



**Foggy Bottom & West End
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A**
(www.anc2a.org)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 18, 2012 7:00 p.m.
School Without Walls 2130 G Street, NW

Call to Order

Chair Rebecca Coder called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The following commissioners were present and introduced themselves: Chair Rebecca Coder (2A02), Commissioner Asher Corson (2A03), Commissioner Armando Irizarry (2A04), Commissioner Graham Galka (2A05), and Commissioner Florence Harmon (2A06). Commissioner David Lehrman was not present. With five of the six commissioners present, a quorum was established.

Chair Coder made changes to the Agenda. She stated that there would not be a discussion on the request for the completion of the Francis Field improvements addressing safety lighting. Instead, there will be discussion on a Resolution for Reimbursable Detail Expansion and Promoter Regulation Act of 2011. The agenda then was moved and accepted unanimously.

Election of 2012 Officers

The 2012 officers of the ANC2A were elected by unanimous acclamation. Commissioner Florence Harmon was elected Chair, Commissioner Rebecca Coder was elected Vice Chair, and Commissioner Armando Irizarry was elected Secretary and Commissioner Graham Galka was elected Treasurer.

General Agenda:

Public Comments

Representative of the St. Mary's Church invited the community to their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21.

Candidate E. Gail Anderson Holness introduced herself as the only woman running for the position of DC Council Member At Large in the April 3 primary election. She is currently the Commissioner of ANC1B11.

Safety Report

Officer Clemens, foot patrol officer from DC Metropolitan Department 2nd District PSA207, presented the public safety report. He stated that the boundaries for the 2nd District expanded, resulting in new boundaries that includes 14th & M in the north to 26th Street on the west, and

south down to Potomac and the Memorials. As a result of the expansion of the boundaries, the community should expect to see an increase in crime patterns.

Thefts from autos has increased from 3 last year to 13, most occurring between 14th-20th Street of K and M Streets in the evening. Four burglaries occurred in 2012: 800 block of New Hampshire Avenue and the 800 block of 23rd Street, 21st and F Street and New Hampshire and I Street. Officer Clemons said that laptops, cell phones, digital cameras and GPS systems were stolen. Officer Clemens advised community members to lock car doors, keep items inside the car away from view or stored in the trunk of a car, keep a sentry light on by resident's front door during the night. Officer Clemens said that the number of thefts increased from 13 last year to 22 this month. These are crimes of opportunity.

Officer Clemens stated Lt. Wheeler Moore is the PSA Lt for this District 2 and that Sargeant Jackson is new to this PSA 207.

Kevin Hay, Chief of Police for GWU, also spoke about incidents relating to GWU. On November 18 there were 3 armed robberies, with one of the two suspects arrested. These robberies were linked to armed robberies at the University of Maryland. Chief Hay credited the arrest and conviction to GWU Police Sgt Christopher Brown, and community assistance,.

He stated that crimes have increased throughout local universities – GWU, Georgetown, Catholic and American. There has also been thefts of electronic equipment from offices.

Community member Marija Hughes commented on a noise problem coming from a generator located on the street level near Watergate West late Thursday that lasted for hours. It started shortly after white smoke spewed out of the generator. She called GWU Police, Watergate West building manager, and Commissioner Irizarry to have the generator turned off. GWU staff Brittany Wadell said she followed up with GWU Facility Manager and will follow up. She said GWU has dealt with this concern before. She added that this may related to WMATA.

2012 SunTrust Rock-N-Roll Marathon – March 17, 2012

Diane Thomas of Greater Washington Sports Alliance (GWSPA) and Elaine McCormick of Competitor Group spoke about the upcoming SunTrust Rock-N-Roll Marathon on March 17, 2012. The Competitor Group is managing the marketing and outreach of this event for GWSA. They are absorbing all the costs for marketing, permits, travel and lodging and agreements with parties. For the last six years this race has been a non-profit race, but this year it is for-profit race.

It is a sold-out event with 21,000 registered runners, participating in a full marathon, half-marathon, relay and kid races. SunTrust Rock-N-Roll Marathon will run through the neighborhood streets of six of the eight wards. ANC2A will be affected because the race will run west along Constitution, and turn right to run up 18th Street to Connecticut Avenue. A music band, located on 18th and Constitution, will fete and encourage the runners with rock and roll music and military band music. The race will begin at 8am, with runners scheduled to start arriving at this intersection at 8:20am and cleanup will end around 10:15am. A 2-hour window will close all traffic along the race course.

Elaine McCormick stated that Competitor Group has produced a priority list of those living within ¼ mile radius of the race course, who will be receiving email notification and door handler notes of the event. A course map and contact information will be included in these notices. Community member Ellie Becker advised that they be careful about leaving door handler notices since it advertises that the resident may not be home, potentially resulting in robbery

opportunities. She suggested that the mailers be put through the mail slot.

Commissioner Asher Corson inquired about the beneficiary organizations. He was told that this event has partnered with nonprofits – Leukemia association, Girls on the Run and Back on My Feet. He was told that this Rock and Roll Marathon was a for-profit activity. It began in 1988 with one market and has grown to 25 markets, with an annual increase of 2,400 runners. They anticipate about 20% attrition. Last year they had 16,000 registered runners but only 12,000 runners ran. Their largest race was held in New Orleans with 32,000 runners.

Commissioner Harmon inquired about the projected revenue and was told that information was not known. The race has been sold out and they hope to be profitable. The nonprofit organizations affiliated with this race will attract their own runners, estimated to be 100 from the Girls on the Run organization, 75 from Back on My Feet. Pledges go directly to the nonprofits.

Issues raised by the community members include:

- The St. Patricks Day Parade along Constitution Avenue will be held a week later on March 17th.
- The Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled to begin a week before.
- Stopping traffic on Constitution for the race without accommodation to the city and residents.
- objection to music on 18th and Constitution Avenue
- blocking drive-throughs within neighborhood streets

Community member Barbara Kahlow raised questions regarding payment to DC for the use of their streets, revenue being generated, and the economic impact of this race. She recommended that the Commission not support this Rock-N-Roll Marathon.

Commissioner Asher Corson stated that it hasn't been easy to get information regarding their profit and nonprofit partnerships. They sell the Race as a profit-making event for nonprofits. He wants to include in the motion that there remains many unanswered questions. He wants to reinforce community comments regarding this once non-profit event now converted into a profit-making event. He prefers reserving DC neighborhood streets for non-profit organizations and events.

Commissioner Irizarry supported the Race's effort in bringing spectators and runners to this event. He noted that this was the first year the Rock & Roll Marathon was a profit-making event. However, he stated he was going to abstain.

Commissioner Florence Harmon shared resident's concern regarding blocking residential street traffic and access and economic benefit to DC, its residents and the non-profit organizations.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to provide an non-objection support of the 2012 Rock-N-Roll Marathon this year, provided they provide economic information next year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Galka, and passed. **(VOTE 3 – 0, with 2 abstentions)(Coder, Harmon, Galka voted to support; Irizarry, Corson abstain). (Attachment #1)**

Bike DC – Sunday, May 13, 2012

Rick Barn, manager of the Bike DC event scheduled for Sunday May 13, 2012, presented the details of the event. Bike DC event benefits a non-profit organization Washington Area Bike Association, to celebrate DC.

Bike DC is not a timed event. Bikers will be stopped to allow traffic to flow. Bikers will ride down 19th Street and turn right on G Street to proceed to Rock Creek Park passing under Washington Circle and K Street bridge.

There will be minor traffic impact as the Ride will begin Sunday morning and be completed by 9AM, but outgoing bridges and roads will be closed until 11AM. Monies of \$60,000 have been set aside to pay for government services. Bike DC has also coordinated efforts with VA DDOT.

In response to queries from Commissioner Asher Corson, Rick Barn said monies raised will go to WABA. Part of the biker's registration fees go to WABA.

Commissioner Irizarry stated last year's Bike DC was enjoyable, well organized, easy, facilitated ability to set own pace, accessible to families and children. Last year's bike course started at the Capitol, and passed along the Navy Yard and GW Parkway.

In response to questions from community members, Bike DC stated:

- bike riders would observe traffic lights and signs
- police will be located at each intersection
- traffic will be stopped, if there are a backlog of riders at an intersection
- bikers will be allowed to ride through the intersection, if there isn't any traffic

Community member Elizabeth Elliott asked how the Bike course affects the Walt Whitman Park, nearby where she lives. She was told that the bikers would ride down 19th Street and turn right on E Street head toward the ramp to the bridge. Consequently, the streets between 19th and 20th, between E and F Streets will be closed to avoid bikers mixing with traffic. Streets will be closed from 7am and will reopen at 11:45am, even though the permit allows Bike DC to reopen at noon. They will not overrun the time.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to provide a non-objection of Bike DC event. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, and the motion passed. **(VOTES: 5-0) (Attachment # 2)**

Update on senior shuttle to local grocery stores

Commissioner Irizarry expressed his thanks and effort from the community and Marija Hughes in securing shuttle service for local area seniors to local grocery stores. Commissioner Irizarry worked with the community and Family Matters of Greater Washington to secure a shuttle service for the seniors in the community transporting them to Trader Joe's at 25th Street and the Georgetown Safeway. The bus shuttle will be free. It will run every Wednesday this month. Up to 14 passengers at a time can ride. It will pick up passengers at 10 a.m. at Watergate East Lobby and return between 11:30am and noon. So far there has been a good turnout for this service, but they will continue monitoring in order to make any adjustments. Family Matters will continue to provide funds for this shuttle. Commissioner Irizarry added that the drivers cannot accept payment from riders.

Commissioner Galka expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Irizarry and Marija Hughes for their herculean effort to establish this service. He has received feedback from Columbia Plaza residents about the great service. He stated that the shuttle began at the end of December and has had 5-6 runs since then.

Community member Marija Hughes expressed her thanks to Commissioner Irizarry and Commissioner Coder for their efforts in this successful endeavor. She stated that there were 17 riders on the bus today, and hopes that there will be two runs daily and two runs weekly. Community member Ellie Becker also stated that there was already a good turnout on the shuttle.

Commissioner Rebecca Coder expressed her congratulations to Commissioner Irizarry and others in the community for this success.

Update on status of Historic Stevens School

Nimita Shaw of DMPED provided the status update on the Historic Stevens School development project. She stated that two Requests for Expression of Interests (RFEI) were issued in November 2011 and a preliminary site visit was held for prospective participants. About 130 attended this event. A second walk-through will be held on February 2 to allow potential bidders to visit the building, and the layout. DMPED is waiting for the first round of proposals due March 1, 2012.

Commissioner Harmon stated as a result of receiving a phone call from a special educational developer (not charter), she wanted to know who is the contact person for educational teams. Ms. Shaw stated that all inquiries be directed to her as the staff contact at DC Department of Education is leaving her position. Her contact information is: nimita.shah@dc.gov or 202-215-3650.

Request of neighbors for removal of treebox at 25th and K Streets

Representative from the Bader Condominium Association at 2515 K Street, NW discussed their request for removal of a treebox located on the side street in front of the condo's K Street entrance along the service road to K Street. They prefer to have the tree box removed and the area resurfaced with brick in the same pattern instead of replacing with another tree and tree box. Several trees have been planted in that tree box, which have all died. In addition, it is a pedestrian safety issue because there is not enough room for pedestrians and the tree box. The tree box would be filled with dirt and mulch.

Sherri Kimbel, Constituent Services with Council member Jack Evans' office, suggested to speak with Mr. Thomas, head of Urban Forestry Administration, to determine whether no trees can live in that space.

Community member Michael Dudich conducted research on DC government tree literature through 2013 and found that no new trees have been assigned or planned for that space. Community members highlighted issues with brick paving generally..

Commissioner Corson stated that there needs to be a conversation relating to brick laying throughout the neighborhood but that is separate from addressing this issue.

Commissioner Corson asked that the Commission support the request from Bader Condominium, as it is the best and easiest solution. He made a motion to authorize him to send an email to Aaron Rhone at DDOT, and CC to Mr. Thomas and Ms. Kimbel of Council Member Jack Evans' office, supporting the Bader Condominium. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion and the motion passed. **(VOTES: 5-0). (Attachment # 3)**

Resolution for Reimbursable Detail Expansion and Promoter Regulation Act of 2011

Commissioner Harmon stated that Council member Graham needs to set a hearing regarding the legislation proposed by Council member Jack Evans Reimbursable Detail Expansion and Promoter Regulation Bill of 2011 and suggested the ANC provide a resolution in support of this proposed legislation. The legislation is narrowly drafted. It is helpful that this detail expansion is reimbursable, as it controls noise in nightclub establishments when patrons see police nearby. Nightclub owners pay 100% of the costs and it is mandatory. It is cost effective measure and may save nightclub owners and the city costs in the long run, such as insurance rates, cost of health costs, emergency costs and legal costs that may incur as a result of any incidents.

Commissioner Coder provided edits to the draft resolution, to broaden it from just CN establishments (licenses given to nightclubs) to include restaurants that operate as night clubs such as McFadden's.

Ms. Kimbel stated that this legislation also includes taverns that have entertainment endorsements. She stated that Council member Graham prefers to have a hearing for broader ABRA issues. She stated that efforts are underway to coordinate support for this proposed legislation with other ANCs.

She also recommended that the resolution be sent cc to Council chair Kwame Brown and the At-Large Council members.

Commissioners and community members contributed changes to the ANC resolution of support of the Councilmember Evans' proposed legislation.

Commissioner Harmon introduced the motion to send the ANC resolution of support regarding the reimbursable detail expansion and promoter regulation act of 2011 as amended.

Commissioner Coder seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed. **(VOTES 5:0) (Attachment # 4)**

Shadow Room/Sanctuary 21 Update

Commissioner Harmon provided an update of Shadow Room/Sanctuary 21 Lounge (located at 2131 K Street). She stated that community members had appealed the ABC Board's issuance of a duplicative retail CN nightclub license for 2131 K Street NW to Sanctuary 21 to the DC Court of Appeals, which remanded it to the ABC Board for further proceedings. The ABC Board then vacated the duplicative nightclub license for Sanctuary 21. Additionally, in renewal proceedings for the original retail CN nightclub license for Shadow Room, the ABC Board denied the operator an outdoor summer garden at 2131 K Street. The second club, located in the basement, was to be called Sanctuary 21, which would have doubled the nightclub area.

Commissioner Harmon thanked ANC 2A for their effort and for funding legal fees relating to this matter. She also thanked the Foggy Bottom Defense and Improvement Corporation for funding legal fees for this matter.

Regulatory Agenda:

Matters before the DC Zoning Commission:

Update on West End Library planned unit development (PUD) Zoning Commission public hearings

Chair Coder presented an update on the public hearings on December 19 and January 5 held by Zoning Commission relating to the West End Library and Fire Department PUD. Chair Coder

represented ANC2A at these hearings. It is up to the Zoning Commission to make decisions regarding affordable housing and other matters. ANC2A supported this development, along with Foggy Bottom Association, West End Library Friends, West End Citizens Association and West End Friends. Columbia Condominiums withdrew their opposition. Ritz Carlton residents are still concerned about the design. West End Flats gave input into the alley issues. There were five to six participants from Occupy DC and EmpowerDC who wanted more affordable housing and raised issues regarding the sale public property.

Commissioner Corson stated that at the hearings representatives from DC Library Renaissance Project's West End Advisory Group stated they were representing the community and were sanctioned by the DC Public Library. They were given party status by the Zoning Commission. He stated that this organization was not formed by the residents regarding supporting the library and was established by the DC Library Renaissance Project as a party for this specific issue and to exert influence on the Zoning Commission process. He expressed concern that neighborhood issues were raised by city-wide organizations before the Zoning Commission and not the neighborhood. He added that the West End Advisory Group has only 11 members. He opened the floor for community comments.

Elizabeth Elliott, member of the West End Advisory Group, introduced himself. She stated that there were community members who are members of the group, and they had led the visioning sessions related to the library redevelopment. She added that many of the members of the WE Advisory Group were also members of the West End Library Friends. She stated that they had no intention to replace or substitute the West End Library Friends and that was a mistake on the part of Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission issued party status to groups based on their application. Their application did not include anything about representing the West End Library or the West End Library Friends.

Chris Otten, from Adams Morgan, introduced himself as representing Robin Diener. He said that distinct voices needed to be heard in this community and petitioned Robin to pull together a group to voice dissenting views. He stated that this ANC2A was allowing the developer to wiggle out of providing 52 affordable housing units and the land was undervalued.

Susan Haight of the West End Library Friends stated that WELF is a dues paying organization, created in 1990 as a 501C3 and serves as the community's voice related to the library.

Commissioner Harmon stated she had never heard of the West End Advisory Group in the four or more years she has been involved with this issue. She also does not remember this group attending meetings, and it was late for new organizations to join this issue. Elizabeth Elliot stated that the WE Advisory Group was established by the DC Library Renaissance Project, chaired by Robin Diener, which wrote a visionary report distributed to ANC2A. In response, Chair Coder stated that the visioning report was not something sponsored by the DC Library Renaissance Project, but it was sponsored by ANC 2A, ANC 2B, the FBA and DCCA. She also stated that the Zoning Commission was led to believe that this new group was in fact the official friends group of the library and this was misleading.

Chair Coder stated that this resolution would clarify the differences between West End Library Friends and the DC Library Renaissance Project. She added that the ANC's testimony was on the record in support of the redevelopment, and affordable housing will be part of the project, but the question is how much.

Commissioner Irizarry asked for clarity on the affordable housing aspect. Chair Coder stated that originally 52 affordable housing units were proposed for the fire station site and that DC government is to provide a subsidy for these, but currently there is a funding gap. Ms. Kahlow added that the city has until April to find the funds for the 52 otherwise it would be the percentage provided by Inclusionary Zoning only.

Commissioner Corson introduced a motion stating that ANC2A recognizes the West End Library Friends as the official group representing the West End Library, and that it doesn't recognize the DC Library Renaissance Project's West End Advisory Group as representing in the community in regards to the West End Library. Chair Coder seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. **(VOTES 5-0) (Attachment # 5)**

Update on Watergate Hotel PUD minor modification request

Chair Coder provided an update on the request by Watergate Hotel for a PUD minor modification. She stated that the only modification was an increase of rooms from 300 to 355. Commissioner Irizarry had individually provided letter in support. The three cooperatives of Watergate and Council member Jack Evans wrote letters in support. The Zoning Commission approved this minor modification at its January 9 hearing, and construction should commence soon and be done in early 2013.

Administration:

Appreciation of Chair Coder's work in her 2 year term.

Commissioner Harmon thanked Chair Coder for all her work and dedication during these past two years in her tenure. "She's a hard act to follow", said Commissioner Harmon, adding that Chair Coder was known for her late night emails and diligence with deadlines. She gave Chair Coder a bouquet of flowers in honor of her leadership and community service. Commissioner Irizarry, and Commissioner Corson all gave her accolades. Chair Coder thanked the Commission for their "tremendous job in moving the community forward."

Adoption of November 16 and December 7 minutes

Chair Coder introduced a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16 and December 7 ANC2A meetings, that included changes and edits from the Commissioners. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed. **(VOTES: 5-0).**

Resolution on participation in 2012 ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Coder introduced a resolution to have ANC2A participate in the 2012 ANC Security Fund, and authorizing payment of \$25.00 towards that fund. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed. **(VOTES 5-0)**

Resolution on ANC 2A checking account signatories

Chair Coder introduced a resolution regarding the ANC2A checking account signatories, assigning Commissioner Coder, Commissioner Harmon, Commissioner Irizarry, and Commissioner Galka as having the authority to sign checking account matters. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, the motion was voted upon and passed. **(VOTES 5-0)**

Approval of 2012 Meeting Calendar

Chair Coder introduced a resolution regarding the 2012 ANC2A Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Corson seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed. **(VOTES 5:0) (Attachment # 6)**

Adoption of 1st Quarter Financial Report 2012

Chair Coder introduced a motion to approve the 1st Quarter Financial Report 2012 (October to December, 2011). She read the report aloud: The ANC2A had \$18,346.92 as starting balance and received \$7,618.80 from DC for two quarterly allotments. It distributed \$3,389.86 – most of which was for salaries, office rental and copying). The ending balance was \$22,576.66. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irizarry. The motion was accepted and passed unanimously. **(VOTES: 5-0)**.

Announcements from the Chair

Chair Coder announced the next ANC2A meeting will be held on February 15, 2012 at St. Stephen's Martyr Parish Hall, 25th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The entrance to the Parish Hall is on 25th Street.

There being no further business, ANC2A Commission adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTACHMENT # 1

Commissioner Coder made a motion to provide an non-objection support of the 2012 Rock-N-Roll Marathon this year, provided they provide economic information next year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Galka, and passed. **(VOTE 3 – 0, with 2 abstention).**

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Washington DC

February 15, 2012

TO: Rick Barn
Manager, Bike DC

RE: 2012 SunTrust Rock-N-Roll Marathon – March 17, 2012

Dear Mr. Barn:

At ANC 2A's duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, with five of the six commissioners present, constituting a quorum, the Commission reviewed plans regarding the 2012 Sun Trust Rock-N-Roll Marathon scheduled for March 17, 2012.

The ANC voted to provide a non-objection support of the 2012 Rock-N-Roll Marathon this year, conditional they provide economic information next year. The vote was 3 – 0, with 2 abstentions.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Susana Baranano
ANC 2A Executive Director

ATTACHMENT # 2

Commissioner Coder made a motion to provide a non-objection support of Bike DC event.
Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, and the motion passed. **(VOTES: 5-0)**

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February 15, 2012

TO: Diane Thomas of
 Greater Washington Sports Alliance

RE: Bike DC – Sunday, May 13, 2012

Dear Ms. Thomas:

At ANC 2A's duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, with five of the six commissioners present, constituting a quorum, the Commission reviewed plans regarding the Bike-DC event scheduled for Sunday May 13, 2012.

The ANC voted unanimously to provide a non-objection letter of Bike DC event.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Susana Baranano
ANC 2A Executive Director

ATTACHMENT # 3
VIA EMAIL FROM ASHER CORSON

John P. Thomas Urban Forestry Administration District Department of Transportation
2217 14th Street NW Washington, DC 20009

Aaron Rhones District Department of Transportation 55 M Street, SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

To: John.PThomas@dc.gov, aaron.rhones@dc.gov, jevans@dccouncil.us

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2A”) unanimously supported the Bader’s Condominium’s request for the two tree-boxes located directly in front of their Condominium to be removed and paved with bricks. The removal of the tree-boxes will improve the safety and walkability of 25th Street’s sidewalk.

ATTACHMENT # 4

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January 18, 2012

The Honorable Jim Graham
Chair, Committee on Human Services
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 105, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Re: “Reimbursable Detail Expansion and Promoter Regulation Act of 2011”

Dear Council Member Graham:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, the Foggy Bottom & West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (ANC 2A) discussed the proposed legislation by Council member Jack Evans that would require an ABC licensee’s participation in the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) reimbursable detail program on any night where the licensee offers entertainment under an entertainment endorsement, engages a promoter, has a track record of concerning incidents and stays open past 11:59 p.m (after-hours establishment).

ANC 2A notes that issues associated with peace, quiet and order would be addressed by this legislation and strongly supports its passage. We understand that you have not released this legislation to your Committee on Human Services and respectfully request that you do so immediately.

We set forth our strong support for this proposed legislation that addresses significant public safety and neighborhood peace, quiet and order issues as many of these after-hours establishments are located adjacent to residential areas. An MPD reimbursable police detail would address these important issues; therefore, ANC respectfully requests that you permit this important legislation to come forth for full consideration. Public safety concerns necessitate passage of this legislation, and actually, an MPD detail would be advantageous and cost effective for after-hours establishments.

Accordingly, with five of the six commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled public meeting, the attached motion was unanimously approved.

ANC 2A RESOLUTION ON “REIMBURSABLE DETAIL EXPANSION AND PROMOTER
REGULATION ACT OF 2011”

WHEREAS Council member Jack Evans has proposed the “Reimbursable Detail Expansion and Promoter Regulation Act of 2011”; however, Council member Jim Graham has not released this proposed legislation to the Committee on Human Services for a hearing by the Committee which he chairs for consideration;

WHEREAS ANC 2A is aware of numerous violent incidents in its own district and citywide involving security deficiencies related to ABC licensees that operate after 11:59 p.m. with an entertainment endorsement and that many times use the services of a promoter; these incidents involve lack of crowd control, assaults with a deadly weapon, and even murder due to security inadequacies of the licensee or the inability of the licensee to take action to control crowds as would the MPD due to restrictions on the licensee’s insurance coverage;

WHEREAS some of these incidents have been well publicized, such as the recent murder of nightclub patron Jhonte Coleman and serious assaults of five other patrons who were kicked and stomped on the sidewalk outside of Heritage India in Dupont Circle at 2:45 a.m. on November 27, 2011, or the brawl involving Washington Wizards players JaVale McGee and Andray Blatche in Shadow Room on December 24, 2010 in the West End—a fight continued by other customers that later spilled out into the adjoining sidewalk and which led to the suspension of the players; or a recent non-fatal incident at The Stadium Club in Northeast; or the fatal fight at the H2O Restaurant & Lounge involving Nelson Able Jr. and Rashod Holmes at 3 a.m. in 2007 after a party hosted by middleweight boxing champion Floyd Mayweather; or the H Street Martini Lounge stabbing in late 2009; or incidents in 2007 at Club 1919 and H2O; or recent 2011 incidents at Love Nightclub.

WHEREAS most of these licensees utilize the services of promoters, who secure large crowds of young people for the licensee after 11:59 p.m. Typically, the licensee’s security detail is ill-equipped to handle the types of safety issues with the effectiveness that MPD officers would be able to do;

WHEREAS the ABC Board has not required participation by many licensees in the MPD reimbursable detail program as evidenced by the murders and serious assaults that have occurred at these establishments where no MPD officers were present;

WHEREAS the presence of a MPD reimbursable detail would deter violent conduct, noise, and unrest created by the large crowds of after-hours establishments;

WHEREAS many of these licensees are located directly adjacent to residential neighborhoods whose residents fear for their safety if forced to traverse to their homes after midnight as the violence from these establishments often flows from the establishment to the adjoining neighborhoods;

WHEREAS after-hours establishments have publicly stated that they are unable to deter their patrons’ boisterous late night activities outside of their establishments due to “liability concerns”;

WHEREAS participation in the MPD reimbursable detail by after-hours licensees for periods after 11:59 p.m. would likely decrease the types of public costs that result from such assaults (medical, legal, etc);

WHEREAS required participation in the MPD reimbursable detail program by after-hours licensees would also provide greater comfort to neighborhoods in knowing that appropriately trained security is protecting the public's safety;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A unanimously supports passage of the legislation entitled "Reimbursable Detail Expansion and Promoter Regulation Act of 2011" proposed by Council member Jack Evans and requests that you permit this legislation to come before the Committee on Human Services for full consideration as soon as possible.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Rebecca Coder
Chair

cc: Council chair Kwame Brown
Council member Jack Evans, Ward 2
At-large Council member Michael Brown
At-large Council member David Catania
At-large Council member Phil Mendelson
At-large Council member Vincent Orange
Chief Cathy Lanier, MPD
Fred Moosally, Director, Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration

ATTACHMENT # 5

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The Honorable Tommy Wells
Chair, Committee on Libraries, Parks, Recreation and Planning
Council of the District of Columbia

Ginnie Cooper
Chief Librarian, DC Public Library

Anthony Hood
Chair, DC Zoning Commission

Re: DC Library Renaissance Project West End Library Advisory Committee

Dear Council Member Wells, Ms. Cooper and Chairman Hood:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, the Foggy Bottom & West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (ANC 2A) discussed recent representations by the DC Library Renaissance Project and its "West End Library Advisory Committee."

With five of the six commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled public meeting, the following motion was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC-2A recognizes the West End Library Friends (WELF) to be the official group representing the needs and interests of Foggy Bottom and West End residents in relation to the West End Library. Furthermore, the ANC does not recognize OR SUPPORT the West End Library Advisory Committee that was recently established by the DC Library Renaissance Project.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Rebecca Coder
Chair

cc: Council member Jack Evans, Ward 2
Susan Haight, President, West End Library Friend

ATTACHMENT # 6 - 2012 Meeting Calendar

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ANC2A MEETINGS 2012

ANC 2A typically meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. The meeting place moves to a different location each meeting. A notice about the meeting location and agenda is provided seven days in advance of the meeting. Posting is done on the ANC2A website, in the Foggy Bottom Current, the West End Flyer, via the Foggy Bottom & West End Yahoo ListServ, and in different neighborhood locations. The ANC2A Commission may also call special meetings.

January 18	7-9pm	School Without Walls	2130 G Street, NW
February 15	7-9pm	St. Stephen's Martyr, 25th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. NW	
March 21	7-9pm	Heart House	24 th and N Street, NW
April 18	7-8:30pm	West End Library	1101 24th St. N.W.
May 16	7-9pm	Heart House	24 th and N Street, NW
June 20	7-9 pm	St. Mary's Court	725 24 th Street, NW
July 18	7-9pm	St. Mary's Court	725 24 th Street, NW
August	NO MEETING		
September 19	7-9pm	School Without Walls	2130 G Street, NW
October 17	7-9 pm	St. Mary's Court	725 24 th Street, NW
November 21	7-8:30pm	St. Stephen's Martyr, 25th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. NW	
December 19	7-9pm	School Without Walls	2130 G Street, NW