



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21st, 2018; 7:00 p.m.
West End Library, Main Meeting Room – 2301 L Street NW

Call to Order

Chair William Kennedy Smith (04) called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Florence Harmon (06), and Detrick Campbell (07) were present. Commissioner Rebecca Coder (02) arrived at 7:20 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the ANC’s regular February 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

The ANC’s regular January 2018 meeting minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Community Forum

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Lt. Darren Haskis, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, was present. He gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), was present. He gave an overview of Mayor Bowser’s upcoming budget engagement forums, which provide an opportunity for the public to provide input regarding the Mayor’s proposed FY 2019 budget. He said that the remaining two forums will take place on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm at Watkins Elementary School, 420 12th Street SE, and on Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 am at Kramer Middle School, 1700 Q Street SE.

Mr. Livingstone gave an overview of the Mayor’s Private Security Camera Rebate Program. He said that only eight rebates have been applied for in MPD’s Police Service Area (PSA) 207. He encouraged local residents to apply for the program.

Mr. Livingstone encouraged local residents to report any issues in the neighborhood to him by email at richard.livingstone@dc.gov or by phone at (202) 805-7122.

Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

Sarina Loy, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans’ Office, was present. She said that the DC Council’s Committee on Finance and Revenue will hold a performance oversight hearing

on Events DC, the Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission on Tuesday, February 26th at 10:00 am. She said that the committee will hold another performance oversight hearing on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the DC Lottery, and Destination DC on Wednesday, February 28th at 10:00 am.

Ms. Loy said that DC Water will be holding its annual Ward 2 Town Hall on Tuesday, February 27th. She said that the location and time for the town hall are to be determined.

Chair Smith said that the ANC has received some concerns from community members regarding vibrations coming from the Metrorail trains traveling through the neighborhood. He said that the ANC is in the process of discussing the concerns with Councilmember Evans.

Report from the West End Library

Kevin Osborne, the Branch Manager of the West End Library, was present. He gave an overview of the library's usage statistics since the new library opened. He said that the library is averaging approximately 450 visitors per day. He said that the daily amount of visitors has increased since the opening of Bluestone Lane within the library.

Mr. Osborne said that the DC Public Library Foundation will hold its annual Story Time Gala on Thursday, March 15th at 6:30 pm at the West End Library.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Kennedy said that the DC Council's Committee of the Whole will be holding a hearing regarding DC Council Bill B22-0579 - the "Helicopter Landing Pad Amendment Act of 2017" on Monday, March 12th at 1:00 pm in room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. He said that the committee's record regarding the bill will remain open until Tuesday, April 3rd for anyone who would like to submit written comments.

Commissioner Coder said that Francis Field will reopen in March after an extensive grass re-planting effort. She said that school officials from the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens will be conducting a safety walk of the field with representatives from the Friends of Francis Field sometime soon.

Announcements and Public Comments

Ed Lazere, a candidate for Chairman of the DC Council, gave an overview of his background and his campaign platform.

Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA), said that FBA's next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm at the West End Library, 2301 L Street NW. She said that the organization will be discussing its goals for 2018 during the meeting. She added that FBA will be hosting a bike summit on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 pm at the West End Library.

General Agenda

Update Regarding the Stevens School Development Project

David Toney, the Vice President of Development for Akridge, was present. He gave a visual presentation regarding the plans for the office building at 2100 L Street NW and for the renovation of the Stevens School building. He said that the renovated school will feature a small childcare center and an expansion of the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens.

Mr. Toney said that the project team has been working with the DC Public Schools (DCPS), the Department of General Services (DGS), and the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's Office (DMPED) to amend the development plans for the school in order to accommodate the needs of the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens. He said that the interiors of the building will be redesigned to house grades Pre-K through Grade 3, as well as the childcare center. He said that the project team is planning for the school to reopen in time for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Toney said that the project team is planning to begin the office building project in late spring or early summer of 2018. He said that the office building will take approximately 20 months to build. He added that the project team is very excited about how the leasing process has been progressing for the office building.

Mr. Toney said that the project team is working to keep nearby neighbors informed about the status of the construction work as it progresses.

Mr. Toney gave an overview of the Thaddeus Stevens Scholarship that Akridge is providing as part of the amenities package for the project. He said that the community can visit <http://www.thaddeusstevensscholarship.com/> to learn more about the scholarship and to apply.

A local resident asked whether there would be any reduction in street parking in the area around the school in order to accommodate student drop offs and pick-ups. Mr. Toney said that the project team is not yet far enough along in the development process in order to consider how drop offs and pick-ups will be handled.

Discussion Regarding Concerns about Traffic Conditions in the Square 73 Alley

Mr. Toney said that the project team wants to ensure that the Square 73 alley system is able to handle the increased traffic that will result from the new garage opening in the office building at 2100 L Street NW.

Katie Wagner, a traffic engineer with Gorove/Slade, was present. She gave a visual presentation regarding the firm's findings about the current traffic conditions in the alley. She said that the alley currently has approximately 16 parking spaces, as well as dumpsters of various sizes. She said that there are two parking garages that are accessed from the alley.

Ms. Wagner said that the firm found that some of the traffic problems in the alley have resulted from inefficient operations in the two parking garages. She said that the firm looked into whether

one-way operations in the alley would help solve some of the traffic problems, but found that one-way operations would not have any impact.

Ms. Wagner said that some of the firm's recommendations for improving the traffic conditions in the alley include clearly marking the public space in the alley, hiring an alley monitor during high traffic times, improving directional signage in the alley, and having a loading management plan for the 2100 L Street NW office building development.

A local resident asked about the planned size of the garage for the office building at 2100 L Street NW. Mr. Toney said that the garage will have approximately 130 parking spaces. The local resident said that she is concerned about the impacts that the additional 130 cars will have on the traffic conditions in the alley.

Discussion Regarding Needed Repairs to the Sidewalks on the 1000 block of 22nd Street NW and the 2100 block of K Street NW

Commissioner Harmon said that she has been working for ten years to convince the city to replace the sidewalks on the 1000 block of 22nd Street NW and the 2100 block of K Street NW.

Andrew Kaufmann, a Supervisory Civil Engineer for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), said that contractors will be working during the next week to fix the sidewalks. He said that the new sidewalks will be concrete instead of the current brick. He added that DDOT will work with the community in order to maintain driveway and pedestrian access during the construction period.

Regulatory Agenda

Update Regarding the ANC's Ongoing Protest of FoBoGro's Application for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "B" Grocery License at 2140 F Street NW

Chair Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed outline for a settlement agreement between the ANC and FoBoGro and to authorize the Chair to sign the settlement agreement after receiving input from Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Campbell, and the West End Citizens Association (WECA) as appropriate. Chair Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Bluestone Lane – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1100 23rd Street NW

Chair Smith made a motion to support Bluestone Lane's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license, as well as the establishment's request for a stipulated license. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous consent. The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2A supports Bluestone Lane's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1100 23rd Street NW.

ANC 2A also supports Bluestone Lane's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's license application.

Public Space Application by Bluestone Lane for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 12 Tables and 48 Seats at 1100 23rd Street NW

Chair Smith made a motion to support Bluestone Lane's public space application. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous consent. The resolution reads as follows:

At its regular meeting on February 21, 2018, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With five of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission, after a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Coder, unanimously consented to support Bluestone Lane's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1100 23rd Street NW.

Special Event Application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 7th

Chair Smith made a motion to support the special event application for the Army Ten-Miler. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

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Special Event Application for the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 28th

Commissioner Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to support the special event application for the Marine Corps Marathon. Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

At its regular meeting on February 21, 2018, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With five of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0-0*), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to support the special event application for the Marine Corps Marathon on October 28th, 2018.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to endorse the Marine Corps Marathon's request to use Rock Creek Parkway as part of the marathon. Chair Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

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Update Regarding the Special Event Application for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on Saturday, March 10th

Chair Smith made a motion to draft and submit a resolution regarding the ANC's disappointment about the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon's failure to uphold its commitment to not locate a sound stage at the intersection of Rock Creek Parkway and Virginia Avenue NW and to authorize expenditures up to \$1,000 for the retention of legal counsel regarding the matter. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Administrative Matters

Approval of the ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 1 financial report

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 1 financial report, which was adopted by unanimous consent.

Approval of Expenditures for the Retention of Legal Counsel and a Traffic Engineer

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to authorize additional expenditures up to \$3,000 for the retention of a traffic engineer to study the traffic conditions in the Square 73 alley. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to authorize expenditures up to \$1,000 for the retention of legal counsel regarding the zoning processes for the hotel at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Discussion Regarding the Purchase of Additional Office Supplies for the ANC's New Office Space

Chair Smith made a motion to authorize expenditures up to \$800 for the purchase of additional office supplies for the ANC's new office. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Schrefer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Philip Schrefer
Secretary, ANC 2A05