

**FOGGY BOTTOM AND WEST END
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2A
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2010
WEST END LIBRARY, 1101 24th St., N.W.**

Agenda

1. Call to Order (Rebecca Coder, Chair)
2. Introduction of Commissioners
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Safety Report
6. New Business
 - a. Marine Corps Marathon
 - b. FRESHFARM Foggy Bottom Farmers Market
 - c. Tonic Public Space Application (Expansion of Outdoor Dining)
 - d. Whitehurst Freeway Destruction Budget Allocation
 - e. GWU Law Library Construction
7. Updates on Old Business
8. Adoption of FY 2010 Budget
9. Adoption of February 2010 Minutes
10. Announcements from the Chair

Call to order

Chair Rebecca Coder (2A02) called the meeting to order at 7:08PM. With five commissioners present, she declared a quorum present.

Introduction of Commissioners

Commissioners Florence Harmon (2A06), Armando Irizarry (2A04), David Lehrman (2A01), Eric Malinen (2A05) and Chair Rebecca Coder (2A02) introduced themselves. Commissioner Asher Corson (2A03) joined the meeting at 7:19.

Adoption of the agenda

The chair proposed to reverse the order of old and new business in the draft agenda. No objection being raised, new business was taken up as item 6 in the revised agenda.

Public Comments and Announcements

Susan Cora of George Washington University's Office of Real Estate reported on plans to demolish a building on 22nd St between G & F. The project is scheduled for the coming summer and will have an impact on public parking. The Smith Center will remain open during this period. Commissioner Malinen announced an event at St. Mary's Episcopal Church featuring the daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Molly Gascoigne, representing the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, scheduled for May 1-2, presented information and distributed flyers featuring a route map.

Safety Report

Lieutenant Alesia Wheeler-Moore reported on a general decline in crime in PSA 207 but noted that it was accompanied by an increase in a specific type of street robbery focusing on cell phones and iPhones. Gangs arrive by subway and watch for inattentive victims. She reported on collaboration between the Metropolitan Police Department and Metro Transit police, noting that sting operations were planned for the Foggy Bottom metro station.

New Business

- a. Isabelle Thompson and John Lacy reported on plans for the 35th annual Marine Corps Marathon, scheduled for October 31. The event is expected to draw 22,000 runners and 120,000 spectators. "Rolling closures" on Constitution Avenue and Rock Creek Parkway will be followed by "rolling cleanups." On motion of Commissioner Coder, the Commission voted 6-0 to send a letter of support for the marathon to the Mayor's Task Group on Special Events.
- b. Laura Genello, representing FRESHFARM Markets, sponsor of the Wednesday afternoon market held at 24th & I sts., N.W., asked the commission for a letter of support for the market's public space

application. On motion of Commissioner Coder, the Commission approved a letter of support by a vote of 6-0.

- c. Jeremy Pollok and Greg Nicklas, representing Tonic at Quigley's Pharmacy, provided information on the restaurant's planned expansion of its outdoor dining space and consequent revision to its liquor license and a new public space application. Commissioners praised Tonic as an example of a retail operation that enhances the quality of life in Foggy Bottom. They noted in particular the management's rigorous upholding of the voluntary agreement arrived at at the time of its original liquor license. On motion of Commissioner Coder, the Commission voted 6-0 to support the restaurant's planned expansion.
- d. A discussion of the Whitehurst Freeway's proposed deconstruction was postponed until the April 21 meeting.
- e. Brittany Wall and Susan Cora, representing George Washington University, discussed a project to build an underground structure on the south side of G Street between 20th and 21st. The structure will house four levels of parking and one level of academic space, along with an entrance pavilion on the surface. Discussion focused on the scope of the project, its relationship to future plans to build a Law Center and a Science and Engineering Center at GWU and on the possibilities for further review at later stages of these projects. Wall and Cora sought no formal action by the Commission at this time but will return to the ANC in June or July when plans and permits are complete.

Updates on old business

Commissioner Coder reported on the acceptance of Commission recommendations regarding the replacement of K Street trees, on the repaving of the 1000 block of 25th St. N.W and on the choice of a developer for the West End Library and Fire Station project.

Meetings are pending regarding the proposed West End dog park and on the appeal by Friends of Francis Field of the Zoning Administrator's granting of certificates of occupancy before the promised amenities were in place. Discussion focused on the Commission's retention of legal counsel in this matter. On motion of Commissioner Coder additional funding of up to \$3,000 was adopted by a vote of 6-0, subject to a "reasonableness review" of expenditures proposed by Commissioner Lehrman and accepted as a friendly amendment.

Commissioner Harmon reported on negotiations with the owner of Sanctuary 21 and on the possibility of a settlement of the issues that concern the ANC. Commissioner Coder reported on plans for the DC Council to consider the renaming of the proposed Duke Ellington Park and on events planned for April 29, the musician's 110th birthday.

On the matter of Stevens School, a brief discussion determined that the majority of commissioners saw no value in further ANC action before the DC Council has acted on the plans of the developer chosen by the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.

Adoption of FY 2010 Budget

Copies of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010 were circulated to commissioners and made available to the public. Discussion focused on the \$36,000 balance in the ANC's accounts and on the amount spent to date on legal fees. On motion of Commissioner Corson, the budget was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Adoption of February 17, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner Coder moved the adoption of the February 17, 2010 minutes. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Announcements from the Chair

Commissioner Coder called attention to a March 18 meeting being held by the DC Department of Transportation to review its plans for bike lanes along L and I streets and on Pennsylvania Avenue, to the March 8 deadline of the National Park Service for public comment on its plans for the National Mall, and on the review being undertaken by the Office of Planning on planned unit developments. This review will launch with a meeting on March 24.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 8:54 PM.