ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 7:00 P.M. WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL 10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT
Commissioner Deeley (2F08)
Dave Feinstein
Joel Heisey
Helen Kramer
Greg Melcher*
Ron Rubin*

ABSENT
Louis Cipro
Joyce Cowan
Commissioner Lamare (2F05)
Jim Loucks
Commissioner Sylvester (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS
Carlos Vasquez
Greg Kearley
Lisa Schreiber
Ofer Khal

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

Committee meeting called to order by CDC Chair Commissioner Kevin Deeley at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda
Commissioner Deeley moved to adopt the draft agenda without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 4-0 (Melcher and Rubin not present)

Approval of August 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Deeley moved to approve the August 24, 2016 CDC minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

Vote: 4-0 (Melcher and Rubin not present)

Old Business

[None]

New Business

1316 R St, NW (2F01) Carlos Vasquez

HPRB concept, massing, and design for three story + basement rear addition

Carlos Vasquez, representative for the applicant, requested the Committee’s support for historic concept, massing, and design of a three-story and basement rear addition to an existing row home. Vasquez described the applicant’s intention to restore the historic details of building removed by previous owners (including façade, stairs, and windows), maintain the existing four units, and use the proposed expansion space to convert the existing one bedroom units into two bedroom units. The Committee discussed potential zoning (lot coverage) implications. A community member raised concern over the substantial nature of the rear extension relative to nearby homes.

Commissioner Deeley moved that the CDC recommend that ANC 2F send a letter to HPRB
recommending approval of the concept, massing, and design for the proposed addition; the motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

**Vote: 5-1**

**1412 Q St, NW (2F02)**

*HPRB concept, massing, and design for renovation + partial four story addition*

Greg Kearley, Inscape Studio architect and representative for the applicant, requested the Committee’s support for historic concept and design of a partial four-story addition to an existing one-story structure. Kearley described the owner’s desire to add an addition, in part to cater to the commercial tenant’s—Bike Rack—desire for additional space. Kearly noted the design and massing were still conceptual at this point because of ongoing conversations with HPO about their preferences, and the applicant’s desire for ANC 2F’s input. The Committee requested refining of the window layout on the second and third floors, and scaling back of the overall massing.

Community members expressed a lack of outreach and communication on the part of the owner, and concern with the scale and character of the proposed project.

The Committee ultimately took no action. Kearley agreed to ask the owner to engage neighbors in discussion about the project, revise the plans, and return to the CDC at a later time.

**No action taken**

**1232 9th St, NW (2F06)**

*BZA special exception (use requirement to establish animal care and boarding use)*

Wagtime owners Lisa Schreiber and Ofer Khal requested the Committee’s support for a zoning special exception to allow for continued operation of their boarding and animal daycare business.

Khal and Schreiber explained that the initial three-year term granted by BZA for their special exception was about to expire, so they had to go before Zoning again to request a permanent special exception. The Committee explained that the outdoor (roof deck) component of daycare operations is the principal concern of the Committee and this component was the main impetus for the initial, three-year, conditional special exception.

Helen Kramer moved that the CDC recommend that ANC 2F send a letter to BZA recommending approval of the application for the requested special exception; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

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

**DDOT Revision of Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program**

*BZA special exception (use requirement to establish animal care and boarding use)*

Commissioner Deeley shared that DDOT has proposed a citywide revision to the RPP program, which would enforce resident-only parking on one side of the street for certain hours. Deeley explained that ANC 2F already has this type of enforcement (including the related street signs), and suggested that ANC 2F share with DDOT its positive experience with these regulations.

Deeley moved that the CDC recommend that ANC 2F send a letter to DDOT expressing its positive experience with the resident-only restrictions on one side of the street, supporting continuance of this program, and renewing its request for extension of resident-only hours until 11pm; the motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

**Vote: 4-0-1 (Melcher not present)**
Helen Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Committee. Meeting adjourned at **8:19 p.m.**