



**Foggy Bottom & West End  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A**  
([www.anc2a.org](http://www.anc2a.org))

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday March 21, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
Heart House 725 24<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

**Call to Order**

Chair Florence Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The following commissioners were present and introduced themselves: Chair Florence Harmon (2A06), Commissioner Rebecca Coder (2A02), Commissioner David Lehrman (ANC201), and Graham Galk (2A05). Commissioner Asher Corson (2A03) was not present. With four of the six commissioners present, a quorum was established. Commissioner Armando Irizarry (2A04) arrived at 7:25pm.

Chair Harmon made changes to the Agenda: Sherri Kimbel (from Council Member Jack Evans office) will make presentation in Public Comment. Commissioner Coder stated 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Duke Ellington Birthday event needs permit and will be discussed later.

Chair Harmon made a motion to adopt the agenda with changes. The agenda then was moved and accepted and passed unanimously with no objection. **(VOTES: 4-0-0)**.

**General Agenda**

**Public Comments**

- Marija Hughes commented on the shuttlebus for seniors that departs from the Watergate to area grocery stores: today, the bus took 14 residents to Georgetown Safeway; yesterday, it took 8 residents to Traders' Joe; 8 residents were taken to Costco.

- Community member Marija Hughes stated that the former Howard Johnson's Building across from the Watergate, which is now owned by George Washington University (GWU) was undergoing renovation, with scaffolding erected outside. Construction pieces are blown into her apartment. Brittany Wadell (GWU) said she would follow up.

- Community member Jackie Lemaire stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit was being launched to start Oct 21. There will be 13 sculptures made by 13 artists who have exhibited in DC galleries. There will also have videos shown 2 nights per week projecting on a wall; onsite brochures, cell guides and monthly artist led tours will occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 11am. Further information will be posted in The Current and Foggy Bottom website.

- Brittany Waddell (Director of Community Relations, GWU) stated that the construction site on Square 55 (22<sup>nd</sup> Street between H and I Streets) will conduct controlled blasting activities. The blasting will start early next week, for 4 to 6 months, and will occur once a day between 10:30am-11am. The blasting will last only seconds. Air horns will sound to notify workers and

the public of blasting. Traffic in adjacent streets will be prohibited during the blasting. The blasting will be monitored for its effects.

- Kevin O'Connor, Commissioner in Dupont Circle and member of the Coalition to Restore DC Trust, stated he is collecting signatures for a petition originated by Bryan Weaver regarding restoring public trust in DC public officials and finances. He needs 3000 signatures from Ward 2 residents. More information can be found on [Dcpublictrust.org](http://Dcpublictrust.org)

- Chair Harmon updated several activities:

- BZA Order 18319 (7-Eleven) was approved for 1-year trial basis. This establishment is in Commissioner Corson's SMD.

- St. Mary's Court is celebrating its 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, with a fundraiser "Hats Off".

- DPR has moved its main central office to 1250 U St, and its Program Development and Management functions will be moved to Columbia Heights Community Center on 1480 Girard St.

- Curb cut for 800 22<sup>nd</sup> Street was approved on Feb 23, 2012.

- Manna Inc will sponsor its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Run/Walk on April 21. The run will begin at 8:45am at Anacostia Skating Pavillion. Manna Inc supports neighborhood activities and affordable housing. James Bulger (liaison from Mayor's office) was not able to attend tonight's meeting but conveyed that he had followed up with Mews Court lighting situation, by reporting it to the head of DDOT. He also followed up on sidewalk issues on 23<sup>rd</sup> and E Streets, resulting from a motorized wheelchair incident. The Mayor is conducting several Town Hall meetings on 2012 Budget. The town hall meeting for Ward 2 will be held on April 19 at Sumner School.

- Sherri Kimbel (from Council Member Jack Evans office) stated that St. Mary's Court will be having its fundraiser April 19, from 6-8pm. Tickets will be \$30.

### **Safety Report**

Officer Clemmons, foot beat officer in PSA207, gave the safety report. He compared statistics from the past month to those from last year:

- 12 thefts (purses, ipods, cellphones) occurred in the night club areas

- 3 burglaries (down from 9 last year)

- 62 thefts (down from 71 last year). These were preventable by not leaving purses in restaurants; and under desks in office spaces

- 2 street robberies (down from 6 last year)

- 88 property crimes (down from 100 last year)

McFadden's and Shadow Room (2141 K St) have had reimbursable police detail monitoring and patrolling the area late at night for noise and fights

Officer Clemons stated that Sgt. Jackson PSA, and Lt. Wheeler have been reassigned. Lt. Donald Craig is the new commander for this District.

### **Office of the People's Counsel (OPC)- PEPCO \$42.1 million rate increase, smart meters and other topics**

No one from the Office of People's Counsel (OPC) was present to report on PEPCO increase, smart meters and other topics.

## **Update on historic Stevens School REIP process**

Mark Bleur, from the Deputy Mayor of Education's office, and Nimita Shaw, from the Deputy Mayor of Economic Development's office, presented the update regarding the Stevens School REIP process.

This project involved a 2-track "RFEI" process, e.g., two "Requests for Expression of Interest" (one from qualified Educational-use Teams and the other from qualified Development Teams), which were announced in November 2011 inviting teams to submit proposals by March 1, 2012. The purpose was to rehabilitate the Stevens School building and to redevelop the land adjacent to the School.

Six development teams submitted proposals:

Akridge and Argos  
Capstone Development and Green River Partners  
Donohoe Development Company and Decca Development Corp  
EastBanc Inc  
Lincoln Property Company and Mosaic Urban Partners  
MRP Realty and CSG Urban Partners

Six educational teams submitted proposals:

- AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation
- Dorothy I. Height Community Academy Public Charter School
- Eagle Academy Public Charter School
- GEMS Americas, urban Atlantic Education and The Robert Bobb Group
- Ivymount Schools and Programs
- Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region

In response to questions from the community, the presentors stated the following:

- No specific student type nor school type was specified by the RFEI. The schools could be charter, traditional (K-12), vocational, alternative, or special education.
- Among the six educational teams that submitted proposals, 4 charter schools, 1 private school and one serving disabled students.
- The proposals are being evaluated for their experience in developing schools, their financial data, and the team characteristics.
- The proposals must honor the ANC2A request that the African American history of the Stevens School be respected and incorporated.
- The development teams can pair up with one educational or multiple educational proposals, and vice-versa.
- No information was provided regarding the development proposals (ie, commercial, residential, retail).
- Round one ended March 1. During March, the proposals will be evaluated. Early April the selected ones will be announced. Joint proposals will be submitted in May. During May/June, the joint proposals will be presented to the community for their response.
- The final proposal will have to be approved by the DC Council.
- The new school is scheduled to open next year depending on the rehabilitation of Stevens School.

Commissioner Coder requested that the process maintain its accessibility and transparency. Chair Harmon stated she was excited about the projects and appreciated the work done by the DC staff.

### **Update - West End Library Redevelopment Project**

Commissioner Coder presented updated information regarding the West End Library Redevelopment Project. The Zoning Commission is undertaking its final action. The Library will relocate later this year. The DC government is still investigating different locations for its temporary transfer.

### **Update on Penzance Realty on Watergate (2600 Virginia Ave office building)**

The update was given by Penzance Realty on modification to Watergate Office building (2600 Virginia Avenue), and the matter was then moved to the Regulatory Agenda in order for ANC2A to make a motion and resolution regarding to it.

### **Update - Feb 28 FBA Membership Meeting - Aging in Place Village Project Report**

Commissioner Coder updated the activities of the Foggy Bottom West End Village project. The interim board held a meeting at St Stephen's Church where more than 100 seniors attend. There was active discussion, with positive momentum growing. The board is changing to become a permanent, 501c nonprofit organization. In one year, they will be up and running. In June, Commissioner Coder will provide an update and report on the priorities for the services for the community.

### **Nation's Triathlon**

Molly Quinn of the Nations' Triathlon presented information regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Nation's Triathlon, scheduled for Sun Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 7am, and will involve swimming, biking and running sections. Monies are raised to help the homeless. Roads will be closed starting at 6am and reopen beginning at noon and 1pm. 3500 runners are expected to run beginning at 7am at West Potomac Park. The Potomac River water has been tested and found to be safe to swim in. The streets affected are Independence, Canal Road, Main Avenue, Clara Barton, Ohio Drive, Whitehurst Freeway, West Potomac Park, north bound Rock Creek Parkway, F St underpass Kennedy Center. Monies from the Triathlon will be used to raise awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Chair Harmon presented a motion of a letter of non objection regarding the DC Triathlon to HSMEI. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. (VOTES:4-0-0 ) (ATTACHMENT #1)

### **Multiple Sclerosis Society Charity Walk - April 21, 2012**

There was no one present to give information regarding the Multiple Sclerosis Society Charity Walk, scheduled for April 21, 2012.

### **Regulatory Agenda**

#### **Update on Penzance Realty on Watergate (2600 Virginia Ave office building)**

Peter Greenwald of Penzance Realty and Gensler Architects presented their concepts for the improvement of the exterior of Watergate Office building. He stressed that their ideas may continue to evolve.

The Penzance team members were introduced: Chris McGrew, Chris Worth, Justin Johnson, Peter Wilson and Peter Greenwald. Gensler Architects are a national and international firm, and have been in DC for 29 years. They designed the Heart House and want to restore the Watergate to its glory.

The Watergate Office Building, located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, is joined to Watergate Hotel. The Office building is an 11 story free standing building, designed in 1962 as part of the overall Watergate complex. In 1994, it underwent renovations, with an exterior canopy attached to the underside; lighting was reduced; and a darker front was designed. The streetscape sidewalk leads right up to a barrier wall, creating a foreboding experience.

Penzance Realty and Gensler Architects proposed to remove the original concrete wall at the sidewalk level and replace it with glass railing, allowing tenant space to be viewed from the street. They will raise the curb canopy. The building will have enhanced indirect lighting that will accent the base of columns up to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. These changes will enhance engagement with the street, and create a welcoming, safe and inviting entry.

In response to community inquiries, they do not have a construction schedule planned yet. Currently, there is banking retail on street level, which will be kept. They are open to having a grocery store in their retail space. There will be additional retail on the street level. They hope to enhance tenant and pedestrian interaction. The plans for interior space is still in conceptual stage, but they will restore the lobby. Powerwashing the exterior is still under discussion.

They are in the early stages, with the first stop being ANC2A. They have been invited to the annual meeting of the Watergate tenants and coop owners. Their next stop is the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA).

Sherri Kimbel (from Council Member Jack Evans office) stated that many residents were upset when Safeway left Watergate and were searching for a new grocery store. Penzance stated they were engaged in conversations with many options.

Commissioner Irizarry stated the changes to Watergate Office Building were minor and gave it a more inviting look. Community members supported the changes and wanted them done. Commissioner Irizarry asked that the development team meet with the residential Watergate Co-ops.

Commissioner Irizarry made a motion to draft resolution to support minor modifications to the facade of 2600 Virginia Avenue, Watergate Office building to include changing the lighting, replacing sections of 4' concrete wall with glass panelling and enhancing the exterior. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. Copies of the resolution will be mailed to HPRB, CFA and Watergate West. **(VOTES: 5-0-0).**  
**(ATTACHMENT #2)**

### **Matters before the DC Zoning Commission - Square 102 Update (GWU Museum)**

Susan Anne Cora (GWU Planning Office) presented the update regarding Square 102 – GWU Museum project. The GWU Museum project has been presented to ANC2A in their February and this March meetings. Representatives of GWU stated the community benefits of the museums will include “Ask Curator” events when the community can ask questions regarding the museum items as well as their own items.

GWU made changes as a result of their HPRB hearings: the bridge will be foreshortened and the multipurpose room will be placed against Corcoran Hall. HPRB approved the GWU museum project. GWU has worked with DDOT/Public Space regarding the design and operation of the loading dock and the associated curb cut to mitigate their impact. GWU has met with West End

Citizens Association. GWU requested a letter/vote of approval from ANC2A prior to its hearing before the Zoning Commission for its Second Stage PUD request on April 5, 2012. GWU presented some of the changes from the previous proposal and responded to community comments:

a: roof level

- glass rail at the roof level has been removed

b: bridge between Woodhull and Corcoran Hall

- bridge is curved, smaller and pulled back from 21<sup>st</sup> Street
- bridge is made of Indiana limestone, a higher-style medium
- passage under the bridge has been widened and is more open
- lighting under the bridge is recessed, providing a soft glow
- bride roof is below existing Woodhull building

c: 21<sup>st</sup> street

- There will be permanent hardware hooks on the 21<sup>st</sup> Street façade so that banners can be hung to lie flat or diagonally

d: Woodhull

- Woodhull will be restored
- GWU police department will relocate out of Woodhull

e: roses

- roses located at the site (21<sup>st</sup> Street and G Street) have been relocated to Kogan Plaza and will be accessible to the public

f: pavers

- paving from the Yard will change from brick to hanover pavers facing 21<sup>st</sup> Street
- public will have access to the University Yard 24 hrs

g: museum

- museum shop will be located by the main entrance on 21<sup>st</sup> Street and will be lit at night
- museum will be open for most events to the public at no charge (free)
- museum is not expected to generate much additional vehicular traffic.
- visitors and employees will be urged to take Metro and park in nearby public garages.
- Blockbuster exhibits may have an entrance fee.

h: loading dock and egress doors at northwest corner of museum

- entrances to the loading dock and fire exit will blend with the facade
- deliveries to the museum will be infrequent
- loading dock will be restricted only for the transferring of collection items.
- loading dock will not be available or used for trash, recycling, caering or commercial deliveries, such as FedEx or UPS
- loading dock is internal, providing a secure, controlled climate condition to maximize the protection of the sensitive collection items.
- trained traffic control personnel will direct drivers backing trucks and vans into the loading dock
- delivery trucks will be of 24' or smaller

i: parking

- on-site parking will not be available

- there will be no parking south of the loading dock
- there will be a loss of 5 metered parking spaces

j: curb cut

- curb cut in the northern section is needed to access the loading dock
- use of the curb cut (to the loading dock) will be limited to the opening and closing of exhibits and only for the transfer of artifacts.
- use of the curb cut will be 3x per week
- use of the curb cut will be prohibited during rush hours: 7-9am and 4-7pm.
- there will be no drop-off zone of visitors in front of the museum

k: loading/unloading of buses (school, senior, tour groups), and FedEx delivery trucks

- curb side loading/unloading of catering and/or Fedex will be located 40' from driveway
- curb side loading/unloading will be moved to G Street especially during rush hours
- there will be about 26 general loading/unloading buses from schools
- there will be about 15 loading/unloading buses from senior groups
- unloading/loading of buses can take up to 45 minutes
- there will be no delivery parking (catering/FedEx) during rush hours on 21<sup>st</sup> Street
- loading/unloading from school buses will not occur during rush hours

l: temporary parking

- Temporary no parking signs are given for a full day and are posted 72 hrs in advance
- GWU will encourage that temporary parking signs be removed when finished so parking spaces not tied up for a full day

m: Lisner bus schedule

- GWU will work with Lisner staff regarding the schedule of school bus loading/ unloading in front of Lisner.

Community members raised issues regarding loading and unloading on 21<sup>st</sup> street during rush hour. They requested that these activities be moved to G Street. Currently, there are metered parking spaces along the east side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street, allowing for 2 hour parking between 7am-6:30pm and no time limit between 6:30pm-10pm Monday-Saturday. On the West side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street, parking and standing are not allowed between 7am-6:30pm, Monday-Friday.

Sherri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services from Council Member Jack Evans' office, commented that the loss of 5 parking spaces was a large loss. She also commented that buses at the Ford's Theater are allowed only 10 minutes to unload their passengers.

Commissioner Irizarry stated that the museum will be a big draw for the community.

Chair Harmon made a motion for a resolution of no position regarding the GWU Museum project on Square 102. Commissioner Lehrman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. **(VOTES: 5-0-0.) (ATTACHMENT # 3)**

Commissioner Irizarry departed the meeting.

**Matters before Board of Zoning Administration  
Minor Modification to BZA 18277 (1700 New York Ave. – Corcoran Gallery)**

Holland & Knight, Carr Properties and Groves Associates presented their request for a minor modification of BZA 19277 for their April 10 BZA hearing. They had presented the original request (office addition to the Corcoran Gallery) last May, which the ANC2A supported.

They stated that they have encountered sheeting and shoring problems below grade resulting in a change to the variance and minor modification to BZA 18277. They found that GSA has a steam tunnel extending into the Corcoran and that the Corcoran has a rubble foundation. They found streams underground resulting in large sump rooms, and flooding basements in nearby buildings. Consequently, this resulted in a change to the garage exhaust system. They can only provide 72 public/private parking spaces. They have increased biking spaces.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to provide a letter of support for BZA 18277. Commissioner Lehrman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **(VOTES: 4-0-0)**  
**(ATTACHMENT # 4)**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Birthday Party for Duke Ellington Park**

Commissioner Coder read the draft motion supporting DCRA permit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Birthday Party for naming the Duke Ellington Park. The event is scheduled for April 29, 3-6pm, at 2129 Ward Place. Commissioner Lehrman seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. **(VOTES:4-0-0)** **(Attachment # 5)**

### **Administration**

#### **ANC2A 2012 Budget**

Commissioner Galka introduced the 2012 budget which will be voted in the April meeting. He stated that most of the budget goes towards salary, wage taxes, office rent, copying and legal services (of which \$2000 was approved last month), \$1000 towards moving expenses of ANC2A files from West End Library. Currently, the ANC2A has a rainy day fund in their bank account of \$20,000.

#### **Adoption of minutes of February meeting**

Changes and edits to the February minutes were made. Chair Harmon introduced a motion to approve the minutes of the February ANC2A meeting with edit; Commissioner Coder seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. **(VOTES: 4-0-0)**. **(Attachment # 6)**

#### **Digitization of ANC2A files in West End Library**

Chair Harmon stated the ANC2A is evaluating what files and documents to keep, following OANC record retention rules.

Former Executive Director John Williams stated that ANC2A was required to keep unique documents, as indicated in his report he filed about a year ago. Record retention policies were maintained by Simon Gottlieb, DC OANC. Unique documents are those that are generated and originated by ANC2A, such as minutes, resolutions and quarterly reports. The remaining documents can be purged. Options include moving or giving the files and documents to GWU, or the Kiplinger Library Historical Society or the Washingtonian collection at the MLK Library.

#### **Announcements from the Chair**

Chair Harmon announced the next ANC2A meeting will be held on Wednesday April 18, 2012 at the West End Library, 1101 24<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. There being no further business, ANC2A Commission adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



**ATTACHMENT # 1 – Minor Exterior Modification to 2600 Virginia Avenue –  
Watergate Office Building**

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



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c/o West End Library

1101 24<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.

Washington DC 20037

April 6, 2012

Catherine V. Buell  
Chairman, Historic Preservation Review Board  
1100 4th Street, SW Suite E650  
Washington, DC 20024

RE: Endorsement of Proposed Exterior Modifications 2600 Virginia Avenue NW

Dear Chairman and Members of the Review Board:

At its duly notice, regularly scheduled meeting on March 21, 2012, with 5 of the 6 commissioners present, constituting a quorum, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A reviewed the request by Penzance for relatively modest modifications to the facade of the Watergate Office building, located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW. These modifications include improving the decorative lighting of the building exterior facing Virginia Avenue to enhance its architectural allure, replacing the entrance canopy so that it is more in harmony with the building architecture, replacing a section of the concrete barrier along Virginia Avenue with glass panels to make it more appealing, and improving the lighting in the lobby level along Virginia Avenue.

The ANC voted unanimously (5-0-0) to support the requested modification. We believe these enhancements will make a marked improvement on the building, while retaining the original feeling and intent of its architecture. We also believe these renovations will benefit the Watergate Complex and the surrounding neighborhood.

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

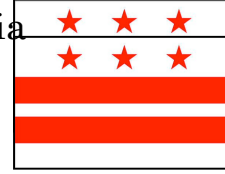
ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Harmon, Chair

**ATTACHMENT # 2 - Nation's Triathlon**

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



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c/o West End Library      1101 24<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.      Washington DC 20037

April 11, 2012

Molly Quinn  
The Nation's Triathlon  
2000 M Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20036

RE:    The Nation's Triathlon

Dear Nation's Triathlon:

At its duly notice, regularly scheduled meeting on March 21, 2012, with 4 of the 6 commissioners present, constituting a quorum, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A reviewed the request for a letter of non objection regarding The Nation's Triathlon. The ANC voted 4-0-0 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# 3 – GWU Museum/ Square 102**

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



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c/o West End Library  
Washington DC 20037

1101 24<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.

March 27, 2012

Anthony Hood  
Chairman  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **Z.C. Case No. 06-11F/06-12F**  
**Application of The George Washington University (GWU)**  
**for Approval of Second Stage PUD,**  
**Square 102, part of lot 46**

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A has examined the above-referenced application and has also heard both informal and formal presentations of the application by GWU officials at regularly scheduled ANC meetings with quorums present, on February 15, 2012 and most recently on March 21, 2012, at which meeting (hereinafter “ANC March Meeting”), with four of the six commissioners present constituting a quorum, ANC 2A unanimously adopted the following resolution.

**RESOLVED** that ANC 2A takes no position on the application but wishes to bring to the Zoning Commission’s attention the following items and requests that the Zoning Commission’s review of the application incorporate into the Commission’s final order the representations made to the community by GWU representatives at the ANC Meeting about these items:

Community members were pleased that the historic Woodhull House was not going to be torn down and instead restored;

Community members initially were concerned about public access to the site where the rose garden would be placed, a garden that has historic ties to the community; however, GWU has relocated the rose garden to the Mid-Campus Quad;

Community members were initially concerned about public access to the University Yard located within this site; however, GWU appears to have addressed these concerns and additionally, representatives of GWU at the ANC March Meeting committed to maintain 24 hour public access to the University Yard for the community;

Community members were initially concerned about loading and deliveries to the museum because 21st Street NW, where the new curb cut and delivery loading dock would be located, is a narrow, one-way street that is already very congested, especially during rush hour. Community members were concerned about the use of the new loading dock associated with loading and unloading artwork (to be accessed by back-in vehicles). Additionally, community members expressed concern about the use of additional “no parking” zones, just beyond the proposed curb cut, to drop off patrons and make deliveries. The loading zone was of concern because activities associated with loading and unloading the artwork could impede already congested traffic flow even further. The museum passenger drop off and other delivery zone was of concern due to traffic and safety impacts on both local pedestrians and museum visitors from tour buses, delivery trucks, and other vehicular traffic.

However, representatives of GWU assured the community that the following “TMP (Transportation Management Plan) Measures” would be implemented to address traffic and safety issues associated with loading and unloading art work into the museum:

- “Trained traffic control personnel to direct vans and trucks into the loading berth and minimize pedestrian impacts.
- Peak hour restrictions on the Museum’s use of the curb cut [for art work deliveries through the loading dock] (7am to 9am and 4pm to 7pm) in order to minimize impact on other vehicular traffic;
- Limitations of the size of vehicles using the curb cut [for art work deliveries through the loading dock] (no larger than 24 feet to ensure it fits within the building and does not protrude on public space); and
- Restrictions on the use of the curb cut [and associated loading dock] for artifact and exhibit loading only (i.e. not to be used for trash/recycling, catering for special events, or commercial delivery services such as UPS or FedEx)”<sup>1</sup>

Additionally, at the ANC March Meeting, GWU officials stated that they expect the curb cut and associated loading dock to be used no more than an average of three times per week and that GWU will monitor this usage of the 21<sup>st</sup> Street artwork loading dock and curb cut for the “first couple of months.” Representatives of GWU, however, assured the community at the ANC March Meeting that deliveries will be infrequent to this artwork loading dock and curb cut area and will only be used for deliveries of textile artwork to be displayed in the museum. Representatives of GWU stated at the ANC March Meeting that the curb cut and 21<sup>st</sup> Street loading dock are necessary due to the unique nature of the artwork, which must be delivered in a climate controlled atmosphere;

Community members expressed concerned about the effects of traffic, particularly tour bus and school bus traffic, due to museum patrons, especially during afternoon traffic hours, because 21<sup>nd</sup> Street is a narrow one-way street. Representatives of GWU have assured the community that the museum will have exhibitions that will not generate significant tour bus or other patron traffic. At the ANC March Meeting, representatives of GWU stated that they expect approximately 26 school buses per year and approximately 15 senior group tour buses (which are usually smaller than normal sized tour buses) per year. Such school buses and senior tour buses will be encouraged to park around the corner from the museum on G Street

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<sup>1</sup> From GWU presentation handout provided to community members at ANC March Meeting.

NW for safety reasons (because to unload on 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW would disembark passengers directly into traffic) and to avoid traffic congestion on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Representatives of GWU stated to the community that while such school buses and tour buses will obtain “all day” “Temporary No-Park” Permits for parking on G Street NW, in fact, the school buses and tour buses will only be loading and unloading on G Street NW for approximately 40 minutes, and GWU personnel will remove these all day parking permits promptly upon departure of the school or tour bus so as not to tie up street parking all day.

Community members were initially concerned about the public access of the community to the museum; however, GWU has addressed these concerns by assuring the community that the museum will be open to the public and normally free.

The ANC designates any of its commission members to represent it before the Zoning Commission as it relates to this resolution.

I respectfully urge the Commission to give careful attention to the items articulated in the resolution and to incorporate the representations made by GWU to the community at the ANC March Meeting on community areas of concern into the Commission’s final order.

Sincerely,

Florence E. Harmon  
Chair

Cc: David Avitabile, Gouston & Storrs

**ATTACHMENT # 4: Minor Modification to BZA 18277 (1700 New York Ave. – Corcoran Gallery)**

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



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c/o West End Library      1101 24<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.      Washington DC 20037

March 30, 2012

Mr. Lloyd Jordan  
Chairperson  
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200/210S  
Washington, DC 20001

RE:    Request for Minor Modification  
      BZA Case No. 18227  
      1700 New York Avenue, NW (Square 171, Lot 34)

Dear Chairperson Jordan and Members of the Commission:

At its duly notice, regularly scheduled meeting on March 21, 2012, with 4 of the 6 commissioners present, constituting a quorum, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A reviewed the request for minor modification to reduce the approved parking variance for the development of an office building addition to the Corcoran Gallery of Art at 1700 New York Avenue, NW. The ANC voted 4-0-0 to support the requested modification.

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

cc:    Christine Shiker, Holland & Knight, Counsel for the Applicant

**ATTACHMENT # 5 – Permits for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Birthday Party for Duke Ellington Park**

Government of the District of Columbia  
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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A



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c/o West End Library

1101 24<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.

Washington DC 20037

March 21, 2012

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 21, 2012 with a quorum present, the following resolution unanimously passed regarding the ANC's support for permitting requirements for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Duke Ellington birthday concert at Duke Ellington Park.

Edward "Duke" Ellington's birth in the West End neighborhood of Washington, DC, has been established by his official District of Columbia birth certificate, which shows that he was delivered by a midwife on April 29, 1899, at a house at 2129 Ward Place.

Residents of today's West End neighborhood wish to recognize and honor him with the third annual birthday concert in the honorarily named "Duke Ellington Park," a public park located at intersection of New Hampshire Avenue, M Street, and 21st Street NW which is closest to his birthplace.

Resolved that ANC 2A again supports the third annual birthday concert coordinated by West End Friends at the park, and asks that the DC Department of Parks and Recreation grant any necessary permits for the event scheduled on Sunday, April 29 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Harmon  
Chair

Cc: Rebecca Coder, ANC 2A-02