



Government of the District of Columbia, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C
John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room G-9
Monday, December 13, 2017, 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Commissioner John Tinpe called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Quorum

- Commissioners John Tinpe, Chairman, Theresa Harrison and Kevin Wilsey were present at the meeting confirming a quorum.

Agenda and Minutes

- Commissioner Tinpe announced a change to the agenda – three DDOT items and one HPRB item was removed and will be heard at a later date. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to approve the December 2017 meeting agenda. The motion was approved.
- Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the November 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Commissioner Wilsey, Treasurer and Vice Chairman, announced that the ANC 2C opening balance for the budget in November was \$43,184.33. No checks were received and no deposits were made during the month. The closing balance for the month was \$43,184.33. Commissioner Wilsey stated the fourth quarter allotment will be distributed in March 2018. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Secretary's Report

- Commissioner Harrison, Secretary, announced that time allocation for speakers will continue for this meeting with presenters either having five or 10 minutes to present. Community members will have one minute to speak and may only be called upon once during a presentation. Commissioner Harrison also announced that due to the length of the agenda, and out of respect for the speakers to ensure we keep things moving, any questions/comments from the community regarding the Brief Community Announcements will not be taken during the meeting and instead may be asked in the hallway once the presenter has finished their presentation.

Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

1. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Captain Jonathan Dorrrough (Jonathan.Dorrrough@dc.gov) provided an updated on crime statistics – Violent crime is down 70-80% in the last 30 days. There is a slight increase in property crime as a result of thefts from



autos in Chinatown and Mt. Vernon. The MPD has brought in additional recruits to assist during the holiday season. First District MPD continue to deal with noise issues; homelessness; vending trucks around the city and at the Mall.

- Commissioner Tinpe asked about the citizen engagement meetings. Captain Dorrough discussed the community meetings throughout the First District including the CAC (Community Advisory Counsel) meetings and the Citizens Academy. Captain Dorrough also mentioned that citizens are also welcome to do a ride-along w/ the MPD, which people find a very good experience.
- Commissioner Harrison thanked Captain Dorrough and his team for being present at the monthly ANC meetings, reporting on statistics and events, and helping in the community with specific and overall issues.

Commissioner Tinpe continued the discussion about noise stating that on December 13 the Counsel Member at Large held a round-table hearing to listen to issues pertaining to the noise complaints. The hearing began at 2:00 PM and ended at 5:30 PM. The discussion was about noise across the city but mainly focused on the street performers on 7th street who are competitive for space and have become louder with sound recordings up to 120 decibels. The extreme sound is disruptive to people, those who live at the Gallery Place Residents, and those that have sidewalk cafes. The Council is looking into the issue.

2. Mayor's Community Liaison for Ward-2, Richard Livingstone (Richard.Livingstone@dc.gov) shared that the Mayor announced:
 - Robberies are down across the city, across all wards.
 - There is a reimbursement program for home cameras, which is more of a reimbursement for single family homeowners.
 - There are exchange zones for eBay and similar services in the 3rd and 6th Districts and the Special Operations police areas.
 - Ward 2 has a new public library in the West end at 23rd and L Sts. NW.
 - There is a 5K on January 1 at Anacostia Park and all are welcome to attend.
 - Commissioner Tinpe thanked Richard for all that he does for our ANC. A lot could not happen without his support.
3. PEPCO Substation, Proposed Plans for Renovation, at 400 block of 8th Street NW. Moneka Cunningham (mcunningham@pepco.com) and Linda Greenan (Linda.Greenan@pepco.com) discussed the plan for the project. The substation was built in 1957; it is structural sound and needs some minor repairs. During construction the sidewalk will temporarily closed. The project will start in January.



- Commissioner Tinpe asked if upon inspection, were repairs needed to the roof? PEPCO said No. Commissioner Tinpe then asked for an estimated cost of the project. PEPCO said approximately \$270,000. Commissioner Tinpe wanted to know if PEPCO is bearing the cost and PEPCO said yes.
- Commissioner Wilsey asked if PEPCO is restoring what is currently there or will there be physical changes to the structure/exterior? PEPCO said there will be no physical changes.

Local Events Impacting Community

1. Cherry Blossom Parade, Saturday, April 14, 2018, Constitution Avenue NW between 7th St & 14th St. Linda Lindamood (LLindamood@linderglobal.com) and Diana Cirone (dcirone@ncbfdc.org) presented plans for the parade and discussed items that might impact the community.
 - Commissioner Tinpe asked what happens during the performance rehearsal time period? Linda and Diana explained the performers are brought onto the street to understand their locations and exact placements during the event.
 - Commissioner Wilsey asked how long has the parade been going on. Diana and Linda did not have the exact number but said it's a long time and could find the correct answer.
 - Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support. The motion was approved.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

1. ABRA Application for a Stipulated License for the Hotel. Conrad Hotel WDC, City Center, 900 block of New York Avenue NW. A new luxury hotel with 360 rooms and a restaurant by Chef Bryan Voltaggio. Proposed hours of operation 24 hours and 7 days a week. Howard Riker, HINES (howard.riker@hines.com), Courtney Miller, Hines Co., (Courtney.Miller@Hines.com) and Roderic Woodson, Holland & Knight (Rod.Woodson@hklaw.com) discussed the overview of plans for the alcohol license they will be applying for at the Conrad Hotel.
 - Commissioner Tinpe asked if the Voltaggio restaurant is applying for its license separately. The team said this application will include the Voltaggio restaurant in its application. Commissioner Tinpe asked about the hours for rooftop bar. The team anticipates the hours will cease around 11:00 PM for the north and south terrace on third floor. The team responded that they will have a better idea of the hours of the rooftop bar when they receive feedback from Hilton. Commissioner Tinpe then asked if the north and south terrace has gardens. The team explained that those terraces are an extension of the lounge bar.



- Commissioner Harrison asked for clarification of what the Commissioners are asked to be voting on. Roderick said they are seeking a vote for a resolution of support when the application is filed. Commissioner Harrison said, that in her recollection, no one has asked our ANC to provide a vote on the support of *filing* an application.
 - Commissioner Wilsey stated that the Commissioners make a vote when they have a full license to review.
 - Commissioners Harrison, Tinpe and Wilsey agree to not make a vote or take action until they have a full license to discuss.
2. ABRA-107858, Spin DC, Class "C" Tavern, 529 14th Street NW. A new tavern with 100 seats and a total occupancy load of 500. Proposed hours of operation and alcoholic beverage sale/service/consumption: Sunday-Thursday 11:00 AM- 2:00 AM; Friday-Saturday: 11:00 AM- 3:00 AM. Proposed hours of live entertainment: Sunday-Saturday: 7:00 PM-12:00 AM. Adena Santiago (ASantiago@buchmanlaw.com) provided an overview of the SPIN DC location, which will be situated in the basement. They hope to break ground in February with anticipated opening in August.
- Commissioner Tinpe recommend the establishment consider releasing people at staggered time so they don't all leave at once and potentially disrupt the community. He also suggested posting signs to ask people to leave quietly due to local residences living the area.
 - Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support. The motion was approved.
3. ABRA-107853, New License for Regal Gallery Place, Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant at a Movie Theater, 701 7th Street NW. Serving popcorn, pizza, chicken wings, prepackaged candy and beverages. Total Occupancy Load of 3,119. Hours of operation for alcoholic beverage sale/service/ consumption: Sunday-Saturday 11:00 AM- 11:30 PM. Michael Volt (mevolz@bevlaw.com) discussed the Regency Theatre's plan for serving alcohol at the cinema. Wrist bands will be issued for purchasing patrons 21 and over. Alcohol will be served in the lobby and may be taken into the individual theatres while the movie is in process.
- Commissioner Tinpe asked where the bar will be and where the beverages will be kept. Michael said the bar will be in the concession area in the lobby and the beverages will be in cases. Commissioner Tinpe asked how many ABRA trained managers will be on staff? Michael replied that at least one to begin with and they will evolve to four to six during the first quarter. Michael said that if no ABRA trained manager is available during a shift then no



alcohol service will occur. Commissioner Tinpe then asked if people serving alcohol will be ABTA trained? Michael replied not always.

- Commissioner Wilsey asked how does Regency Theatres anticipate handling possible under-age drinking (i.e. someone who is 21 purchases two beers then in a dark theatre gives one beer to an under-aged drinker). Michael explained the various levels of monitoring based on Regency Theatre's policies.
- Commission Harrison asked how does monitoring occur in a dark theatre? Michael replied that there are red lights and other lights within the theatre that help staff with monitoring; the staff will be trained in monitoring.
- Commissioner Tinpe said that knowing the popularity of this theatre with younger populations, there should be increased security.
- Commissioner Harrison asked if Regency Theatres have met w/ the MPD. Michael said no. Commissioner Harrison suggested they meet w/ the MPD and discuss the plans for serving alcohol at this location and she suggested starting a relationship w/ the MPD. Commissioner Harrison asked what percentage of the patrons at this location are under 21. Michael said he did not know and could provide the details. Commissioner Harrison asked if the license is approved then when would alcohol service begin? Michael replied that he hoped it would be sooner rather than later. Commissioner Harrison asked if they could phase into serving alcohol to see how it goes (phase in was meant to start for six months in the lobby only and the expand the location where alcohol could be consumed if all went well). Michael stated they will not take this approach.
- Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to send a letter for support. Commissioner Tinpe and Wilsey approved the motion. Commissioner Harrison opposed the motion. The motion was approved two to one.

District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT)

1. DDOT Tracking Number 22069. Proposed Plan for Paving, Fixtures, Trash Receptacles, Landscaping and Underground Garage Projection, at 699 14th Street NW. Property owned by 14th & G Street Holding.. William Lattanzio, Wiles Mensch Corp. (WLattanzio@wilesmensch.com) and Khristine Giangrandi, Land Design Co. (KGiangrandi@landdesign.com) discussed the plans for the area.
 - Commissioner Tinpe asked if they are working with the Kaiser Family Foundation? The team responded yes. Commissioner Tinpe asked how does this design flow to neighbor's foundation? The team responded that it is the same. Commissioner Tinpe then asked how is



- the plan going for 699 14th St. The team replied that it is going well w/ hope of construction being completed in 2019.
- Commissioner Wilsey asked if the landmarks can be integrated into the white pavers to be a little more aesthetically pleasing as opposed to the grey/black color currently used. The team replied that the landmarks are meant to be in the dark granite.
 - Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to write a letter of support. The motion was approved.
2. DDOT 7th St Concept Plan. Megan Kanagy, DDOT (Megan.Kanagy@dc.gov) and Alex Block, Downtown Bid (alex@downtowndc.org) discussed the collaboration between DDOT and the BID on a re-stripping project on 7th St. NW. The proposal includes removal of 27 parking spots in the related area with planters replacing the parking spots to enlarge the pedestrian walkway.
- Commissioner Tinpe stated that until recently there had been planters in front of McDonalds on 7th St, NW, and he found them to be a nuisance. The planters did not have plants and they attracted varmints. He wanted to know how are they going to be maintained and looking pretty year round. Alex said the BID will oversee the planters. Commissioner Tinpe also said that 7th St. NW, is popular w/ food trucks that take a full lane. He asked what will happen to 7th St? More bottle necks? The team replied that they are proposing to change the configuration; they are maintaining thee travel lanes, but center will be for turns. They are not trying to take away travel lanes and they are trying to address the issues.
 - Commissioner Wilsey said it seems counterintuitive to remove parking. When the Capital One Arena lets people out after an event, it is difficult in the area with many people that walk between the cars and they don't always stay on the sidewalk. The team said they would take this into consideration.

Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)

1. Ford's Theatre, "Digital Signage Project Concept", 514 10th St NW, Lisa Lorenz (LLorenz@fords.org) presented an overview of the proposed concept digital signs at the front of the museum. The signs will not be for advertising and will not be motion signs.
- Commissioner Tinpe asked about the location of the where the signs could be situations and had concerns with possible interference with pedestrian traffic. Lisa explained the signs will be in alignment with the tree boxes on the sidewalk.
 - Commissioner Wilsey said the location of one of the signs seems close to entrance/exit of parking garage and if people are congregating there it could cause congestion. Lisa said this has been addressed so as to only put a screen on the front side, where people could congregate, and not on the back side facing the garage.



- Commissioner Tinpe asked what if someone is traveling in a motorized scooter, will this be difficult for people to get through the sidewalk? Lisa said they are trying to keep the walkway open and the signs are proposed to be aligned w/ the tree-boxes. Commissioner Tinpe then asked if they were in touch with non-governmental organizations to see how they feel about non-historic and digital display signs, specifically the Committee of 100 and the Historic Preservation League? Lisa said they would contact the organizations. Commissioner Tinpe then asked how bright are the displays? Lisa said they could send the statistics.
- Commission Wilsey suggested to keep the illumination equivalent to what the Smithsonian used, which would be good for this community.
- Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to support the initial concept. The motion was approved.

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) / HPRB

1. BZA 18325, 704 3rd St NW Sq 529, Lots 802, 803, 845 & 847. In 2015, ANC 2C gave this applicant permission for a two year extension to start construction. Ilan Scharfstein, Renaissance Centro (Ilan@rencentro.com) and Philip Esocoff, Gensler (phil_esocoff@gensler.com). Ilan and Phil explained they will be presenting to HPRB and not BZA and the plan includes restoration of historic apartment buildings; tear down of existing buildings in the noted lots; and construction of a new multi-use apartment/hotel/retail building.
 - Commissioner Tinpe asked what happened to buildings on G St, where the Jewish Historical Society has offices? The team explained that they have submitted the plans to HPRB about razing those buildings and they are waiting to see the report. There is no major historic preservation to the buildings on G and 4th Sts. NW.
 - Commissioner Harrison asked about the Court Square apartment building. The team said that building will be incorporated into the new structure. Commissioner Harrison then asked about the residents of that building and Ilan said they have moved out.
 - Commissioner Wilsey asked how many resident units are proposed for the new building? The team said 65. Commissioner Wilsey asked how many hotel rooms will be in the building and the team responded with approximately 200.
 - Commissioner Tinpe asked if they have the air rights over the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the team said now. Commissioner Tinpe then asked if they have met w/ the FOP and the teams said they have met with them over the years and the current plans are online if the FOP is interested in finding out what is going on. Commissioner Tinpe said he would like



to hold off on making a decision as he has concerns about the history of the building and the proposed architecture.

- Commissioner Harrison asked if there are any affordable units in the proposed design. The team said that there is no inclusionary zoning requirement in this zone. Commissioner Harrison then reconfirmed that this an HPRB application and not a BZA application to which the team responded yes Commissioner Harrison asked how much of the plans that were being presented could change. The team said this was a concept design only. Changes could be forthcoming depending on the HPRB meeting.
- Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support. Commissioners Wilsey and Harrison approved the motion. Commissioner Tinpe opposed the motion. The motion was approved two to one.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Questions:

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