ANC 2F | Regular Monthly Public Meeting

MINUTES | WEDNESDAY | 7:00 P.M. | MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL
DECEMBER 6, 2017 | 901 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, NW

Attendance

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

ABSENT
Kevin Sylvester (2F07)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS
Sergeant David Terestre, PSA 307
Sherri Kimbel, Councilmember Evans’ office
Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison (Mayor’s office)
Sheila Alexander-Reid, Director LGBT Affairs
Wendy Cadell, Inspector, DPW
MaryEva Candon

Meeting called to order by Commissioner John Fanning at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Announcements

1. Commissioner Guggenmos thanked Chairman Fanning for his ongoing commitment to ANC 2F and its residents, especially in light of recent controversial business items before the Commission.

2. Guggenmos announced that the Gay Men’s Chorus will sing outside of Number 9 on Tuesday, December 12.

3. Commissioner Fanning announced that the ANC Commissioner holiday party is 6pm tomorrow at the Wilson Building.

4. Commissioner Graham shared that residents can now sign-up for 2018 Visitor Parking Passes.

5. Fanning provided a brief summary of the Dockless Bike Town Hall, noting the conversation was productive.

Community Forum

Report from Metropolitan Police Department PSA 307 Sergeant David Terestre, PSA 307

Sergeant Terestre shared the monthly crime report, which compared crime statistics for the last 30 days to the same period in 2016. Terestre noted that crime statistics looked very good, with total crime, total violent crime, and property crime all down significantly. Commissioner Bengel congratulated the PSA 307 team on a 25% reduction in crime year-over-year. Terestre also reminder residents to take measures to prevent package thefts, which generally rise this time of year.

Report Councilmember Jack Evans’ office Sherri Kimbel

Sherri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services, shared five updates: 1) the ANC Commissioner holiday party is 6pm tomorrow at the Wilson Building; 2) residents who have received an email from DDOT indicating their VPP has been deactivated should ignore the erroneous message; 3) Councilmember Evans will be supporting the appointment of Jeff Meridian as the Director of DDOT.
during Meridian’s hearing this Friday; 4) leaf collection efforts went very well this season; and 5) Councilmember Bonds will hold a hearing on December 11 at 2pm that will address the busker/street performer noise issue.

Report from Executive Office of the Mayor

Jerry Chapin, Ward 2 Liaison from the Mayor’s office, shared four updates: 1) be mindful of package thefts, which spike during this time of year; 2) the security camera rebate program still has funds available for District residents and business owners; 3) the Ed Fest is Saturday, December 9 at the D.C. Armory; 4) leaf pickup is scheduled to end on Saturday.

Chapin yielded the remaining portion of his report to Sheila Alexander-Reid, Director of LGBT Affairs in the Mayor’s office. Alexander-Reid spoke to the mandate of her office, and invited residents to the Dec 20 office holiday party at Capitale.

Community Announcements

1. Inspector Wendy Cadell with the Department of Public Works clarified trash and recycling pick-up procedures for District residents.
2. MaryEva Candon, former Commissioner of ANC 2D, encouraged ANC 2F weigh in on pending home sharing legislation before the D.C. Council.

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 one modification proposed by Commissioner Graham: addition of a new business item to nominate Clint Albin to the 2F-03 seat on the APC. Fanning’s motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of minutes for November 1, 2017 regular monthly public meeting

Commissioner Graham moved to approve the October 4, 2017 draft meeting minutes with two modifications: a correction that Commissioner Rubin presented the CDC report, and addition of a new business item appointing Bob Kimbel to the 2F-06 seat on the APC. Graham’s motion was seconded and approved unanimously the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Committee Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

Commissioner Graham presented the November 15 APC report. Graham presented the Committee’s business items individually.
New Class “C” Tavern license for Dacha Beer Garden at 1740 14th St, W (2F01)
Graham yielded the floor to Commissioner Forman, who shared that the ABRA Board cut Dacha’s requested occupancy from its original request of 600 to 200, and limited its operating hours.

No action taken

Class “C” Restaurant license renewal for Calico (formerly The American) at 50 Blagden Alley, NW
Graham moved that ANC 2F send a letter to ABRA in support of the license renewal provided there’s an amendment to the existing Settlement Agreement that permits the use of the back door for ingress and egress—in an effort to mitigate noise impacting nearby residents—and so long as the approved license hours match those that were placarded; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-1

Substantial change to Class “C” Restaurant license for Modern Market at 1010 Vermont Ave, NW
Graham moved that ANC 2F send a letter to ABRA protesting the substantial change since the Applicant failed to participate in the ANC review process; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Community Development Committee
Commissioner Deeley, Chair
Commissioner Deeley presented the November 29 CDC report. Deeley first presented a summary of the business items on which the CDC did not take action, including:

- Modifications to BZA approval for the Logan Station condominium at 1210 R St, NW (2F01) – the applicant postponed its return to the December CDC meeting;
- DDOT public space committee application for new unenclosed sidewalk café at 1437 11th St, NW / Benito’s Place (2F04) – the ANC already protested and there has been no subsequent participation by the applicant in the ANC’s review process;
- DDOT public space committee application for new enclosed sidewalk café at 1428 12th St, NW (2F04) – the applicant did not attend the CDC meeting and the application is no longer in the DDOT system;
- BZA variance request/use (max. number of principal dwelling units) at 924 N St, NW (2F06) – the applicant withdrew from further ANC consideration but will return to the CDC at a later time with an amended application;
- HPRB concept and massing/one-story addition (to 15th Street side) at 1460 P St, NW (2F02) – this business item will be considered at the December CDC meeting.

BZA special exception (penthouse requirements) at 1099 14th St, NW (2F08)
Deeley shared the CDC’s recommendation, moving that ANC 2F send a letter to BZA in support of the requested special exception to the penthouse requirements; the motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Vote: 6-0-1

Education Committee
Commissioner Forman, Chair
No update

Old Business
[none]
New Business

Reducing Criminalization to Promote Public Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2017

The Commissioners held an initial discussion about Councilmember’s proposed legislation to remove criminal penalties for buying and selling sex. The Commissioners raised a number of concerns and identified several questions to be answered before they took further action. Sherri Kimbel of Councilmember Jack Evans’ office noted Evans’ opposition to the legislation because of its lack of regulation.

No action taken

Scheduling of 2018 meeting dates

Commissioner Fanning moved to adopt the following meeting dates for the ANC 2F Commission, the ABRA Policy Committee, and the Community Development Committee:

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The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission. 

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Appointment of Clint Albin to APC (2F-03) seat

Commissioner Graham moved to appoint community member Clint Albin to the 2F-03 seat on the ABRA Policy Committee; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Treasurer’s Report

Approval of Expenses

Commissioner Graham moved for approval of the following expenditures:

1. Check #1339 in the amount of $770.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for October 2017 salary;
2. Check #1340 in the amount of $39.40, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, as reimbursement for office supplies purchased for ANC 2F.

Total expenses: $809.40

As part of the Treasurer’s Report, Graham also made note of the status of two previous checks:
- Check #1337 in the amount of $777.76, payable to Commissioner John Guggenmos, as reimbursement for sound engineer fees related to Dacha Business Garden—this expense was previously approved by the Commission.

- Check #1338 in the amount of $770.00, payable to Executive Director Adam Beebe, for October 2017 salary—this check replaced lost check #1337.

The 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 9:12 p.m.