

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 School Without Walls 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm 2130 G Street, NW

Call to Order

Commissioner Irizarry (chair pro-tem) called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Commissioners Armando Irizarry, Asher Corson, Jackson Carnes, Patrick Kennedy, and Peter Sacco were present and a quorum was achieved. Commissioner Graham Galka and Commissioner Rebecca Coder were not present. Chair Harmon arrived at 6:55 p.m., whereupon a quorum was achieved. The Commissioners introduced themselves.

Chair Harmon proposed changes to the agenda: Froggy Bottom Pub's summer garden request and Tonic's outdoor garden dining space remain as ABRA matters. She stated that if time permits, a discussion will be held on Square 75, WWI memorial application with NPS, and Council Member Barry's legislation regarding ANCs. Chair Harmon made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0).

Chair Harmon thanked Commissioner Coder for her assistance, as Vice Chair -2012, in drafting resolutions, and advising on procedural matters. She added that Commissioner Coder was a huge asset to ANC 2A.

General Agenda

Election of ANC 2A Officers 2013

The election of the 2013 ANC 2A officers occurred. Commissioner Irizarry nominated Chair Florence Harmon to be Chair for 2013 ANC 2A. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the nomination, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0).

Commissioner Corson nominated Commissioner Patrick Kennedy to be Vice Chair for 2013 ANC 2A. Commissioner Sacco seconded the nomination, which was voted upon and passed. **(VOTES: 6-0).**

Commissioner Florence Harmon nominated Commissioner Graham Galka as Treasurer for 2013 ANC 2A, providing continuity. She added that Commissioner Jackson Carnes will assist so as to work into that position. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the nomination, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0.)

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy nominated Commissioner Peter Sacco as Secretary for 2013 ANC 2A. Chair Harmon seconded the nomination, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0).

Chair Harmon recognized the services of former Commissioner David Lehrman and expressed her appreciation for his services as a Commissioner from 2003-2013. She added that she will present a plaque to him when he recuperates.

Public Comment

WestEnd25 will join Friends of Francis Field to host a fundraiser Saturday night at Lucent Lounge to sell art works, of which 10% of the proceeds would be donated to help keep Francis Field green.

The West End Friends Committee will host their fourth annual celebration for Duke Ellington on April 29, 2013 at the Duke Ellington Park, the triangular public space located at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue, M Street and 21st Streets. Jazz legend Duke Ellington was born in the West End on April 29, 1899, at 2129 Ward Place, NW.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy stated the Courtyard by Marriot is projected to open in February 2013.

Nike Race, St Patrick's Race, Scope It Out, Race for Hope

Because representatives of the races listed were present, discussion of these races will be extended to next month: Nike Women's Marathon Half – April 28, 2013; St. Patrick's Day 8 K (benefit Back On My Feet) – March 10, 2013; Scope It Out 5 K (benefit Chris4Life Colon Cancer) – March 24, 2013 and Race for Hope 5K (benefit Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure) – May 5, 2013.

Updates:

New Hampshire Avenue DDOT project

A representative from DDOT presented an update regarding the New Hampshire Avenue project. Current information on the status of the project, including proposed two-week activity, is posted on <u>www.newhampshirestreetscape.org</u>. Mike Tucker, the contact person for this project, can be reached via email at <u>mike@thecsmi.com</u>. The entire project, lasting 18 months, is to be completed in March 2014.

BikeShare

Chair Harmon stated DDOT has announced the addition of three Bikeshare stations in ANC 2A (listed below), which would be installed February/March 2013. The locations of these new stations are: 20th Street and Virginia Avenue, NW; 23rd Street and E Street, NW, 21st Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

Chair Harmon announced a book signing event, sponsored by the West End Library Friends, the Foggy Bottom Association, and the West End Cinema on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at the West End Cinema.

Regulatory Agenda

Matters before ABRA:

Froggy Bottom Pub Summer Garden approval

Chair Harmon stated that ANC 2A had approved Froggy Bottom Pub's ABRA request for a sidewalk café last month. However, it was later determined that this sidewalk café was on private property, so they now need an approval letter from ANC 2A for a summer garden on private property. Chair Harmon read the resolution stating no objection to a technical amendment regarding the Froggy Bottom Pub Summer Garden. Chair Harmon made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0). (Attachment 1)

Watergate Hotel ABRA Application 091162 (Class "CH" 2650 Virginia Avenue, NW) The Watergate Hotel made a presentation for plans to open five summer gardens and a roof top entertainment area. These areas are not part of the original hotel design, nor did they exist in the hotel when it operated. Residents of the Watergate East, South, and West spoke in support and in opposition to the project. Neighbors want the hotel to reopen, but some expressed concerns that included the hours of operation, playing music in outside areas, noise, and traffic and parking issues. Tefft Smith, President of the Watergate East Board indicated that they were in negotiations with the hotel to modify the application. Jerry Waldman, President of the Watergate West Board, informed that they had retained counsel to represent them in negotiations with the hotel.

Commissioner Irizarry introduced a resolution to protest the application, which was seconded by Commissioner Corson. The protest is based on concerns related to peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, impact on residential parking, and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and adverse effects on nearby residential real property values. The resolution passed 6-0. (VOTES: 6-0). (Attachment 2)

Commissioner Corson made a motion that the ANC Chair be required to withdraw the protest if the Watergate Hotel and Watergate residents reach a settlement with the Watergate Hotel over its ABRA application. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0)

Matters before DDOT Public Space Committee

Tonic outdoor garden dining space on 21st Street

Tonic proposed an awning over their sidewalk café on 21st Street, with the dripline extending beyond the brick patio café. Tonic is also proposing a summer outdoor dining space in the rear of their building on private property. The summer garden will not face any residential buildings.

The hours of operation for the summer garden are the same as the current sidewalk café, which is two hours short of the full hours provided inside Tonic (midnight on the weekdays and 1:00 am on the weekends).

Representatives of Tonic provided information in response to concerns from the community and the commissioners. The brick will be porous, enabling grass to grow. There will be a green wall, consisting of a wall of growing plants/vines, in the rear patio. Entrance to the rear outdoor dining space will be from the front entrance (G and 20th Street). A service door will be built to access the patio from inside Tonic. Trucks for loading and unloading are not be allowed in the alley. Outdoor music will not be provided in the patio spaces. The proposed summer garden and current sidewalk café are on the same level and ADA accessible. Tonic has not received any noise complaints in the last five years.

Commissioner Corson expressed his appreciation to Tonic for their outreach to the neighborhood. He also likes their open design, which livens the street.

Chair Harmon made a motion to support Tonic's summer garden application. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0) (Attachment 3)

Chair Harmon made a motion to support or not object to Tonic's public space application for an awning over their sidewalk café, which is in public space and has seating. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0) (Attachment 4)

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Chair Harmon stated that this item will be postponed to a later meeting.

EastBanc West End Library/Fire Station Development (Square 50 for West End Fire Station) (Square 37 for West End Library and West End Police Station)

EastBanc Development will present their case before DDOT Public Space Committee in February 2013. They responded to concerns from the community and commissioners. Square 37 will provide laybys along 23rd Street, opposite the Ritz Carlton; however, DDOT expressed concern with them. Eight squash courts are being built above the fire station because others in the vicinity are over-subscribed. The squash courts will be available for schools and competitions, as well as for individuals on a pay-by-hour basis. The proposed fire station will not have space for retail. A bakery is planned for the café space which will occupy 2500 square feet at the corner of L and 24th Streets.

The West End Library will not be relocated to the former Thai Restaurant on M Street, NW as originally planned. They are currently looking for a new location. The lawsuit brought by the DC Library Renaissance Group has not been resolved by the Court of Appeals. A hearing date has been set for February 14th. If this case is favorably decided, demolition is planned for late June/early July.

Chair Harmon made a motion to support EastBanc's public space applications. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0). (Attachment 5)

Safety Report

Lt. Craig presented the safety report. He stated that there were no crime patterns or violent crimes last month in ANC 2A. There were incidents (robberies and sexual assault) in Dupont Circle and 14th Street area. Lt. Craig provided his contact information: 202-715-7344 (desk phone) and <u>donald.craig@dc.gov</u>. He encouraged community members to contact him directly with information and reports rather than the Chief, who would, in turn, forward such requests to him.

Commissioner Corson reported that he heard sounds and lights from windows coming from 2507 I Street, NW, an empty building. He asked for police to patrol the area.

DC State Health Planning and Development Agency:

Eric C. Marshall Outpatient Clinics, Certificate of Need Application

Karen Lovitch, Dr. Eric C. Marshall (a family practitioner since 2001 with offices in Providence Hospital) and Nurse Practitioner Natasha Moore presented information regarding their application for a certificate of need to establish an outpatient retail medical service clinic ("M Street Clinic") at 2240 M Street, NW. This would be the first retail health clinic in Ward 2 and in the downtown area.

Currently, Dr. Marshall has four other clinics in Washington DC (Ward 3 and Ward 5), where some 60 patients were treated this past Tuesday. These clinics provide access to community members when medical offices are oversubscribed. A nurse practitioner and family practitioner provide these medical and health services, dealing with common colds, physicals and walk-ins and answering medical questions from the community. Most insurance coverage is accepted.

Commissioner Corson congratulated them on their business model and stated that this fills a gap in the health care system.

Chair Harmon made a motion to support the Certificate of Need Application for Eric C. Marshall Outpatient "M Street Clinic" at 2240 M Street NW. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0) (Attachment 6)

Square 75 Hearing on Monday

Chair Harmon made a motion requesting the authority to file pleadings with the DC Zoning Commission at the Zoning Commission hearing to be held Monday that requests expansion of amenities and retail in Square 75. Commissioner Irizarry seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. Commissioner Kennedy abstained. (VOTES: 5-0-1).

Zoning Regulation Review

Chair Harmon stated this item will be postponed to a future meeting when ANC 2A will invite the DC Office of Planning to present and review their proposed changes of the zoning regulations to the ANC 2A community.

Administration:

Resolution regarding ANC 2A participation in 2012 ANC 2A Security Fund Chair Harmon made a motion to participate in the ANC 2A 2012 Security Fund, allocating \$25 towards it. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0)

Resolution regarding ANC 2A checking account signatories

Chair Harmon made a motion to add the new officers (Secretary Peter Sacco) to the checking account signatories. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0).

Adoption of Minutes:

October 17, 2012 Regular Meeting; November 1, 2012 Special Meeting; November 14, 2012 Regular Meeting; December 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Chair Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2012 Regular Meeting, November 1, 2012 Special Meeting, November 14, 2012 Regular Meeting and December 19, 2012 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Corson seconded the motion, which was voted upon. Commissioners Kennedy, Carnes and Sacco abstained, since they were not commissioners for these minutes. The motion passed. (**VOTES: 3-0-3**) (Abstention does not count against a quorum or passage of motion.)

<u>Adoption of 1st Quarterly Report 2013 (October – December 2012)</u> Chair Harmon stated that the 1st quarterly report 2013 (October - December 2012) will be presented next month.

Financial Contractor

Chair Harmon made a motion to authorize the use of funds (approximately \$250-350/month) to employ a financial administrator for ANC 2A as an independent contractor to complete quarterly reports, draft checks, and make tax and other financial filings. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0).

Nameplates

Chair Harmon made a motion to authorize the use of funds (a maximum of \$200) for the purchase of nameplates for the eight commissioners. Commissioner Sacco seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0)

Mailbox

Chair Harmon made a motion to authorize the use of funds for a U.S. Postal Service mailbox for ANC 2A, in anticipation of the closing of the West End Library this summer, where the ANC 2A mail is currently mailed. An option discussed was the UPS store located in the 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue mall, which offers mailboxes for \$35/month, with a 3-month minimum and \$10/key. A contract has to be signed with them and prepayment is required. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0)

Business Cards

Chair Harmon made a motion to authorize the use of funds for business cards for the commissioners, who would be reimbursed for these expenses with receipts, not to exceed \$30 per commissioner. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. **(VOTES: 6-0).**

2013 Schedule of ANC 2A Meetings

Commissioner Kennedy requested that meetings be at least 2.5 hours in duration. Chair Harmon made a motion to approve the proposed 2013 Schedule of ANC 2A Meetings. Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion, which was voted upon and passed. (VOTES: 6-0).

Having no further items, Chair Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Attachment 1 - Froggy Bottom Pub Summer Garden approval

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

January 16, 2013 Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400S Washington, D.C. 20009

Re: Froggy Bottom Inc. t/a Froggy Bottom Pub; 2021 K Street, NW Retailer's Class CR- License No. 090412

Dear Chairman Miller and Members of the Board:

On January 16, 2013, with six of the eight commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly called public meeting, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("Commission" or "ANC 2A") voted unanimously to support the Applicant's amendment to its application to clarify that the outside seating is not a sidewalk café on public space, but a summer garden on private property. The initial application sought approval for outside seating in a sidewalk café area; however, it has been determined that the outside seating is actually not on public space, but on private property, and is therefore not "sidewalk café seating" but "summer garden seating." ANC 2A has no objection to this technical amendment to this application.

This application previously came before our Commission on October 17, 2013, and had overwhelming support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Florence E. Harmon Chair

cc: Andrew Kline

Attachment 2 - Watergate Hotel ABRA Application 091162 (Class "CH" 2650 Virginia Avenue, NW)

Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC -2A) c/o West End Branch Library 725 24th Street, NW Washington, DC 20037

(202) 386-6207

January 30, 2013 Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 2000 14th Street, NW 400 South Washington, DC 20009

RE: ABC Application of Watergate Hotel Lessee, LLC New Retailer's Class CH License No. ABRA-091162

Dear Chairperson Miller and Members of the ABC Board:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("Commission" or "ANC 2A") considered the ABC Application of Watergate Hotel Lessee, LLC for 2650 Virginia Avenue NW. With six of the eight commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly called public meeting, the following motion was unanimously approved:

ANC 2A protests the issuance of ABC Application of Watergate Hotel Lessee, LLC, New Retailer's Class CH License No. ABRA-091162.

After a presentation by the applicant, the Commission heard questions and testimony by residents. This new license application is for the hotel located at the Watergate complex. The hotel is currently closed. It is in close proximity to the three residential cooperatives that form the Watergate complex. The new license application requests "five (5) summer gardens to include a rooftop and entertainment endorsement with dancing and cover charge for inside hotel and outside summer garden and rooftop." During the years that the hotel operated it did not have summer gardens or roof top entertainment area. The proposed hours of operation, background music, live entertainment, the lack of summer garden or rooftop in the hotel's original plans, and its proximity to residential housing of Watergate Hotel were noted. The Commission voted to protest the application of Watergate Hotel Lessee based on concerns related to peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, impact on residential parking, and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and adverse effects on nearby residential real property values.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon Chairperson cc: Applicant

Attachment 3 - Tonic outdoor garden dining space on 21st Street

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

January 30, 2013 Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400S Washington, D.C. 20009

 Re: ANC 2A Resolution Supporting Proposed Tonic Garden Patio Tonic at Quigley's, LLC t/a Tonic Tonic Restaurant at Quigley's Pharmacy 2036 G Street, NW Retailer's Class CR- License No. ABRA – 075297

Dear Chairman Miller and Members of the Board:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("Commission" or "ANC 2A") considered the ABC Application of Tonic Restaurant at Quigley's Pharmacy at 2036 G Street, NW. With six of the eight commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly called public meeting, the following motion was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS the owners of Tonic at Quigley's Pharmacy, located at 2036 G Street NW, has presented plans to ANC 2A to create a new garden patio on the east side of their building; and,

WHEREAS ANC 2A is aware that the owners of Tonic have operated their restaurant in a responsible manner since they opened the restaurant in 2006; and,

WHEREAS Tonic has an existing sidewalk café on the west side of their building for which there have been no noise complaints during the five years that it has been opened, even though it faces an apartment building directly across the street; and,

WHEREAS ANC 2A believes that the addition of the proposed garden patio will enhance the atmosphere of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A unanimously supports Tonic's application for a substantial change to its liquor license to allow for the operation of the garden patio and the service of alcoholic beverages therein.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Florence E. Harmon Chair

cc: Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2 Fred Moosally, Director, Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration Jeremy Pollok, Tonic Restaurant Group

Attachment 4 - Tonic's public space application for an awning over their sidewalk café

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c/o West End Library	1101 24 th St., N.W.	Washington DC 20037
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April 27, 2013

Via Email

Mr. Matthew Marcou Public Space Committee, Chair District of Columbia Department of Transportation 55 M Street, SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Ms. Gretchen Pfaehler, AIA , HPRB Chair Chairman, Historic Preservation Review Board 1100 4th Street, SW Suite E650 Washington, DC 20024

Re: Public Space Application for Tonic Garden Patio - DDOT Tracking Number 81188 HPRB Endorsement of Proposed Exterior Modifications Tonic at Quigley's, LLC 2036 G Street, NW

Dear Chairperson Marcou and Chairman Pfaehler:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, with a quorum present, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("Commission" or "ANC 2A") voted unanimously (6-0) to support the following resolution pertaining to Tonic Restaurant at Quigley's Pharmacy at 2036 G Street, NW:

WHEREAS the owners of Tonic at Quigley's Pharmacy, located at 2036 G Street NW, has presented plans to ANC 2A to install an awning covering a portion of their existing sidewalk café on the west side of their building; and,

WHEREAS ANC 2A is aware that the owners of Tonic have operated their restaurant in a responsible manner since they opened the restaurant in 2006; and,

WHEREAS there have been no noise complaints during the five years that the sidewalk café has been opened, even though it faces an apartment building directly across the street; and,

WHEREAS other restaurants in the neighborhood have awnings similar to the one proposed by Tonic; and,

WHEREAS ANC 2A believes that the addition of the proposed awning will enhance the atmosphere of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A unanimously supports Tonic's proposed awning covering its existing sidewalk café and also supports requesting the DC Office of Public Space and to the DC Office of Historic Preservation to approve Tonic's application to install the awning.

To date, ANC 2A has not received this public space application from DDOT; therefore, we are providing this letter of support in lieu of the standard DDOT form.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon, Chair

cc: Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2 Jeremy Pollok, Tonic Restaurant Group ANC 2A Commissioners Attachment 5 - EastBanc West End Library/Fire Station Development Public Space Application (Square 50 for West End Fire Station) (Square 37 for West End Library and West End Police Station)

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



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

Washington

January 30, 2013

Katrina 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 2225 M Street NW DDOT Tracking # 77982

Dear Ms. Harrison:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, the Foggy Bottom & West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (ANC 2A) voted unanimously, a quorum of six of the eight commissioners being present, to support this application. I have attached the DDOT ANC form, completed to indicate this position.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

Florence Harmon Chair

Enclosure cc: ANC 2A Commissioners Ben Sonnet

Attachment 6 - Eric C. Marshall Outpatient Clinics, Certificate of Need Application

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. DC 20037 Washington

January 30, 2013

Amha Selassie, Director Department of Health State Health Planning and Development Agency 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: Eric C. Marshall M.D., P.C., to Establish a Health Care Practice Location at 2240 M Street, N.W., Certificate of Need No. 12-2-9

Dear Director Selassie:

At Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 2A's duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting on January 16, 2013 with six of the eight commissioners present, constituting a quorum, the ANC considered a request by Eric Marshall, M.D., P.C. ("Applicant") for support of Certificate of Need Registration No. 12-2-9 to establish a health care practice location at 2240 M Street, N.W., (the "M Street Clinic").

After a community presentation by Applicant's representatives, the ANC voted unanimously in support of the Certificate of Need request. The various populations within ANC 2A, including families, students, local government and business employees, and DC-area visitors would enjoy positive benefits from the convenient, low-cost health care services Applicant intends to provide at the M Street Clinic. Please let me know if I can answer any questions in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Harmon Chair

cc: Karen S. Lovitch Stephanie D. Willis

