

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2013 6:30pm-9pm

West End Library 1101 24th St., N.W.

Call to Order:

Chair Florence Harmon (06) called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Commissioners Jackson Carnes (07), Peter Sacco (08), Patrick Kennedy (01), Graham Galka (05) and Rebecca Coder (02) were present. Commissioner Asher Corson arrived at 6:55 pm. Commissioner Armando Irizarry (04) was not present.

General Agenda:

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton – Miscellaneous Updates

Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton reported that the US Senate passed a continuing budget resolution, which the House will consider soon. She has introduced a bill to keep the DC government open and has support from other Congressmen. She was able to present the DC budget early this year.

Delegate Norton discussed the upcoming sequestration, which squeezes cuts into six months that could have been managed over a longer time period. Sequestration permanently cuts funds for DC's WICK program for the next ten years. Sequestration will heavily affect this region since there are so many federal employees. Sequestration has caused the US Attorney for District of Columbia to announce fourteen days of furloughs for employees. Federal employees have already been subject to three years of pay freezes and have endured \$130 billion to deficit reduction.

Delegate Norton was successful in passing legislation that requires the display of the District of Columbia flag at federal ceremonies when other state flags are raised. She also supports moving the FBI from their current Pennsylvania Avenue location and locating them elsewhere in DC. She stated that she had been successful in getting benefits and amenities from developers during the zoning process for the World Bank alley closing. In response to inquiries about obtaining another Metro Entrance at the Foggy-Bottom Station, Delegate Holmes encouraged ANC 2A to approach the business community to assist in obtaining funds for a new entrance at the GWU station. Delegate Norton said she had approached the business community about the construction of a new subway in NOMA and moving ATF to this location. DC, federal government and the business community each contributed one-third of the funds for the new NOMA subway station. She added that she presented her first bill this year to make DC the 51st state and is waiting for the bill to go to committee.

Commissioner Coder and Chair Harmon added that ANC 2A is trying to get funds for the artist to make a new statue of Duke Ellington, which will be placed at the newly named Ellington Park. This artist is the same artist that created the Frederick Douglas statue that now is located in the Capitol.

Community member Steve Timlin asked for her assistance in obtaining replacement certificate for his military records and discharge documents.

Councilman Jack Evans - Budget and Miscellaneous Updates

Councilman Evans summarized current issues:

Budget: Mayor Gray has put together a budget, which he will submit his budget to the Council on March 28th; then the Council has two months for hearings and must vote on the budget by the end of May. The the budget is submitted to Congress, which must approve the budget before the end of October. Councilman Evans stated the budget autonomy (which is on the ballot for the April Special Election) will allow for local dollars to be spent by Council without having to to wait for Congressional approval of DC's budget.

Finances: DC is doing well financially; annually, the Mayor, Councilman Evans, and the Chief Financial Officer to to Wall Street to meet with bond rating agencies, which has been increasing DC bond ratings due to DC's strong financial health.

Sequestration: Sequestration will have an impact on DC, even though the DC Council projected and included coverage for the anticipated loss of \$50-\$60 million of federal funds due to the Sequestration.

DC Services: They continue to improve.

DC Schools: the DC school system spends more money per pupil than any other jurisdiction, yet is ranked worse than most other school systems. About 45% of DC children attend charter schools.

Public Safety: is improving but some parts of DC continue to be unsafe; the most common theft in Ward 2 involves iPhones.

Affordable Housing: The property tax cap has been lowered to 5%. Affordable housing trust fund has \$100 million for more affordable housing to be built.

Jobs: job growth is occurring in some parts of the city but not in other parts of the city.

Development: Development continues to thrive in some parts of DC; there are some 56 cranes on construction sites throughout the city. However, in other sections of DC development is absent.

Commissioner Corson expressed his appreciation for Councilman Evans assistance in removing the homeless encampments in ANC 2A. He asked whether there were any legal fixes to speed up the removal of encampments. Councilman Evans responded that legislation could be drafted.

Commissioner Harmon thanked Councilman Evans for his help curtailing the overnight work, which was disturbing residents, on the DC Water repairs to the water main repairs at 22nd Street and M Streets NW.

Community members thanked Councilman Evans for his support and assistance on issues pertaining to Francis Field and the dog park. However, they need additional assistance to restore greenery to Francis Field and to establish the dog park. Community members thanked Councilman Evans for his support and assistance in the IMF alley closing but indicated that they need his assistance with new alley closings, which will come before the Committee of the Whole. Councilman Evans announced that he intends to run for mayor.

Regarding the agenda, Chair Harmon announced that it was not necessary for the ANC to act upon the FreshFarm Market public space item because they are proposing a location on the Eye Street Mall, specifically on the 23rd Street entrance by the statue of George Washington, which is private space. She rquested that an item regarding 23rd street lay-bys requested for the Square 34 Eastbanc development be added to the agenda. The Francis-Stevens item will be moved to the end of the meeting.

Chair Harmon made a motion to vote on amended agenda. Commissioner Corson seconded. (Votes: 7-0)

General Agenda:

Safety Report

Lt. Craig gave the safety report. He stated the "smart machine" – a trailer providing speed information - will be located at the corner of 24th Street and Virginia Avenue, starting on March 26th for 7-10 days. The faded parking signs around Juarez Circle will be replaced. Crime statistics to date are favorable for this area and show a decrease. Crimes still under investigation include: a March 1st robbery, a burglary at 2223 H Street NW, an altercation at Shadow Room nightclub at 2131 K St. where a patron had his teeth knocked out, and a robbery of cash and laptop from a 2600 Virginia Avenue NW office.

Community members raised the issue of encampments located at 26th and K Street, NW, those located on the underpass and on NPS lands, and by the West End Library. Commissioner Corson asked whether resolutions can be expedited.

Public Comments

Chair Harmon made the following announcements:

The April 17, 2013 ANC 2A meeting will be held at a new location - Funger Hall (GWU) on G and 22nd Streets NW, starting at 7:00 pm. An anniversary celebration for Juarez Circle (near Kennedy Center) will be held on March 21st from 3 – 9:30 pm. DDOT is hosting a series of public workshops on MoveDC, a multimodal transportation plan. The upcoming workshops are

on March 21st, March 26st, March 28th and April 9th. Residents should report graffiti tagged walls to the DC Murals Prevention project. The Zoning Commission has approved the amended GW campus plan order (GWU/ANC joint filing) regarding the advisory committee. An advisory committee meeting was held on March 18th, which Chair Harmon, Commissioners Sacco and Carnes attended. The District's contact person for parking enforcement issues is Georgina Watts at 202-541-6055 (DC Office of Public Works, Parking Enforcement). Dr. Bear's Mini University-Children's National Medical Center Open House will be on April 23, 2013. The DC Office of Tax and Revenue has sent out 2013 first-half real property tax bills and has notified the ANC that taxes on vacant buildings may have been miscalculated. Information regarding vacant building taxes can be obtained by calling the DC Office of Tax and Revenue at 202-442-4332.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked former GWU Resident Hall Association President Jacob Thayer for his services.

Updates

Chair Harmon stated that the parties are still in negotiation regarding the Watergate development project.

New Hampshire Avenue DDOT project

Mike Tucker, a DDOT consultant, provided an update on the New Hampshire Avenue development project. Since September 2012, the aggregate sidewalk from Washington Circle to L Street NW has been completed. DDOT will plant crepe myrtle trees along New Hampshire Avenue NW as requested by the community. The ramp and the brick sidewalk at the corner of L and 22nd Street NW will be completed soon. During the first week in April, the ramps and sidewalks around Washington Circle will be layed. Updates on the Project are posted on the website (www.newhampshireavestreetscape.gov).

Community members identified potholes that need to be repaired: along New Hampshire Avenue and I Street NW (across from 7-11); and on 24th Street between New Hampshire and K Street NW.

Mayor's Office on Volunteerism – ServeDC

The representatives from the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism – ServeDC asked to be placed on the April 17, 2013 meeting.

Regulatory Agenda:

Matters before Department of Parks and Recreation

<u>Friends of Francis Field Application to be Official Partner under DPR Partnership Program</u> Commissioner Coder stated Francis Field, located on 25th Street between M and N Streets, is in her single member district, even though it is used by the entire ANC 2A community and is a multi-use space for passive, active and dog recreation.

She stated that ANC 2A and Friends of Francis Field were successful in having a landscape plan prepared by a leading landscape architect in 2008 for Francis Field. In 2010, they have also

successfully collaborated in requiring developer Charles E. Smith/Vornado to provide \$350,000 worth of improvements to the Field and the streetscape as required by the Zoning Commission's order for a nearby PUD development. She added that in 2008, ANC 2A supported Friends of Francis Field's application to participate in the DPR's Partnership/Friends Program.

She noted the Friends of Francis Field's commitment to continue to improve Francis Field and collaborate to neighborhood schools, such as Francis-Stevens and School Without Walls, and local dog owners to resolve common issues.

In response to community questions, Commissioner Coder stated DPR manages and gives permits for the use of City parks and fields to neighborhood groups. Schools, non-profits and children's schools are given priority.

Commissioner Corson expressed his support for Friends of Francis Field, commending their work on the Duke Ellington Project with West End Friends and their work on the dog park application with West End Dog committee.

Commissioner Coder read a draft resolution in support of the non-profit organization Friends of Francis Field to be a partner with DC Friend/Partnership Program. She read the draft resolution. After a discussion, Commissioner Coder made a motion to accept the resolution with changes. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 7-0). (Attachment #1)

Matters before the DC Water

DC Water restoration funds for dog park

Commissioner Coder stated ANC 2A supported the dog park since 2008, which was approved by DPR in 2010. However, since 2010, the Cross-Town Tunnel Restoration Project has been underway in the area dedicated to the future West End dog park. The cross town tunnel project will be completed in June/July 2013. DC Water and DPR will need to coordinate to restore the area to its former state, which includes the restoration of the natural grass and the replanting of trees that were planted as part of the Francis Field amenity project. DPR would pay for resurfacing the field. Commissioner Coder stated at the completion of this work in 2013, DC Water is required to restore the area to its former state which includes mainly the restoration of the natural grass and the replanting of any trees that were put in place as part of the Francis Field amenity project. It would be more efficient if the funds were put towards the construction of the dog park so that DC taxpayer funds are not tapped twice (e.g., to restore Francis Field and then to build the dog park). She wants to urge DPR and DC Water to coordinate and ensure that they provide replacement funds to build dog park site to the original improved state that was paid for by the Francis Field PUD amenity monies.

Commissioner Coder made a motion requesting that DC Water and DPR coordinate to ensure that DC Water restoration funds are used for the construction of the West End dog park. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 7-0) (Attachment 2)

DC Water Main Repairs at 22nd Street and M Street NW

Chair Harmon stated DC Water has assured Councilman Evans office and her that the unexpected, overnight repairs on the water main at 22nd Street will not occur in the future absent a legitimate emergency and in any event, Councilman Evans and ANC 2A will be notified of nighttime work in that location.

Matters before ABC/ABRA

Shadow Room – extended hours

Steven Acott, owner of Shadow Room, requested that the ANC 2A approve extended hours of operation (beyond their normal business hours) for Memorial Day weekend – from the evening of Friday, May 24th through the evening of Sunday, May 26th until 4:00 am on Monday, May 27, 2013. The Shadow Room currently is open until 3:00 am on Friday and Saturday evenings and closes at 2:00 am on Sunday. They are agreeable to having a police detail during this time.

Shadow Room offered to provide a police detail on an additional five nights in 2013, when they have special events and expect large crowds.

Chair Harmon made a motion to support Shadow Room's request for extension of hours for the evenings between May 24-May 26, 2013, on the condition that Shadow Room provide police detail during this time period and for an additional five other nights during 2013. Commissioner Sacco seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES 7-0) (Attachment #3)

Krung-Thep Washington, LLC - 2101 L Street, NW (ABRA 091608)

Krung-Thep, a Class C restaurant located at 2101 L Street NW, is a new full service Thai Restaurant and Bar. It has filed for a Class C Restaurant license with ABRA that includes an application for a summer garden, with a seating capacity of 52 seats and operational hours from 11:00 am -12:00 am. It will be located across the street from the Winston House.

Commissioner stated they had not heard any complaints regarding Krung-Thep. Commissioners favored a non-objection letter on condition that amplified music is not played outside in the summer garden.

Commissioner Coder made motion for a non-objection letter regarding a summer garden for Krung-Thep on the condition that amplified music is not played in the summer garden. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 7-0.) (Attachment #4)

Matters before BZA and Zoning Commission

BZA 18319 for Extension of 24/7 operation for four years for 7-11 (912 New Hampshire Avenue NW)

Representatives from 7-11 (912 New Hampshire Avenue NW) presented information regarding their written modification request to the existing BZA order to extend their 24/7 operations for the remaining 4 years of the underlying BZA approval. Sam Motamedi, the franchisee/operator of 7-11, thanked the community for their support.

The representatives stated that 7-11 has been in operation at 912 New Hampshire Avenue NW since 1982. It has been received five BZA exceptions during that period. In March 2012, they

received a BZA exception for a 5-year time period (through March 2017) that included a 1-year trial period for a daily 24 hour operation. This trial period expires this month and will come before a BZA hearing on April 9, 2013. They sought ANC 2A support to continue 24-hour operations until March 2017.

Commissioner Corson stated he had not heard of any problems from the community relating to their change of hours (24/7) during the one-year trial period. Commissioner Sacco stated the GWU students appreciate 24 hour access to the 7-11.

Community member Steve Timlin who lives a few doors down from the 7-11, stated that the owner of the 7-11 has been a reputable business owner, and he has not heard of any community complaints to their 24 hour operations. He does not have any objections.

Other community members echoed this sentiment, expressing no concerns, and stating how smoothly 7-11 operates. In addition, they noted that police officers stop in throughout the day, which has a positive effect on the community.

Commissioner Corson made a motion to support the BZA application to extend the 24/7 operation of 7-11 located at 912 New Hampshire Avenue, for the next 4 years, subject to all the current conditions. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES 7-0). (Attachment #5)

Extension of PUD ZC Case No 06-29, Renaissance Hotel (1143 New Hampshire)
Representatives from the Renaissance Hotel presented information regarding their request for a third extension to their PUD modification application to add two floors to the Hotel. They stated that the financial meltdown of 2008 delayed their project in obtaining required funds from lenders and finishing their marketing study. They have a Zoning Commission hearing on April 8, 2013. They will file for building permits within the next 6-12 months and agreed to commit a percentage of the required amenity funds as a condition of this PUD extension.

Community members commented on the fact that the Hotel was called "Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel" when it was not located in Dupont Circle, but was located in West End.

Commissioner Coder made motion to support the third extension of the PUD modification application for Renaissance Hotel (Zoning Commission Case No. 06-29). Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES 7-0) (Attachment #6).

Matters before DDOT Public Space Committee

FreshFarm Farmer's Market new location

Chair Harmon announced that FreshFarm Farmer's Market will be moved to privately owned space of GW at the entrance of I Street Mall by the GW statue.

EastBanc's Application regarding West End Library Lay-by and Streetscape Plan
The lay-bys were a critical factor in ANC 2A's approval and support of this project's PUD
process, as reflected in the MOU between ANC 2A and the developer. The community strongly
requested a lay-by so that the loading of passengers and delivers not occur on the travel lanes on

23rd Street, a major commuter route and primary route for DC Fire trucks. In addition, the unique streetscape proposed by the EastBanc and TEN Arquitectos development team was also another important factor for ANC 2A's approval of this project in 2012.

Commissioner Coder made motion in support of recommending that the DDOT Public Space Committee approve the lay-by and the streetscape plan proposed for the West End Library redevelopment project located on 23rd Street, between L and M Streets NW. Commissioner Corson seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES 7-0). (Attachment #7)

Resolution on Francis Stevens Education Center and School Without Walls merger
Commissioner Kennedy presented a resolution regarding the Francis-Stevens and School
Without Walls merger. He added that this was similar to the resolution passed by the Dupont
Circle ANC.

Commissioner Coder (?) made a motion to strike the paragraph referring to Principal Richard Trogisch. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 4-3).

Commissioner Coder made motion to add a statement to encourage parents of Francis-Stevens and School Without Walls to collaborate on the merger. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 4-3).

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting a planned merger of the two schools, Francis-Stevens Education Campus and School Without Walls High School, and encouraging their respective communities to collaborate on the transition. Commissioner Galka seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 7-0) (Attachment 8)

Miscellaneous Items:

Nike Women's Marathon Half – April 28, 2013

Representative from Nike Women's Marathon requested a letter of support for the Nike Women's Marathon, which will be held on April 28, 2013 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. The course will not enter ANC 2A, but will run south of the Kennedy Center. It will start and finish at Freedom Plaza and will proceed along Pennsylvania Avenue, Southwest Freeway, Memorial Bridge and East Potomac Park Drive. The route has been discussed with Kennedy Center officials.

Commissioner Coder made a motion for a letter of support. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. Commissioner Corson abstained. (VOTES: 6-0-1). (Attachment #9)

29th Army Ten Miler – October 20, 2012

Representative from the Army Ten Miler requested a letter of support for the 29th Army Ten-Miler will be held on Sunday October 20, 2013. The race will begin and end at the Pentagon, starting along the southbound lanes of Route 110, proceeding into DC via Memorial Drive.

Runners will enter ANC 2A (8:15 am-9:15 am) from Memorial Drive at 23rd Street. Runners will proceed onto Constitution Avenue, Virginia Avenue, Rock Creek Parkway near the Kennedy Center and Independence Avenue. The turn-around point is 9th street on the National Mall. Runners will cross back to Virginia using the 14th Street Bridge onto I-395 and Route 1 in Crystal City and back to the Pentagon.

Commissioner Coder made a motion for a letter of support for the 29th Army Ten-Miler Race. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (**VOTES 7-0**). (Attachment #10)

38th Marine Corps Marathon – Oct 22, 2013

Representatives from the Marine Corps Marathon requested a letter of support from ANC 2A. The Marathon (26.2 miles) will be held on October 22, 2013. The race course will start and finish along Route 110, south of Arlington Memorial Drive in Virginia. The course enters ANC 2A where Rock Creek Parkway encircles Kennedy Center, proceeding onto Ohio Drive, Haines Point, and Independence Avenue. Streets along the race will be closed starting at 4:00 am, until 1:00 pm, on a rolling basis. They have registered some 30,000 runners.

Commissioner Kennedy made motion for a letter of support for the 38th Marine Corps Marathon. Commissioner Corson seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. **(VOTES: 7-0) (Attachment #11)**

Administration:

Adoption of Revised 2013 Schedule of ANC 2A Meetings

Chair Harmon made a motion in support of changing the location of the next ANC 2A meeting, scheduled for April 17, 2013, to Funger Hall - GWU (2201 G Street, NW) to begin at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Sacco seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 7-0)

Chair Harmon stated that in the interest of time, the remaining items listed in the agenda are postponed and will be presented at the next ANC 2A meeting in April 2013. These items include: Adoption of Minutes; ANC 2A Appointment of GWU Campus Plan Community Advisory Members; GWU Foggy Bottom Streetscape Plan (2007) and Foggy Bottom Campus Plan; New ANC 2A website; GWU Museum – Square 102 (DDOT Public Space curb cut application and other PUD items); GWU- Closure of Square 77 Alley; DC War Memorial – Historic Landmark Application 13-07; Councilman Barry proposed legislation: ANC Empowerment Act, ANC Allotment Efficiency Amendment.

The meeting concluded at 9:05 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Friends of Francis Field application to be official partner of Francis Field DPR Partnership Program.

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c/o West End Library

1101 24th St., N.W.

Washington DC 20037

April 9, 2013

Jesus Aguirre Director DC Department of Parks and Recreation 1250 U Street, NW Washington, DC 20009

Dear Director Aguirre:

At its duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2013 with 7 of the 8 commissioners present, constituting a quorum, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A unanimously (7 to 0) passed the following resolution.

Whereas, Francis Field, located on 25th Street between M and N Streets, NW is a vital community multi-use space for passive, active and dog recreation;

Whereas, ANC 2A originally support the Friends of Francis Field (FFF) application for DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for its Friends program in 2008;

Whereas, FFF and ANC 2A were successful in having a landscape plan for Francis Field prepared by a leading landscape architect in 2008, and having Charles E. Smith/Vornado, a developer, pay for and install \$350,000 worth of improvements to the field and streetscape at no cost to the public during calendar year 2010;

Whereas, ANC 2A is pleased to see FFF's commitment to continuing to improve Francis Field and doing this in collaboration with our neighborhood schools, Francis-Stevens and School Without Walls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 2A designates the non-profit organization, Friends of Francis Field, to be the official community representative for

DPR's Friends program for the purpose of a partnership with DPR to continue to improve Francis Field.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing language notwithstanding, ANC 2A reserves its full authority under applicable law to be the official representative of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities on matters affecting Francis Field, including the DC requirement in regards to 'proper notice' and 'great weight'.

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon Chair

Cc: Commissioner Rebecca Coder, 2A-02

Attachment 2 - DPR & DC Water Restoration of Funds for the Francis Field Dog Park.

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George Hawkins General Manager, DC Water 5000 Overlook Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20032

Jesus Aguirre Director, DC Department of Parks and Recreation 1250 U Street, NW Washington, DC 20009

RE: Completion of Cross-town Tunnel and Use of Reconstruction Funds for Francis Field Dog Park

Dear Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Aguirre:

At a duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting with 7 of 8 commissioners present, constituting a quorum, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A voted unanimously (7 to 0) to adopt the following resolution and asked the Chair to send it to the appropriate agency stakeholders.

Whereas, since 2010, DC Water (DCW) has had the Cross-Town Tunnel Restoration Project underway in the space dedicated for a future West End dog park;

Whereas, the dog park was approved by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation in 2010;

Whereas, at the completion of this work in 2013, DC Water is required to restore the area to its former state which includes mainly the restoration of the natural grass and the replanting of any trees which were put in place as part of the Francis Field amenity project;

Whereas, the ANC believes it would be more efficient if the funds were put towards the construction of the dog park so that DC taxpayer funds are not tapped twice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 2A respectfully requests that DC Water and DC DPR work together to ensure that DCW's restoration funds are put towards the construction of the West End dog park.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Harmon Chair

Cc: Jack Evans, Council member, Ward 2

Rebecca Coder, Commissioner, 2A02

Attachment 3- Shadow Room's request for extension of hours for May 24-May 26th

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April 28, 2013

Ms. Ruthanne Miller, Chair Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400S Washington, D.C. 20009

Re: Acott Ventures, LLC (t/a Shadow Room) 2131 K Street, NW License No. ABRA-075871

Dear Chairman Miller and Members of the Board:

At its duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2013, with seven of the eight commissioners present constituting a quorum, ANC 2A voted unanimously (7-0) to provide **conditional** support for the extension of hours until 4:00 a.m. for Friday, May 24th through the evening of Sunday, May 26th until 4:00 am on Monday, May 27, 2013. for The Shadow Room, located at 2131 K Street, NW.

The ANC's support is predicated on Shadow Room demonstrating that it has hired an <u>MPD</u> <u>security detail</u> for those evenings during and after the extended hours closing to ensure that departing patrons do not disturb the adjoining residential neighborhood. The ANC's support is also predicated on Shadow Room demonstrating that it has hired, prior to May 24, 2013, an MPD security detail for five (5) additional nights, during and after closing, during 2013.

The Commission was discouraged to hear that Shadow Room was not taking additional steps to manage any potential security concerns and asks that the ABRA Board ensure that this MPD security detail and the MPD security detail for the five (5) additional nights in 2013 is in place prior to final approval.

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

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon

Chair

cc: Steven Acott, The Shadow Room

Attachment 4 –Non-objection letter regarding a summer garden for Krung-Thep Washington, LLC.

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Via email

May 3, 2013 Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 2000 14th Street NW Washington, DC 20009

RE: ABC Application of Krung-Thep Washington, LLC New Retailer's Class C License No. ABRA-091608

Dear Chairperson Miller and Members of the ABC Board:

At a properly noticed ANC 2A regular meeting held March 20, 2013, with quorum present, the ANC adopted unanimously a resolution not objecting to the issuance of this license, conditioned on there being no amplified music in the summer garden. We noted no entertainment endorsement application for the summer garden to support amplified music in the summer garden.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Florence E. Harmon Chair

cc: Michael Fonseca and Steven O'Brien, attorneys for Krung-Thep Washington, LLC

Attachment 5 - BZA extension of 24/7 operation of 7-11 located at 912 New Hampshire Avenue, for the next four years.

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April 7, 2013

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Lloyd J. Jordan, Esquire Chairperson D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210 South Washington, DC 20001

Re: Request for Modification of BZA Order No. 18319

912 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.

(Square 18, Lot 122)

Dear Chairperson Jordan and Members of the Board:

At its duly noticed, regular monthly meeting on March 20, 2013, with all eight Commissioners constituting a quorum, ANC 2A voted unanimously (7-0-0) on the following resolution:

WHEREAS, BZA Order No. 18319, dated March 6, 2012 approved continued operation of the 7-Eleven grocery store for five (5) years (until March 2017) subject to the enumerated conditions, including a one-year trial period for 24-hour operations daily;

WHEREAS, the grocery store has operated at this location since 1982, subject to five BZA approvals;

WHEREAS, the Applicant has completed the one-year trial period and filed a Request to Modify BZA Order No. 18319 to allow 24-hour operations daily for four (4) additional years to expire in March 2017 at the same time as the current five year approval;

WHEREAS, the Commission has not received any complaints about objectionable conditions related to 24-hour operations during the just completed one year trial period;

WHEREAS, several Commissioners and neighbors of the grocery store praised the long-standing operations by Mr. Sam Motamedi and his family, the franchisee/operator, and did not object to continued 24-hour operations until March 2017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANC 2A supports the Request to Modify BZA Order No. 18319 to authorize 24-hour daily operation of the grocery store for four years until the expiration of the BZA's current approval in March 2017, subject to all the current conditions.

On behalf of the Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Harmon Chair

cc: Commissioner L. Asher Corson, 2A-01 Mr. Stephen Mordfin, Office of Planning John Patrick Brown, Jr., Esq.

Attachment 6 – Extension of 3rd PUD for Renaissance Hotel (Zoning Commission Case No. 06-29)

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March 20, 2013

Anthony Hood Chairman, DC Zoning Commission 441 4th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC Case No 06-29c, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

At a duly noticed meeting on March 20, 2013 with 7 of 8 commissioners present, the Foggy Bottom & West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2A) voted 7-0 to **support** the extension of the PUD for the Renaissance Hotel for a third time. In notifying you of this resolution, we ask you to consider the following:

30-Day Deadline for Party Response: The ANC received notification of the requested extension on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, resulting in a 30-day deadline of Tuesday, March, 19 which is one day prior to the ANC's regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, March 20. The ANC requests that the Zoning Commission allow its comments to be included in the record given the issue with timing related to this extension.

Unprecedented Impact of the Economy: As the Commission is aware, while a request for a third extension may be unusual, even more unprecedented was the financial meltdown that began in 2008 and which has stalled many development projects for extended time periods. Only recently have such projects begun to be able to access the required capital for completion.

Good Faith Efforts by the Applicant: The applicant has indicated its desire to file for building permits within the next 6 to 12 months. To demonstrate this commitment, it has agreed to put forward a percentage of the amenity funds that are required related to the project, as a condition of the PUD extension. The ANC believes this bodes well for the project moving forward in the near term.

We respectfully ask the Zoning Commission to support the applicant's extension request.

On behalf of the Commission,

Florence Harmon

Chair

cc: Carolyn Brown, Holland & Knight, Counsel for the Applicant

Attachment 7 – Public Space Application DDOT Tracking #77979 (2301 L Street NW Square 37) (Lay-Bys for EastBanc Project)

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

March 20, 2013

<u>Via Email</u> matthew.marcou@dc.gov

Matthew Marcou Chair, Public Space Committee District Department of Transportation 55 M Street, SE, 6th Floor Washington, DC 20003

Re: Public Space Application DDOT Tracking #77979 (2301 L Street NW Square 37)

Dear Mr. Marcou:

At a duly noticed meeting on March 20, 2013, with 7 of 8 commissioners present, the Foggy Bottom & West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2A) voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend that the Public Space Committee approve the lay-by and the streetscape plan proposed for the West End Library redevelopment project located on 23rd between L and M Streets, NW.

ANC 2A strongly urges the approval of the lay-by. It was a critical factor in ANC 2A's approval and support of the project through the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process. This is reflected in the executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into between ANC 2A and the developer (a copy is attached).

Importantly, ANC 2A reviewed plans for the PUD at three duly noticed, public meetings in 2011. The community was quite strong in its request that a lay-by be constructed as part of the project in order to move loading of passengers and small deliveries out of the travel lanes on 23^{rd} Street. This is important because 23^{rd} Street is a one-way street southbound and a major commuter route with heavy peak volume for those travelling to Virginia and Maryland from downtown by way of Memorial Bridge and the Whitehurst Freeway. Additionally, 23^{rd} Street is the primary route for DC Fire Engine Company No. 1 located at the corner of 23^{rd} and L Streets.

The Public Space Committee's approval of the proposed streetscape is also important to ANC 2A. ANC 2A recommended EastBanc and TEN Arquitectos as the development team for this project because of the

iconic plan for the site, including the uniqueness of the streetscape design. We feel that the streetscape as designed is important to identify the West End Library, which deserves a more unique setting given it is the center of our community.

ANC 2A is pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of EastBanc's Public Space Committee application. Commissioner Rebecca Coder, the Single Member District Representative for the subject property, is authorized to represent ANC 2A on this matter before DDOT and the Public Space Committee.

Again, the Commission respectfully requests that the Public Space Committee give ANC 2A's recommendation great weight and support the critical lay-by and the streetscape elements of the project.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Florence Harmon Chair

cc: Benjamin Sonnet, EastBanc Chief Faust, DC Fire and Emergency Management Services Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2 Commissioner Rebecca Coder, 2A-02

Attachment 8 - Francis Stevens Resolution and School Without Walls Collaboration

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



c/o West End Library

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Via email

May 11, 2013

The Honorable Vincent Gray, Mayor District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 316 Washington, DC 20004

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

Re: Francis Stevens & School Without Walls

At its regular meeting on March 20, 2013 the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of the eight Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (7-0).

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

Attachment 9 - Nike Half Marathon

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



c/o West End Library

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Washington DC 20037

May 11, 2013

Lee Granados | 202.549.6948 Community Outreach for Pacers lee@runpacers.com

RE: Nike Women's Marathon Half - April 28, 2013

Dear Lee:

At its duly notice, regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2013, with seven of the eight commissioners present, constituting a quorum, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A reviewed the request for a letter of non-objection regarding the Nike Women's Marathon Half on April 28, 2013. The ANC voted 6-0-1 (Corson abstaining) to support the requested non-objection.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions in the above-referenced matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Harmon Chair

Attachment 10 - Army Ten-Miler Race.

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

April 8, 2013

Mr. George Banker Army Ten-Miler 1114 4th Ave., SW Bldg 45 Washington, DC 20319

Re: 29th Army Ten-Miler, Sunday, October 20, 2013

Dear Mr. Banker:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2013, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A, with a quorum of seven of the eight commissioners present at a duly-noticed public meeting, voted 7-0-0 to support the 29th Army Ten-Miler. ANC 2A appreciates your working to minimize potential vehicle and pedestrian traffic disruption within our neighborhoods. The Commission wishes you much success with the race this year. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon Chair, ANC 2A

Attachment 11 – 38th Marine Corps Marathon

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

April 8, 2013

Bret Schmidt, Operations Manager Marine Corps Marathon P.O. Box 188 Quantico, VA 22134

VIA E-Mail: bret.schmidt@usmc.mil

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

At its regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on March 20, 2013 with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A voted 7-0-0 in support of your above referenced event.

ANC 2A Commissioners thank you for your continuing efforts to inform our constituents of your upcoming event and working to minimizing potential disruption of vehicle and pedestrian traffic within our neighborhoods. The Commission wishes you much success with the race.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 202-390-4438.

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon Chair, ANC 2A