ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M. NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH AUGUST 2, 2017 5 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT
Jason Forman (2F01)
John Guggenmos (2F02)
Alex Graham (2F03)
John Fanning (2F04)
Ron Rubin (2F05)
Charlie Bengel (2F06)
Kevin Deeley (2F08)

ABSENT
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS
Sgt. David Terestre, MPD, PSA 307
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans’ office
Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison (Mayor’s office)
Dr. Jennifer Smith, DC Forensic Services

*denotes Commissioner not present for all votes

Meeting called to order by Commissioner John Fanning at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Guggenmos announced that the annual Little Goblins parade was scheduled to take place on October 28.
2. Commissioner Fanning announced that the mid-City dog days event was scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

Community Forum

Report from Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Sgt. David Terestre

Sgt. Terestre shared the monthly crime report, which compared crime statistics for July 3 – August 2 to the same period in 2016. Total violent crime is down from eleven to three incidents. Total property crime is also down from 60 to 42 incidents.

Report from Councilmember Jack Evans’ office Sherri Kimbel, Constituent Services Director

Sherri Kimbel shared six updates from Councilmember Evans’ office: 1) Ward 2 night at Nats’ Stadium was last week; 2) August 22 is Ward 2 night at the Shakespeare Theatre; 3) there will not be a monthly newsletter this month from Evans since the Council is on recess; 4) Evans’ office has a new Communications Director, Joe Florey; 5) the Circulator has added new energy efficient buses in recent weeks; and 6) DDOT Director Lief Dormsjo has announced he is stepping down and will be temporarily replaced by interim Director Jeff Meridian.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison

Jerry Chapin shared one update from the Mayor’s office: the administration is making an extra push to promote the anti-graffiti and rodent abatement programs. Residents should call 311 accordingly.

Presentation from DC Dept. of Forensic Services Dr. Jennifer Smith

Dr. Jennifer Smith, Director of the DC Department of Forensic Services, provided an overview of
the services provided by her office, spoke to the Department’s community outreach efforts, and shared information about employment and internship opportunities.

Community Announcements

[none]

BUSINESS MEETING

Commissioner Fanning noted there was quorum to conduct the business portion of the meeting (seven 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 Fanning moved to adopt the draft meeting agenda with two modifications: 1) addition of a New Business item to address public space tree boxes in 2F02 in need of repair; and 2) consideration of using ANC 2F funds to hire a sound engineer in relation to Dacha Beer Garden’s ABRA license request. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of minutes for July 5, 2017 regular monthly public meeting

Fanning moved to approve the July 5, 2017 draft meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0-1

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

Commissioner Graham, Chair

Commissioner Graham presented the July 19 APC report. Graham first provided updates on Settlement Agreement negotiations with Benito’s Place at 1437 11th St, NW, Hando-Medo at 1315 14th St, NW, Maxwell Park at 1336 9th St, NW #2, and Tiger Fork at 922 N St, NW Rear.

Update on ANC 2F protest of new Class “C” Tavern license for Dacha at 1740 14th St, NW (2F01)

Graham shared that the ABRA mediation for Dacha’s license application was yesterday. The protesting parties in the matter have a motion before the ABRA Board to delay the hearing until October. It’s possible settlement with the Applicant will occur before then, but protesting parties are moving forward in case settlement cannot be reached.

New Class “C” Restaurant license for Supra at 1013 M St, NW (2F07)

Graham moved that ANC 2F protest the license application on the basis of 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, pending execution of a Settlement Agreement. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)
SA Amendment to allow recorded music in summer garden at TG Cigar at 1188 9th St, NW (2F06)
Graham explained that the agreed-upon sound demonstration/test with the Applicant and members of the APC had not yet occurred. Graham will take the lead on coordinating a date and time for the sound test. This matter will remain on the APC docket.

No action taken

Resolution to request creation of a new ABRA license class for beer gardens/outdoor establishments
Graham explained that ANC 2F would table this matter until after the resolution of the Dacha ABRA application.

No action taken

Community Development Committee
Commissioner Deeley, Chair
Commissioner Deeley shared that the July 26 CDC meeting had been cancelled so there was no Committee report to share. However, ANC 2F received notice of two applications whose deadlines for ANC feedback require that the Commission take action now.

DDOT public space application for construction at 1534 14th St, NW (2F02)
After consideration of the matter, and agreement that the application was non-controversial in nature, the Commission decided to take no action.

No action taken

DDOT public space application for bollard fixtures at 901 Massachusetts Ave, NW (2F06)
After consideration of the matter, and agreement that the application was non-controversial in nature, the Commission decided to take no action.

No action taken

Education Committee
Commissioner Forman and Pepin Tuma, Co-Chairs
Commissioner Forman provided a brief update on [something related to Garrison??]

Old Business
[none]

New Business

Repair of tree boxes in 2F02
Commissioner John Guggenmos
Commissioner Guggenmos detailed the deteriorating and dangerous condition of two tree boxes—one located on the east side of 14th St, NW just south of P Street, NW and the other located on the south side of P Street, NW just east of 14th St, NW. Guggenmos moved that the Commission send a letter to the DDOT Urban Forest League to request repair of the mangled edges of the iron tree box fences and relocation of a large concrete planter partially covering one of the tree boxes; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Consideration of using ANC 2F funds to hire a sound engineer
Commissioner Forman explained that as Dacha Beer Garden’s concept and site plans continue to materialize, it would be in the Commission’s best interest to contract a licensed sound engineer to test and verify the effectiveness of the Applicant’s sound mitigation efforts. Forman moved that the
Commission approve up to $1,000 to contract a sound engineer in relation to the Dacha Beer Garden ABRA application; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.  

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer’s Report

Approval of FY17 Q3 report (Apr – Jun 2017)  Commissioner Graham
Commissioner Graham moved for approval and adoption of the FY17 Q3 report for the DC Auditor’s Office; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Expenses  Commissioner Graham
Commissioner Graham moved for approval of the following expenditures:

1. Check #1330 in the amount of $770.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for July 2017 salary;
2. Check #1331 in the amount of $165.12, payable to Beebe, as reimbursement for expenditures on printing supplies (printer ink) from early June.

Total expenses: $935.12
Graham’s motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Commissioner Fanning moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.