

ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 28, 2018

7:00 P.M.

NT'L CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Commissioner Deeley (2F08)
Brad Thornton (2F01)
Lou Cipro (2F02)
Sarah Marcus (2F04)
Commissioner Rubin (2F05)*
Dave Feinstein (At-Large)
Joel Heisey (At-Large)
John Long (At-Large)
Jim Loucks (At-Large)

ABSENT

Scott Frost (2F03)
Greg Melcher (2F06)
Commissioner Sylvester (2F07)
Helen Kramer (At-Large)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Patty Isacson Sabee, Planet Word
Gretchen Pfaehler, Beyer Blinder Belle
Steven Beattie, Larson Design Group
Cary Kadlecek, Goulston & Storrs
Grif Johnson, Quiet Clean DC
Jeffrey Jackson, attorney
Debra Moye, Restaurant Consultants

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

Committee meeting **called to order** by CDC Chair Commissioner Kevin Deeley at **7:01 p.m.**

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Deeley moved to adopt the draft agenda with one modification: moving the business item for 1101 New York Ave, NW to the beginning of the agenda. Deeley's motion was seconded and adopted unanimously the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (Rubin not present)

Approval of January 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Deeley moved to adopt the draft January 24, 2018 meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and adopted the Committee.

Vote: 7-0-1 (Rubin not present)

Old Business

Planet Word Museum at the historic Franklin School (2F08)

Patty Isacson Sabee, Planet Word
Gretchen Pfaehler, Beyer Blinder Belle

Pre-construction update

Planet Word Executive Director Patty Isacson Sabee and architect for the project Gretchen Pfaehler provided the CDC with an informational update on modifications to their plans for construction and interior historic preservation. The team noted abatement work would commence in March.

No action taken

New Business

1101 New York Ave, NW (2F08)

Cary Kadlecek, Goulston & Storrs
Steven Beattie, Larson Design Group

DDOT public space application for new direct entrance and ADA ramp

Cary Kadlecek, legal counsel for the project, and Steven Beattie, project manager, requested the Committee's support for the installation of a new ADA ramp and stair system in public space leading to a new entrance to the proposed CVS pharmacy at this location. After the applicant clarified an inconsistency in the site plans, Commissioner Deeley moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee recommending approval of the application as presented; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

1100 Vermont Ave, NW / Starbucks (2F05)

Debra Moyer, Restaurant Consultants

Debra Moyer of Restaurant Consultants requested the Committee's support for an unenclosed sidewalk café in public space with loose tables and chairs for 30 seated guests, six umbrellas, no permanent structures, a twenty foot projection into public space and an eleven foot clearance between the tree box and fence. Commissioner Rubin moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee recommending approval of the application as presented; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Request for support of the Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Grif Johnson, Quiet Clean DC

Grif Johnson of Quiet Clean DC, a coalition of citizens concerned about the use of gas-burning leaf blowers, requested the Committee's support for adopting a resolution in support of DC Council Bill B22-0234 to phase out operations of all gas-burning leaf blowers in the District after an adequate period for current owners and retailers to amortize their inventories and transition to more environmentally-friendly alternatives. Johnson detailed the coalition's concerns related to noise and nuisance, hearing damage to leaf blower operators, pollution, and disruption of topsoil given the high speed of air blown. The Committee inquired about other jurisdictions that have adopted similar legislation; Councilmember Evans' opinion on the bill; and whether or not the issue at hand was about regulation or enforcement. A community member in attendance spoke in favor of the Committee supporting the proposed resolution.

John Long moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to the DC Council endorsing the thrust of the bill (specifically the phase out operations of gas-burning leaf blowers over a period of years) and encouraging the Council to give it positive consideration. After Committee discussion on the motion, Long withdrew the motion.

Sarah Marcus moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC adopt a resolution in support of Bill B22-0234 that is substantially similar to a portion of the resolution adopted by ANC 6D; the motion was seconded and adopted by the Committee.

Vote: 7-0-2

1205 11th St, NW / Supra (2F07)

Jeffrey Jackson, attorney

DDOT public space application for new unenclosed sidewalk cafe

Commissioner Deeley moved that the CDC suspend the Committee rule requiring presenters to email presentation materials in advance of the meeting and distribute hard copies to Committee

members at the meeting; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Jeff Jackson, attorney for the applicant, requested the Committee's support for an unenclosed sidewalk café in public space with loose tables and chairs for 45 seated guests, no umbrellas, no permanent structures, a commitment to remove/stack all furniture at the end of each night, a six foot clearance between the tree box and fence, and daily hours of operation between 11am and 11pm. Per the Committee's inquiry, Jackson confirmed that the fence would be moveable and that the applicant had reached out to the building's condo association about the application. Joel Heisey moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee recommending approval of the application as presented, provided that the clearance between the fence and tree box does in fact meet DDOT's minimum standards; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

1537 15th St, NW (2F02)

Greg Kearley, Inscape Studio

Historic concept/addition of balconies

Greg Kearley, architect for the project and representative of the owners of Sausalito Square Condos, requested the Committee's support for the addition of balconies on the Q Street façade of an existing residential building. Kearley detailed design elements, including the use of glass guardrails and steel for structural support. Kearley also shared three letters of support from neighbors. The Committee expressed differing opinions about the use of glass guardrails; inquired about the materials that would be used to convert the existing windows into balcony access doors; and had a discussion about regulating what items owners should and should not be permitted to keep on the balconies.

Lou Cipro moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to HPO in support of the proposed concept, provided that the trim of the newly-created doors match the existing materials on the exterior windows and that the steel be painted black; the motion was seconded and adopted by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0-1

Lou Cipro then moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to the Sausalito Square condo association recommending that the association adopt regulations prohibiting storage on the balconies and permitting only patio furniture and plants on the balconies; the motion was seconded and adopted by the Committee.

Vote: 6-3

1407 10th St, NW (2F06)

Paul Wilson, Trout Design

Historic concept/renovation, partial third-floor addition

Paul Wilson, architect and designer for the project, requested the Committee's support for a partial third-floor addition to an existing distressed property. Wilson detailed the design elements, and indicated the project would result in two units. Joel Heisey moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to HPRB supporting the concept and design of the project as presented, noting the applicant's consent to reconsidering the windows on the south side of the addition; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at **8:44 p.m.**