

Foggy Bottom & West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 7:00 pm Heart House 725 24th Street, N.W. (24th & N Streets, N.W.) Washington, DC

Call to Order

Chair Florence Harmon (06) called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (01), Rebecca Coder (02), Armando Irizarry (04), Graham Galka (05), Jackson Carnes (07), and Peter Sacco (08) were present.

Chair Harmon made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

General Agenda

Safety Report

Sgt. Michael Lawrence from the Metropolitan Police Department was present to give the safety report. Sgt. Lawrence reminded everyone to be aware of their surroundings, especially their electronics. He also said that there had been a recent robbery at an eyeglass shop at 18th and L Street.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if there was any rise in vandalism in the Foggy Bottom historic district. Sgt. Lawrence said that he was not aware of any rise.

Public Comments

Chair Harmon announced the notice of a meeting for PEPCO's proposal to raise electricity rates.

Commissioner Coder talked about updates on the Foggy Bottom West End Village, which will officially open its doors on October 1. Commissioner Coder introduced Bob McDonald, the new Executive Director of the Village. Mr. McDonald previously served as the Director of Volunteer Services for the Dupont Circle Village.

Susan Haight, President of the Friends of the West End Library, announced the upcoming start of extended hours at the library.

Regulatory Agenda

DDOT - Update on New Hampshire Avenue project

Ian Swain from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) was present to give an update on the New Hampshire Avenue resurfacing project. Mr. Swain announced that DDOT had worked out an agreement with GW to close the section of New Hampshire Ave. between 24th Street and Washington Circle on September 1, which has proceeded without any problems.

Mr. Swain said that many lighting improvements had occurred around Washington Circle, and that DDOT had worked with the National Park Service to put up temporary lighting around the circle for the last week and a half.

Commissioner Kennedy asked when the crosswalks on Washington Circle would be electrified, and Mr. Swain said that DDOT is still working on it. Mr. Swain also said that new asphalt has gone down on L Street and Washington Circle.

Mr. Swain said that DDOT is still waiting to finish the ADA ramp at 22nd and K Street by the Starbucks.

One neighbor asked about the purpose of the odd concrete island at 24th and New Hampshire Ave. Mr. Swain said that DDOT is still working on the island, and that they were waiting to take over the street from GW. Mr. Swain said that new crosswalks will help solve the problems with the odd concrete island.

Another neighbor expressed concern with the multitude of traffic patterns at the intersection of 24th Street and New Hampshire Ave., which were creating an unsafe environment for pedestrians.

Commissioner Irizarry asked when the light shields on New Hampshire Ave. would be installed, and when the landscaping on New Hampshire Ave. between H Street and Eye Street would be completed. Mr. Swain said that they were waiting until the rest of the New Hampshire Ave. construction is done in order to proceed with installing the light shields and working on the landscaping.

DMPED Updates: West End Library project, Fire Station relocation, Stevens School

Square 37: West End Library, Eastbanc development

Mathew Troy from the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's (DMPED) office was present to give an update on Eastbanc's West End Library redevelopment project.

Mr. Troy said that on July 12, the District closed on the West End parcels deal with Eastbanc, and that on August 8, the District received a favorable decision from the DC Court of Appeals on the Eastbanc Planned Unit Development appeal.

Mr. Troy said that the library will be relocating to the Watergate while construction on the new development occurs, and that DC hopes to break ground on both the library and fire station parcels 30 to 45 days after the project finances close, which they are hoping will happen before the first of the year.

Commission Coder brought up the possibility of signing a Construction Management Agreement used previously by the ANC to control noise and construction times for both Eastbanc developments.

Commissioner Irizarry was wondering how long construction would take. Mr. Troy said the library building would take 28-30 months to complete, and that Square 50, the fire station building, would take 20-24 months to complete.

Mr. Troy said that the DC Library Renaissance Project has requested a rehearing with the District Court of Appeals on the Eastbanc proposal that the District Court of Appeals order that was favorable to Eastbanc and the City.

Fire Station Location Update

Mr. Troy next gave the ANC an update on the relocation of the West End Fire Station in order to accommodate the Square 50 development project, which is also being carried out by Eastbanc.

Mr. Troy started off by saying that he does not want to have a negative impact of services as a result of the fire station relocation. Mr. Troy then said that the Stevens School playground was selected as the location of the temporary fire station because of entitlement and liability issues at other sites.

Mr. Troy said that DMPED is currently working on a plan for the temporary facility.

One neighbor was concerned with sound reverberating down the street and adjacent alley of the temporary Stevens School site, specifically the vehicle siren noise when vehicles are leaving the fire station. Mr. Troy said that he would look into getting a green light clicker for 21st Street and L Street, NW.

Another neighbor asked if DMPED had consulted with any sound experts for the Stevens School site. Mr. Troy said that he had a professional team that was examining the relocation plans and that noise levels would be examined.

Chair Harmon said that DMPED would have to think about how the trucks would navigate the 22nd Street and L Street intersection if the trucks went the wrong way down L Street.

Commissioner Kennedy suggested that DMPED should talk to DDOT about removing the barriers for the L Street bike lane to give the trucks more room.

Commissioner Coder presented the draft public space application letter for the temporary fire station location at the Stevens School site, which included an acknowledgement of a curb cut at the site.

Chair Harmon was wondering how pedestrian safety on L Street would be affected, specifically with regards to the curb cut. Mr. Troy said that there would be a standard curb cut at the site and that DC Fire and EMS usually has a fly command on the sidewalk directing pedestrian traffic.

Commissioner Coder made a motion of non-objection for the curb cut for the temporary fire station at the Stevens School site. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed. Commissioner Harmon abstained. (VOTES 7-0).

Stevens School Update

Anna Shapiro from the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's office was present to give an update on the Stevens School project.

Ms. Shapiro started off with a recap of how Ivymount had been selected as the school operator and that the new school would be a school for students with special needs.

Ms. Shapiro said that a land deposition agreement for the school was expected to go in front of the DC Council in early 2014.

Chair Harmon asked what the issues were that might be holding up the site development, such as the status of the Memorandum of Understanding between DCPS and Ivymount. Ms. Shapiro said that there were no particular issues and that the project partners were still working out the partnership.

Chair Harmon asked what was happening with the Humane Society of the United States building on the corner of 21st and L Street. Ms. Shapiro was not sure what was happening with the building.

Commissioner Coder was wondering what role the Deputy Mayor for Education's office would play in Ivymount's partnership with the DC Public Schools.

One neighbor asked what would happen with the large playground set at the Stevens School. Mr. Troy said that, although it is not a problem to move the equipment to another playground, it is a major liability for DC's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), as playground safety could be compromised during the move. Mr. Troy said that DPR would be afraid of structural integrity when moving the playground.

Mr. Troy said that he could help locate a new playground set if the neighbors indicate that there are small children in the neighborhood and that there is a need for the playground to be moved somewhere else in the neighborhood.

Ward 2 Education Network

Chris Sondreal (Francis-Stevens PTA) and Stephanie Maltz (ANC 2B03), both members of the Ward 2 Education Network, were present to give an update on the network.

Mr. Sondreal said that the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens would be holding an open house on the first Saturday of October.

Ms. Maltz then presented the ANC with an official resolution for ANC 2A to be part of the Ward 2 Education Network. A similar version of the resolution had already been passed by ANC's 2B and 2F.

Ms. Maltz explained that the reason the network was started was because of the growth of momentum for supporting neighborhood schools in Ward 2. Ms. Maltz then said that the network's next monthly meeting would be this upcoming Saturday at the Lutheran Church and that the assistant principals of Cardozo and Francis-Stevens would be in attendance

Mr. Sondreal said that last year Francis-Stevens had an enrollment of about 220 and that this year they already have about 330 students enrolled. Mr. Sondreal also said that there is a large increase in enrollment in the middle school grades and that the school has opened an additional kindergarten class for this year.

Chair Harmon said that the ANC is thrilled about the school's success this year.

Chair Harmon, elaborating on the network's commitment to developing a comprehensive report on the status of neighborhood schools and steps that can be taken to improve them, asked what would happen if the network comes up with a report that the ANC does not approve of. Mr. Sondreal said that he would be reporting to the ANC, and would keep the ANC informed about the findings of the report.

Ms. Maltz said that she wants to engage the broader community by reaching out to local citizens associations, including the Foggy Bottom Association. Ms. Maltz also said that the formalization of the group would give the group more recognition

Commissioner Carnes made a motion to support the resolution presented by Ms. Maltz. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0) (Commissioner Galka absent from the room)).

WMATA: Proposed Metrobus service changes

Commissioner Kennedy explained how the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is considering changes to neighborhood Metrobus routes that would take place next June. Commissioner Kennedy explained the three proposed changes that would affect the Foggy Bottom area.

Commissioner Kennedy presented the ANC with a resolution that stated the ANC's opinion on each of the three proposed changes.

Commissioner Irizarry was concerned that the community was not fully aware of the bus route changes, and wondered if the ANC could consider the resolution at the next meeting. Commissioner Kennedy explained that WMATA is relying on public comments received by September 22, which will be the main public comments forwarded on to the WMATA board of directors.

Commissioner Irizarry wondered if the ANC could pass a resolution asking WMATA for more time to comment. Commissioner Kennedy reaffirmed the need to have the comments in by September 22.

Commissioner Sacco made a motion to support Commissioner Kennedy's resolution. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1) (Commissioner Galka absent from the room).

Commissioner Kennedy then made a motion to allow him to ask WMATA to give ANC 2A additional time to supplement the ANC's resolution with additional public comments. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES 6-0)

ABRA: Update on GCDC, new grilled cheese restaurant

Steven Klores, the owner of GCDC, a new grilled cheese restaurant that has plans to open up on Pennsylvania Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets, was present to given an update on the restaurant.

Mr. Klores said that he plans on closing the restaurant at 10 pm each night, and that the restaurant will be more focused on the busy lunch period than on alcohol sales. Mr. Klores also said that he anticipates on opening the restaurant in early January.

ABRA: Shadow Room

Stephen Acott, an owner of the Shadow Room nightclub, was present. Mr. Acott was formally requesting additional honors for the night before Columbus Day. Mr. Acott also retracted his previous request for extra hours for Autumn Daylight Savings time.

One neighbor expressed concerns over activities outside of the nightclub on the night of July 4th. The neighbor also said that every Thursday night there is a problem outside the nightclub. Multiple neighbors also expressed concerns with the nightclub.

Chair Harmon said that the ANC is not inclined to grant the additional hours for Columbus Day. Mr. Harmon also brought up the Shadow Room's request for renegotiations of the nightclub's cooperative agreement.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to designate Chair Harmon as the ANC's designated representative for the renegotiations of the nightclub's cooperative agreement. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES 5-0)

Flavors of India and Marshalls Bar

Moved to next month

Hyatt Place Hotel's Public Space Application

No one was present from the Hyatt Place Hotel to talk about the hotel's public space application.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to object the public space application for the Hyatt Place Hotel due to a lack of information provided by applicant. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0)

GWU - Square 75 Alley Closing and Reconfiguration

David Avitabile from Goulston & Storrs, and Susi Cora from GW's Division of Operations, were present to talk about GW's plans for the closing of a public alley on the Square 75 site.

Mr. Avitabile said that GW had reached an agreement on the alley closing with the President Condominium, so the President's board is supportive of the alley closing.

Mr. Avitabile explained that there was no net loss of public land through the alley closing process, and that it was more of an alley reconfiguration. Mr. Avitabile explained that, for legal purposes, the proposal must still be called an alley closing.

Mr. Avitabile said that the alley closing has been approved by all DC utilities. Mr. Avitabile also reminded the ANC that GW has agreed to provide a number of amenities as part of the Square 75 PUD, which he listed and then explained the status of each.

Commissioner Kennedy said that GW's presentation at the recent Campus Plan Advisory Committee meeting was very straight forward, and that he would be fine with sending in a letter of no objection. Commissioner Carnes said that he would even go as far as to support the alley closing.

The chairman of the President Condominium's board said that there may be issues surrounding construction impact mitigation, especially around trash pickup and emergency deliveries, which still have to be worked out with GW. The representatives from GW said that they would be happy to sit down with the board of the President Condominium in the coming weeks to discuss impact mitigation measures.

Chair Harmon made a motion to authorize the chair to write a brief resolution in support of the alley closing contingent on confirmation from the President Condominium board that they have no objections to the alley closing. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1 (Commissioner Coder abstains, Commissioner Sacco recuses himself)).

Administrative Agenda

Adoption of Minutes

Florence made a motion to adopt the minutes for the July 8 special meeting. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Chair Harmon made a motion to adopt the minutes for the July 17 regular meeting. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed. (VOTES: 7-0)

Locks on Filing Cabinets and a PO Box

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to authorize Chair Harmon to spend up to \$750 to purchase a PO Box and either fix the locks on the filing cabinet or buy new filing cabinets. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Bylaws Committee

Commissioner Kennedy said that the last bylaws committee meeting was in late July and that he will let everyone know about the next meeting once it is scheduled.

Chair Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Resolution #1 – DDOT public space application for 1050 23rd Street, NW

Government of the District of Columbia Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

c/o West End Library

1101 24th St., N.W.

Washington DC 20037

September 18, 2013

Catrina Harrison Coordinator, DDOT Public Space Committee District Department of Transportation 1100 4th Street S.W. / 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20024

Re: DDOT public space application for **1050 23rd Street, NW** DDOT Tracking # **86173**

Dear Ms. Harrison:

At its duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, the Foggy Bottom & West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (ANC 2A), with a quorum of seven of the eight commissioners being present, voted 6-0-1 to provide an "no objection" to the public space application for the temporary location of the West End Fire Station and requested the Public Space Committee to expedite this request.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon Chair

cc: ANC 2A Commissioners

Anna Shapiro, Mathew Troy, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

Gareth Eckmann, Ben Sonnet, EastBanc, Inc.

Resolution #2 – Ward 2 Education Network

Government of the District of Columbia Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

c/o West End Library

1101 24th St., N.W.

Washington DC 20037

Via email

November 22, 2013

Chancellor Kaya Henderson District of Columbia Public Schools 1200 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20002

Re: Ward Two Education Network

Dear Chancellor Henderson:

At its regular meeting on September 18, 2013 the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With six of the eight Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (6-0).

Resolution Establishing a Joint Logan, Dupont, Foggy Bottom Network to Improve Neighborhood Schools

Preamble:

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A values high quality traditional community schools and will work to ensure that all residents of ANC 2A have them;

Whereas, ANCs were created to "advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor and each executive agency with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy," including education;

Whereas, the by-right elementary and middle public school option for residents of ANC 2A is School Without Walls at Francis Stevens, which was recently threatened with closure and has been under-enrolled in the past;

Whereas elementary and middle schools in adjoining neighborhoods face enrollment challenges (under and over-enrollment) and the number of school-aged children in each of these neighbors is projected to grow quickly in the coming years;

Whereas, the high school option for ANC 2A residents is Wilson High School, but the inboundary middle school classmates from other parts of Ward 2 and out-of-boundary classmates from throughout the city will attend School Without Walls at Francis Stevens' feeder school, Cardozo High School;

Whereas, anticipated school boundary and feeder pattern changes will greatly impact our neighborhoods, communities, and school enrollment, as well as present an opportunity to address issues impacting school quality and parent satisfaction;

Whereas, with an increased focus at the neighborhood level and with better coordination of community talent and bringing other resources to bear; educational achievement and community school quality may improve; for example, a number of critical factors affecting our schools and our neighborhoods may improve, including family support services, truancy, and public safety; and

Whereas, ANC 2A, recognizing the importance of quality public education to the health and vitality of all communities, wishes to establish a joint effort among neighboring ANCs to study and improve our neighborhood schools.

Resolution:

Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 2A hereby enters into a special joint committee of ANCs to identify improvements to its neighborhood schools and feeder systems;

Be it further resolved that, each neighboring ANC, which will be defined as that having a student body, some portion of which is designated to attend the same District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) schools as those attended by the other ANCs in the joint committee, may be invited to participate in the joint committee;

Be it further resolved that each neighboring ANC is authorized to designate one (1) voting representative to serve as the ANC voting representative on the joint committee; it is up to each ANC to determine the standards for selecting its designee;

Be it further resolved, that ANC 2A designates Chris Sondreal, an active and engaged member of the School Without Walls at Francis Stevens community, to serve as its voting representative;

Be it further resolved, that the joint committee shall adhere to the joint meeting requirements specified in ANC 2A's Bylaws, and such other rules as the joint committee may adopt;

Be it further resolved, that the chair shall be elected by a majority of the voting representatives present and voting at the first meeting of the joint committee; and

Be it further resolved that, the joint committee shall investigate causes of concern within the neighborhood school system, including Cardozo High School feeder pattern, solicit community feedback, and prepare a report proposing reforms. The report shall be presented to the Mayor, the Chancellor of the DCPS System, the Education Committee of the District of Columbia City Council, and any other interested stakeholders; ANC 2A reaffirms its support for the DCPS plan to merge School Without Walls with Francis Stevens Educational Campus ("FSEC") to create School Without Walls at FSEC, to maintain a public education option for parents in the West End and Foggy Bottom neighborhoods.

ANC 2A encourages the parents at FSEC and School Without Walls to collaborate on the merger.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon, Chair

Cc: Chairman Phil Mendelson, DC CouncilCc: Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2Cc: Councilmember David Grosso, At-Large

Cc: Councilmember David Catania, At-Large Cc: Councilmember Vincent Orange, At-Large Cc: Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large Cc: Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Ward 4 Councilmember Tommy Wells, Ward 6 Cc: Cc: Councilmember Jim Graham, Ward 1 Cc: Councilmember Mary Cheh, Ward 3 Cc: Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Ward 5

Councilmember Yvette Alexander, Ward 7 Cc: Cc: Councilmember Marion Barry, Ward 8

Francisco Fimbres Cc:

James Bulger Cc: Cc: Jesus Aguirre Cc: Abigail Smith Cc: Jack Jacobson Cc: Mary Lord

ANC 2A Commissioners Cc.

Resolution #3 – Proposed Metrobus Service Changes

Government of the District of Columbia Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

c/o West End Library

1101 24th St., N.W.

Washington DC 20037

September 18, 2013

Regina Sullivan Director, Office of Government Relations and Policy Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority 600 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

At its duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting on September 18, 2013 with 6 of the 8 commissioners present, constituting a quorum, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A passed the following resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.

Whereas, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has proposed a number of Metrobus service adjustments effective in June of 2014;

Whereas, three of the proposed changes affect routes or route groupings which serve the Foggy Bottom and/or West End neighborhoods that are within the purview of ANC 2A;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A adopts the following recommendations with respect to these proposed changes to advise WMATA and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) as to how they can best service the Foggy Bottom and West End communities:

- ANC 2A conditionally supports the proposed changes to the '30s' series of Metrobus routes, contingent on the alignment of the new '30' route utilizing Virginia Avenue and 23rd Street so that service from the southern portion of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood to Georgetown and the Wisconsin Avenue corridor currently achieved via the '31' route is maintained when the '31' is re-aligned to continue down Pennyslvania Avenue past Washington Circle into downtown D.C.
 - ANC 2A supports the truncation of the '32' and '36' routes in Foggy Bottom to improve service reliability along the southeastern portion of the 30s route and improve bus service frequency from Foggy Bottom to points east.
- ANC 2A takes no position on proposed changes to the '80' route, contingent on WMATA establishing regular service on the '32' and '36' from southern Foggy Bottom in order to mitigate the loss of every other '80' trip during weekdays. ANC 2A notes that the '80' has been a valuable route for Foggy Bottom residents for over 70 years, initially as a streetcar service, and therefore requests that WMATA avoid any further service reductions west of McPherson Square in order to maintain the viability of current service.
- ANC 2A strongly endorses the proposed introduction of midday service on the 'H1' route from Washington Circle to Columbia Heights, and further suggests that WMATA consider converting the 'H1' to a full-time route including service on nights and weekends in order to provide one-seat bus service from Foggy Bottom to Dupont Circle and mid-city neighborhoods, where none exists currently.

ANC 2A further suggests that WMATA and DDOT consider the feasibility of introducing another bus route – either Circulator or Metrobus – to service the corridor between the Lincoln Memorial area and U Street, by way of 23rd Street and Dupont Circle. In evaluating the benefits of such a service, the Commission invites WMATA and DDOT to consider the current lack of transit service between the 'Foggy Bottom-GWU' Metrorail station and the Memorial area, and to consider the potential economic impact of inducing tourist traffic into D.C. neighborhoods from the National Mall. The ANC also notes the lack of direct transit service currently between activity centers in Foggy Bottom, Dupont Circle, and along the U Street corridor.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy (Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon Chairperson

Cc: Ms. Muriel Bowser; Principal Member (D.C.), WMATA Board of Directors
Cc: Mr. Tom Downs; Principal Member (D.C.), WMATA Board of Directors
Cc: Mr. Terry Bellamy; Alternate Member (D.C.), WMATA Board of Directors
Cc: Mr. Tom Bulger; Alternate Member (D.C.), WMATA Board of Directors

Cc: Mr. Jack Evans; Member, D.C. Council (Ward 2)

Cc: Ms. Ann Chisholm; D.C. Government Relations Officer, WMATA

Cc: Mr. Jim Hamre; Director, Bus Planning, WMATA

Cc: Mr. David Erion; Bus Planner, WMATA

Cc: Mr. Carl Jackson; Associate Director, Progressive Transportation Services Administration,

DDOT

Resolution #4 - Hyatt Place Hotel's Public Space Application

Commissioner Coder made a motion to object the public space application for the Hyatt Place Hotel due to a lack of information provided by applicant. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0). PDF DDOT Public Space for filed.

Resolution #5 - Z.C. Case No. 06-11G/06-12G; Application of The George Washington University ("GWU") for Modification of a First Stage PUD & Second Stage PUD & Closing of a Public Alley ("Application"); Square 75, Lots 23, 33, 34, 41, 42, 47, 863; File No. S.O. 12-03806

Government of the District of Columbia Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

c/o West End Library

1101 24th St., N.W.

Washington DC 20037

October 8, 2013

Roland F. Dreist, Jr., Surveyor, DC Office of the Surveyor DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs 1100 4th Street, SW Washington, DC 20002

Re: Z.C. Case No. 06-11G/06-12G

Application of The George Washington University ("GWU") for Modification of a First Stage PUD & Second Stage PUD & Closing of a Public Alley ("Application")

Square 75, Lots 23, 33, 34, 41, 42, 47, 863

File No. S.O. 12-03806

Dear Mr. Dreist:

At its duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday September 18, 2013, the Foggy Bottom & West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (ANC 2A), with a quorum of seven of the eight

commissioners being present, voted 5-0-1¹ to support the reconfiguration of the alley in Square 75A, given that no public land was ceded to George Washington University, and the legal counsel and condominium president for the adjacent President Condominium confirmed their non-objection. However, the condominium president did note that issues remained to be worked out in connection with this development and its impact on the adjacent President Condominium, including the relocation of alley. Therefore, the ANC's support for this alley reconfiguration is conditional on George Washington University addressing those remaining issues.

The ANC respectfully requests that the Council hold a fully noticed hearing on the closing of the alley.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon Chair

cc: ANC 2A Commissioners

David Avitabile, Goulston & Storrs

The Honorable Jack Evans, Councilmember

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¹ Commissioner Rebecca Coder abstained from the vote; however, abstention would not affect the existence of a quorum. Commissioner Peter Sacco recused himself from the vote.