ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2018 7:00 P.M. NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH 5 THOMAS CIRLCE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT
Scott Frost (2F03)
Commissioner Rubin (2F05)*
Commissioner Sylvester (2F07)
Dave Feinstein (At-Large)
Joel Heisey (At-Large)
Helen Kramer (At-Large)
Jim Loucks (At-Large)

ABSENT
Brad Thornton (2F01)
Lou Cipro (2F02)
Sarah Marcus (2F04)
Greg Melcher (2F06)
John Long (At-Large)

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS
Bryce Cole, PAUL USA
Griz Dwight, owner & architect

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

Committee meeting called to order by Commissioner Kevin Sylvester, CDC Chair, at 7:00 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: 6-0 (Rubin not present)

Approval of July 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sylvester moved to adopt the draft July 25, 2018 meeting minutes with correction to the attendance list; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

Approval of September 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sylvester moved to adopt the draft September 26, 2018 meeting minutes without modification; the motion was seconded and adopted by the Committee.

Vote: 5-0-2

Old Business

1275 K St, NW (2F08) Bryce Cole, PAUL USA

DDOT public space application for new unenclosed sidewalk cafe

Bryce Cole, Director of Operations for PAUL USA, requested the Committee’s support for a public space application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café consisting of 26 seats, no umbrellas or cover, and with daytime operations between 7am-7pm. Cole confirmed that all chairs and tables would be taken in each night, and that there would be no enclosure around the sidewalk café. Helen Kramer 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 Cole; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)
New Business

905 N St. NW / 1311 Naylor Ct, NW (2F06) Griz Dwight, owner and architect

Variance/lot occupancy for one-story rear addition

Griz Dwight, owner of the property and architect, requested the Committee’s support for a zoning variance that would allow him to raise the ground level of a central courtyard between the two properties and add a one-story addition with a green roof. Dwight argued that in its current state, the courtyard is unusable, received minimal light, and regularly floods when it rains. Dwight confirmed that the one-story addition would not be visible from any public street, and that the green roof would activate the courtyard for use and divert runoff water to the sewer system. The Committee inquired about the property’s exceeding of lot occupancy; whether or not any windows would be blocked by the addition; and whether or not this addition would also require a special exception because of the side yard created by the addition.

Helen Kramer moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to BZA supporting the request for a lot occupancy variance, taking into consideration the exceptional circumstances of the property, and providing that this recommendation shall not be considered a precedent for future occasions. Kramer accepted Joel Heisey’s friendly amendment that in the instance an open courtyard special exception is required, the Committee would also support such a special exception. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

Vote: 6-1

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.