

ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 25, 2018

7:00 P.M.

LUTHER PLACE MEM. CHURCH
1226 VERMONT AVE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Commissioner Deeley (2F08)
Brad Thornton (2F01)*
Lou Cipro (2F02)
Scott Frost (2F03)*
Greg Melcher (2F06)*
Commissioner Sylvester (2F07)
Dave Feinstein (At-Large)
Joel Heisey (At-Large)
Helen Kramer (At-Large)
John Long (At-Large)

ABSENT

Sarah Marcus (2F04)
Commissioner Rubin (2F05)
Jim Loucks (At-Large)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Miranda Rinaldi
Jim Foster, Arcadia
Bryan Ruho
Harrison Grafos
Steve Dickens
Will Leibner
Theresa Dubois

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

Committee meeting **called to order** by CDC Chair Commissioner Kevin Deeley at **7:03 p.m.**

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Helen Kramer moved to adopt the draft agenda without modification; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously the Committee.

Vote: 8- 0 (Melcher & Thornton not present)

Approval of March 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Kramer moved to adopt the draft March 28, 2018 meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and adopted the Committee.

Vote: 7-0-1 (Melcher & Thornton not present)

Old Business

[none]

1310 L Street, NW (2F08)

Miranda Rinaldi

DDOT public space application for new unenclosed sidewalk café

Bakery owner Miranda Rinaldi requested support for a sidewalk space to place three small tables with two chairs each in front of the window of the bakery. She indicated that Pepco grates were six feet from the door and at least 3 feet away from the proposed table. Commissioner Deeley moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee in support of the application as presented by the applicant; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous, Thornton & Melcher not present)

New Business

1314 Vermont Ave, NW (2F03)

Jim Foster

Historic concept, massing, and design for addition to existing building

Jim Foster from Arcadia presented on behalf of the applicant, who is proposing a one story addition to the rear wing of an existing structure. Foster maintained there will virtually no changes to the existing brick structure. The new addition will have windows that will line up with what is above. He presented a number of drawings.

CDC members inquired about the visibility of the proposed new addition from the street. Foster expressed that it was not visible, and indicated his client was willing to build a full scale mockup of the addition to ensure that no one can see it from the street.

Residents of 1316 Vermont Avenue, Ed Brubaker and Rigo Barata, read a letter aloud regarding their concern with the height of the addition and its impact on their chimneys. Brubaker also voiced concern over excavation of the terrace. Clint Alvin, another nearby resident, indicated he had not been previously aware of the size of the terrace.

Joel Heisey moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter in support of the application to the HPRB, provided that the proposed structure pass the sight line test; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous; Melcher not present)

1325 15th St, NW (2F02)

Bryan Ruho

DDOT public space application for demolition, planting and hardscaping

Bryan Ruho, landscape architect, presented on behalf of the Latrobe Apartments at the corner of Rhode Island and 15th. The applicant is planning construction of a contemporary patio for the residents, which will replace current plantings with pavings and plants. Ruho indicated all electrical vaults will remain intact. Helen Kramer moved that the CDC recommend that the ANC send a letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee in support of the application; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous; Frost not present)

Request to adopt a resolution supporting installation of warm-white 2700-Kelvin LED streetlights

Harrison Grafos

ANC 2F resident Harrison Grafos requested the CDC's support to encourage DDOT to request the use of warm-white 2700 Kelvin LED lights in their upcoming RFP to replace all existing streetlights in the city. The committee inquired whether there was a cost difference between this light and other types, and if the reach of the light was different. Grafos was unable to answer these questions.

Commissioner Deeley moved that the CDC recommend that the ANC send a letter to DDOT supporting the request; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous; Frost not present)

1128 10th St, NW (2F06)

Steve Dickens and client

Historic concept for demolition and new construction

Steve Dickens presented proposed construction plans including additions to the height of the building. The owner maintained he had passed out flyers saying that they would be presenting at the meeting. No

nearby residents were in attendance at the meeting. The committee inquired about the space between building and the sidewalk; Dickens expressed it would be a conventional yard.

Commissioner Sylvester moved that the CDC recommend that the ANC send a letter to the HPRB opposing the application on the basis that the design is inconsistent with the surrounding and adjacent structures, and requesting that the architects rework the concept and massing, especially regarding the front exterior as it appears from the northwestern view. Sylvester further indicated committee would like to see designs reworked to incorporate upper level setbacks. Sylvester's motion was seconded and adopted by the Committee.

Vote: 5-3 (Feinstein & Frost not present)

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

Will Leibner & Theresa Dubois

Exterior improvements

Will Leibner of Events DC presented proposed changes to the Convention Center, including addition of retail space, a rooftop terrace, street furniture, and sidewalk, metro center and tunnel improvements.

Commissioner Deeley requested the opportunity for community input once the planning is further along, especially when it comes to retail space. Deeley moved that the CDC recommend that the ANC send a letter to the National Capitol Planning Commission in support of the initial design concept; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous; Feinstein & Frost not present)

Meeting adjourned at **9:07 p.m.**