

Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C
Monday, August 14, 2017, 6:30pm
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Room G-9

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Commissioner John Tinpe Called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Quorum

- Commissioners John Tinpe and Commissioner Kevin Wilsey were present. 2 of 3 commissioners present constitutes at quorum.

Agenda and Minutes

- Commissioner Tinpe made a motion that the August 2017 agenda be approved as is. The motion was approved.
- Commissioner Tinpe made a motion that the July 2017 minutes be approved. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Commissioner Wilsey, Treasurer and Vice Chairman read the monthly Treasurer's report for July 2017. The beginning balance was \$41,810.78. The quarterly allotment of \$1,541.59 was deposited on July 5, 2017 and \$4.00 for service fees were credited back to the account. 3 checks in the amount of \$703.81 were written in July and cleared the bank. The ending balance was \$42,652.56. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved.
- Quarterly Report: Commissioner Wilsey presented the third Quarter report. The balance forward in April 2017 was \$42,028.08. No deposits and total disbursements of \$217.30 for the quarter. The ending balance as of June 30, 2017 was \$41,810.78. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to approve the Quarterly report for Q3. The motion was approved.

Secretary's Report

- Secretary Theresa Harrison was absent from the meeting therefore there was not report.

Brief Community Announcements and Presentations

- Mayor's Community Liaison for Ward-2, Richard Livingstone: Richard made a few announcements that included: Yelp was coming to Washington, DC and would have their DC headquarters at Tyrell Place, in our ANC. The reached an agreement with the DC teachers for a 5 year contract with a 9% pay increase over the 5 years. The Mayor announced that there is now \$150,000 in grants available for pro bono work with immigration groups for those seeking legal status or citizenship. The 30 day progress report is out from the Mayor's office. Harold Closter congratulated Richard for his work on the 5th and Mass alley and thanked him for his hard work
- Metropolitan Police Department,(MPD) Captain Johnathan Dorrough: Howard Marks, a resident at 777 7th St. brought up the issue of street performers blocking the streets with fences, Captain Dorrough asked him to please call 911 when these activities occur. There are 18 officers assigned to Chinatown. Violent crime is down 50% from last year in our area.
- National Symphony Orchestra Warren Williams: Mr. Williams wanted everyone to be aware of the Labor Day concert on September 3, 2017 free of charge. January of 2018 the NSO will also be offering free concerts saluting our neighborhood. Stand by for more details.
- DC Statehood Elias Benda: Mr. Benda spoke briefly about his efforts to advance the concept of statehood and to form the District of Columbia into the new U.S. Congressional District 435. A resident from ANC 2C David Krudoff gave his thoughts on incorporating DC into Maryland forming what he called Douglas County Maryland. Mr. Krudoff would like to speak at a future meeting bringing more attention to his efforts.
- DC College Savings Plan David Rydzeski: Mr. Rydzeski gave a brief presentation of the tax saving benefits of the program. Any District of Columbia resident is eligible for this program. If anyone has further questions they may contact Mr. Rydzeski at 571-585-5869 or by e-mail at David.Rydzeski@ascensus.com.

Public Service Commission

- Washington Gas: Mr. Macellous Frye of Washington Gas gave an overview of the planned merger of Alta Gas Utility Holdings and Washington Gas. The Federal Government and Washington Gas' shareholders have approved the merger. Some of the benefits described by Mr. Frye include a onetime \$50.00 credit to its residential customers, increased charitable contributions to the community and more funding for lower income households to help with gas utilities. There was no promise of gas rates being held at current levels. The company will not change names and the headquarters will remain in Washington, DC.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)

- 200 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Signature Restaurant, ABRA 107060 Class C Restaurant License DBA Union Square Café. Michael Fonseca for Malios and O'Brien came forward and gave a brief description of the restaurant. It will be one of the first restaurants in the Capitol Crossing project. The concept and the hours were in line with the other restaurants in the neighborhood. They changed their summer garden hours to close at 11:00 pm during the week and 12:00 midnight on Weekends. Mr. Closter voiced his displeasure with the way the developer was keeping up the site and it had become rat infested. The commission trusts that this will be taken care of well in advance of the opening of this restaurant. Commissioner Wilsey made a motion to send a letter of support for this application. The motion was approved.
- 200 Massachusetts Ave. NW Signature Restaurant ABRA 107082 Class D Restaurant License. The concept is owned by the group doing the other restaurant at 200 Mass Ave. Michael Fonseca presented that this is a casual restaurant serving sandwiches and pastries. They have a summer garden with 12 seats and will be closing at 11:00 pm daily. Commissioner Tinpe mad a motion to send a letter of support for this application. The motion was approved.
- 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. Trump Gift Shop ABRA 106969. Retailers Class B license with a tasting permit. Mr. Fonseca also represents this applicant and brought the Hotel General Manager to explain the concept. They want to sell wine and beer for off premise consumption to Hotel Guests. They are also asking for a stipulated license so they can immediately begin sell wine and beer. Harold Closter brought forth and interesting observation that due to the security barriers around the hotel there was no way any one could read the placards. Discussion ensued as to how this could be remedied and Mr. Fonseca agreed to but the placard on the barriers. Commissioner Tinpe mad a motion to grant the stipulated license provided that the placards were placed on the barriers. The motion was approved.

Local Events Impacting the Community

- Susan G. Koman DC Race for the Cure: Meredith Parker presented. This is their 28th year running the race. They expect 15,000 people and the proceeds go to the research to find a cure for breast cancer. Set up is at Freedom Plaza and they are well aware of the noise restrictions due to the JW Marriott. Commissioner Tinpe mad a motion to support this event. The motion was approved.
- Race to End Women's Cancer 5K Saturday November 5th. Rachael Jourdan Presented. They will be setting up the day before on Freedom Plaza and the race will be run on a Sunday. This appears to have a minimal impact to the community. Commissioner Wilsey mad a motion to send a letter of support. The motion was approved.
- Navy Mile: Sunday October 1, 2017. This is a new race run between 7th and 10th streets on Pennsylvania Ave. The presenters were advised of the residential units on Pennsylvania Ave. It is also on a Sunday and will have minimal impact

to the community. Commissioner Tinpe mad a motion to send a letter of support. The Motion was approved.

Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)

- Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, Synagogue Renovation and Museum Project. Stuart Zuckerman and Andie Adams of Goulston and Storrs gave a power point presentation. They showed how the museum would be situated next to and adjoin the Historic Synagogue. Members of the audience that it was well done. This item will be voted on in the September 11, 2017 meeting when all the changes are final.
- Ong Leong Tong, 606 H St. addition to the historic row house. Nathan Saucier, one of the Architects gave a presentation showing an 8 Story addition to the rear of the structure. Commissioner Tinpe had some concerns about see the addition from the street. This could be remedied by lowering the structure or setting it back further. Commissioner Tinpe made a motion to send a letter of support outlining the setback or story concerns. The motion was approved.

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

- City Center Phase II 900 New York Ave. NW. Status report from Brian Eklund of Hines. Brian gave the Commission an update on the progress of the Hotel. Brian would like to get an afterhour's permit to construct the glass wall partitions on the outside of the Hotel. Commissioner Wilsey was concerned with the noise and suggested this be voted on in the next meeting so that the surrounding neighbors, including the hotel could weigh in. The vote on the afterhours permit was tabled until the September 11, 2017 meeting.

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)

- Mike Hess along with Tanya Hedgepeth came for a second time to present plans for the Lower Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation project. The project will have an impact on the residents that live on Pennsylvania Ave. Mike went through a map of Pennsylvania Ave and explained how the pipes would be lined. They will need to make some minimal holes to bypass the sewer while the current pipes are being lined. The project is expected to begin in late summer of 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM

Nest meeting:

Monday September 11, 2017
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Questions:

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