017 ANC 2F elected Commissioner John Fanning as Chairperson and Commissioner Alex Graham as Treasurer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F participate in the 2017 ANC Security Fund, pay a participation fee of $25, and file with OCDA the information required by the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975, as amended.

This resolution was unanimously (5-0) adopted on January 11, 2017 by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F at a duly called and properly noticed public meeting with a quorum (at least four Commissioners) present and acting throughout.