



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 7th, 2017; 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary’s Court, First Floor Dining Area – 725 24th Street NW

Call to Order

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners Rebecca Coder (02), Marco Guzman (03), Philip Schrefer (05), Florence Harmon (06), and Eve Zhurbinskiy (08) were present. Commissioner Detrick Campbell (07) arrived at 7:15 pm.

GW Hospital’s Proposal to Install a Helipad on the Roof of the Hospital at 900 23rd Street NW

Chair Patrick read a statement from Commissioner Smith stating his decision to recuse himself from discussing and voting on the matter.

Several local residents voiced their opinions for and against GW Hospital’s proposal to install a helipad on the roof of the hospital.

Chair Kennedy made a motion for the ANC to begin consideration of a proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement between the ANC and GW Hospital that would govern operations of the proposed helipad. Commissioner Harmon seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous consent.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to strike the second and sixth “whereas” clauses on the first page of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement and to simplify the wording of the fourth “whereas” clause. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to simplify the wording of Section A of Article II of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement regarding “ANC 2A Commitments.” The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to amend the wording of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement to include the weight limit of the proposed helipad as a footnote. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to amend the wording of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement to include the hospital’s defined bed count. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to amend the wording of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement regarding the need for helicopter pilots to maximize altitude and minimize power, as allowable under Federal Aviation Administration regulations, during their approach to the proposed helipad. The motion adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to amend the wording of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement regarding limiting flights not coming from emergent care requests or mass casualty events during overnight hours. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to include examples of the required semiannual reports in the appendix of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to amend the wording of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement regarding the process for requesting a meeting with GW Hospital to discuss any violations of the flight restrictions included in the agreement. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to amend the wording of the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement regarding the definitions of a mass casualty incident and emergent care. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Detrick made a motion to remove emergent care as an exception from the flight number restrictions included in the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Chair Kennedy said that, given the number of changes proposed by the commission to the voluntary neighborhood agreement during this evening's meeting, the commission will give GW Hospital time to consider the proposed changes and will thus hold a second reading on the agreement during the ANC's regular September 2017 meeting.

Chair Kennedy made a motion for the ANC to approve the proposed voluntary neighborhood agreement on first reading. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. A request was made by a meeting attendee for a roll call vote on the motion to be read into the minutes. Chair Kennedy accepted the request. The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-1). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Campbell: Yea
Commissioner Schrefer: Abstain
Commissioner Harmon: Yea
Chair Kennedy: Yea
Commissioner Guzman: Yea
Commissioner Zhurbinskiy: Yea
Commissioner Coder: Nay
Commissioner Smith: Recuse

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application by Bindaas for a New Retailer's Class "C"
Restaurant License at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

Sidon Yohannes, counsel for the applicant, was present. She gave an overview of Bindaas' plans for its new restaurant at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. She said that the owners of the

restaurant currently operate another Bindaas location in the Cleveland Park neighborhood and thus Foggy Bottom will be home to their second Bindaas location.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy made a motion to support Bindaas' application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license. Chair Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-2-0).

District Department of Transportation's Downtown West Transportation Planning Study (Pennsylvania Avenue NW and H Street NW Corridors)

Chair Kennedy said that the ANC would discuss the District Department of Transportation's Downtown West Transportation Planning Study during the commission's regular September 2017 meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Schrefer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Philip Schrefer
Secretary, ANC 2A05



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September 11, 2017

Mr. Donovan Anderson
Chairperson
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
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RE: Application by “Bindaas 2000 Penn, LLC,” (dba “Bindaas,” ABRA-106996) for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

At its special meeting on September 7, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (5-2-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Zhurbinskiy and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, to support Bindaas’ application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Commissioners Eve Zhurbinskiy (2A08@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Andrew Kline, Counsel for the Applicant
Sidon Yohannes, Counsel for the Applicant