



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 15, 2015; 7:00 p.m.

GWU Fonger Hall Room 108 – 2201 G Street NW

Call to Order

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm. Commissioners John Williams (03), William Kennedy Smith (04), Philip Schrefer (05), Florence Harmon (06), and Peter Sacco (08) were present. Commissioner Jackson Carnes (07) arrived at 7:52 pm.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Harmon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

Community Forum

Resolution in Recognition of Commissioner Peter Sacco

Chair Kennedy read a resolution aloud that recognized Commissioner Sacco for his service to the ANC.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Harmon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (6-0).

Report from PSA 207

Sgt. Lawrence was present to give the safety report. He had no new information regarding the recent assault in the neighborhood.

Barbara Kahlow, a local resident, asked if there was any update regarding the removal of the homeless encampments in the neighborhood. Sgt. Lawrence said that he had no new information regarding the process.

Report from the Executive Office of the Mayor

John Fanning, a Ward 2 Representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services, was present. He introduced Keylin Rivera, a new Ward 2 Representative for the office. He also explained the DC government process for removing homeless encampments.

Consideration of a Resolution Honoring Former 2nd District Commander Michael Reese

Commissioner Harmon spoke about Commander Reese’s hard work on behalf of the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods. She read a resolution she wrote aloud, which commemorated Commander Reese for his work.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

Brian McClure from Councilmember Evans' office was present. He went over a few important legislative items currently being considered by the DC Council.

Report on the West End Library and Fire Station Projects

Commissioner Harmon said that EastBanc was waiting to receive a demolition permit from the DC Government in order to start the demolition of the West End Fire Station.

Report from the Ward 2 Education Network

Chair Kennedy talked about the impressive accomplishments of the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens since the school closure announcement was issued in 2012.

Consideration of a Grant Application by St. Mary's Court

Susan Walker, the Resident Services Director for St. Mary's Court, was present. She gave an overview of the grant application and answered questions asked by commissioners.

Commissioner Sacco made a motion to approve the grant request for St. Mary's Court pending a successful review of the grant application by the DC Auditor's office. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Updates

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River Inn Updates

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge project and the River Inn application matters.

Letter of Support for Foggy Bottom Association Spring Community Cleanup

Commissioner Sacco and Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association, gave an overview of the upcoming Foggy Bottom Cleanup.

Announcements and Public Comments

Robert White, a representative for the DC Office of the Attorney General (OAG), was present. He gave an overview of the proposed legislation that OAG recently submitted to the DC Council. He also gave an overview of the proposed OAG budget that was submitted to the DC Council.

Commissioner Harmon gave an overview of the upcoming Duke Ellington Birthday Concert at Duke Ellington Park.

Mike Silverstein, a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, was present. He gave an overview of an upcoming ABC Board hearing on a piece of proposed rulemaking that he said was partly a result of recent violent events that took place at businesses in our neighborhood.

Commissioner Harmon asked Mr. Silverstein if it would be helpful if the ANC passed a resolution regarding the proposed rulemaking. Mr. Silverstein said that it would.

Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Silverstein how the rulemaking would affect what the ABC Board defines as egregious behavior. Mr. Silverstein explained how egregious behavior would be defined under the proposed rulemaking.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to give the Chair the discretion to draft and submit a resolution in support of the proposed rulemaking. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0).

Regulatory Agenda

Concept Review of Proposed Three-Story Rear Addition at 2532 I St. (HPA 15-293) in the Foggy Bottom Historic District

Commissioner Smith introduced the applicants for the project. The two applicants and the project's architect were present. The architect for the project gave a visual presentation of the plans for the proposed addition to the property.

The architect said that the applicants would be appearing in front of the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) later in April, and would be coming back to the ANC at a later point with a request for a zoning exception for the project.

Chair Kennedy asked the applicants to give an overview of their conversations with surrounding property owners regarding the proposed addition. The applicants said that everyone they talked to were in support of the project.

Steve Charnovitz, a local resident, and another local resident both spoke in support of the proposed project.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to support the applicant's application in front of the Historic Preservation Review Board, contingent on the removal of the proposed roof deck from the application. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Acquisition of PEPCO Holdings by Exelon

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the proposed acquisition and the reasons for why it would hurt DC ratepayers.

Commissioner Sacco made a motion to give the Chair the discretion to draft and submit a resolution to the DC Public Service Commission expressing the ANC's opposition to the acquisition. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Consideration of a Proposal to Remove Parking Spaces on the 900 Block of 23rd St., the 900 Block of New Hampshire Ave., and the 2400 Block of K St. to Relieve Traffic Congestion at Washington Circle

Richard Kenney, a Senior Project Manager for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), was present. He gave an overview of the ANC's proposal to remove parking spaces on the 900 Block of 23rd Street, the 900 Block of New Hampshire Avenue, and the 2400 Block of K Street. He explained that DDOT had observed traffic problems as a result of cars parked on those blocks, especially during rush hours.

Mr. Kenney also gave an overview of his conversations with representatives from GW Hospital and the solution the representatives proposed: changing the 900 block of 23rd Street to emergency drop off parking only and taking away two parking spaces next to where the GW Hospital's ambulance loading area lets out on New Hampshire Avenue. These two spaces will allow ambulances to pull out of the loading area and back up into them while they are waiting to depart from the emergency room at the Hospital.

Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Kenney about the previous request to remove the "No Right Turn on Red" signal at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Washington Circle on the south side of the Circle. Mr. Kennedy explained the reasons why DDOT was not going to be able to remove the signal at that time.

Mr. Kenney also explained the last proposal to remove five daytime-only parking spaces on the 2400 block of K Street. He said that the DC Circulator bus stop on the block would stay at the same location.

Chair Kennedy asked Mr. Kenney about the possibility of removing or rearranging crosswalks on Washington Circle to alleviate congestion. Mr. Kenney explained how it was not possible, and why the current crosswalks were placed the way that they were.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to give the Chair the discretion to draft and submit a resolution to the District Department of Transportation in support of the proposal to remove the designated parking spots. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Commissioner Harmon also showed recent photos taken of traffic being backed up on 23rd Street going south towards Washington Circle during rush hour. She asked Mr. Kenney about the possibility of extending rush hour parking restrictions on the street to 7:30 pm. Mr. Kenney said that DDOT had been recently discussing the possibility of extending rush hour parking restrictions one hour citywide, and that DDOT would look into Commissioner Harmon's request.

Consideration of an Application by George Washington University to Modify Conditions C-4 and C-7 of the Current Foggy Bottom Campus Plan in Order to Clarify the Status of Students at the Former Corcoran College of Art + Design Vis-à-Vis its Commitments Regarding Headcount and FTE Enrollment Caps, as well as On-Campus Student Residency (Case No. 06-11N)

Alicia Knight, GW's Senior Associate Vice President of Operations, and Charles Barber, GW's Deputy Counsel, were present to give an overview of GW's merger with the Corcoran College and the need for a campus plan modification of GW's 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan.

Mr. Barber said that, through the proposed modification, GW was seeking to clarify the campus headcount conditions as they relate to the recently-acquired Corcoran College student body. He said that GW intended to apply a similar approach for the campus headcount as to the one used for GW's Mount Vernon campus. He added that GW would extend the current requirement that freshmen and sophomores had to reside on campus to the Corcoran College student body. He also said that there were currently 34 Corcoran students living on campus who took all of their classes at the Corcoran's 17th Street building.

Commissioner Sacco asked how GW would count the Corcoran students as GW slowly integrated the two institutions and more Corcoran students took courses on the GW campus. Ms. Knight said that those students would still be counted under existing headcount restrictions.

Ms. Kahlow was concerned that, under the proposed modification, many Corcoran students would not be counted on the Foggy Bottom campus, even though they would still have a major impact on the Foggy Bottom campus through their use of gym facilities, library facilities, and other campus facilities.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to recommend that all Corcoran students, regardless of whether they did or did not take any classes on GW's Foggy Bottom campus, would still be counted under the Foggy Bottom campus headcounts. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Application by Market of Columbia Plaza (516 23rd St., ABRA-097197) to Renew its Class "A" License

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the application. He said that the applicant was requesting to extend the establishment's hours, but the applicant's current settlement agreement, which was signed nine years ago, stated that the applicant needed the approval of ANC 2A and the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association in order to modify the hours.

Marilyn Reuben, a representative for the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association, was present. She said that the tenants association was not in favor of the proposed change of hours.

The ANC took no action regarding this matter.

Application by Four Seasons, Washington DC to stage "Sprint Four the Cure 5K" on September 19

Sean Dunlevy, the Director of Security for the Four Seasons, was present to explain the proposal for the hotel's annual Sprint Four the Cure 5K Race / Walk.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to support the application, with the request that the applicant asked the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to do everything in its power to maintain traffic flows on 21st Street, 19th Street, and the north side of E Street. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Application by American Heart Association to Stage the "Lawyers Have Heart 10K & 5K" on June 13

Julie Hanson, a representative from the American Heart Association, was present. She explained the association's proposal for the Lawyers Have Heart 10K and 5K.

The ANC took no action regarding this matter.

Application by the Military District of Washington to Stage the "Army Ten-Miler" on October 11

George Banker, the Operations Manager for the Army Ten-Miler, was present. He gave an overview of the proposal for the race.

Commissioner Smith expressed concerns regarding how the proposed race course would cut off the Watergate Complex from all road access points.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to support the race application and to continue dialogue regarding the Army Ten-Miler's race course moving forward. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Administrative Agenda

Consideration of a Proposal to Retain an Executive Director to Perform Administrative Duties

The ANC went into an executive session regarding this matter.

Chair Kennedy called the meeting back to order at 11:03 pm.

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by **Peter Sacco**, ANC 2A Secretary.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Sacco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.